



# California Square Dance Council, Inc. Youth Advisory Committee Report August 8, 2009

## **YOUTH DISPLAY**

We had a table as part of the California display in the Showcase of Ideas at the National Convention in Long Beach, and we were proud to introduce the new display that Pauline Bereiter created for us. I hope you all got a chance to see it.

## **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP**

We are proud to announce that Steven Fraga, an 18-year-old dancer from Lodi, was our 2009 Youth Scholarship award winner. Steven has been dancing for several years, most recently with the Motive8'ers club. He will be attending Mojave Community College in Kingman, AZ. Each person on the Council E-mail list was sent a sheet that has a photo of Steven, along with his essay, that we hope you will use to help us promote the availability of the scholarship. I would encourage you to share this information with your local square dance publication to see if they will print it in their next issue. If they need me to send them the document in Word format just have them contact me at [bjabramson@aol.com](mailto:bjabramson@aol.com).

## **NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Jesse & Cheryl May reported on the youth program at the National Square Dance Convention in Long Beach.

## **2010 STATE CONVENTION**

There will not be a separate youth hall at the 2010 State Convention, but we will strongly encourage the youth to join in the dancing in all of the main halls. We will once again have the Youth Competition, with a possible change in format to a "three strikes" format, and have agreed to add an Open (adult) competition to the program given the success of the competition at the Long Beach Convention. Details on the schedule, format and criteria will be sent out as soon as we can work out those details.

## **GRAND PRIZE TICKETS**

Remember that if you want to support the youth scholarship program you can do so by purchasing State Convention Grand Prize tickets and designating the "selling" affiliate as "YOUTH". For the past several years we have been able to help fund our annual scholarship through this support.

## **SQUARE DANCE 101 BOOKS**

We still get occasional requests for our Square Dance 101 Binders and we do make them available, requesting that the "payment" for them be made in the form of a donation to the youth fund. We are turning over one such check today.

## **SPECIAL THANK YOU**

To Dana McCrary who has made a \$60 donation to the youth scholarship fund. Every time Dana cues a dance he asks that his fee be donated to the scholarship fund rather than taking the money for himself. So "Thank you" Dana, for this kind donation, and we'd encourage more people to hire Dana to cue for your dances!!!



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## **AND ANOTHER THANK YOU**

To Square D Fashions who have taken one of our little frogs and put it up in their shop. When someone makes a purchase they are asking that any change they give back to the customers be donated to the frog fund. Every little bit helps and we appreciate their efforts to help the scholarship program.

## **FROG FUND –**

As usual we really appreciate all of the coins you feed our froggie every meeting. Today's total came to \$63.70.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Bonnie Abramson, Chair, Youth Advisory Committee