

**ART AND JACKIE PEARSON
FARRAGUT, TENNESSEE**

Art and Jackie started dancing lessons in September 1958 under the teaching of Ted Kleinsasser (a Hall of Fame honoree). That's over 42 years of dancing! During that time, they have volunteered many hours for square dancing by serving in numerous capacities. Their contributions have been at the club level, local association level, state level, and national level.

Over the years, Art and Jackie have belonged to the Knoxville Square Dance Association, Rocky Top Twirlers, Ten Mile Twirlers and Little T Squares. While members of the Ten Mile Twirlers they served as Secretary, Vice-President and then as President in 1976. In their current club, Little T Squares in Lenoir City, Art and Jackie have been the Club Representative to the Council of East Tennessee Square and Round Dance Clubs for 15 years.

Besides having served as Club Representative, they were elected as Presidents to the Council of East Tennessee Square and Round Clubs in July 1989 and are currently serving as Secretary.

They began their work with the Tennessee State Association of Square and Round Dance Clubs with a nomination to Secretary by Ralph and Gracie Stephens (Hall of Fame honorees) in April 1976. This term as Secretary was followed by terms as Vice-President, Secretary again and then President from 1982-1984. While in the organization Art and Jackie were chaircouple of the several committees: Publicity, Historian, Education, Convention Rules and Guidelines, and are currently chaircouple of the Tennessee Traveler and Statistics committees. Not only have they served as members and chaircouple for Association committees, but they have served as State Convention Education chaircouple five times--in 1983, 1985, 1991, 1995 and 1998.

Their experience with square and round dance education extends to the national level where they have previously served as Education Chaircouple at the 39th National Square Dance Convention in Memphis in 1990. Art and Jackie are past members of Legacy, an International Square and Round Dance Organization.

With their extensive history of service to the activity on the local, state and national level, it is no surprise that they have been recognized with the honor of being inducted in to the Tennessee State Association of Square and Round Dance Clubs' Hall of Fame and have been awarded the Mike Stokes Memorial Award. Square dancing is certainly fortunate to have Art and Jackie Pearson.

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