

# **ACA Fair and Balanced**

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The American Callers' Association wishes that all callers and dancers stay healthy and avoid Corona Virus by following the guide lines of staying home and avoiding crowds. Again we wish each one of you your families and friends to stay healthy.

The American Callers' Association in its attempt to be of service to all callers, dancers, and associations has provided current, timely, and effective information on new dancer recruitment, winning ways to retain club dancers, and pitfalls that drive square dancers away ACA will continue to provide information that will help the square dance community recruit, retain and retrieve square dancers

This month's ACA Viewpoint article encourages people to take more of active participation in their square dance associations and clubs especially when square dancing restarts itself. . ACA acknowledges that there has been a very serious decline in the number of people who will serve and /or hold office in clubs and associations. We can that at the start up. Perhaps clubs and associations can work to reduce many requirements on the square dancers. Remember all square dancers hold an ownership interest in square dancing.

Square dance leader may not receive any recognition for taking a club or association. Let's make efforts to give them thanks and recognition. Even is a person does not expect recognition; give them the recognition anyway. Let us remember that some may take positions of responsibility because they like people and they love dancing. ACA maintains that all of us must remember that the problems in square dancing aren't unique to square dancing, as many groups nationwide are having similar problems. Many dancers will lose interest if their club has does not have a dynamic social organization and recognition program in addition to the dancing.

Callers can help also by eliminating boredom with the calls as they are present them in the different venues that are not memorized and boring. Perhaps, it might be argued that callers' need to learn more approaches to the "basics. ACA argues that superfluous programs of dancing merely add to the number of calls on a list but reduce the quality of the ACA program and Mainstream programs. The second element may be that dancers' associations and club officers do not address this problem and attempt to minimize it. The problem of bored dancing may contribute to more dancers leaving square dancing. Remember that when dancers quit square dancing, we not only lose them as dancers but we also lose any new people that they might have recruited. The improvement in the way callers choreograph dances might be best addressed by callers all Callers' Associations, United Square Dancers of America and all state and local square dancing associations. Let's all do it. Make it more interesting and fun. Remember that the changes we are wishing to see may be up to each caller and not only up to the associations.

Any individual, club, caller, or association who wishes to communicate his/her opinions on this subject is encouraged to contact the American Callers' Association [Loulet@aol.com](mailto:Loulet@aol.com) or Dr. Patrick Demerath at [pdemerath@troy.edu](mailto:pdemerath@troy.edu). Please visit our website and newsletters at [www.americancallers.net](http://www.americancallers.net)

Until next time, happy dancing.