


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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



We thank the hundreds of dancers in our area for their generosity and concern for a caller in distress. We congratulate many many dancers and friends who helped defeat a piece of legislation which would have been detrimental to our blood bank. We compliment those who attended the state convention as well as those who attended the national convention in Memphis. The Florida Show Case was the outstanding show case at the convention and the West Coast Association segment was the outstanding part of it.

Now that we have thanked you, congratulated you, and complemented you we are asking that you give this same energetic and enthusiastic support to your own Fall Fun Fest to be held in Lakeland on Oct. 17th and 18th, 1980. Chairpersons Earle and Betty Williams continue to work hard to assure us that this fifth Fall Fun Fest will be the greatest one yet. So please support your association and the West Coast Dancer. Give yourselves a grand outing by dancing and visiting friends.-----PLEASE REGISTER NOW FOR THE FALL FUN FEST.

John & Lucille Kelley

THE BLOOD BANK



Thanks



We are grateful to all dancers, callers and friends for their support, influence and help in defeating House Bill 1066. This was a tremendous project to be completed in a limited time. Your petitions, letters and calls to Tallahassee made an effective impact upon the State Legislators and they were very aware of your opposition to this bill.

Your response to our appeal to help defeat (HB 1066) was truly remarkable. Thousands of petition signatures were collected by you, "The Dancers." Thanks to YOU, our blood bank account is intact.

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BLOOD BANK DATA

Donations --- 266
Withdrawals-- 39
Balance ----- 227



CHANGE OF PRINTER

If you have noticed a difference in the appearance of this months magazine it is not accidental. Since Square Dance Enterprizes is no longer our printer we were forced to acquire a new one. We are now printed by the Tides Hotel and Bath Club whom we hope will prove as satisfactory as our previous arrangement with Jack Pierson.

DANCEMBLERS

Several newcomers were indeed welcome at the May 28th collation of the Dancer. Not only was it a large press run (extras for the national convention), but several Fun Fest inserts were also used. Remember, we assemble and meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month except for June and welcome all hands.

Many thanks to:

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MEMPHIS NATIONAL CONVENTION IMPRESSIONS



This was the second largest convention ever held with 26,700 dancers registered. Florida was well represented with 989. There was room for all to dance as the spirit moved them, although at times some of the halls seemed to become quite crowded. (i.e. the advanced hall during Lee Kopman's introduction to advanced dancing) Generally hall allocation was good.

The Florida Showcase of Ideas was outstanding among the displays from all over the country. Our "Showcase" was manned by volunteers during the hours dancing was in progress. Many couples donated an hour or more of their convention time to greet dancers who stopped by our booth (four large tables) and explain what Florida square dancing is all about. Conrad Bishop was in charge of this effort and he is to be commended for a superb job.

There are bound to be glitches in any operation this big. However when they affect large numbers of people it is not a minor matter. The committee in charge of the fashion show worked long and hard to mount a very slick program of current fashions. It is too bad that no one could see it. Everything was washed out grey because there were no spotlights used to illuminate the stage areas. We can attribute this to ignorance of stage techniques, but it is too bad that 4500 people were denied a chance to see what could have been a spectacular presentation

The worst fiasco was the Parade of States. This idea should have been dropped from this convention since there was not an arena with seating capacity to handle such an event. The schedule called for 7:20 P.M. so some misguided person decided to have the participants line up at 6:00 and give everyone the privilege of standing in the heat for over an hour. After at least 4 people passed out from heat or fatigue it was decided to kick off early so the parade was over by 7:00 for those who could get into the hall.

There was chagrin among some of the dancers who were ripped off by motels after being quoted \$35-\$38 and then charged \$55. This made T.V. news over the Memphis stations during the convention.

We thought that the T.V. coverage afforded the convention was good and presented square dancing in a very favorable light. The media seemed impressed by what was touted as the largest convention ever held in Memphis and one which left behind between 5 and 8 million dollars. (Just in case anyone doubts that square dancing is big business.)

In all, it was a well handled convention despite the aforementioned problems and had many more enjoyable phases than irritations.

Hugh & Jean Fultz





You will find a registration form and a brochure describing our dance of distinction in the center of this magazine. We urge you to fill it out without delay and return it to Ken Ford, along with your housing preference.

We have just attended a great national convention. A lot of dancers who waited too long to register were unable to attend due to no available housing. Get your registration forms in right away, so as to get your choice of motels and campgrounds for FFF.

We have a great group of callers and cuers for this weekend. Remember the dates OCTOBER 17 & 18, 1980. SEE YOU IN LAKELAND.



George & Dena Burcham



NEWS RELEASE FROM ROUNDALAB

At the invitation of CALLERLAB, two representatives from ROUNDALAB, the International Association of Round Dance Teachers, attended the 7th annual Convention of the International Association of Square Dance Callers in Miami Beach, Florida. Attending were Charlie Capon, Executive Secretary and Clancy and Betty Mueller, Chairmen of the Standardization Planning Committee.

Phase I and Phase II of Round Dancing were presented to CALLERLAB. Phase I and Phase II which includes those things a teacher needs to know in order to teach fundamental round dancing to people, were originally proposed by a committee chaired by Manning and Nita Smith. These phases have been thoroughly explored and discussed at subsequent ROUNDALAB meetings under the guidance of the Muellers and were adopted for a one year trial period October 1979.

Phase I includes basic movements in the one-step, two-step, and waltz rhythms, dance positions, cardinal directions and movements used in round dancing, and stepping to the beat of the music. Phase II includes figures and secondary movements in the two-step and waltz. These two initial phases were developed at the request of CALLERLAB since this is an area of round dance teaching in which square dance callers who teach simple mixers and rounds generally work.

CALLERLAB unanimously endorsed and adopted the ROUNDALAB Phase I and II of Round Dancing. CALLERLAB will include in its educational plan provisions for familiarizing callers with the adopted standards. It has further requested that ROUNDALAB develop a suggested teaching progression and wished ROUNDALAB to provide suggested routines and/or dances for which clearly understandable cue sheets and records are available.

ROUNDALAB will hold its fourth annual meeting October 26-28, 1980 at the University City Holiday Inn in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



KITCHEN KOLUM by Ginny Walther

BROCCOLI CASSAROLE

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|---|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| 2 | 10oz. pkgs. frozen chopped broccoli* | 1 | cup grated sharp cheese |
| 1 | can cream of mushroom soup | 4 | Tblsp. chopped onion |
| 1 | cup mayonnaise | 4 | Tblsp. butter |
| 2 | eggs, well beaten | 1/2 | cup crushed crackers |

Cook broccoli 2 min. -Drain! Combine soup, mayonnaise, eggs, cheese and onion. Salt and pepper to taste. Mix well with broccoli, spoon in lightly greased dish. Dot with butter. Sprinkle with crushed crackers. Bake at 350° for 30 min.
* One large head of fresh broccoli may be used in place of frozen broccoli.

STATE CONVENTION COMMENTS

Alan Ashcroft and his committee are to congratulate on giving us a fine State Convention at the Lakeland Civic Center on May 23-25. As yet we do not have a final tally on attendance. All facets of the square and round dance scene were well represented. While the allocation of space seemed at times to be in error, everyone appeared to be enjoying the event. In our opinion the roominess and central location of the Lakeland facility makes it the best site available for our annual convention.



ALL WEST COAST MEMBERS WITH THE ORANGE & BROWN FALL FUN FEST OUTFITS. WE WILL WEAR THEM SUNDAY NIGHT AT KNOTHEAD. (Patterns still available to anyone who wants them and all West Coast members are welcome to join the crowd.)

KESSLER APPRECIATION FUND

According to auditor Art Bower the latest figure on the Chuck Kessler Appreciation Fund is \$8180. A very fine showing indeed.

Ed Note: Anyone who has not had an opportunity to donate may do so by sending a contribution to JAN'S SQUARE DANCE SHOP, 4027 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL., 33609. Att: Art Bower.



Lets Dance



FIGHT INFLATION - SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

With the gasoline and energy crunch and the spiraling inflation, we need to look closely at our position in the round dance field. We must do everything to protect this enjoyable recreation and friendly activity. It can easily simmer down to a point where our local club becomes the most important and necessary part of our future dance program.

With this in mind, we should seriously consider our club and its activities and become engaged in the many chores that make it a pleasurable and happy get-together with friends for a good evening of dancing and fun.

Volunteer to help plan activities and assist in the club functions. You will expand your enjoyment and assure that the club will continue to provide the pleasures you and your friends look forward to each dance session.

Pledge your cooperation and jump in and do your part.

Frank & Iris Gilbert

Willie sez: About the only things a child will share willingly are communicable diseases and his mother's age.

Willie sez: Nature is generous. When we reach the sitting around stage of life she provides us with a bigger cushion.

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ROUNDS WORKSHOPS	Mon	Cape Coral-Sr Cit Cent-EZ/Inter 12:30 to 4:30	Blythe
		Cape Coral-Sr Cit Cent-Inter/Adv 7:30 pm	Blythe
		" " " " " -Basic 2:30-EZ/Inter 4 pm	Kastner
	Tue	Ft Myers-2160 San Carlos Blvd-Inter 2 to 4 pm	Blythe
		Plant City-Strawberry Square-Basic 7 pm-Inter 8:30 (No dance 8/19)	Martin
		Tampa-Grant Park-32 Av 54 St-EZ/Inter 8 pm	Lovelace
	Thu	Tampa-McGuire Rec Cent-Rome & Sligh-EZ 7 pm	Lundberg
	Fri	Tampa-Forrest Hills Comm Cent-2nd 12 wks Basics 7:30	DuBois
	Sat	Dunedin-Stirling Hall-730 Broadway-New Grads 9:45 am	Rand
	Sun	Ft Myers-Teen Club-Cleveland Av-Inter 2 to 4 pm	Kastner
CALENDAR		Dunedin-Stirling Hall-730 Broadway EZ/EZ Inter 6:45 pm	Rand
		New Port Richey-Rec Cent-832 Indiana Av-EZ/Inter/Classics 7:30 pm	Walther
	Mon	Sarasota-MH Park-2100 E Laurel-Inter-WS 7 pm dance 7:30	Copeland
		Tampa-Carousel Rds-Rec Cent-214 N Blvd-Inter/Adv 8 pm	Lovelace
		Venice-Comm Cent-326 S Nokomis Av-EZ/Inter WS 6 pm-Inter WS & dance 8 pm	Neitzel
		Bradenton-Golf Lakes Est-53 Av (Oneco Rd) E US41-EZ/Inter 7:30 pm	B Mitchell
	Tue	Pinellas Park-OxBow-8451 49 St N-EZ/Inter II 1 pm	Rand
		Seminole-Lake Seminole N-10245 110 Av N-EZ 7:30	nicks
		Tampa-N Tampa Rec Cent-Seward & 11 St-Meri-go-rounders-EZ/Inter 8 pm	Lundberg
		Ft Myers-Tamiami Steppers-Teen Club-All levels-EZ 7 pm-Inter 8:30	Kastner
ROUNDDANCE		Kings Point (Sun City Cent)-Health Room-EZ/Inter 8 to 10 pm	B Mitchell
	Wed	Lake Wales-Womans Club-Basics/EZ 6:30 pm	Runnels
		Largo-Comm Cent-65 4 St NW-Adv/Chal (Incl WS) 7:30 pm	Gilbert
		New Port Richey-Southgate Apts-Inter-2 to 4:30 pm	Walther
		Tampa-214 N Blvd-All levels 7:30 pm	DuBois
		Venice-Comm Cent-326 S Nokomis Av-EZ 8 pm	Neitzel
		Dunedin-Stirling Hall-730 Broadway-Inter (Incl WS) 7:15 pm	Regnier & DuBois
		Lakeland-Downtown Rec Cent-203 Mass Av-Basics/EZ 7 pm-Inter 8:30	Runnels
	Thu	Plant City-Roundettes-Strawberry Square-Inter 7:30 to 10 pm (No dance 8/21)	Martin
		Sarasota-MH Park-2100 E Laurel Av-EZ 8:30 pm	Copeland
ROUNDDANCE		" -Potter Bldg-2900 Ringling Blvd-Inter/Hi inter 8 to 10 pm	B Mitchell
		Venice-Country Club Est-EZ/Inter 8 pm	Neitzel
		Dunedin-Roundollers-Stirling Hall-730 Broadway-EZ/EZ inter I 6:45 pm	Rand
		Largo-Rec Complex 400 Highland Av-Inter/Adv (Incl WS) 7:30 pm	Gilbert
	Fri	New Port Richey-Carousel Club-Rec Cent-832 Indiana Av 12:30 pm	Walther
		Sarasota-Potter Bldg-2900 Ringling Blvd-Hi inter/Adv-WS 7 pm dance 8 pm	Copeland
		Sun City-Rec Hall-EZ/Inter 7:30 pm (1st, 3rd & 5th)	B Mitchell
		Bonita Springs-Teen & Youth Cent-EZ/Inter 7:30 pm	Mulroy
		Dunedin-Random Rds-Stirling Hall-730 Broadway-EZ/Inter II 2:15 pm	Rand
		Ft Myers-Heissteppers-Teen Club-Cleveland Av-Fun level	Heiss
ROUNDDANCE		Largo-Rec Complex-400 Highland Av-Hi inter/Adv (1st only)	Gilbert
	Sun	Pinellas Park-OxBow-8451 49 St N-All levels-Ice Cream Sun 2 pm(4th only)	Walther
		Plant City-Strawberry Sun-Strawberry Square-Inter 2 pm (2nd only)	Martin
		Sarasota-Potter Bldg-2900 Ringling Blvd-All levels 2:30 pm (4th only)	Copeland

Abbreviations used in Dance Calendar: PDR=Pre-dance rounds, WS=Workshop. Levels of dancing: B=Basics, EB=Extended basics, MS=Mainstream, QS=Quarterly selections, +1=MS+1, +2=MS+2, A1=Advanced part 1, A2=Adv part 2, C1=Challenge basics, C2=Extended challenge, EXP=Adv & Ch experimentals, APD=All position dancing concept.

KITCHEN KOLUM by Ginny Walther

NO-ROLL PIE CRUST

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsps. sugar
- 1 cup salad oil
- 2 Tbls. milk

Mix well and then pat in pie pan all up the sides and bottom, by hand or with a fork. You can even flute the edges! Bake at 425° for 12 to 15 minutes or until it is browned. Really good!

from Pauline Barrett

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S Q U A R E D A N C E C A L E N D A R	Mon	Hudson-Club Wildwood-US19 2 mi N SR52-Refresher +1 2 pm	Kessler	
		Naples-Cambier Park 7:30 pm	Bartsh	
	Tue	Sarasota-Potter Bldg-2900 Ringling Blvd-Bar Nothing-A1/A2 6 pm	Jabbusch	
		Dunedin-Stirling Hall-730 Broadway +1 12 noon- +2 2 pm	Kessler	
	Wed	Punta Gorda-Charlotte Promenaders-Sallie Jones Sch-EB-6:30 to 8:30	Shell	
		Hudson-Beacon Woods Racquet Club-SR52 E of US19 +1 5:30	Kessler	
		Lehigh-Comm Bldg-MS+ 6 to 8 pm	Shell	
		New Port Richey-Colonial Hills Rec Hall-87 Peacock Dr-MS+ 8 pm	Koning	
	Thu	Tampa-Hunt Rec Cent-Hesperides +1/+2 for beginners	Gray	
		" -Oak Park Rec Cent-54 St 14 Av +1/+2 7:30 pm	Hurst	
Brooksville-Brookridge Rec Hall-MS+ 6 pm		Koning		
New Port Richey-Rec Cent-Van Buren St-Rusty Hinge +1 noon to 2 pm		Gray		
Fri	Palmetto-Piney Point MH Est-US41 +1/+2 QS 6 to 8 pm	R Norton		
	Port Richey-Palm Terrace Rec Cent +1/+2 for beginners 8 pm	Gray		
	Dunedin-Stirling Hall-730 Broadway-A1/A2 2 to 4 pm	Kessler		
Sat	North Ft Myers-Dixie Diamond-VIP Hall-Old US41 A1 7:30 pm	Williams		
	Zephyrhills-Bahrs MH Park-Sr54 E +2 noon to 2 pm	Barnes		
Sun	Ft Myers-Kris Kross Sqs-Teen Club-Cleveland Av 2 to 4 pm	Walter		
	Sarasota-Friendly Sqs-Potter Bldg-2900 Ringling Blvd +1 7:30	Jabbusch		
S Q U A R E D A N C E C A L E N D A R	Mon	Cape Coral-Cape Coral Sqs-Yacht Club +2-PDR Kastner 7:30	Walter	
		Clearwater-Briar Creek Rec Hall-2251 McMullen Booth Rd +1 7:30 pm	Prystupa	
	Tue	St Pete-Shootin Stars-Cong Ch-6315 Central Av-PDR Hicks 7 pm Sqs 7:30	S Mitchell	
		Sarasota-Bar Nothing-Potter Bldg-2900 Ringling Blvd-A1/C1 EXP 8 pm	Jabbusch	
	Wed	Sun City Center-Kings Point Swingers-Rec Hall-EZ MS	Nocera	
		Tampa-Gandy Dancers-Interbay Rec Cent +1 (+2/A1 WS) +Rds Curewitz 7:30	Faw	
	S Q U A R E D A N C E C A L E N D A R	Thu	" -McGuire Rec Cent-N Rome A1 8 to 10:30 pm	Gray
			Dunedin-Squrcles-Stirling Hall-730 Broadway +1/+2-PDR Rand 7:30	S Mitchell
		Fri	(8/5 Koning)	
			Englewood-Holiday Travel Park-8 pm	Livingston
Sat		Lakeland-Sanlan Ranch Cpgd-+2/A1-PDR 7 pm-WS 7:30-Dance 8 pm	Barnes	
		Largo-Oakcrest MH Park-1001 Ulmerton Rd-WS 7 pm-PDR Ayrton 7:45-MS dance	8 Steele	
Sun		Lutz-Double L Sqs-Comm Cent-US41-MS (WS +1 QS) 7:30 pm	R Smith	
		New Port Richey-Dixie Loopers-Gulf Harbors-PDR Walther 7 to 8 pm Gray or	Prystupa	
S Q U A R E D A N C E C A L E N D A R		Mon	North Ft Myers-Star Strollers-VIP Hall-Old US41-PDR Kastner 7:30	Williams
			Odessa-Teacuppers-Keystone Rec Cent-Gunn Hwy +1 7:30 (2 & 4)	Phillips
	Tue	Pinellas Park-Springers Swingers-OxBow-8451 49 St N +2-PDR Marsh 7:30	Springer	
		(8/5 & 19 Faw)		
	Wed	Plant City-Strawberry Strollers-Dort St Rec Cent-8 pm (2 & 4)	Pettus	
		Punta Gorda-Charlotte Promenaders-Sallie Jones Sch-MS+ +Rds Beard 8:30	Shell	
	Thu	Sarasota-MH Park-Laurel Av-Tuesday Trippers-MS 7 pm	Jabbusch	
		Sebring-Ridge Mainstreamers-Civic Cent-7:30 incl WS	Tidd	
	Fri	Auburndale-Sunshine Swingers-Municipal Bldg-7:30	Chapman	
		Clearwater-Marrymakers-Bays End MH Park-3432 SR580 +1/+2 QS +Rds 7:30	Hart	
Sat	Dunedin-Galaxies-Stirling Hall-730 Broadway-A1/C1 EXP 8 pm	Springer		
	(8/6 & 20 no dance)			
Sun	Hudson-Beacon Woods Racquet Club-SR52 E of US19 +2 7:30	Kessler		
	Lake Wales-Ridge Sqs-Womans Club-MS (WS 7:30 to 8:30)	Rod		
Mon	Lehigh-Sea Shell Sqs-Comm Bldg +2 QS +Rds Foreman 8 pm	Shell		
	Pinellas Park-The Gamblers-OxBow-8451 49 St N +2 PDR Rand 7:30	S Mitchell		
S Q U A R E D A N C E C A L E N D A R	Tue	(8/6 Faw)		
		Plant City-Strawberry Square +2 QS-PDR Martin 7:30 (WS 8-8:30)	Prystupa	
	Wed	Sarasota-Bee Sharps-Potter Bldg +1/+2 QS 7:30	Jabbusch	
		Sebring-Ridge Rollaways-Co Ag Civ Cent-US27 S +1/+2 +Rds Heuring-WS 7:30	Tidd	
	Thu	Tampa-Katydid-Kate Jackson Rec Cent-Rome & Morrison-MS 8 pm	Cowan	
		Venice Gardens-Shamrock Sqs-Club House-430 Shamrock Blvd-Fun level 8 pm	Livingston	
	Fri	Zephyrhills-Hillbillies-Bahrs MH Park-SR54 E +2/A1 PDR 7:30	Barnes	



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COPELANDS DUBOIS
DUBOIS/REGNIER
8:00 - 11:00 SQUARES WYKOFF
ROUNDS COPELANDS
DUBOIS/REGNIER

9:30 PM ROUND/DANCE EXHIBITION

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

1:00 - 3:30 M/S PLUS 1 & 2 W/S
WYKOFF

7:30 - 8:00 EARLY ROUNDS
COPELANDS

8:00 - 8:30 GRAND MARCH AND
INTRODUCTIONS

8:30 - 11:00 SQUARES WYKOFF
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8:00 - 11:00 SQUARES SCHNEIDER

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

1:00 - 3:30 ADVANCED WORKSHOP
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8:30 - 11:00 ADVANCER SQUARES
SCHNEIDER

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 17

8:00 - 11:00 PM

COPELANDS OR DUBOIS/REGNIER

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

10 AM - NOON EZ/INTER WORKSHOP
DUBOIS/REGNIER

2:00 - 4:00 ADVANCED WORKSHOP
COPELANDS

8:30 - 11:00 COPELANDS
DUBOIS/REGNIER

After Party

SATURDAY NIGHT - HILTON INN

12:00 - SKITS

SQUARES BY LEFTY TIDD & KEN CUCORE

12:30 - TIL - - - - -

	Arcadia-Arcadia Sqs-American Legion Bldg 8 pm	Livingston
	Brookville-Brookridge Rec Hall +1 QS +taped rds 8 pm	Koning
	Clearwater Beach-Memorial Civ Cent-MS+ (WS 7:30)	Schmakel
	Ft Myers-Kriss Kross Sqs-Moose Hall-Park Meadows Dr +2/A2-PDR Kastner 7:30	
	Sqs 8/7 Barnes, 8/14 S Mitchell, 8/21 Chapman, 8/28 Prystupa	
	Hudson-Jolly Mixers-Club Wildwood-US19 2 mi N SR52 +2-PDR Rand 7:30	Springer
	(8/7 no dance, 8/21 & 28 S Mitchell)	
Thu	Palmetto-Piney Point MH Park-US41 +2 QS +Rds J Norton-WS 7:30-Dance 8 pm	R Norton
	Pinellas Park-Mainlands Promenaders-Mainlands Unit 3-MS (WS+1/+2) 7:30	Fouls
	" " -OxBow-8451 49 St N-MS (WS +1/+2) 7:30	Steele
	St Pete-Azalea Rec Cent-1600 72 St N-MS (WS +1/+2 QS) 7:30	MacDonald
	" -Village Green-2001 83 Av N +1 QS-PDR 7 pm-Sqs 7:30 (1, 2, 4 & 5)	Hicks
	Tampa-Forest Hills Sqs-Rec Cent-724 W 109 Av 8:30	Evans
	" -Love Bug Singles-McGuire Rec Cent-N Rome +2 +Rds Curewitz 8 pm	Faw
	Tice-B Sharpes-Comm Bldg-Florence Rd-A2 7 pm	Walter
	Valrico-Featherockers-River Bay MH Park-Clairmel-EZ MS 8 pm(WS +1 QS 7:30)	Nocera
	Bonita Springs-Bonita Sqs & Rds-Comm Cent-Old US41 +Rds Kastner 7:30	Shell
	Brandon-Brandon Sqs-1st United Meth Ch-PDR Lundberg 7:30(2&4) 8/8 Koning, 8/22 Gray	
	High Point-Friendly Sqs-Rec Cent-SR50 1 1/2 mi E Weeki +1/+2 (1, 2, 4 & 5)	Barnes
	Holiday-Welcome Sqs-Holiday Lake Est-PDR Hulin 7 pm-Dance 8 pm-Sqs 8/1 Cucore,	
	8/8 Koning, 8/15 Kessler, 8/22 Steele, 8/29 S Mitchell	
	Lakeland-Gator Promenaders-Rec Cent-203 Mass Av 8 pm	Pettus
	Pinellas Park-Left Allamanders-OxBow-8451 49 St N +1 QS-PDR Marsh (1, 2 & 3)	
	Sqs 8/1 Faw, 8/8 Prystupa, 8/15 S Mitchell	
Fri	Riverview- Civic Cent-Park Dr-WS 7:30-Dance 8 pm	Raulerson & Short
	St Pete-Spares 'N Pairs-1600 72 St N +1 PDR 7 pm-Sqs 7:30	Hicks
	St Pete Beach-Comm Cent-7701 Boca Ciega Dr-MS (+1 WS) 7:30	MacDonald
	Sun City-Swingers-Rec Cent-MS 8 pm (2 & 4)	Jabbusch
	Tampa-Spinning Wheels-214 N Blvd-PDR Lovelace 7:30 (1 & 3)	guests
	" -Rec Dept Dance-214 N Blvd +1/+2 PDR Curewitz 7:30 (2 & 4)	Faw
	Tarpon Springs-Steeple Stompers-St Ignatius Ch +2 (WS 8 to 8:30)(1 & 3)	Koning
	Venice-Gulfside Sqs-Comm Cent-326 S Nokomis Av +2 +Rds Neitzel 8 pm	Prystupa
	Brandon-Melody Sqs-Rec Cent +1-WS 7:30-Dance 8 pm (2 & 4)	Nocera
	Clearwater-Country Cuzzins-YWCA-222 S Lincoln +Rds P Fiyalko 8 pm (1 & 3)	Dowell
	" -Flutterwheels-YWCA-222 S Lincoln +1/+2 PDR Curewitz 7:30 (2 & 4)	Faw
	Dunedin-Gator 8's-Stirling Hall-730 Broadway +2 PDR Rand 7:30	S Mitchell
	(8/2 Koning, 8/9 Springer)	
	Englewood-Buttons & Bows-Lemon Bay Hi Sch +2 PDR Beard	guests
	Ft Myers-Swingers-Teen Club +1/+2 8 pm	Sauls
	Hudson-Club Wildwood-US19 2 mi N SR52-MS (2 & 4)	Kessler
	Inglis-Tri County Sqs-Comm Cent-MS 8 pm (1 & 3)	guests
	Lake Wales-Merrimixers-Womens Club +2 +Rds-WS 7:30-Dance 8 pm	Barnes
	Lehigh-Lehigh Sqs-Comm Cent-PDR Foreman 7 pm	guests
Sat	Mango-Swingin' Yell"o"Rockers-Rec Cent +Rds (1 & 3)	Hurst
	Mulberry-Buttons & Bows-Civ Cent-5th St 9th Av NE-PDR 7:30 (2 & 4)	
	8/9 Koning/Runnels, 8/23 Saunders/Lundberg	
	Naples-Sunshine Shufflers-Naples Hi Sch-PDR Mulroy 7:30	guests
	Pinellas Park-OxBow-8451 49 St N +2-PDR DuBois or Marsh 7:30-Sqs 8/2 Stowell,	
	8/9 Steele, 8/16 Faw, 8/23 Koning, 8/30 tape dance	
	Plant City-Strawberry Square-PDR Martin 7:30-Sqs 8/2 TBA, 8/9 Chapman,	
	8/16 Jim Ford, 8/23 Tidd	
	Sarasota-Tri Par Est MH Park +2/A1 EXP APD +Rds J Norton 8 pm	R Norton
	Tampa-Bay Area Twirlers-214 N Blvd-PDR DuBois 7:30 (2&4) Sqs 8/9 Prystupa, 8/23 Gray	
	" -Villa Curli Q's-214 N Blvd +1PDR 7:30 (1 & 3)	Kessler
	Wauchula-Valley Swingers-Pioneer Park-US17 7:30 (2 & 4)	Leamon

Willie Sez: After all is said and done, there's more said than done

	Crystal River-Crystal Twirlers-St Benedicts Ch-PDR Walther 1 pm (1 & 3)	
	Sqs 2 pm 8/3 Hatfield, 8/17 Kessler	
	Dunedin-Diamond Sqs-Stirling Hall-730 Broadway +1 6:45-Sqs Koning or Kessler	
	Ft Myers-Palm City Sqs-South Rec Hall-1801 Golfview Av-MS 7:30	Williams
	Hudson-Sun Country Swingers-Pointe West-SR52 5 mi E US19-PDR 7pm +2/A2 8pm Barnes	
	Lakeland-Citrus Woods Est-1610 Reynolds Rd +1 PDR Runnels 2 pm (1 & 3)	Faw
Sun	Matlacha-B Sharpes-A1/C1-6 to 9 pm	Walter
	Pinellas Park-Flamingo Sqs-OxBow-8451 49 St N +1 +Rds Hicks 7:30(8/31 no dan)Steele	
	Port Charlotte-YMCA Cent-Harbor Rd-Club level dance & WS-4 to 6 pm	Livingston
	Punta Gorda-Windmill Sqs-Windmill Vill Clubhouse +1/+2 8 pm	Shell
	Tampa-Family Sqs-Winston Rec Cent-76th & Destin +1 QS (WS +2) 7:30	Nocera
	" -Temple Twirlers-Town & Country Act Cent-6039 Hanley Rd-MS(WS+1/+2)7:30Foulks	
	Venice-Bay Indies MH Park-950 Ridgewood +2-WS 7:30-Dance 8 pm	Yates

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Aug 15 Tampa-Spinning Wheels Luau-214 N Blvd-PDR Lovelace 7:30-Sqs TBA
 " 18 " -Gandy Dancers Goodie Night-8 pm-Rds Curewitz-Sqs Faw
 " 23 Naples- Sunshine Shufflers Welcome Back-Naples Hi Sch-PDR Mulroy 7:30-Sqs TBA
 " 29-Sep 1 Tampa-24th Fla Knothead Konvention-Curtis Hixon Conv Cent-Rds Morrisons-Sqs Dave Taylor (Ill) & Kip Garvey (Cal)
 " 30 Pinellas Park-OxBow-8451 49 St N-Special tape dance-Tapes of OxBow callers & cuers
 Sep 18-20 Macon, GA-9th Annual State SD Convention-Macon Coliseum-GA callers & cuers
 " 26 Pinellas Park-Left Allamanders Anniv Dance-OxBow-8451 49 St N-Callers & Cuers TBA
 " 26-27 Lakeland-2nd Annual Single Rama-Lake Mirror Aud-Rds Nordines-Sqs Lasry & Deschambeau
 " 28 Tampa-WEST COAST ASSOC President's Ball-214 N Blvd-2:30 pm-Callers & Cuers TBA-Election meeting to follow
 Oct 17-18 Lakeland-WEST COAST ASSOC FALL FUN FEST-Civic Cent-Rds DuBois/Regnier & Copelands-Sqs J Wykoff (Ind) & R Schneider-After party Sqs Tidd & Cucore

CLASSES

Sqs - Thur-Lake Wales-Womans Club-Park St-7:30 to 10:30 pm (Starts 9/25) Rod

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BAY AREA TWIRLERS will enjoy the calling of Joe Prystupa on Aug. 9th. Their "august" Doc Gray returns the 23rd, all refreshed from his vacation and set to give fun patter and happy dancing for the coming season. Matched with him will be "smiling" Frank DuBois, on the rounds. We welcome the company of your squaring up with us. Club members, don't forget our business meeting.

Nancy Sparrow

BRANDON SQUARES: Many members of the club enjoyed the State and National conventions. We want to remind everyone of our upcoming beginners class starting Sept. 11. There will be a workshop before each class. Sally and Dale Miller will be our new banner chairmen, replacing Pat and Floyd Rose, (who did a terrific job!) Lefty Tidd filled in for us when we needed a caller and we will be happy to see you back again soon, Lefty. Dance your way through the remaining summer months.

Web and Jean Weber

BUTTONS AND BOWS of Mulberry Anniversary Dance was a great success. Lots of good food, fun and great dancing thanks to all who made the arrangements. Come dance with us August 9th. Fred Koning will call the squares and Jim Runnels will cue the rounds. On August 23rd, John Saunders will call squares and Wayne Lundberg cue rounds. Come join us. Your place in a square is waiting.

Larry and Martha Bradford

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS will be sponsoring a dance every Tuesday all during the summer at the Sallie Jones School in Punta Gorda. From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. will be an "Extended Basics Class" and from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. will be "Mainstream Plus". Bill Shell will call the squares and Katie Beard, a newcomer to the Florida area, will cue the rounds. Don't let your dancing get rusty during the summer months, keep active and dance with the Promenaders.

Howard and Margaret Wesenberg

CITRUS WOODS: We know this is the time of the Long Lazy Daze of Summer but we are still dancing in relative comfort the 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons. Thanks to the Meri-Mixers of Lake Wales who have been joining us to the sounds of Bob Faw on squares and the Runnels on the rounds. For a little news, we have a Club Banner, so come and visit us and see out new work of art.....

Chris Nissen

COUNTRY CUZZINS wish to invite each of you to come share with us a night of fun and dancing. We would like to welcome Don and Katie Back. Always happy to welcome Cuzzins and visitors too so come to the Y.W.C.A. on the 1st and 3rd Sat. of each month. Your Cuzzins, their caller Tom Dowell and cuer Pat Fiyalko are anxious to say, "Hi". Get ready for a square and round-em-up!

Carl and Edie Badgett

CRYSTAL TWIRLERS are having a great summer of dancing fun and refreshments. If there were rewards given to new graduates, we would give a special yellow rock to Tom and Joan Martin. They have been dancing at most of the dances in the tri-county area and it really shows. We are looking forward to Fall and the return of our dancers. We miss all of you.

Oral and Freda Highfield

CLUB NEWS FOR AUGUST 1980

DIAMOND SQUARES are really having good dances this summer with so many visitors from other clubs. We really appreciate all dancers coming and dancing with us. New graduates are so very welcome--remember, we were beginners once.

Clarence and Louise Beckwith

DIXIE LOOPERS, Gulf Harbor Civic Center, New Port Richey continue to enjoy a goodly number of guests and visitors at the Tuesday night dance every week. Come dance with us. Rounds are at 7:00 p.m. and squares are at 8:00 p.m.

Monica Reberg

FALL FUN FEST is just around the corner! Get your registration forms in right away so as to get your choice of motels or campgrounds. We have a great group of callers and cuers for this weekend. Remember the dates, October 17 & 18, 1980. SEE YOU IN LAKELAND.

George and Dena Burcham

FEATHERROCKERS: Besides the regular 7:30 p.m. workshop and 8:00 p.m. dance on Thursday evenings, the Featherrockers will have a club/family picnic on Saturday, August 12, 1980, (particulars to be announced at our dances). There will be a CAKEWALK on Thursday evening, August 28, 1980. A special fee of 25 cents per dance will be charged.

Allan L. Wolfe

FLAMINGO SQUARES are dancing with a fun crowd this summer...why not come by and join us? Welcome to our new members. We are glad to have you with us. Thanks to all you good looking "Hobos" that came to our dance. A great time was had by all. How about that Hobo caller and his wife, weren't they outstanding? We are busy making plans for our Anniversary Dance on Oct. 5th. Knothead here we come.

Murl and Sally Herbert

FOREST HILLS SQUARES, Tampa now a year old! We are happy to report the officers elected May 15th were Betty Davidson, Grady Brannen and LeRoy Crumpton. Every Thursday nite at 8:30 we dance to the calls of Jack Evans, who is always in good voice and wit and makes our dances fun as well as instructive. The last Thursday night of each month is FUN night with refreshments. We welcome all dancers for a fun level dance.

Thelma Crumpton

GANDY DANCERS of Tampa have been busy banner stealing so look out for us! We have a "goodie night" planned for the 18th. Our caller, Bob Faw, continues to call an excellent pre-dance and A-1 workshop with lots of good dancing in between. Our cuer, Karl Curewitz, is doing great with rounds. We invite you to dance with us--happy feet are dancing feet!

Willena and Colie Gruber

KATYDIDS of Tampa are enjoying a fine summer of round and square dancing and socialbility from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Wed. evening. We celebrated Kate Taylor's 87th birthday on June 12 at our weekly dance with a party of cake and ice-cream.

Fred Atkinson

Willie Sez: At a national political convention, after all is said and done, there's more said than done.

LEFT ALLAMANDERS of St. Petersburg--Dog Days of summer are upon us!! Thanks to our air-conditioned halls, our square dance activity goes on. We have been busy. It was fun dancing for the public at the Mall recently. It is great to have Jene, our president, back at the helm and feeling better. Have been busy rounding up our new dancers for Knothead trips. The Knothead Konvention is just around the corner. After that, Fall Fun Fest. Pat Fiyalko

LOVE BUGS of Tampa: Sometimes we find ourselves drifting in the doldrums. This seems to be such a time. However, the Love Bugs still dance every Thursday night and couples as well as singles are more than welcome to come dance with us. Our new officers are: Pres. Linda Pennington; Vice-Pres. Dan Pia; Secretary Bill Young, and Treasurer, Carolin Moyer. Bill Young

NSDCA, Sunshine Chapter 018, held its 13th Anniversary Camporee at San Lan Ranch, Lakeland, May 16, 17, 18 with an attendance of 43 units. There was an inevitable feeling of sadness at the death of our beloved caller, Jim Baker. Since life and camporees must go on, the chapter members had a fine weekend of dancing to the calling of Buz Nocera, guest caller. A special thanks to Pot Luck Chairmen Glenn and Lorraine Morris. Nearly 100 members and guests consumed delicious food. Chairmen Bill and Lenora Perez kept the coffee and teapots well filled. Elton and Nella Cole

NSDCA, Florida Association plans for the 6th Annual Camp-o-ree have been made according to chairmen John and Harriett Lovelace. FANSDC members are urged to get their reservations in early as the cut-off date for Florida members is Oct. 20th. After that date, only out of state members will be accepted. Make plans now for Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 & 2. Non-members welcome. Edith Peterson

RIDGE ROLLAWAYS of Sebring did not forget Fathers' Day and had a surprise Bon Voyage party for Lefty and Georgia Tidd as a send-off to Hawaii. No longer "Rookies", they renamed themselves the Ridge Rollaway Mainstreamers. On request, Lefty is workshopping styling on Wed. evenings. Past Pres. Max Newgent is calling for Sat. night fun dances. Several Vagabonds trailed together to the Nationals. Jo Bryer

RIDGE SQUARES: We really enjoy dancing Wed. at the Womens Club with Carl and Carol Rod. (We do not dance Tues. at the depot anymore.) Come visit us and steal our banner. Workshop 7:30 to 8:30 and dance 8:30 to 10:30. Last Wed. of the month is finger food night. A new class begins Thur., Sept. 25th at 7:30. There will be plenty of food and fun. Gene and Ann McElroy

SANLAN SQUARES: Vacation time is here so Bob Barnes spent a week in the hospital--resting Bob? Joe Prystupa called a challenging dance during our caller's absence. Glad to have you back, Bob. Our early workshop is fast getting them to +2 level. See you across the square. Tom Hancock

Willie Sez: Bachelor is a fellow who believes he is entitled to life, liberty and the happiness of pursuit.

SHOOTIN' STARS: Bon Voyage to Sam and Betty on their summer tour. In their absence we will be dancing to guest callers, Fred Koning, Jim Ford and Elmer Hicks. Elmer will be doing his usual good job cueing the rounds. Slatz Hayes passed away June 30th. He will be greatly missed. Come dance Monday nights with us--visitors always welcome.

Nina Murillo

SPINNING WHEELS of Tampa had a ball at our June 20 dance with Singing Sam Mitchell. It was a pleasure having the Martins back. We enjoyed the visit from the Gandy Dancers who pinned our banner. We are looking forward to our Luau on Aug. 15th. Put on your Hula outfits and join us. Welcome to our new graduates and our new caller, Chuck Leamon. We love and appreciate you Jack, Tom and now, Chuck.

Frankie Hawsey

SUN COUNTRY SWINGERS: No summer doldrums for us, we welcomed Bob back from his surgery with a party. Then Bob and Dee gave a party for our 2nd anniversary. 32 squares on the floor. GREAT! We enjoyed Singing Sam who called for us while Bob was in the hospital. He will call for us again for 3 weeks while Bob and Dee are in Michigan, starting Aug. 17th.

Dottie Merrill

TEMPLE TWIRLERS are really having fun. We are sponsored by the Egypt Temple Shrine Recreation Association. Our caller is Noble Jack Foulks. We are dancing Mainstream and learning plus 1 & 2. Guests are welcome to our 2:00 p.m. class and 7:30 p.m. dance every Sunday. We are located at the Town and Country Activities Center, 6039 Hanley Road, Tampa.

Alvin and Mary Dollar

VALLEY SWINGERS of Wauchula met for a cookout and election of officers. Roger and Pauline Haney are our new Pres., Jim and Monda Farmer continue as Vice-Pres. and Carol Knight is Sec.-Treas. We offer our whole hearted cooperation to our new leaders and our sincere appreciation and thanks to our past officers. Welcome new dancers, keep dancing!

Virginia Metheny

VILLA CURLI Q'S of Tampa will have a Fun Badge Night on August 16th. All square dancers, welcome! Here is your chance to earn some new badges besides enjoying a night of good fellowship. Members mark your calendars. September 14th is our picnic and meeting. Be there to support your officers and have a voice in your club affairs.

Jim and Ida Topakian

WELCOME SQUARES of Holiday Lake Estates extend congratulations to our recent free dance winners--Frank and Betty Pletzke, Bob and Virginia Lemon, Bill and Martha Barth, Ed and Bunny Penny and Dick and Alina Ehlers. Although the usually slow summer months are upon us, Friday nights at HLE are anything but slow with our square and round dancers doing their stuff.

Ethel Iannucci

NECROLOGY

It is with sincere regret that we report the demise of S.(Slatz) Hayes. A kind and gentle man, he will be missed by all who knew him

ODE TO A CALLER'S TAW

In what we refer to proudly
As the "American way of life,"
Society has developed
A peculiar type of wife.

She seems to have no husband
Although she has been wed;
We even call her "widow"
Though her husband's far from dead.

She it is who cuts the grass
While her husband tramps the greens;
Or when the trout are running,
She's putting up the screens.

Alone she watches the late, late show
While her mate deals "one more hand",
Or perhaps he's bowling with the boys
Or practicing with his band.

But, of all these "hobby" widows,
There's one figure most appalling,
She's the little hen whose rooster
Takes up square dance calling.

It's a sneaky, vicious hobby
For it starts as a harmless one;
The little woman doesn't mind,
If he calls one--"just for fun".

But soon he turns up missing---
He's holed up in the cellar;
His household chores are piling up,
While he sings of "Rosa-Bellar".

After a while it seems
He's hardly home at all
He's found a couple sets
Who love to hear him call.

Very soon he has a club---
Then it's three or four;
As a handyman around the house
He's lost forevermore!

So little wifie learns to paint;
And if she wants a shelf,
She buys some wood--reads a book--
And nails it up herself.

And still she's always there--
To see that he is fed;
She keeps 'im looking clean and neat,
And warms his empty bed.

She describes him to the children
So they'll not scream in fright
Should they chance to meet him
When he's home some dance-free nite.

But, ere long he needs a partner
The rounds to demonstrate;
So she's drafted to the cellar
While her unwashed dishes wait.

She has to give up ironing--
Her clothes she cannot sprinkle;
She's so involved in learning
To two-step, twirl and twinkle.

Altho her feet may kill her,
And her furrowed brow feel clammy,
She dare not miss a step
Of "Gadabout" or "Tammy".

But, once the rounds are over,
(Although she loves to dance)
Because her man is calling,
She seldom gets a chance.

And altho we leave her sitting
Glued for hours to her chair;
We always feel a sense of loss
If some night she isn't there.

For our spirits always brighten
When we see her smiling face,
And the evening's more complete
If she's in her usual place.

Her patience, charm and willingness
To fill in where she's needed,
We're sure won't go forever
Unrewarded and unheeded.

Tho' it may not be till Gabriel
Calls all square dancers to advance,
We feel that surely, someday,
She'll get her chance to dance!

Note: Written by Norma Harvey in honor of Lucille Tinkler's birthday. The date this was written by Norma is not known but it was many years ago when she and Bill lived in New York.

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