

**WALT AND LOIS ZOBEL
OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE**

Walt and Lois started dancing in 1957 with the Ridge Runners and Belles and Beaus of Oak Ridge. While they enjoyed both square and round dancing (the latter taught along with squares in those days), the demands of a growing family forced them to drop out in 1960.

They returned to square dancing in 1977, joining a beginners class at that time. They graduated in 1978, and have been active in square and round dancing ever since. After graduation they joined the Belles and Beaus, and were immediately catapulted into the Vice Presidency of that club. This was followed by a stint as President. They returned to round dancing when Dick and Pat Whaley started a class in Oak Ridge. Walt and Lois became charter members of the Round-A-Bouts when that club formed upon conclusion of the class. In 1983 they also became charter members of AA Squares, an Advance level square dance club. At various times Walt and Lois served as officers of both Round-A-Bouts and AA Squares.

In 1979 they were asked to be Vice President of the Council of East Tennessee Square and Round Dance Clubs, and became President when the then-President resigned. They started the Council newsletter, Dance Data, and organized the first Council Dance, with the proceeds from the dance used to support the newsletter. Both the Council Dance and the newsletter have since become institutions of the Council.

In June 1984 Walt and Lois joined the State Board as Delegates from Area V, and served in that capacity until their election as TSAS&RDC Vice President in 1994. They were elevated to the Presidency in 1998. Prior to assuming the Presidency, Walt also served as Parliamentarian.

Walt and Lois were Treasurer for the 1988 State Convention, Assistant Chairman for the 1998 State Convention and Chairman for the 2001 State Convention. They worked on the 39th National Square dance Convention as Assistant Vice Chairman - Exhibitor Booths.