

2014 Caller / Cuer Hall of Fame



Gene is a native of Hickory County, Missouri, an army veteran, & a licensed engineer. He started square dancing in the 1950's, joined the Silver Dollars in 1956 and learned to call in 1962. Gene became the caller for Silver Dollars in 1975. He calls for it today as a caller's club. In 1981 he acquired a 2nd club (The Unicorns), calling for it 29 years. He also called 7 years for the largest youth club in the area (Half Dollar Squares). Gene has called for 52 years and has only belonged to one club (The Silver Dollars).

He has devoted much of life to square dancing: promoting youth, teaching lessons, building & pulling dance floats in parades, calling for exhibitions, organizing cruises for dancers, as well as arranging a paddlewheel trip up the Mississippi River. He has provided decorations for dance events & festivals, sound equipment, choreography, & seminars on square dancing, plus, hosting dance weekends, picnics, float trips, & camping trips to the Rocky Mountains for square dancers.

Gene has worked with youth, clogging, hoedown, square dancing, lines, & exhibitions. He was a "Good Will Ambassador" for Silver Dollar City's Cultural Exchange for several years, calling for a team of dancers traveling to Germany, Austria, Italy, & Russia, among other places in the world. Gene has called at the World Square Dance Convention in Austria, various countries he has visited, many National & State Conventions, and worked on the National Square Dance Convention in 1975. He has always supported and donated time helping the community & Veterans.

He is currently the President of the Heart of America Caller's Association of Kansas City, Missouri. Gene is a member of the North West District, Heart of America Square Dance Association, Fit and Fun Square Dance Association, Callerlab, and is BMI/ASCAP licensed. Gene is retired from both, Harzfelds and Tension Envelope of Kansas City, Missouri.

Gene was named, Heart of America "Caller of the Year" in 2006". He is nicknamed "The Silverfox". Gene is admired for his calling, his manner, & patience, making him outstanding and the pride of the Silver Dollars