

# 65TH WISCONSIN SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

August 8-10, 2025

OSHKOSH CONVENTION CENTER  
2 N. Main St. Oshkosh, WI 54901



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Greetings Fellow Dancers,

The 65<sup>th</sup> WI Square and Round Dance Convention is just around the corner. As most know, the Convention Board of Directors decided to change leadership for the convention. As of December 1, the Board asked the Assist. General Chairmen to assume the position of Co-General Chairman. We would like to give you an idea of who we are:

**Mike and Michelle Seurer** are a Caller/Cuer couple from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and active members of the Wolf River Area. Mike began calling in 1986 and cueing in 1990. He is a frequent caller/cuer in the area and throughout Wisconsin. He also teaches lessons for mainstream, plus, round and line dance. Mike has written over 475 round dances, and choreographed over 275 line dances. Seurers have held committee chairmanships for several State Conventions. Mike and Michelle were General Chairman in 2020 for the 61<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention in Fond du Lac. Unfortunately, their convention was canceled due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

**Karen and Ellery Gulbrand** are a dancer couple from Green Bay, Wisconsin. They have been active in the square dance world since 1973. Karen and Ellery hold offices at the club level, area level, state level, and national level. They are current Presidents of the USDA (United Square Dancers of America). They have had the privilege of working on the two National Conventions held in Wisconsin. In 1979 they were Youth Chairman and in 2024 they were Program Chairman, overseeing all levels of dance at the National Convention. Gulbrands have worked on many of the Wisconsin State Conventions in various chairmanships. In 1995 they were the General Chairman of the 36<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention held in Oshkosh. That convention had 1718 dancers attend.

We are all very excited to be hosting this convention at the Waterfront Marriott Convention Center and Hotel. All dancing will be under one roof, and the convention center is connected to the hotel with a skywalk.

Several things we would like to highlight at this time are:

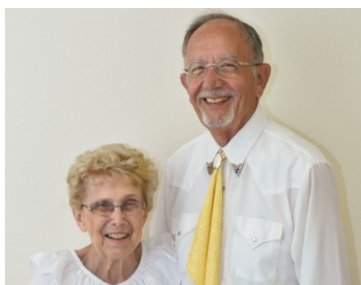
- Guest Caller is Jack Pladdys from Indian Hills, Ohio.
- New this year we will have a Guest Cuer, Pat (and Joe) Hilton from Ballwin, MO.
- New this year is the Dinner and Show. This will be held on Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Athearn Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel. It will be "An Evening with Johnny Cash" featuring Bobby Glen Rivers. The cost for this dinner and show is \$35. See more details in the article in this newsletter.
- Trails End Dance will be held in the Convention Center from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Hosted by the Wolf River Area and featuring Guest caller, Jack Pladdys and Guest Cuer Pat (and Joe) Hilton.

Be sure to watch for future Newsletters, for information on convention activities, Vendors, Education Sessions, Youth Hall, Fashion Show, Caller Seminar, and Inspiration Hour.

We look forward to having you register for a fun-filled convention. Please register early, either online or by filling out a paper registration form. Watch for a "Registration Dance" coming to your area.

Happy Dancing!

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*Please wear your registration ribbons and help promote the fun of attending a convention!  
Also know that your ribbons are required to be worn during the convention.*

### **Greetings from the registration chairs, Cheryl & Steve Thomas...**

Registrations are coming in from registration dances, and literally every day now. You can visit the convention website, and register online for the upcoming convention. Try it out and see how easy it is. Select the Online Registration Form. Click on the image for the convention app. You can select to download the App to your phone or other device, and fill out the form online. After filling out the form, your payment will be taken via credit card. Just that easy and you will be registered for the convention.

***The Registration Form has again been updated (as of 1/21); again listing the Dinner and Show and to add a line for making a donation. A copy is being emailed with this newsletter.***

### **Options for registering:**

- Go to our convention website: [www.wisquardanceconvention.org](http://www.wisquardanceconvention.org), click on the Online Registration button, fill it out, use your credit card and submit (\$3.00 credit card usage fee applies).
- From the convention website, download the registration form, fill it out, and mail it in with your fees.
- Pick up a registration form, at one of your local dances, fill it out, and mail it in with your fees.
- Come to one of our registration dances. We would be glad to help you get registered, and get you your ribbon right away!

### **Registrations, to date...**

(as of 2/6/25)

**231 individuals**

**This includes**

**22 callers**

**& 9 cuers**

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Square Dance!

### **Callers, to date...**

Albright, Sharon  
Allen, Tom  
Asp, Bob  
Burs, Jimmie  
Cha, James  
Crowley, Dave  
Freed, Brian  
Gruetzmacher, Dominic  
Huhtala, Charley  
Harden, John  
Hollatz, Myron  
Houle, Mary  
Irwin, Wayne  
Johnson, Barry  
Maiden, Bob  
Mueller, Ronald  
Nickel, Tom  
Palmen, Ted  
Pladdys, Jack  
Seurer, Mike  
Sprosty, Don & Doug

### **Cuers, to date...**

Irwin, Wayne  
Nickel, Kathy  
Palmen, Doris  
Seurer, Mike  
Sprosty, Doug  
Sprosty, Natalie  
Steinich, Ray  
Steward, Dennis  
Weisensel Chavey, Peggy



### **Saturday afternoon Fashion Show...**

If interested to model, or have questions, please contact Sharon Albright at: [thefinishingtouch76@frontier.com](mailto:thefinishingtouch76@frontier.com)



### **Sapphire 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theme...**

The blue sapphire is one of the most popular and valuable gemstones, prized for its brilliant cornflower blue color, durability, and rarity. Square Dancing is strong and durable in its history and the friendships it creates.

Convention colors are Royal Blue & White. Consider incorporating these into your wardrobe.

## Accommodations...

**Marriott Waterfront Hotel** \$139.99 per night, plus tax & \$3/day onsite parking  
1 N Main St (across the street from the convention center)

Oshkosh, WI 54901 (920) 230-1900

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/atwom-oshkosh-marriott-waterfront-hotel-and-convention-center/overview/>



**TownePlace Suites by Marriott** \$149.99 per night, plus tax  
1365 N Westfield St (3 miles/8 minutes from the convention center)

Oshkosh, WI 54902 (920) 891-8500

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/atwto-towneplace-suites-oshkosh/overview/>



*It is really appreciated if you would choose to stay at the Waterfront Marriott, as this helps with our pricing for the Conference Center.*

*Block rates apply from Tuesday through Sunday night, so come early; stay late.*

## Circle R Campground

1183 Old Knapp (8 miles/15 minutes from the convention center)

Oshkosh, WI 54902

For reservations call: 920-235-8909, <https://www.circle-r-camp.com/>

Self contained: \$45.00 per night

Electric & water sites (30/50 amps) \$50.00 per night

Electric, water & sewer sites (30/50 amps) \$70.00 per night



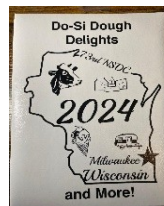
## Convention Fundraisers - to benefit the convention.

It is extremely expensive to put on a State Square Dance Convention. Therefore, we have fundraisers to bring in some extra funds to offset those expenses. Below are the major fundraisers we have right now, **available at various dances, meetings, and jamborees.**

Cookbooks, cards, and shirts may also be purchased by contacting either of the Co-General Chairman.



Seroogy's candy bars, in various flavors. These sell for \$2 ea.



These cookbooks were published for the 73<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in Milwaukee. They contain recipes submitted by fellow Wisconsin dancers and sell for \$15.



Kwik Trip "gas & grocery" cards are available in denominations of \$20, \$25, \$50, & \$100, and are good at the pump and inside. Carwash cards are good for 5 washes and sell for \$36. Make checks payable to "Wisc. Square Dance Convention Board".



Short sleeve "danced themed" T-shirts are available in assorted sizes and colors. They sell for \$15 each.



Checks for Cookbooks and Shirts to be payable to "65<sup>th</sup> Wisc. Square & Round Dance Convention".



## Dinner Show and Trails End Dance

The Dinner Show at the 65<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention is a “go”! Plans have been completed. We will be having “An Evening with Johnny Cash” featuring Bobby Glen Rivers an entertainer from Green Bay. His show is fantastic, and you will not want to miss it!!! The dinner and show will be held Thursday, August 7, 2025, in the Ahearn Ballroom in the Marriott Waterfront Hotel, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner will feature a salad, mashed potatoes, premier tender beef tips simmered in a glaze with fresh button mushrooms and onions, carrots, and a dessert. This meal is gluten free except for dessert. A vegetarian option is available with prior notification. A cash bar will be available for those wanting that option. The cost for the dinner and show is \$35.00 per person.

For those who have already registered and did not include the Dinner and Show, it is not too late. Simply use a paper registration form, either print from online or get a hardcopy. (You can't just order the meals online.) Fill in your name, phone number, and the number of tickets you would like. Mail it in with your fee, and this request will be matched up with your original registration form.

For those who have not yet registered, just complete the corresponding line on the registration form and include this amount with your registration fee. *Please add a note if you desire the vegetarian option.*

The Trails End Dance will be held in the Convention Center just a “skywalk” away from the dinner. This dance, sponsored by the Wolf River Area, will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will feature Guest Caller Jack Pladdys and Guest Cuer Pat (and Joe) Hilton. The fee for this special dance will be collected at the door.

## Upcoming Registration Dances and other major events...

Feb. 16, 2025 (Sun)	Sweetheart Dance at Westport Squares 2-4:30 - Sprostys Potluck lunch 1 pm. Raffle baskets to benefit convention.	Sunset Ridge Elementary Middleton
Mar. 16, 2025 (Sun)	Registration Dance - Romeo & Calicos 2 pm.	Fox Crossing Comm. Center, Menasha
Mar. 21-22, 2025	62nd Iowa State Square Dance Convention	Cedar Falls, Iowa
Mar. 29, 2025 (Sat)	Registration Dance - Central NW Area 2 pm to 4:30 pm.	Pine River School, Merrill
Apr. 26, 2025 (Sat)	Registration Dance - Kettle Squares 50th 7-9:30 pm. Noah Siegmann. 6 pm Meal reservations requested by Apr. 19.	Salem UCC, Plymouth
Apr. 27, 2025 (Sun)	Twin City Spring Fling – Sprostys 2-4:30. Potluck 4:30 pm.	Marinette Senior Center, Marinette
May 2-3, 2025	65th Ohio State Convention	Columbus, Ohio
May 4, 2025 (Sun)	SDAW Meeting & Jamboree	Dodgeland School, Juneau
May 16-17, 2025	Solid Gold Weekend	Amana, Iowa
May 18, 2025 (Sun)	Registration Dance - Levis & Lace	Woodruff Community Cntr, Woodruff
June 1, 2025 (Sun)	Romeos & Calicos 72nd Anniversary Dance-Bob Asp 2-4pm	Fox Crossing Comm. Center, Menasha

## Convention cheers!!!



It's customary, after thanking everyone at the end of a square dance tip, to do a cheer to promote the upcoming convention. A couple of dancers in the Wolf River Area started one, with hand gestures, saying “TWO-FIVE-THRIVE” (or “TWENTY-FIVE-THRIVE”) as they simultaneously first hold up two fingers on the right hand, then five fingers on the left, and then make a “heart” with the fingers of both hands touching. Give it a try!

Have another? Let me know - I'll share in the next newsletter.

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