

2000 Caller / Cuer Hall of Fame



Leroy Conrad and his wife Belly, graduated from square dance lessons in the spring of 1978. Leroy began his square dance calling career in September, 1978, when he taught his first set of mainstream lessons for the Tanglefoot Square Dance Club in Marceline, Missouri. Leroy then became their club caller in 1979. He was the club caller for the Dudes & Dames of Columbia, the Eight Ball Squares of Tipton, and taught lessons for the Cowboys & Ladies of Marshfield and the Amigos of Mexico. Leroy began calling for the Little Dixie Square Dance Club in 1981 and the Eight Ball Squares in Tipton in 1988. He is currently the club caller for the Tanglefoot Squares and Little Dixie Squares.

Leroy became a member of the Mid-Missouri Caller's Association in 1980 and participates in their annual dance each spring. This dance is geared for new graduates with plus tips included for the experienced dancers. Leroy and two other callers from the Northeast District hold the annual Tenderfoot Dance in Marceline, Missouri each January. This dance caters to new dancers about to graduate and enter the wonderful world of square dancing. Leroy has called at the Northeast District's annual dance for twenty-one (21) years. Many exhibitions at county fairs and nursing care facilities have found Leroy at the microphone putting the dancers through their paces and causing the spectators to tap their feet.

Leroy was a staff caller for the English Mountain Square Dance Resort, Sevierville Tennessee, in 1989, 1990, 1997, and 1998. He was an accredited member of Callerlab from 1984 until 1997. He is now an accredited member of the American Caller's Association.

Leroy incorporates line dances and country and western dancing (specifically two-step and watz) into the dances he calls. He calls mainstream and plus as well as all position plus dances. In addition to being club caller for two clubs. Leroy guests calls throughout Missouri and surrounding states. He has called at the Missouri State Square & Round Dance Festival faithfully for the past twenty-one (21) years. He was the 1990 master of ceremonies at the Missouri State Festival and in 1993 Leroy and Betty were host and hostess of the fashion show at the 42nd National Square Dance Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

Leroy Conrad's nomination was initiated by the Northeast District.