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WEB PAGE - [AMERICANCALLERS.NET](http://AMERICANCALLERS.NET) JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER-- 2020 NEWSLETTER

From the President:

Hi folks, I hope that this newsletter finds everyone healthy during these very awkward times.

To begin, I have some sad news. Jerry Haag, one of the most popular International Square Dance callers of our time passed away on June 3, 2020 at the age of 85, (following is a link to Jerry's obituary) <https://www.schradercares.com/obituary/Jerry-Haag> Not only was Jerry a fabulous caller, but he was also well known for his hit Square Dance recordings such as Hey Li Lee Li, Something 'Bout You Baby I Like, and Rockin' in Rosalies Boat. Rest In Peace Jerry, not only will you be missed by this friend, but many, many others.

If you are like me, all of my dances this summer season have been cancelled. I have not called a Square Dance in over 3 months. I am very concerned about our activity, will it be able to survive, and we all know that it has been struggling for quite some time. We can only hope that in the fall, Square Dancing will return back to normal and who knows, maybe stronger than ever.

I have sent a couple of attachments along with this Newsletter. One is from the **United Square Dance Organization** telling us about the current Pandemic, the other is a clip of a statement that I found interesting.

Stay safe and healthy, we all are looking forward to the day when we can dance again.

## Walk & Dodge Workshop

#1 HEADS touch 1/4, GIRLS touch 1/4, EACH BOX walk and dodge

{ Are the boys facing each other & girls back to back? }

Girls cross fold, { look at the furthest man's ear } BOYS pass the ocean

Extend , boys run, pass thru, wheel and deal, zoom, CENTERS pass thru, left allemande

#2 SIDES touch 1/4, GIRLS touch 1/4, { EACH BOX of 4 } walk and dodge

{ Are boys facing, girls back to back? }

Girls fold

{ Are you looking at his ear? } , BOYS pass the ocean, extend

Split circulate, hinge, boys trade, spin the top, spin the top, all 8 circulate 1-1/2

Right and left grand

#3 HEADS square thru 4, right and left thru, veer left, couples circulate  
wheel and deal, pass to the center, CENTERS slide thru, CENTERS touch 1/4

GIRLS touch 1/4, { EACH BOX } walk and dodge

{ Boys are facing, girls back to back }

BOYS swing thru, GIRLS face in, extend, cast off 3/4 boys trade

Right and left grand

Enjoy!

### **Some SLIDE THRU TWICE**

1.

HEADS PASS THRU SEPARATE AROUND ONE TO A LINE SLIDE THRU.

CENTERS PASS THRU SLIDE THRU TWICE LEFT ALLEMANDE

2.

HEADS SQUARE THRU SIDES HALF SASHAY...SLIDE THRU...Centers RUN

PASS THRU BEND THE LINE...SLIDE THRU...Centers PASS THRU...

SLIDE THRU TWICE...LEFT ALLEMANDE

3.

HEADS PASS THRU SEPARATE AROUND to a LINE PASS THRU WHEEL & DEAL

GIRLS ...SLIDE THRU...GIRLS WALK AND DODGE...SEPARATE ...AROUND ONE..TO

A LINE...SLIDE THRU...ORIGINAL HEADS FACE RIGHT...PASS THRU...

WHEEL & DEAL...CENTERS PASS THRU...SLIDE THRU TWICE...SWING THRU

EXTEND RIGHT & LEFT GRAND



# UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

SQUARE DANCE – AMERICAN FOLK DANCE

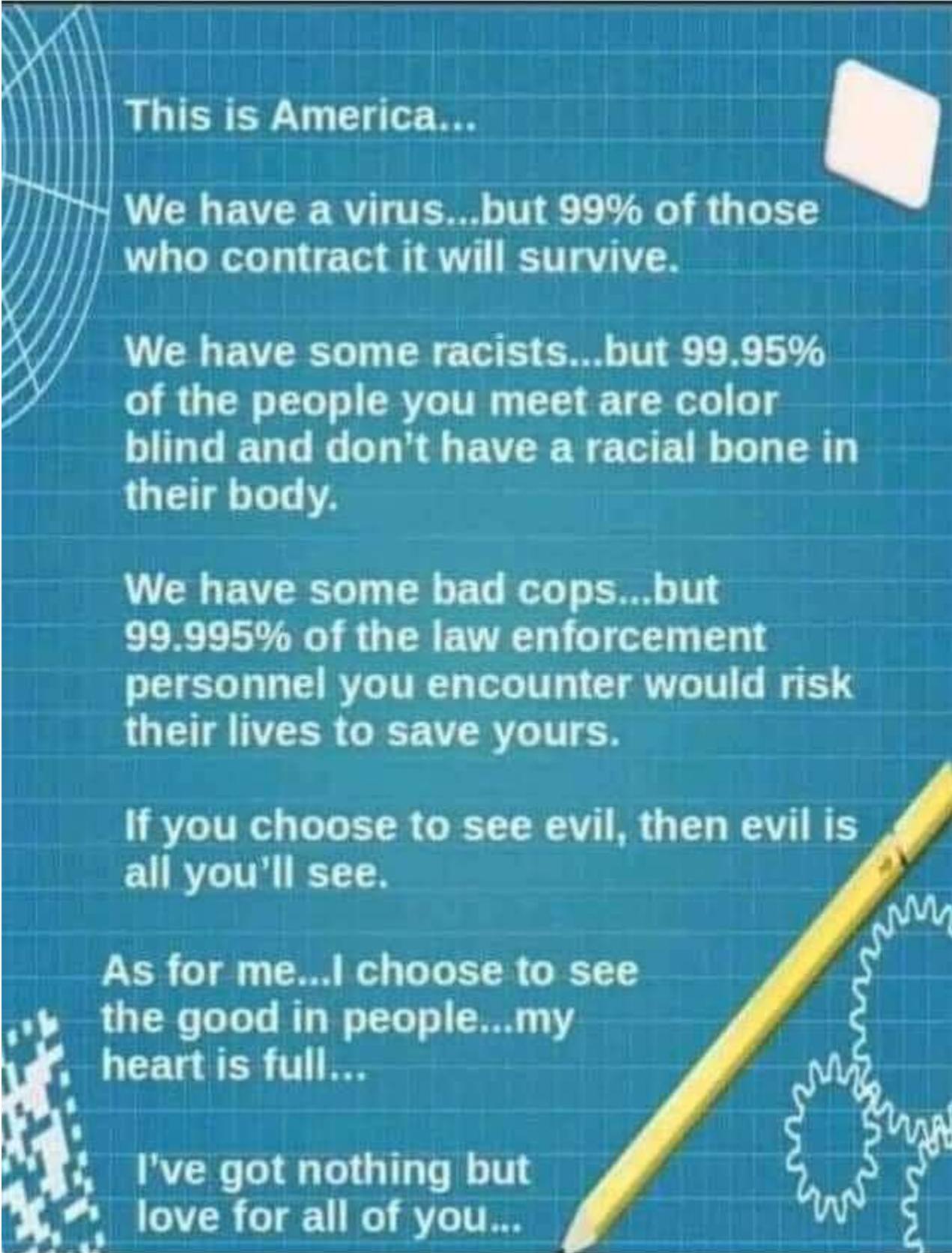


Subject: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Hello dancers and dance leaders,

We have all been bombarded with information regarding the Coronavirus even to the point of grocery store shortages on everyday items such as toilet tissue. So there is no need for us in the square dance community to reiterate the media reports. However we would like to examine the situation from the perspective of the Square & Round Dance Organizations. Below are a few points for both dancers and dance leaders to consider.

- The United States covers a large area and the prevalence of COVID-19 varies in different geographic locations. Therefore, club leaders should first follow the guidelines within their state and local communities.
- Even if it's not mandated by your local government to restrict groups from meeting you need to further evaluate the average age of your club and seriously consider the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC website ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)) states the following:  
"Identify actions to take if you need to temporarily postpone or cancel events, programs, and services, especially for groups at greater risk such as older adults or people with chronic health conditions."
- Consider the economic aspect whether to cancel dances or not. Since many clubs are already struggling, would it be prudent to go dark to save the expense of having a dance or continue to hold the dance realizing they may have fewer dancers in attendance? This is a determination that only club/dance leaders must make.
- If you do decide to hold your dance you may want to follow the suggestions listed below. Feel free to copy and post them in a prominent location at your dance hall.
  - Steps to Protect our Dancers
    - 1. Wash hands after every tip.
    - 2. Use hand sanitizer often, although soap and water washing is best.
    - 3. Avoid hugs and handshakes. Greeters, take note: No yellow rocking: just a smile and a welcoming greeting.
    - 4. Don't touch your face or anyone else's face.
    - 5. Absolutely cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow. But if using your hands to cover, afterward wash thoroughly with soap and water.
    - 6. Avoid sharing mics for announcements.
    - 7. You might temporarily dance without touching hands.



This is America...

We have a virus...but 99% of those who contract it will survive.

We have some racists...but 99.95% of the people you meet are color blind and don't have a racial bone in their body.

We have some bad cops...but 99.995% of the law enforcement personnel you encounter would risk their lives to save yours.

If you choose to see evil, then evil is all you'll see.

As for me...I choose to see the good in people...my heart is full...

I've got nothing but love for all of you...