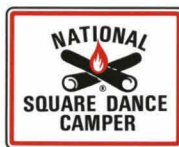


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## John & Dolly Ide



I'd like to remind those of you in our age group (probably baby boomers) of an old musical movie titled "In the Good Old Summertime" with Judy Garland and Van Johnson. I suppose it makes us all feel old, or at least dated, but I hope that it will bring back fond memories of times gone by. Now I want to remind everyone of great summer times to come, particularly at our 2019 International Camporee in June at Pride Resort in Maggie Valley, NC. It's just around the corner, just two weeks away, and if you haven't registered yet you better get to it quickly or you'll miss all the fun that Alabama Chapter 152 has in store for you.

The other thing it reminds me of is that Dolly and I have been Presidents for a whole year already and a lot of great things are happening and are planned for the future. It's not a secret that the NSDCA is struggling, like most of us, by getting older. The NSDCA is 55 years old this summer, an age where many of us begin to slow down but have many great years ahead of us - years of fun, friends, fellowship, and of course dancing. So does the NSDCA, but we need all of you to stay active and involved. Involved doesn't mean work or volunteering (that would help!) but simply participate. Since I'm reflecting on times gone by, I remember about 50 years ago, reading a book titled *Due to Lack of Interest, Tomorrow Has Been Canceled* (1969, Irene Kampen) about a 45 year-old woman going back to college at the University of Wisconsin in Madison (seems strangely prophetic since Wisconsin is the home state of the NSDCA). All we need is for our members to stay active and have fun.

I believe that the NSDCA can actually grow in membership because there are so many opportunities that have simply been missed. Our lack of interest in growth is starting to turn around since last year; we hosted two new chapters: one in North Carolina and one in Tennessee. There are many more opportunities for not only chapters or members, but FRIENDS: in Texas, Florida, New Mexico, etc. Think about the great people you've met through the NSDCA along the way. Think about the friends you've yet to make and the great times ahead sharing a square or a campfire. If your chapter is dwindling and you can't get a square on the floor, camp out together anyway and visit a local club in the area during your campout, or camp and dance with another NSDCA chapter close to

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## Tom & Pat Herscha



It's summer here in Florida. Other parts of the country may be enjoying Spring, but here it sure has been hot!

We had our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Spring Fling" in Eustis, FL at the end of May. This is a combined chapter camping weekend; all the state chapters come together to join in the dancing, fun and camaraderie. Members still pay their own Chapter treasurer - we just come to be together. It is always fun to see people we do not see on a regular basis.

We recently returned from a square dance cruise to the Panama Canal. It was one of the best cruises we have taken! A total of 13 square dance couples went with us and 8 of those couples were square dance campers. This wasn't a camping function, but I'm sure it would have been if the eight couples could have brought their campers on the ship - ha ha! We stopped in Limon, Costa Rica where we took an excursion to a banana plantation, a beach, and a river boat tour on a canal where we saw wild howling monkeys, sloths and many lizards. We went through the locks of the Panama Canal where the ship was raised 85 feet above sea level to enter Gatun Lake. What an amazing experience. We also stopped at Grand Cayman and did a square dance in Margaritaville. We take every opportunity to promote our wonderful activity.

In February we had a camp out in Lake City, FL in conjunction with the Olustee Battle Festival. During this event we had another opportunity to promote square dancing; we danced in the town center and then enjoyed the Festival's street vendors.

By the time you read this, the NSDCA International Camporee will only be days away. It is time to make sure your registrations have been sent in! The committees are working hard so that you will have a great time! Maggie Valley has many sightseeing opportunities and the National Square Dance Convention is in Atlanta, GA shortly afterwards.

The NSDCA board is working on the 2020 Camporee (see page 31) in Lebanon, TN. Plan ahead so you can be there. We still have opportunities for all our members to volunteer their time and services to keep the NSDCA the wonderful organization that it is.

See you in Maggie Valley!

*Tom & Pat*



## David & Mary Bruun



Can you believe that four years have passed by so quickly? Yes, we agreed to serve on the NSDCA Board for a four-year term back in 2015 at the Camporee in Sparta, IL and have enjoyed working with everyone during that time. We will continue to help in any capacity so this organization continues to thrive and grow, however, this will be our last *TIMES*, “from the Desk of the Secretaries”.

Since no one came forward to host in 2020, your BOD under John & Dolly Ide’s guidance has secured Lebanon, Tennessee for a great time June 30 - July 2 at the Wilson Ag Center on the fairgrounds. Be prepared to register for next year’s Camporee and get your neat 2020 ribbons. We will have them ready for you “free” with your paid (\$\$\$) registration for next year.

Remember to use the forms on the NSDCA website ([nsdca.org](http://nsdca.org)) when corresponding with all board or staff members, especially Roger Tipps, membership secretary (“TYPED forms are the BEST”). We all are here to help you with any questions, etc. Just recently, I had to ask our *TIMES* editor how to get something corrected. Yep, he was there to help out. If we can’t help, we will get you to the correct person about your question. Keep a copy of your *TIMES* close by with all the officers and staff numbers and email addresses.

We are happy to have two new chapters formed since last Camporee and have also had many new couples and singles apply for membership. Hurray!! Hurray!! Keep trying to get more new members for your chapter. Remember the old saying, “The more the merrier.”

We are looking forward to seeing all our friends in Maggie Valley, NC for the 62<sup>nd</sup> NSDCA Camporee on June 18-20. Chapter 152, Campers and Dancers from Alabama, have been planning for lots of fun and dancing for all of us. If you haven't registered yet, please do so as soon as possible. Hope to see you in a square real soon. But most important “Keep Camping & Dancing.”

*Dave & Mary Bruun*



## Tom & Kathy Nickel



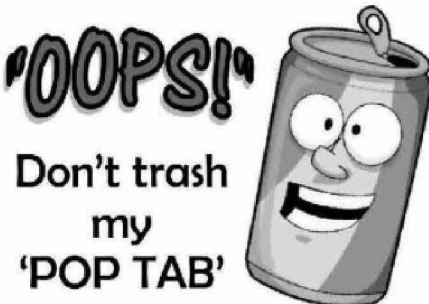
Spring is here!! Spring is here!! Or so we thought. April 27<sup>th</sup> brought seven inches of snow nearby; luckily we only got 1½”, but it led to dance cancelations. With our temperatures in the fifties or low sixties, it is not yet camping weather. We are looking forward to camping in NC at Pride Resort. We hope many of you are planning to attend our International Camporee as well. Chapter 152 is planning a great camporee; there are many sights to visit, friends to see and new ones to meet. There will be time to meet the Board and other members of our Association, games to play, and plenty of dancing. And do not forget the crafts!

There is still time to renew your membership if you have not done so. We are looking for an area to host future camporees. Perhaps you would like to show our Association the great areas you have to offer. Other chapters can help out. We also need members to volunteer to serve on the Board. A board member is replaced or reelected each year. Also, Area Representatives are needed.

The *TIMES* is your newsletter, so let's fill it with news from your area. What do you do at your campouts? Send in your chats so we can all hear how you have fun. Remember fun starts with 'u' in the middle. Please make sure Roger Tipps has your correct mailing address, especially if you have a winter and summer addresses. *TIMES* magazines with incorrect addresses are returned to the post office for a fee based on where it is returned from.

Hope to see you at the Camporee.

*Tom & Kathy Nickel*



Remember to save your pull tabs from sodas and other canned beverages and bring them to the 2019 Camporee in Pride. See page 49.

## Roger Tipps Membership Secretary



Summer is here and time for our outdoor activities, including camping and dancing. Most important is to have fun and enjoy other campers.

Be sure your camping/dancing schedule includes the NSDCA International camporee in Maggie Valley, NC June 18-20, 2019.

With the discounted dues schedule more new members are joining the NSDCA. It is up to you and your chapter to keep this continuing.

PLEASE!! Would each chapter membership person read and correct the members' street and email addresses? NSDCA is having a problem with people changing their travel plans and not letting us know of these changes, which causes many *TIMES* to be returned with additional postage due (of up to \$2.57) just to mail the newsletter back to us. With more members retiring, traveling and being "snow birds" we will keep a record for a second address and which months you will be at each location. If you would rather not receive a printed copy of the *TIMES* you may read each issue on line at NSDCA.ORG. Please let me know if you wish to only receive the *TIMES* online and we will no longer mail you a hard copy.

When sending in new member badge orders, please type or print so I do not make errors by not being able to read the hand writing.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you this June in Maggie Valley.

*Roger Tipps*

**PLEASE BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR CHAPTER'S CAMPOUT SCHEDULE UPDATED. VISITORS AND GUEST CAN'T FIND YOU IF YOU DON'T LET THEM KNOW WHERE YOU ARE. BESIDES HERE IN THE *TIMES*, THIS LISTING IS ALSO POSTED ON THE NSDCA WEBSITE (NSDCA.ORG) AND IS REGULARLY UPDATED WITH EVERY NEW ISSUE OF THE *TIMES*.**



