

# Gold Card (Life Member) - 2011

## Marshall Flippo

### Presented by Melton Luttrell

It is normally the goal of the pre-senter of a Gold Card to not di-vulge the name of the recipient until the latter part of the presentation. In this case, I will at-tempt to save all the suspense, because if I would try to tell you about the person, there would be no suspense. I would ask you indi-vidually, or in this case, as a group, to think of one person in the square dance calling field who is the most recognizable person in square danc-ing both by physical appearance and by name recognition. We already know who the recipient is, don't we? **Marshall Flippo** and Neeca, whom he married in 1949, took up square danc-ing in 1951 and he started calling in 1952. In 1958 the Flippos joined with three other couples in Abilene, Texas, and built the Wagon Wheel Square Dance Hall. In 1961 Marshall was signed on as the resident caller at Kirkwood Lodge and in 1973 the Flippos became co-owners of the enterprise.

Flip. received the CALLERLAB Milestone award in 1981. As a .Founding Member. of CALLERLAB, Flippo has contributed to the suc-cess of CALLERLAB in many ways. He has served on CALLERLAB's Board of Governors and has been an icon, as well as an ambassador of CALLERLAB since its inception. His pres-ence alone makes CALLERLAB a better organi-zation.

Ladies and gentlemen it is with great pleasure that I present the CALLERLAB Gold Card to **Marshall Flippo**