Betsy Gotta
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Betsy Gotta is a second-generation caller who began dancing in 1952 and first called in 1957. She is one of a very small group of callers who are involved with the full range of square dancing from traditional and contra through the Challenge programs. She is an Accredited Caller-Coach and has taught, on average, more than one new-dancer class for each year she has been calling as well as many classes in several other dance programs.

Betsy first called at the National Square Dance Convention in 1963 and has called at every convention since then. She believes that calling for the "National" is a form of giving back to the dancers for their loyalty and support. In addition to calling, Betsy has participated as a leader in the caller training clinics offered by CALLERLAB at the National Conventions. In attendance at the first CALLERLAB Convention in 1974, She hasn't missed one since. She was the first American woman to be elected to the Board of Governors in 1988 and has served on the Board

since then. She has also been an active member and supporter of other square dance organizations including Legacy, The Lloyd Shaw Foundation, CONTRALAB and ROUNDALAB.

Betsy and her husband, Roy, who is a round dance leader, are partners in a venture that has produced a series of very high quality square dance instruction videos. Recently they have made it a policy to contribute a share of the sale price from each of these videos to the CALLERLAB Foundation.

Betsy has called for one of her clubs, the Rutgers Promenaders, continuously for more than 36 years. She has also been very active in her local square dance organizations. She was one of the founders of the Callers Council of New Jersey, a Charter member of the Square Dance Council of New Jersey, a Member of Northern New Jersey Round Dance Leaders Council, New Jersey Square Dance Council Convention, served that organization as Education Chairman, Program Book Chairman, Registration Chairman, Program Chairman, Vice Chairman and General Chairman.