

DO NOT STAY HOME FROM THE NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE A DANCE PARTNER!

There will be special programming for solos at the 66th National Convention in Cincinnati June 21 to 24! The most exciting thing to report is our SOLO's Mixer Dance on Thursday, from 10 AM to noon. This two hours of dancing will have mixers so you can get acquainted with other solos. Following this meet and greet time, we will continue our social time together as we eat lunch. Details are still being worked out but we will have them finalized by convention time!

We will have a hall dedicated to solo dancing daily, Thursday through Saturday, from 10 AM to noon, and there will be three Solo After Parties from 10 to 11 PM, with the Bachelor 'N' Bachelorettes sponsoring the Thursday night party, Single Square Dancers USA (SSDUSA) sponsoring the Friday night party and the Heart of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA) sponsoring the Saturday night party. All of our solo dance time will be at Junior Ballroom C & D (on the 3rd Floor of Duke Energy Center).

Be sure to mark June 21 to 24 on your calendars and make plans to attend! Solo Dancers are welcome at the 66th NSDC! SSDUSA once again will provide the Ask Me To Dance ribbons. HASSDA will be providing their color coded ribbons (pink for those who only dance the ladies part, blue for those who only dance the guys part, and purple for those who can dance EITHER part).

There will be at least one solo oriented educational presentation at the 66th NSDC. National caller Eric Henerlau is to lead a panel Keeping Singles in the Square Dance Activity. Arbell Thompson, President of Single Square Dancers USA and Maye Wegner, President of Heart of America Singles Square Dance Association, are to serve on his panel.

You may not know that SSDUSA has a Roommate Locator, Laurie Steward, who will help match solo dancers even if they are not members of SSDUSA. If you wish to reduce accommodation expenses, you are encouraged to contact Laurie Steward, 6373 Falcon Way, Warsaw, MN 55087, 507-685-4476 or 507-210-6507 or email roommate@ssdusa.org. Email is preferred! Please indicate gender, the dates you plan to stay at the hotel, which hotel, whether you already have reservations for a room, how many in a room and any other individual requirements. No request will be taken before May 2017.

If you will be in the Columbus, OH area on Sunday, June 18, you won't want to miss the Double Header Trail Dances. The first Sunday dance will be at the Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Rd, Gahanna, OH from 3 to 5:30 PM, with callers Darrin Henry, Tom Davis, and Nick Hartley, along with cuer Phyllis Burdette. The second Sunday dance is from 7 to 9:30 PM at the Pickerington Senior Center, 150 Herford Drive, Pickerington, OH. It will feature Jason Raleigh and Phyllis Burdette, and will include an ice cream social. The flyer for these dances can be downloaded from the Central Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs website: www.cocdc.org. (Click on Online Flyers, then click on 2017-06-18-TrailInDbIHdr.pdf.) While the

Double Header Trail Dances are not “Solo” events, I believe that there will be many solo dancers (and members of couples that dance with others), so solo dancers should be able to find people to dance with. (I am pleased that quite a few clubs in Central Ohio have become more solo friendly and that more ladies have learned both positions, so that fewer people have to sit out if they want to dance.) If you have the chance to go to the Cincinnati area early, you may want to take advantage of the 66th Convention Trail Thru Dance sponsored by the Unicorners Square Dance Club (a singles club that welcomes couples) on Monday, June 19. Callers: Scott Bennett, Curt Braffet, Dee Dee Dougherty & Jack Pladdys. Cuers: Carl & Carol Schappacher. Time: 7:30 -10:00 PM. **There has been a location change for this dance. New location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1553 Kinney Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45231.** Contact: Bev Wegman at 513-235-4503 or bev.wegman@kao.com. You can download their flyer from the 66th National Convention website: 66nsdc.com. (Click on Trail Dances. Go to June 19 and click on the list of callers).

We hope to see you in Cincinnati this June! Come and join in on the FUN!

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66th National Square Dance Convention