



Photos & Features

Did you know several of our clubs have been supporting the Troopons Program?

Joann Baxter, member of Silver Squares & Batavia Silver Stars became involved in this program 10 years ago through a friend. The Copy Cats have also been involved in this program for several years but coupon donations have been sparse during the pandemic. The Copy Cats hope to continue supporting this program as dancing restarts in the Fall.

Participants in this program donate their unused coupons to our military through the "Support our Troops Troopons Program" (SUPPORTOURTROOPS.ORG). Joann indicated that "over the years several churches, senior groups, college kids and groups, hospital staff, and at least three square dance clubs have donated their coupons to us and we have been mailing them since 2010".

The least amount of coupons we sent was in 2020, just 73 pounds. The most we sent was in 2014, 327.6 pounds. A group at Rochester Institute of Technology provided a formula to estimate of the value of the coupons. In 2014, we had \$1,179,351.00 estimated face value for the donated coupons.

The coupons are valid in this program up to two months after their expiration.

Joann indicated "Our military families thank

you for getting the word out about this program. Our support is making a difference".

If you are interested in contributing coupons, they are currently being mailed to:

Support Our Troops, PO Box 70, Daytona Beach, FL 32115-0070.

The coupons can be mailed the cheapest way.

It is recommended coupons are separated into baggies marked:

- Food
- Pets
- Household
- Baby
- Personal items

This makes it easier for volunteers at each Military Base PX or Navy Base Exchange to get the coupons where they need to go.

There is also a website(<https://supportourtroops.org/troopons>) that has some great information to share.

Debbie & Jeff Blood

Federation's Free Summer Fun Dances Very Successful

The past few months, the Federation sponsored Free Summer Fun Dances on Saturdays June 5, June 19 and July 17. All three dances were very well attended. It was so much fun to see our square dance family together. Our callers and cuers did a wonderful job creating a fun way to welcome our dancers back to the dance floor.

On June 5, Jim Gotta called and cued at the Greece Methodist Church Pavilion at 1924 Maiden Lane in Greece. We had 59 dancers and 8 clubs represented. Members from the following clubs attended: Copy Cats, Village Squares, Silver Squares, Cloverleaf Squares, Shamrock Squares, Dalton Gang, Waterwheels and Belles & Beaus. Despite the 40 mph winds that made it difficult for Jim to call, we all had a wonderful time.

On June 19, Mike Callahan called and cued at the Greece Methodist Church Pavilion at 1924 Maiden Lane in Greece. We had 64 dancers and 8 clubs represented. Mike even called a Covid-themed singing call. Members from the following clubs attended: Copy Cats, Village Squares, Silver Squares, Cloverleaf Squares, Shamrock Squares, Grand Squares, Waterwheels and Penn Yan Friendship Squares.

The July 17 dance was moved inside to the Perinton Recreation/Community Center from the Perinton Park Pavilion. The rainstorms were unbelievable that week so for dancer safety, the dance was moved inside. Ron Brown and Dave Eno called and Chuck Meyer cued. We had 50 dancers from 10 clubs: Copy Cats, Village Squares, Silver Squares, Cloverleaf Squares, Shamrock Squares, Cayuga Cut-Ups, Dalton Gang, Southern Tier

Wheelers, Grand Squares and Penn Yan Friendship Squares.

We want to thank everyone who volunteered and helped with the summer dances ... whether you helped with set up, running extension cords, bathroom signage, dance signage, moving tables in the pavilion, checking in dancers, selling 50/50 tickets, cleaning up. Each person's help was very much appreciated and contributed to the overall success of the Federation's summer dances.

Jeff and Debbie Blood

Western NY Federation of Square and Round Dancers Inc.

FREE Summer Fun Dances

in open-air pavilions

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

3:00- 4:30PM

JUNE 5TH JIM GOTTA - CALLING & CUEING

JUNE 19TH MIKE CALLAHAN - CALLING & CUEING

at Greece Methodist Church Pavilion

1924 Maiden Lane, Rochester NY 14626

3:00-5:00PM

JULY 17TH RON BROWN & DAVE ENO - CALLING

CHUCK MEYER - CUEING

at Perinton Park Pavilion

99 O' Connor Rd, Fairport, NY 14450

Dancers need to bring your own water, snacks. Picnic table seating provided. You are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs.

Local and CDC guidelines will be followed

WNYF Summer Dance — June 5 — Greece

Our first Federation Summer Dance was held in the pavilion at the Greece United Methodist Church. Over 50 dancers attended, enough for six squares dancing.

It was so nice to see everyone back on the dance floor on that warm and windy day. Jim Gotta did a great job calling & cueing. Dancers joined us from Copy Cats, Village Squares, Cloverleaf's, Waterwheels, Grand Squares, Silver Squares, Penn Yan

Friendship Squares, Shamrock Squares, Cayuga Cut-Ups were in attendance.

Jeff and Debbie Blood





WNYF Summer Dance — June 19 — Greece

Our second Federation Summer Dance was held in the pavilion at Greece Methodist Church on June 19. Over 60 dancers attended, with seven squares dancing.

It was so nice to see everyone back on the dance floor. The afternoon was warm, with a gentle breeze and no rain. We enjoyed dancing together from 3 to 4:30 pm, to Mike Callahan's wonderful calling & cueing. Mike even called a COVID-themed singing call to welcome our dancers back to dancing. We had members from nine clubs attending: Copy Cats, Village Squares, Cloverleaf's, Waterwheels, Grand Squares, Silver Squares, Dalton Gang, Belles & Beaus and Shamrock Squares.

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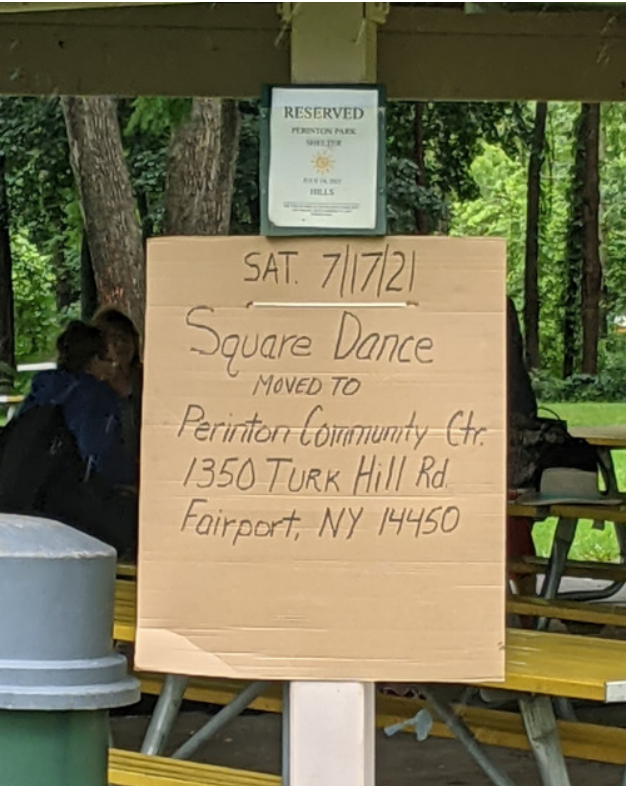


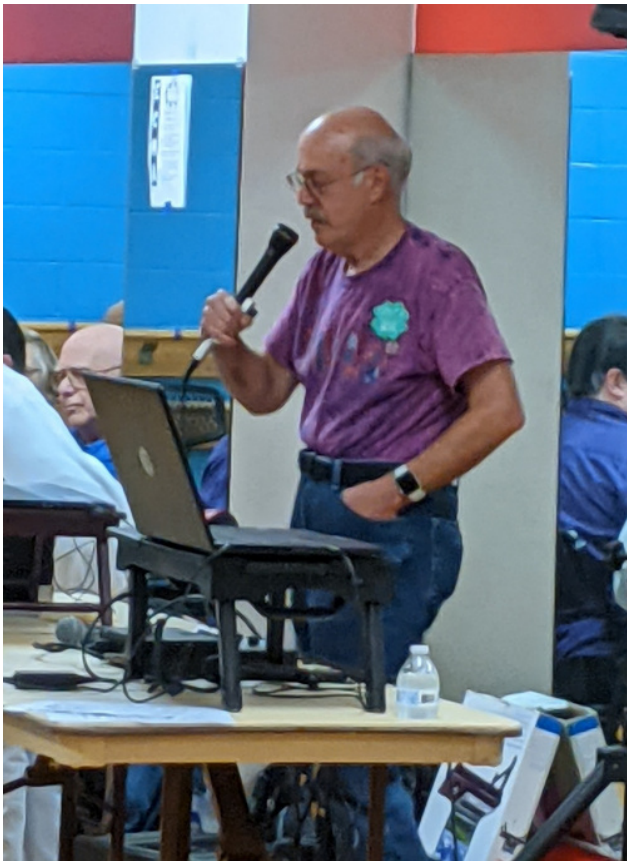
WNYF Summer Dance — July 17 — Perinton

The rain — both forecast and real — forced a quick shift of venue for the Federation Summer Series dance on July 17 to the Perinton Rec/Community Center. Despite the disruption, at least 50 dancers attended — enough for six squares — from the following clubs: Village Squares, Penn Yan Friendship Squares, Silver Squares, Cayuga Cutups, Grand Squares, Shamrock Squares, Cloverleaf Squares, Copy Cats, Dalton Gang & Southern Tier Wheelers.

Thank you to Ron and Dave for calling and to Chuck for cueing. As you can see from the accompanying photos, everyone had a great time.

Jeff and Debbie Blood





A Big Thank You to the Return to Dance Task Force

On behalf of the Federation membership, we'd like to thank the Return to Dance (RTD) Task Force members for all their commitment and dedication over the past year to keep square & round dancing going in Western New York. A full year ago the RTD Task Force was formed. During the past year the RTD Task Force members monitored and surveyed their dancing membership, first in July last Summer and again this spring to see if and when in-person should be started again in Western NY. The task force closely monitored Covid safety guidelines and made recommendations to our club leadership, established zoom sessions for both square and round virtual dancing sessions, 3 Free Summer Dances (2 in June and 1 in July) and August's DORish Dance. If not for this wonderful group's dedication and support, we would not be back dancing & socializing with our dancing friends today.

When you see the RTD Task Force members, please let them know you appreciate their efforts.

The members:

Ron Brown, Mike Callahan, Peter Emmel, Dave Eno, Jim Gotta, Anne Granger, Donna LaDonna, Rick LaDonna, Phil LaRussa, Mary Martin, Don Naulin, Gil Porter, Eileen Webster, Debbie Blood & Jeff Blood

The RTD Task Force met virtually this past year to help keep square and round dancing active for our members. For those of you who either danced or watched or called/cued virtual square and round dancing, it really makes you appreciate returning to in-person

dancing so much more!

Virtual dancing is definitely challenging for dancers as they dance with phantom dancers as well as callers and cuers who are dealing with internet variables and sound issues. We appreciated all who worked on this project. It helped to keep our dancing community connected while we all were in isolation. Thank you for all the coordination and effort behind the scenes.

Looking forward to Fall 2021 and beyond ...

Our dance schedules are starting to fill up again. We are happy to report many of the clubs are starting up now or in the next month or two. Cloverleafs Squares are offering beginning classes in September. A few of the other clubs such as Silver Squares and Copy Cats will be waiting until January before offering classes.

Western NY Federation of Square and Round Dancers Inc

Our first Federation meeting will be a Zoom session on Weds. 9/8/21.

We also have a Zoom Presidents, Callers/Cuer, Federation Zoom meeting scheduled for Tues. 10/19/21. If you want to be invited to these Zoom meetings, just contact us via email: dfbjvhome@aol.com or call us at 585-880-9161.

Debbie & Jeff Blood, WNYF Co-Presidents

DORish Dinner & Dance - 8/21/21

We had a wonderful time today at the DORish Dance!

It was great being together with all our square dance friends. Our Callers: Ron, Mike, Dave &

Jim and Cuers: Eileen, Chuck, Mark & Marlene did a fantastic job.

We had 9 to 10 squares for the mainstream announced plus dancing sessions. The callers ended the evening with a mic sharing session. It was awesome, to hear them blend their

wonderful voices. Their camaraderie was so much fun to watch. We ended the evening with a large thank you circle.

Thank you to everyone who made today happen. We appreciate everyone's help, setting up tables & chairs, sound systems, checking in dancers, selling 50/50, serving or cleaning up dinner and helping reset the facility when the dance ended. Overall, it was a fantastic day dancing with friends.

Debbie & Jeff Blood, WNYF Co-Presidents







Daphne-Norma Leadership Award 2020

The Daphne-Norma leadership award was established in 1977 by John Fink and Frank Salvaggio, in honor of their wives, Daphne and Norma. The purpose of the award is to show appreciation for extensive and sustained leadership over a number of years in square

or round dancing.

The award has been presented 42 times over the years since then. The Daphne-Norma committee selected the next recipients early in 2020, but were unable to present the award at DOR 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. Then

when both DOR-ish 2020 and DOR 2021 were also canceled, DOR-ish 2021 on August 21, 2021 became the first opportunity to present the award.

The newest recipients are Jeff and Debbie Blood. They graduated from Triggers in May 1980 and were co-presidents of the Triggers from 1994 to 1996. They took a 20-year break to raise their family and advance their careers. Debbie and Jeff returned to Square Dancing as members of the 2016 Copy Cats class. Since they graduated, they have been active dancers of Copy Cats, Village Squares and most recently Silver Squares.

As Vice Presidents of the Federation, they also reactivated the Federation's Promotions Committee, promoting square dancing including news articles, demonstrations and promotional dances at the malls and Stone Dewey Family night events before turning it over to Amy and Kris Aeckerle to lead in July 2019. As Federation Vice Presidents and heads of the Dance O Rama organizing committee, they toured many facilities around the county looking for potential dancing venues, concluding the Perinton Rec/Community Center is the best choice for the annual DOR.

As if that weren't enough, in the months since the committee made their selection, Jeff and Debbie — now as Federation presidents — have put in a tremendous amount of effort to keep square dancing alive and active through the pandemic. They established the Return to Dance Task Force to help guide club leadership back to dancing safely, and they organized the Federation's series of free (outdoor) Summer Fun Dances.

When you see Jeff & Debbie, congratulate them on being the latest Daphne Norma recipients.

An important tradition of the Daphne-Norma Leadership Award is the candy dish that is passed from one recipient to the next. Whenever you see the candy dish at an event, you are reminded about the award, and the legacy of service behind it.

If you can think of anyone that is deserving of this award, please fill out the nomination form. They are available on the Federation's website SquareDancingRochester.org or traveling with the candy dish to club dances and Federation events.

Nominations for the Daphne-Norma Leadership Award are accepted each year until the end of February. Please email nominations and/ or any questions to Debbie & Jeff Blood at dfbjvbhome@aol.com

The next Daphne-Norma Award presentation is planned for the May 2022 DOR on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

Submitted by Jim Gotta





Welcome Rick LaDonna - CoWebmaster

On behalf of the Promenader and the Federation, Webmaster Sidney Marshall and I would like to welcome and express thanks to Rick LaDonna for diving into the deep end and taking care of this quarter's website update and Promenader issue.

As CoWebmaster, Rick has worked under the hood with Sidney on the details of processing editorial content (i.e. news and articles) and

especially of maintaining and updating the database of events, dates, venues, clubs, callers, fliers and other Federation items.

For this issue - September, 2021 - Rick has done the entire job with very little help from start to finish.

Submitted by Sidney Marshall and Peter Emmel

Harold Greenlee

Robert Harold Greenlee, Penfield, NY, on July 15, 2021. Predeceased by his wife, Delora.

Harold is survived by his wife, Linda; 3 daughters, Ronda (Gary) Greenlee-Berkowitz, Joyce (Gerald) Dunn, and Robin Greenlee;

step-daughters, Pamela Hobbs, Sherry Haylett and Lori (Gavin) Lorenz; 10 grandchildren, Amanda, Matthew, Stacey, Erik, Keri, Jenaye, Alia, Addison, Connor and Carson; brother, Ronald (Georganna).

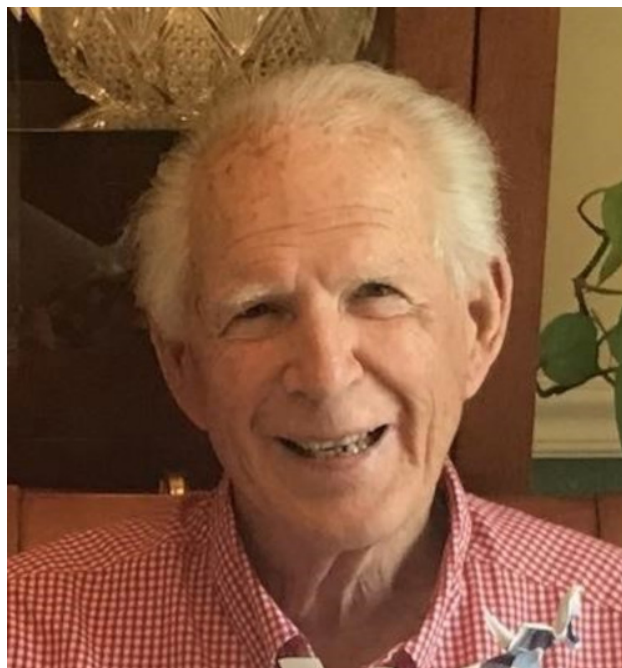
Peter Emmel

Calling hours for family and friends were held at Jennings, Nulton & Mattle Funeral Home, 1704 Penfield Road, Saturday, July 24, 2021. A memorial service was held privately. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider donations to Veterans Outreach Center.

Comments from local square dancers:

"Harold attended the Village Squares Plus Refreshers for a few years and joined the club from 2012-2017. He was a gentle man and a smooth dancer."

"Harold would come to our Copy Cat dances when he wasn't in Florida. Many of us will remember him from those dances."



Dale Nientimp

Victor, NY — Dale M. Scottow Nientimp, 75, died June 7, 2021 at her home. She was born June 21, 1945, in Medina, NY, the daughter of Frances I. (Raymond) Scottow and Mark E. Scottow.

Dale graduated from Medina High School in 1963. After high school she held many positions including Home Health Care and Certified Doll Doctor, and retired from her Customer Service role at Kodak in 2004. She married Charles J. Nientimp on October 25, 1991, and together they were active in round and square dancing with area festivals, national conventions, and many western NY area clubs including the Southern Tier Wheelers and Cloverleaf Squares for 25 years. Dale was gifted at sewing, knitting, and crocheting, and made many doll outfits for her grandchildren. She also loved playing cards including Euchre, Bridge, and Cribbage. Charlie and Dale enjoyed golfing, traveling and spending time with their large family and many friends.

Dale will be remembered by her wonderful laugh and great smile. In addition to her

parents, she is predeceased by a sister, Janet L. Scottow. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Charles, daughter Penny Wasnock (Dave) Toal of Hamlin, son Mark (Marie) Wasnock of Waltham, MA, step-daughters Karen (Matthew) Caton of Pittsford, Christine (Rodney) Baumgartner of Horseshoe Bay, TX, and Jennifer (David) Sauter of Penfield, siblings Joanne Johnson of Lockport, Donna Bane of Lyndonville, grandchildren Reina E Wasnock, Seiya A. Wasnock, Mia U. Wasnock, Joseph L. Fisher, Benjamin M. Caton, Hope A. Caton, Tyler J. (Emily) Wheaton, Alyson M. Wheaton, Molly K. Sauter, Collin D. Sauter along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of her life was held on Friday, June 11th from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Gypsum Mills Community Center at 6392 Plastermill Rd. Victor, NY 14564.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society www.lls.org.

To leave the family condolences, visit jarmuszscottonfuneralhome.com

Comments from Dick & Irma Halstead:

"It is with great sadness that we report the untimely passing of Dale Nientimp after a relatively short battle with cancer, shown here with her devoted husband Charlie. Send condolences to Charlie at 6308 Kim's Drive, Victor NY 14584.

In our earlier, i.e. 'Pre-A Level Dancing' days, I believe we met Charlie and Dale when we joined the Southern Tier Wheelers Square Dance Camping Club, but it could have been someplace else, because Irma and I started dancing with the Wayne Westerners back in the 70's or 80's, and were always at DOR, so it could have been there.

We became fast friends after they invited us to visit their then home right next to the big Kodak Complex. Charlie had a player piano and a vast collection of songs, that we both enjoyed singing to. We also both enjoyed playing bridge together, but that was after they relocated to their big farm South of

Rochester ... way South of Rochester!

Charlie and Dale were long time members of Mike and Wanda Callahan's Monday Night 'A' Club, that he always referred to as his, 'Bread and Butter' Club. This, because in his early and leaner days of calling, it could always be relied upon to feed his family for the week, year-around!"

Peter Emmel



Donna Spencer

Spencer, Donna Claire - July 13, 2021

Donna Claire (Felthouse) Spencer, born in Oak Park, Illinois September 5, 1941, daughter of Dorothy (Shearer) Felthouse and Stanley N. Felthouse, died July 10, 2021. She is survived by her husband of 57 years Rex T. Spencer; daughter Cynthia (Mike) Fortner and son Matthew (Rita) Spencer; grandchildren Luke and Jack Fortner and Asha and Deven Spencer.

Donna was a graduate of Redford High School in Detroit, Michigan; Western Michigan University, and Oakland University, with undergraduate and graduate degrees in elementary education.

Donna was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother (Grammy/Nana) who enjoyed doing things for her family and friends. She was kind, caring, and considerate. She loved being a school teacher and taught kindergarten and first grade in Warren and

Plymouth, Michigan; Lima, Ohio; Center Point, Alabama; and East Aurora, New York. She was a devoted Christian and taught Sunday school in many of the areas she lived. She was also an active long time member of P.E.O., a world-wide woman's organization supporting the education of women, and served as her local chapter president on several occasions. But her favorite role was Grandma. She loved Luke, Jack, Asha, and Deven, and so enjoyed spending time with them and being involved in their activities. She was always their champion.

Donna was very creative. She was an avid scrap booker; meticulously documenting our family activities every year. She enjoyed making cards for everyone and every occasion and they were works of art. Donna loved sewing and at one time had her own business making clothes for small children. She was an excellent cook and baker. One of her favorite activities was baking cookies and brownies, especially with help from her grandchildren.

Peter Emmel

Donna was a good friend and worked hard to stay in touch over the years with people in all of the places she had lived. She loved hearing from and getting together with friends. Her kindness and caring as a wife, mother, grandmother and friend was how she lived her life. She was always concerned about how she could best help others; driving them to appointments, making casseroles or baked goods, and visiting them when ill. She will be greatly missed by all those who were lucky enough to know her.

Calling Hours were held at the Richard H. Keenan Funeral Home (Egypt Location) 7501 Pittsford Palmyra Road, Fairport. Funeral Service was held Saturday at United Methodist Church of Webster 169 East Main Street, Webster.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Camp Abilities (www.campabilities.org) or P.E.O. International's P.E.O. Foundation (www.peointernational.org/peo-foundation).

Comments from square dancers:

"Donna and her husband Rex were Copy Kittens in the class before COVID. They had returned to square dancing this summer (2021) by attending Jim Gotta's dances at Perinton Rec Center. Donna died suddenly and will certainly be missed by all of us."

"Donna and Rex were a lovely couple who eagerly joined a square and had a good time with every call. My last photo of her was on March 7, 2020, at the (Copy Cats) March Square Dancing Madness Dance. I will miss dancing with her and hope that Rex will eventually continue in the club."

