

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA



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Forty Years of Accomplishments

The United Square Dancers of America celebrate their 40th Anniversary at the 70th National Square Dance Convention® in Jackson, Mississippi in June 2021. In recognition of this milestone, USDA has compiled a list of major accomplishments over the past 40 years of the organization. The attached page outlines these accomplishments ranging from the establishment of the organization in 1981, to the creation of signature USDA programs and services over the intervening years, to recognition of USDA as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization as well as a non-profit group administrator, and to transition into the electronic age including adding a social media presence and holding the annual Board of Directors meeting as well as the Executive Committee mid-year meeting electronically via video-conferencing platforms.

For further information about the United Square Dancers of America, and their 40 years of accomplishments, contact the USDA President at usda.president@usda.org or the Information Officer at usda.information.officer@usda.org.



FORTY YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR USDA

40
And Fabulous!
1981-2021

1. *Establish United Square Dancers of America, Inc.* - Seattle - 1981
2. *National Square Dancer Insurance Program* - Detroit - 1982
3. *Educational Documents* - Louisville - 1983
4. *Handicapable Dancer Committee* - Baltimore - 1984
5. *NSDC After Party* - Birmingham - 1985
6. *USDA National Folk Dance Committee* - Indianapolis - 1986
7. *Code of Ethics & Code of Conduct* - Houston - 1987
8. *Credit Card Program* - Anaheim - 1988
9. *USDA NEWS* - Oklahoma City - 1989
10. *Long Distance Telephone Program* - Memphis - 1990
11. *Support National Handicapable Convention* - Salt Lake City - 1991
12. *Youth Advisory Committee* - Cincinnati - 1992
13. *USDA NEWS Annual Subscriptions* - St. Louis - 1993
14. *Conduct Dancer Survey on Dance Levels* - Portland - 1994
15. *Founders Memorial Youth Fund* - Birmingham - 1995
16. *USDA Website* - San Antonio - 1996
17. *Expanded Educational Materials* - Orlando - 1997
18. *National Organization Round Table* - Charlotte - 1998
19. *Square Dance Internet Provider Service* - Indianapolis - 1999
20. *Youth Memorial Scholarship Fund* - Baltimore - 2000
21. *Prescription Drug Plan* - Anaheim - 2001
22. *USA Traveler Program* - St. Paul - 2002
23. *Support Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square-Dance* - Oklahoma City - 2003
24. *Long Care Term Care Insurance* - Denver - 2004
25. *USDA "Add-A-Buck" Program to Benefit ARTS* - Portland - 2005
26. *USDA's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary* - San Antonio - 2006
27. *Acknowledgment of Electronic Age – All Insurance Forms on Website* - Charlotte - 2007
28. *Youth Program's use of Upsilon Sigma Delta Greek Letters* - Wichita, Kansas - 2008
29. *USDA Resolves to Support Square Dance Competition* - Long Beach - 2009
30. *Establishment of USDA Facebook Page* - Louisville, Kentucky - 2010
31. *USDA Designated as a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization by the IRS* - Detroit - 2011
32. *Authorization of IRS 501 (c)3 Non-Profit Group Exemption Program* - Spokane – 2012
33. *Modernizing & Updating of All USDA Educational Materials* - 2013
First Live Music USDA - NSDC After Party - Oklahoma City - 2013
34. *Initiation of Centennial Awards Program* - Little Rock - 2014
35. *Establishment of Live Lively – Square Dance Slogo* - Springfield, Massachusetts - 2015
36. *USDA Social Media Committee Established* - Des Moines - 2016
USDA Supports the Emergency Call for Medical Aid (ECMA) - Des Moines - 2016
First USDA Service Awards Presented to Executive Committee Members - Des Moines - 2016
37. *First USDA Youth Pizza Party with Gift Card Give-Aways* - Kansas City - 2018
38. *IRS Approval of the United Square Dancers of America as a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Group Administrator* - 2019
39. *Implementation of the USDA's 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Group Exemption Program* - 2020
Initiation of USDA's online Beyond the Dance Floor Webinars - 2020
Annual Meeting Successfully Held Electronically via Zoom - 2020
40. *First Hybrid (In Person & Electronic) Board of Directors Meeting* - 2021

