Definitions for Week 8

DIXIE STYLE TO A WAVE: Typical starting formation – facing couples. The dancers on the right step forward to make a momentary double pass thru formation, right pull by, and left touch 1/4 with the others. Ends in a left-hand wave.

EIGHT CHAIN THRU: Typical starting formation – eight chain.
1. Right pull by.
2. Centers left pull by while the outsides courtesy turn.
3–8. Continue alternating parts 1 and 2.
If a number is specified (for example, Eight Chain 4), dancers do that number of parts. Ends in an eight chain or trade by.

FAN THE TOP: Typical starting formation – wave. Centers arm turn 3/4 while the ends move up in a 90° arc to be ends of a wave. Ends in a wave.

OCEAN WAVE RULE: Calls from facing couples that begin with pass thru or pull by (for example, Right and Left Thru) can also be called from waves. In this case, dancers step thru (completing the pass thru or pull by) and finish the call.

SLIP THE CLUTCH: Typical starting formation – thar or parallel waves. Centers and ends drop hands with each other and move up halfway to the next position. From waves, this is equivalent to 1/2 circulate.

SPIN CHAIN THRU: Typical starting formation – waves.
1. Arm turn 1/2.
3. Very centers arm turn 1/2.
Ends in waves.

TURN THRU: Typical starting formation – facing dancers or right-hand mini-wave. Dancers step to a wave, right arm turn 1/2, and step thru to end back to back with each other. From a mini-wave, dancers omit stepping to a wave as they already have right hands joined. Ends in dancers back to back.

WALK AND DODGE: Typical starting formation – mini-wave box. Trailers box circulate while the leaders slide over without turning into the vacated position. Ends in couples back to back. From facing couples, the caller may designate dancers to perform each action (for example, men walk, ladies dodge). Ends in a mini-wave box.