

ACA asks the following question: Can we as square dancers and callers be in a position to change our ways thinking? It can be held that change is not a bad thing, and that we as callers and dancers should be open to change. In fact, the American Callers' Association was founded because a large percentage of the existing callers wanted to have a one-floor program not segregating programs with a long set of stressful instruction..

It is up to the dancers, clubs, dancers associations and callers and callers associations to get the wheels moving. ACA concludes that the solutions to the serious and critical decline in the number of dancers, are not easy to find, but they are out there for the taking. ACA encourages experimentation and invites callers to report back about experiments they are trying and their degree of success. ACA maintains that over the past 4 decades that we have seen and are seeing and will continue to see changes in attitudes with more talk of changing square dancing to repopulate the activity and to stop the decline in the number of dancers.

The American Callers' Association encourages callers and clubs and associations to try new concepts in square dancing and report these initiatives and will publish the results in our search for those changes, which would reverse the decline of square dancing.

Any individual, club, caller, or association who wishes to communicate his/her opinions on this subject is encouraged to contact the American Callers' Association at Mac @loulet aol.com or Dr. Patrick Demerath at pdemerath@hotmail.com. Please feel free to call or email your ideas and dancing programs and we will be pleased to publish them. Also please visit our website and newsletters @American Callers.com/news.

Until next time, Happy Dancing.