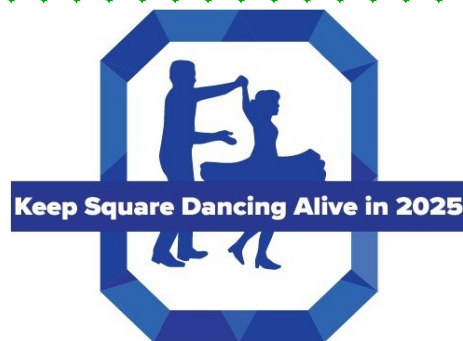


65TH WISCONSIN SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

August 8-10, 2025

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



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Season's Greetings everyone!!!

The convention will be in the beautiful Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center. This newly remodeled hotel is connected by a skywalk to the modern 1-story convention center.

We need your help by registering early. Don't wait; get your registration in now. As an incentive, the early bird discount expires **Dec. 31st**. If you have not yet registered, we are offering a lot of options for ways that you can register. See more details in this newsletter.

The special guest caller and cuer will be scheduled throughout the convention. **Please consider coming early to attend the trails end dance** which will feature them exclusively!!! See info on them in this newsletter.

If you have already registered, THANK YOU. Please wear your ribbon to help promote the convention!!!

Remember Callers, Cuers, and Leaders: you need to be properly accredited by January 1, 2025, and registered for the convention by **March 1, 2025** in order to be programmed to Call or Cue.

We have a great group of committee members and they are busy working to make the 65th Convention a great convention. Please offer your help where and when needed.

Please make your housing reservations soon, at either Marriott. There are special links on the website, and below. To get the special pricing for our convention, you need to give them the code, or mention that you are with the Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention. We would really appreciate if you would choose to stay at the Marriott, as this helps us with our pricing for the Conference Center.

Please support the fundraisers; they help keep the cost of registering low. We are again having the Kwik Trip gift cards which can be purchased at dances; they make great gifts, now or at anytime. See details below.

Your 65th Wisconsin convention planning committee.

Dear Fellow Square and Round Dancers,

The Convention Executive Board would like to thank Alvin Hammer and Lisa Reichenberger for the work they have done thus far in planning for the 65th Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention. For the betterment and success of the Convention, the Executive Board felt the need to make a change in leadership.

The Assistant General Chairman couples, Karen and Ellery Gulbrand and Mike and Michelle Seurer, have assumed the duties as Co-General Chairman for the 65th Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention. We hope to make this a smooth transition.

The 65th Square and Round Dance Convention is continuing to move forward as we "Keep Square Dancing Alive in 2025".

Mike & Michelle Seurer, President
Wisconsin Square Dance Convention Board
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Karen & Ellery Gulbrand, Executive Secretary
Wisconsin Square Dance Convention Board
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Note: The general email address has now changed to: generalchairman@wisquaredanceconvention.org
Please discontinue using: 65thwsardc2025@gmail.com

Trails End Dinner & Folk Band Show... It is on hold for now.



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. And just that easy you will be registered for the convention.

The Registration Form has just been updated, to not list the Dinner and Show and to change the general email address. A copy is being emailed with this newsletter.

Options for registering:

- Go to our convention website, www.wisquaredanceconvention.org, 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,
- From the Convention website, click on Online Registration button, fill it out on-line, use your credit card and submit (\$3.00 credit card usage fee applies), or
- Come to one of our registration dances. We would be glad to help you get registered, and get you your ribbon right away!

Saturday afternoon Fashion Show...

If interested to model, or have questions, please contact Sharon Albright at: thefinishingtouch76@frontier.com

Special Caller and Cuer...



Special Guest Caller
Jack Pladdys

In 1982, while serving as a member of the US Air Force stationed at Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan, Jack launched his calling career in his off-duty time with two local clubs. Upon moving to Dayton, Ohio in 1983, he called regularly for an Advanced and three Plus clubs. Together Jack & Sherry currently spend the week managing a very busy home program calling and teaching for two Plus clubs, an Advanced, and a C1 group. For a very impressive detailed resume, see

<https://wisquaredanceconvention.org/featuredcaller.html>



Special Guest Cues
Pat (& Joe) Hilton

Pat started cueing rounds in late 1997, and in 1999 they taught their first Round Dance class. As members of the International Choreographed Ballroom Dance Association (ICBDA), they have served on the Board of Directors as well as fulfilling the duties of numerous convention management positions. They have also served as members of the ROUNDALAB Board of Directors. Joe and Pat cue for many square dance clubs throughout the St. Louis area. They have cued, exhibited, and taught at local, state, national, and international events. They also enjoy choreographing round dances and have choreographed many dances at various phase levels.

For more info, see <https://wisquaredanceconvention.org/featuredcuer.html>



Sapphire 65th 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 & \$5/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/>

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



Registrations, to date...

(as of 12/10/24)

157 individuals

(153 adults and 4 youth)

**This includes 20 callers
& 9 cuers**

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Live Lively -



Square Dance!

Callers, to date...

Albright, Sharon
Allen, Tom
Asp, Bob
Burss, Jimmie
Cha, James
Crowley, Dave
Freed, Brian
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



Convention cheers?

It's customary when thanking everyone at the end of a square dance tip, to do a cheer to promote the upcoming convention. A couple of dancers in east central Wisconsin started one, with hand gestures, saying "TWO- 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. You might want to give it a try!

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

Mike Short, 65th WSARDC Publicity Chair: msjshort@yahoo.com



Fundraising to benefit the convention - Look for various items at dances:

- Seroogy's candy bars.
- Do you, your friends and/or family drive a lot? Kwik Trip gift cards: \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100, good both at the pump and inside. Also carwash cards (reloadable). Make checks payable to "Wisc. Square Dance Convention Board".
- Cash donations are always welcome, and help to bring in the special guest caller and cuer!!! Make separate checks payable to the "65th Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention". If wanting to make a tax deductible charitable donation, make checks payable to "Square Dance Association of Wisconsin" and write "WSARDC" on the memo line.
- Contributions to the "Youth donation" boxes go to helping our youth have an enjoyable convention.
- Gift cards through the RaiseRight/Scrip program - **HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED** due to lack of interest.

Registration dance at Westport Squares Dec. 6th:



Four squares dancing a Plus tip by Curt Braffet. 19 individuals registered at this club dance!



WI Convention Executive Board that attended. L to R: Wayne & Lucy Mattson, Bob Tjensvold & Sharon Albright, Tom & Kathy Nickel.



WI Convention Executive Board that had other commitments. L to R: Karen & Ellery Gulbrand, Michelle & Mike Seurer.

Upcoming Registration Dances and other major events...

Dec. 27, 2024 (Fri)	Free Dance, in memory of Eric Tangman!!! SSD, 2 Plus tips & Rounds, Curt Braffet calling, Jerry Buckmaster cueing	Luther Memorial Church West Allis
Jan. 5, 2025 (Sun)	SE Area Post Holiday Potluck meal at 1pm & Dance 2-4pm Guest callers and cuers	Mt. Calvary Lutheran Waukesha
Jan. 26, 2025 (Sun)	SDAW Jamboree-Mtg 9:30a, Lunch 12p, Dancing 1 - 3:30pm	Lincoln Town Hall, Marshfield
Feb. 16, 2025 (Sun)	Sweetheart Dance - Westport Squares 2-4:30 - Sprostys	Sunset Ridge Elementary Middleton
Mar. 16, 2025 (Sun)	Registration Dance - Romeo & Calicos	Fox Crossing Community Center, Menasha
Mar. 21-22, 2025	62nd Iowa State Square Dance Convention	Cedar Falls, Iowa
Mar. 29, 2025 (Sat)	Registration Dance - Central NW Area, 2pm to 4:30pm	Pine River School, Merrill
Apr. 26, 2025 (Sat)	Registration Dance - Kettle Squares 50th Anniversary	Salem UCC, Plymouth
Apr. 27, 2025 (Sun)	Twin City Spring Fling - Sprostys	Marinette
May 18, 2025 (Sun)	Registration Dance - Levis & Lace	Woodruff Community Cntr, Woodruff
May 2-3, 2025	65th Ohio State Convention	Columbus, Ohio