

# ANSSRDT NEWSLETTER

# **SEPTEMBER 2017**



#### DATE OF OUR NEXT MEETING: September 23, 2017

**LOCATION:** E. H. Horne School in Enfield. Off Highway 102 take exit 7 going towards the Irving Big Stop on old Route 2. The school is a large brick building on the left opposite the cemetery.

# SCHEDULE:

- 9:00 9:30 Meet, greet, and setup, Second-Hand Record Box time
- 9:45 10:00 Mixers and Lines for party, class, and club
- 10:00 11:00 Using Flexible Singing Call Figures
- 11:00 12:00 ANSSRDT Meeting
- 12:00 12:45 Bag Lunch
- 12:45 3:00 Follow-up of Alguire Caller School topics as appropriate:
  - Patter to help Singing Call Success
  - Choreographic Management, Modules, Sight Calling
  - Teaching and Creating Workshops

# Flexible Singing Call Figures for Basic Part 1

[may omit choreo in square brackets]

Heads Lead Right and Veer Left,	Heads Lead Right and Veer Left,
Ladies Chain Down the Line,	Ladies Chain Down the Line,
Ladies Chain Across,	Each Four Circle Left One-Quarter,
[Forward and Back],	[ Dosado ], Pass Thru,
Star Thru and Pass Thru,	Swing and Promenade
Swing and Promenade	
Heads <u>Square Thru Four,</u>	Heads <u>Square Thru Four,</u>
Make a <u>Right-Hand Star,</u>	Make a <u>Right-Hand Star,</u>
Heads Star Left in the middle,	Heads Star Left in the middle,
Right and Left Thru and Half Sashay,	Swing and Promenade
Swing and Promenade	
Heads Lead Right, Circle to a Line,	Heads Lead Right, Circle to a Line,
, Forward and Back,	, Forward and Back,
Right and Left Thru,,	Right and Left Thru,,
Ladies Chain,,	Star Thru, Pass Thru,
Ladies Chain Back,,	Swing and Promenade
Star Thru, Pass Thru,	
Swing and Promenade	

These are in pairs with the longer version on the left and the shorter version on the right. Additional options for omitting calls are shown in square brackets.

# Flexible Singing Call Figures for Basic Part 2

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Heads Pass the Ocean, Extend,	Heads Pass the Ocean, Extend,
Swing Thru, Boys Run,	Swing Thru, Boys Run,
Couples Circulate,,	Couples Circulate,,
Chain Down the Line,,	Chain Down the Line,,
[Forward and Back], Square Thru 3,	Into a Promenade
, Swing and Promenade	
Heads Square Thru Four,	Heads Square Thru Four,,
, [ Dosado to a Wave ],	, [ Swing Thru,
, Swing Thru,	Boys Trade, ]
Boys Run, <u>Ferris Wheel</u> ,	Swing and Promenade
, Centers Pass Thru,	
Swing & Promenade	

# Flexible Singing Call Figures for Mainstream

Heads Square Thru Four,,	Heads Square Thru Four,,
Touch a Quarter, <u>Scoot Back</u>	Touch a Quarter, Scoot Back
(Boys go in), <u>Scoot Back</u> (Girls in)	(Boys go in), [ Scoot Back (Girls in)]
Girls Run, Box the Gnat	Corner Swing and Promenade
Pass Thru, Corner Swing, Promenade	5
Heads Square Thru Four,,	Heads Square Thru Four,,
, Swing Thru,	, Swing Thru,
<u>- Spin the Top,</u> ,	- <u>Spin the Top</u> ,,
Right and Left Thru,,	<u>Slide Thru</u> (or Pass Thru),
Square Thru Three,,	Swing, Promenade
Swing, Promenade	
Heads Pass Thru and <u>Cloverleaf</u> ,	Heads Pass Thru and <u>Cloverleaf</u> ,
All Double Pass Thru, <u>Cloverleaf</u> ,	All Double Pass Thru,,
, Centers Pass Thru (Corner Box),	Leaders Partner Trade, (Corner Box),
[ <u>Slide Thru</u> , Right and Left Thru,	Swing and Promenade
, Pass Thru ],	
Swing and Promenade	
Heads Touch 1/4, Walk and Dodge,	Heads Touch 1/4, Walk and Dodge,
All Touch 1/4, Walk and Dodge,	All Touch 1/4, Walk and Dodge,
Partner Trade, Forward and Back,	Partner Trade (Partner Lines),
Right and Left Thru,,	Forward and Back, Circle Left,
Star Thru, Pass Thru,	, Corner Swing and Promenade
Corner Swing and Promenade	

# All American Promenade

**Choreographer:** The choreography for the first 16 beats is a common action found in several mixers. The last 16 beats are very close to a Belgian folk dance called "The Blacksmith". The version described below is listed on the internet as choreographed by Jim Arkness. Both "The Blacksmith" and the "All American Promenade" can easily be found on YouTube.

**Formation:** Couples facing counter-clockwise around the hall, lady on the man's right, with both hands joined at waist height in Promenade handhold (shake rights and join lefts under); opposite footwork for the man and the lady.

Music: Something lively such as "Turkey in the Straw"

Type: 32 count Partner Mixer

#### Prompts:

- ----, -- Walk forward 4,
- - Turn backup 4, - Walk forward 4,
- - Turn backup 3, - Balance Together,
- Apart, Roll her Across, - Balance Together,
- Apart, Girls Twirl Back, - (Walk Forward 4)

#### **Description:**

- 1-8 Starting with outside feet (gent's left and lady's right) and both hands joined in Promenade handhold (join right to right and then join lefts under), couples walk forward counter-clockwise around the hall three steps. Dancers turn towards their partner on the 4th step to face clockwise. The lady is now on the left side of the gent. Couples back up four steps continuing to move counter-clockwise around the hall.
- 9-16 Couples reverse their direction of travel and walk clockwise around the hall three steps. Dancers turn towards their partner on the 4th step to face counter-clockwise. Couples back up three steps clockwise around the hall ending with weight on the outside foot and touching with the inside foot on the 16th count. During the last three steps couples change their handhold to join adjacent hands (the gent's right with the lady's left).
- 17-20 Still facing counter-clockwise couples step (or jump) together and touch with the outside foot next to the inside foot in 2 counts. Then dancers step apart on the outside feet and touch the inside foot beside the outside foot in 2 counts.
- 21-24 The lady rolls across in front of the gent to the inside by doing a full turn to her left in three steps while the gent does a 3-step vine to his right. Both are still facing counter-clockwise.
- 25-28 Dancers join adjacent hands (gent's left and lady's right) and repeat counts 17-20.
- 29-32 Dancers raise their adjacent hands and the lady twirls to her right under them and releases the handhold. The lady continues her twirl moving back to the outside of the next gent. The gent moves forward to join Promenade handhold with the lady who was ahead. All dancers take four steps during this twirl to end with their outside feet free ready to begin again.

## The Schottische – John Essex Foursome

Taught by Beth Dickinson at MCCA June Workshop 2017 (She learned it from John Essex) **Music:** A Schottische or a polka or Cotton-Eyed Joe

**Formation:** Tandem Couples facing line of dance in a big circle with outside hands joined. **Footwork** same for all and beginning with left foot

#### Prompts:

----, Left Heel and Across,
1, 2, 3, Right Heel and Across,
1, 2, 3, -- Repeat,
----, ----,
----, ----,
----, ----,
----, ----,
----, ----,

#### **Description:**

1-8 Left Heel and Toe across then step diagonally forward and to the left 1, 2, 3;
9-16 Right Heel and Toe across then step diagonally forward and to the right 1, 2, 3;
17-32 Repeat A1

33-48 Starting with left foot, dance four two-steps forward; (Step, together, step, -; 4 times) 49-64 During the next four two-steps, the lead couple release their center hand-hold, and turn out and around behind the trailing couple, then reconnect the box of four.

# **Ten O'Clock Mixer**

Choreographer: Allan Brozek from Connecticut

**Formation:** Big Circle of Couples all facing the center with Ladies on the right **Music:** Something with clear 8 beat phrasing and a Heel, Toe bouncy feel.

- ----, Forward and Back,
- ---, Forward and Back,
- - Face Partner, Heel and Toe,
- ----, Heel and Toe again,

----, Ladies Out and March (two concentric circles moving in opposite directions),

- ----, -- Return,
- ----, -- Turn Partner Left Full Around,

----, -- Swing the Next and face in (or Pass Thru and face in; or Star Thru).

#### **Description:**

Heel and Toe: Using the foot towards to center of the circle (Gent's left and Lady's Right) touch the heel to the floor, then the toe, then step to the side, close with the other foot beside the first foot, step to the side again. Repeat with the other foot going the other way.

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