

**October State Promotion  
from Dee and Ken Scott**

What are square dancing's biggest challenges? Short-term survival and long-term transformation. How? Change!

Name five things that, if changed, would save square dancing. Did you write them down? Are you thinking about the consequences of the changes?

Are you feeling anxious now because true "change" provokes anxiety? (We like the familiar, the predictable, the status quo.) So if you're actually anxious now, you are serious about saving square dancing.

Now if those five changes actually happened, write down five more changes that need to be made. If they actually happen, is square dancing then on its way to a long-term transformation? Square dancing needs a renaissance, a rebirth, right now before it's too late!

To achieve a short-term survival and long-term transformation, square dancing needs YOU--your ideas, your efforts, your talents! When? NOW!

Look around your club. Are all the board positions filled? Are there candidates for next year's officers? Are all the committees full? Are all the jobs for the next dance taken? Are you an angel at lessons? Is there a job with your name on it?

Look at your region. Are all the positions filled? Probably not! Are you available to be on the board or a committee? Have you been on The ROUNDUP staff? It hasn't had a full staff for a couple of years. And the federation is always seeking new faces. And every state-convention committee can use you during the planning, the execution, and the clean-up.

Do you realize that square dancing puts on state and national conventions with volunteers doing all the work? Are you part of that team? There are big jobs and little jobs--all need to be done. Which one has your name on it?

When are you going to volunteer for these club, regional and federation jobs?

Don't wait to be asked--square dancing needs YOU now for its short-term survival! Let's fill all those vacancies today. Call an officer and volunteer! The regional phone numbers are listed in the respective region right here in The ROUNDUP. YOU can make that "change" happen right now!

Square dancing needs more dancers. Has your club tried Square Dance ABC? (Read more about it at [www.squaredanceabc.com](http://www.squaredanceabc.com).) Is your club been actively recruiting new dancers? Are you helping? Every club needs new members for short-term survival.

The long-term transformation needs the changes YOU listed when you began reading this article. Bring those ideas to your club meetings, your regional meetings and the federation quarterly meetings. YOU need to be at these meetings if square dancing is going to meet its biggest challenges: short-term survival and long-term transformation. YOU are the key to change! Your opinions and ideas are needed NOW! The future of square dancing needs YOU!