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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We want to extend the greetings of the Christmas Season to each and every person, dancers and non-dancers alike, who are fortunate enough to read a copy of this magazine. 'Tis indeed the season to be jolly and festive and we like to think that Square Dancing will add to the enjoyment of the season for all of us who are a part of the square dance scene.

Years end is also the time for renewing allegiances. Each year we have a large percentage of West Coast members who thru oversight do not renew their membership. We now have about 1500 members currently on our rolls, who actively support the movement. Each month we print at least 2500 copies of this magazine to be distributed free to those who can use the information. We constantly hear requests for more copies from Club Presidents and Callers. There seem to be some 1000 persons getting a free ride since that is the difference between paid up members and magazines printed. Please join the West Coast Association and help us grow and become better in every way.

The West Coast Association is the proud possessor of a beautiful new gavel for the use of the President. This gavel was presented to us by the outgoing president Ken and Mae Ford, and we appreciate their thoughtfulness.



Hugh and Jean Fultz

IN A NUTSHELL



Our treasury of \$1,925, while looking healthy, includes a windfall of \$1,250 from the State Convention, which will not be repeated in '78 in the same amount.

Elood Bank stands at 18.

The Dancer is no longer printed by Tampa Rec., due to their consolidation of reproduction facilities. We gained latitude in number of sheets number of copies as well as financial advantage and clearer print.

West Coast Willie made 7 visitations in October.

We will not publish a July issue of the Dancer due to vacations and Conventions. The June issue will be extra large.

MERRY CHRISTMAS





FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



MERRY CHRISTMAS !!! We want to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good News!! We now have Assistant Editors. Frank and Charlene Doud have volunteered to help us with the West Coast Dancer. We hope together we can make the magazine even greater. Frank and Charlene have been dancers for two years and live in the Tampa Area. They belong to the Tampa Taggers. Frank is retired from the Marine Corps and is now a CPA. Charlene is busy with the Chamberlain High School Band Patrons Club as Treasurer, plus a part time job. They have one daughter Carol, and three sons Charles, Craig and Clint. We welcome them both!!

The FFF was a great success !! The committee did a great job. We are looking forward to next year.

Harold and Carolyn Mercer



REVIEW OF FALL FUN FEST

On October 28 and 29 it was my privilege and pleasure to attend the second annual Fall Fun Fest at the new Civic Center in Lakeland. Les Main did a superb job calling the squares, aided and abetted by the Martins and DuBois cueing rounds. After-parties were a trade-off between Freeman Pettus and Gil Crosby calling everyone on the carpet at the Hilton Inn. All who missed this gala event of the fall season have only themselves to blame because a great time was had by all 70 squares who were fortunate enough to attend.

This bash is sponsored by the West Coast Association and is designed to provide funds for their magazine (The West Coast Dancer) which is distributed free throughout the Sun Coast. Chairman Al and Isabel Ratliff and the F.F.F. committee have once more surpassed themselves.

It was our pleasure to bring to the festival, Central's own mascot, CENTRAL FLORIDA MILLIE, dressed in her beautiful maroon and silver square dance outfit advertising next year's State Convention in Orlando. She was introduced to WEST COAST WILLIE for the first time, and close observers predict a romance. They will be seen together around the state. We think that this can go down, on all accounts, as one of the finest dancing weekends in Florida's history.

Harry and Betty Cassar



THE STAFF OF THE -

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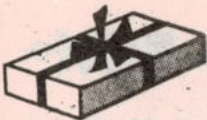


FALL FUN FEST

WISH TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THE SQUAREDANCERS WHO ATTENDED THE 2ND ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR





WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

There is something very much out of focus when we learn that the average time that a person remains in square dancing is 5 years. Why are they no longer a part of our activity? What caused them to leave so soon after a long and arduous period of preparation? Were we so anxious to get new converts that we really didn't level with them about how much they must participate in order to keep up? Are we demanding more of the dancer than we should expect or that they are either able or willing to give? Are we driving people away by our insistence on more, faster, newer and complicated figures?

Square dancing is many things to many people, but to all it must be a fun activity. When one is constantly forced to hang on by his toe nails in order to keep the square going then it ceases to be fun and becomes work. We have many questions but precious few answers. We would like those of you who are still in the movement to look back 15 years and compare what we have now with what it was like then. Any resemblance? OK! Now look ahead 15 years, will you be able to recognize our activity? We doubt it.

Do not misunderstand us. We are not against progress in its proper place. But must we constantly be trying to upgrade every club in the area? Perhaps some of them would prefer to remain just where they are. Here on the West Coast this is especially important due to the age level of many of our dancers and also due to our yearly influx of visitors who may or may not have been dancing all summer. We are not all challenge dancers nor do we wish to become challenge dancers.

It is an insecure caller who must constantly be introducing new and exotic movements into a mainstream club rather than making the mainstream calls more interesting with an all position concept. Please leave the new movements to the advanced or challenge people and let the rest of us have fun in our own way.

There are many dancers who simply cannot spend two or three evenings a week, or even a month in trying to keep up. We think that it is time for both clubs and callers to reassess their position and policies so that everyone can have a place in square dancing where they can have fun and where a sizeable percentage of our dancers are not alienated by demands on their strength and endurance which are beyond their capability or desire to form. What do our readers think?



Hugh and Jean Fultz



Spares 'N Pairs - B 'N B Int'l of St. Pete would appreciate cash donations to buy gifts for the PARC Children. There are about 15 at the school now.

YOUR JAN. 2, 1978 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FLOAT now being built - We are sure you will be proud to be a part of this float through your donation. Tell everybody - Remember !!! This float represents you. A dollar or more a dancer will do the trick.



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Nothing is more frustrating than to get dressed and travel 25 miles to a dance and discover a dark hall. Our credibility is impugned because we published the information, and your club has lost a paying guest. The schedule is our main reason for being and it must be as good as it is humanly possible to make it.

The publishers and editors of this magazine are capable of making their own mistakes. We just don't need a supply of mistakes from others. We have only a 50% chance of being right if we are forced to guess at what you are trying to tell us. We are not smart enough to sift scheduling information from club news when they are sent to us as one item, so please separate the two so we can tell the difference.

The accuracy of the schedule of dances and events is up to you, so we are pleading with each and every club and caller who contributes to the centerfold.
PLEASE BE ACCURATE AND CONCISE.



MEET YOUR NEW WEST COAST OFFICERS



PRESIDENTS - Hugh & Jean Fultz are natives of West Va. but came to the Bay Area in 1973 from Cleveland, Ohio, where Hugh had retired after 35 years as an engineer with Ohio Bell Telephone Co. Jean retired from the Ohio school system where she was a high school English teacher for more years than she cares to remember. Hugh and Jean met at W. Va. Univ. where they both graduated. WW II interfered with their plans so they were not married until 1945. Jean gave up the world of tournament bridge, where she is a life master, to devote her spare energy to Square Dancing. Hugh plays golf and fishes from his boat if he can find the time. They are active members of the Left Allamanders of St. Pete.

VICE-PRESIDENTS - Jim & Shirley Glover have resided in Lakeland most of their lives. Jim originally came from Tenn. and Shirley from Pa. They have two married sons also living in Lakeland. They are proud grand-parents of two small grand-daughters. Jim is an auditor for the Postal system and works out of the Tampa Post Office. Shirley is the assistant office manager with Gulf Life Insurance Co., in Lakeland. They started square dancing in 1960 and have been round dancing for two years. They were recently elected Presidents of the Buttons & Bows of Mulberry.

SECRETARIES - George & Dena Burcham started square dancing in 1947, having attended a class in Sand Springs, Okla., near Tulsa. They were forced into teaching and calling in 1954 in Augusta, Ga., to keep square dancing going there. They say there have been many changes in square dancing over the years, all for the better. When they retired in 1969 and moved to Fla., they dropped out for a while. Starting back in 1975, they are now Presidents of the Shootin' Stars Club of St. Pete and belong to the Thunderbird Squares. They have one married son, who lives in Largo.

TREASURERS - John & Lucille Kelley are the most recent additions to the officers staff of the West Coast. They moved to Lake Elacid 4 years ago after living in Hialeah for 18 years. They previously had lived in Memphis for 16 years. Lucille is retired from Winn-Dixie and John is a retired machinist. They have 2 sons and 2 grand-daughters. They began square dancing in Miami in 1970 and have been active dancers ever since. They were Highlands County Vice -Presidents last year.

Round Dance Workshop

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Mon	Pinellas Prk-Ox Bow 8451 49 St. N. EZ-Inter. 7:30		Walther
	Sarasota MH Park 2100 E. Laurel 6:45 Basics 8:15 EZ		Copeland
Tues	Tarpon Springs - Comm Cent-Lime St. EZ-Inter 10 AM		Walther
	Ft. Myers 2160 San Carlos Blvd. Inter 2-4 PM		Elythe
	Sarasota Potter Hldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd. 7:30-10:00		Copeland
	Tampa Grant Park 32 Ave. & 54 St. EZ 8PM		Lovelace
Fri	Largo Comm Center 65 4th St. NW. 12:30-3:00		Leiner
	Largo Comm Center 65 4th St. NW. 7:30-10:00		Gilbert
Sun	Sarasota MH Park 2100 E. Laurel St. 8:15-10:15 PM		Neitzel
	Sarasota Potter Hldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd. 1st ONLY	Gilbert & Copeland	
Mon	Dade City Travelers Rest Bdg. 6-8 PM Inter 8-10 PM		Martin
	Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49th St. N EZ-Inter 7:30		Walther
	Largo Oakcrest MH Park 1001 Ulmerton Rd. EZ-Inter 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th 7PM		Rands
	Tampa N. Blvd. Rec. Center 214 N. Blvd. Inter-Adv. 7:45 PM		Lovelace
	Brandon 1st United Methodist Church Basics & Wkshp 8 PM (1, 2, 3 & 5)		Lundberg
	Venice - Venice Isle MH Park EZ 6-8 PM Inter 8-10 PM		Neitzel
Tues	Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49th St. N. EZ-Inter 1:00-3:30		Rand
	Clearwater YWCA 222 S. Lincoln Basics & Wkshp 7:30-9:30		Lundberg
	Bradenton Golf Lakes Estates Oneco Rd. between US 41 & 301		
		Basic 6:30 Inter 8 PM	R. Mitchell
	St. Pete Town Apts. Rec. Hall 62nd & 19 St. N. EZ 1:30-4		Hicks
Wed	Tampa N. Blvd. Rec Center 214 N. Blvd. EZ-Inter 7:45		DuBois
	Sarasota Potter Hldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd. Inter-Adv. 7:30		Copeland
	Tarpon Springs Rec Center Lime St. 10 AM Inter		Walther
	Largo Comm Center 65 4th St. NW Adv-Challenge 7:30-10:00		Gilbert
	Ft. Myers Downtown Teen Club EZ 6-7:45 Inter 8-10		Kastner
Thur	Ellenton - Tidevue Estates MH Park, EZ 8-10, Beginning Nov. 9		
		Basics 7-8 PM	R. Mitchell
	Holiday St. Vincent DePaul Church 10AM-Noon		Hulin
	Clearwater Top of the World 2410 Sunset Pt. Rd. EZ-Inter 12:30 PM		Leach
Fri	Lakeland Downtown Rec Center 203 Mass Ave. EZ 7-8:30 Inter 8:30		Martin
	Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49th St. N. High Inter 7:30		Walther
	Sarasota Potter Hldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd. 7:30 Int Wkshp 8:30 Int Dance		Neitzel
	Largo Comm Center 65 4th St. NW Inter-Adv 7:30-10		Gilbert
	Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49th St. N. EZ-Inter 7:30-10:00		Leach
Sat.	Sarasota Potter Hldg 2900 Ringling Blvd. Inter 7:30-10:00		Copeland
	Dunedin Stirling Hall 730 Broadway EZ 7:15-10:00		Rands
Sun	Sarasota MH Park 2100 E. Laurel St. EZ-Inter 8:15		Neitzel
	Pinellas Park - OxBow 8451 49th St. N. Beginners Basic 1-3 PM		Leach
	Dunedin Stirling Hall 730 Broadway Beg Basic 11-1 AM		Rand
	Ft. Myers Teen Club Rec Center Cleveland Ave. Fun Level		Heiss
	Sarasota Potter Hldg 2900 Ringling Blvd 1st only 2-5 PM	Gilbert & Copeland	
	Plant City Dort St. Center Inter Basic Wkshp 2nd only 7-9 PM		Martins
Sun	Plant City Dort St. Cent Strawberry Sun All Levels 2nd only 2-5 PM		Martins
	Dunedin Stirling Hall 730 Broadway EZ-Inter 3:15-6 PM		Rands
	Bonita Springs Comm Center Tamiami Steppers Inter 7:30-10 PM		Kastner
	Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49 St. N. All Levels 3rd only 2PM	Leach & Walther	
	Sarasota Potter Hldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd. Inter Dance		Neitzel

Round Dance Calendar

Abbreviations for the levels of dancing used in the Square Dance Calendar are:
 Ba=Basic****XBa=Extended Basic****Ms=Mainstream****+i=Mainstream +1****
 +2=Mainstream +2****Adv=Advanced****Exp=Experimental****

	Palmetto Piney Point Estates Ba 8:00 PM	R. Norton
	Tampa Grant Park 54th St. +1 +2 7-8:30 PM	Springer
Mon	Hudson Club Wildwood US 19 2 Mi. N SR 52 Refresher +1 2-4 PM	Kesaler
	Ft. Myers Teen Club Cleveland Ave. +1 7:30	Sauls
	Sarasota Bar Nothing Ag Bldg. HI Level Wkshp 7 Dance 8:30 PM	Jabbusch
	Sarasota TriPar Estates Adv 10-noon	R. Norton
Tues	Sarasota TriPar Estates Inter 10-noon	R. Norton
	Ellenton Tidevue MH Park +2 9:30-11:30 AM	Jabbusch
Wed	Tampa Oak Park Rec Center 54th St. & 14th Ave. MS+	Hurst
	Dunedin Stirling Hall 730 Broadway +1 & +2 1-3:30 PM	Springer
	Ruskin Hide-A-Way Camp Ground Rusty Hinge Wkshp 8-10:30 PM	Smith
Thur	Dunedin Stirling Hall 730 Broadway +1 & +2 1-3PM	Mitchell & Prystupa
	Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49th St. N. Int-Adv 1-3:30	Springer
Fri	Lakeland Womens Club Morton Dr. 8-10:30 Intro to Adv 1st & 3rd	Kessler
	St. Pete Azalea Rec Center Rusty Hinge Wkshp 1:00 PM	MacDonald
	Ft. Myers Kriss Cross XBa-+1 2nd & 4th +2 Adv. 1st, 3rd & 5th 2:30	Trainor
Sun	Sarasota Potter Bldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd. MS 7:00 PM	Jabbusch
	Ruskin Kings Point Swingers Rec Hall Fun Level 8PM	Hart
	St. Pete Village Sqs. 2001 83rd Ave. N. MS +1 Wkshp 7:30 PM	MacDonald
	Sebring Rainbow Sqs. Pier Rt. A1A MS-Exp	Bean
	Orange Harbor Palm Bch Blvd. +1 & +2 8-10 PM	Sauls
	Punta Gorda Palms & Pines MH Park Riverside Dr. 8PM Dance to Records	
Mon	Dunedin Stirling Hall 730 Broadway KC's 4 Mores	Cucore
	Cape Coral Yacht Club Cape Coral Squares PDR 7:30 +2	guests
	Clearwater Y Sqs YWCA 222 S. Lincoln PDR Mack 7:30 +1	Mitchell
	Lake Wales Tower Swingers Old Depot Adv. 7:30	Chapman
	St. Pete Shootin' Stars Cong Ch 6315 Central Ave. +rds Hicks 7:30	Barnes
	Tampa Gandy Dancers Interbay Rec Center +rds +1 dance +2 Wkshp 8PM	Kessler
	St. Pete Gateway Mall 9th St. FREE DANCE 7PM	Taylor
	Sarasota MH Park Tuesday Trippers 6:45 Ba 8:30 Dance	Jabbusch
	Dunedin Steeple Stompers 1st Pres Ch 644 Highland MS 8PM	Townsend
	Dade City Travel's Twirlers Air Stream Park Johnston Rd. 8-10:30 PM Taped rounds MS	Mitchell
	N. Port Richey Dixie Loopers Gulf Harbors Civic Cen PDR 7:30 Gray or	Prystupa
	Largo Sanlan Ranch Campground +rds +1	Barnes
Tues	Largo Oakcrest Sqs MH Park 1001 Ulmerton Rd PDR Rand 7PM MS+	Schmakel
	North Port Harbor Cove City Assoc 1 & 3 Gray 2 & 4	Prystupa
	Plant City Strawberry Strollers Dort St Rec Cen 8PM 1,3,5 Hart 2,4	Pettus
	Seminole-Lake Seminole N 10245 110 Ave. PDR Leach 7:30	Springer
	Odessa Teacuppers Keystone Rec Cen Gunn Hwy 7:30PM 1st Tues Wkshp	Phillips
	Punta Gorda Alligator MH Park Rec Hall S Taylor 8:30	Livingston
	Ft. Myers Colosa Sqs. German American Club R #78 PDR 7:30	Hacking
	Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49th St. N +1 Wkshp 7:30	MacDonald
	Tampa Friendly Sqs N Blvd Rec Center 214 N. Blvd. 8PM 1st & 3rd	Prystupa
	+ rds Lovelace 2nd & 4th	Schneider
	Seminole-Lake Seminole N 10245 110 Ave N PDR 7:00 XBa with MS Wkshp	Hicks
	Seminole Holiday Shores 100 4th Ave. 7:30PM +RDS MS+1 Dance +2 Wkshp	Taylor
	Brooksville-Brookridge Comm Cent Drift Arounds MS Dance +1 Wkshp 7:30	Swain
	Auburndale Sunshine Swingers Municipal Bldg 7:30	Chapman
	Hudson Beacon Woods Racquet Club SR52 off US19 +1 Wkshp 6PM +2Dance	Kessler
	Lehigh Acres Pairs & Squares Masonic Bldg MS	Logan
	Venice Country Club, Estates +RDS 8:00 PM	Cucore
	Sarasota Bee Sharp Potter Bldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd +2Wkshp 7PMDance 8PM	Jabbusch
	Tampa Katy Dids Jackson Comm Center Rome & Morrison 8:00 PM XBa	Cowan
	Sebring Ridge Rollaways New Civ Center Wkshp +1+2 7PM MS Dance 8:30	Tidd

Square Dance Calendar

		3-A
	Zephyrhills-Hillbillies-Municipal Eldg +RDS 8PM Lundberg	Barnes
Wed	Dunedin Stirling Hall 730 Broadway Adv 8:00 PM	Springer
	Pinellas Park Thunderbird Sqs OxBow 8451 49 th St. N PDR Rand 7:30 +2	Mitchell
	Cape Coral Sunshine Sqs Sportsman Club 7:30 MS	Hacking
	Port Charlotte-Charlotte Promenaders-Peace River Sch PDR Mitchell	7:15 guest
	Dunedin Stirling Hall-Stirling Twirlers PDR DuBois +1 & +2 7:30	Gray
	Arcadia-Arcadia Sqs American Legion Eldg 8PM	Livingston
	Dunedin Stirling Hall 1-3PM NO RDS Wkshp +2 Advanced and all position dancing Mitchell or Prystupa	
	Dade City Traveler's Twirlers 8PM Taped Rds 4th Sing-a-long	
	Clearwater Valentine Sqs Clw Bch Civic Cent Wkshp 7 RDS 7:30 +1	Hart
Thur	Clearwater "Y" Knots YWCA 222 S. Lincoln PDR Mack 7:30	Baker
	Hudson Club Wildwood US 19 2 Mi SR 52 PDR Rand +2	Springer
	Venice Country Club Estates +rds 8PM	Cucore
	Palmetto Piney Point MH Park +rds J. Norton 8:00 PM	R. Norton
	St. Pete Azalea Cent 1400 72nd St. N 7:30 +1 & +2 Wkshp	MacDonald
	Tampa Singles Club-Love Bugs-McQuire Rec Cent N Rome +1 1 & 3 Kessler 2 & 4	Barnes guest
	Ellenton Tidevue Estates on US 301 PDR 7:30	guest
	Holiday-Holiday Lake Estates Civ Assoc Welcome Sqs +rds Hulin	guest
	El Jobean Yellow Rocks Comm Center c'f SR 771 8:00 PM	Livingston
	Lakeland Gator Promenaders Rec Cent 203 Mass Ave. 8:00 PM	Pettus
	St. Pete Spares 'N Pairs B'n B Int'l Azalea Cen 1400 72nd St N MS	Cucore
	Tampa Spinning Wheels 214 N. Elvd. PDR 7:30 Martin 1 & 3 ONLY 16th R. Schneider, 31 rds Lovelace & DuBois, sqs J. Baker and Springer	Springer
Fri	Seminole Left Allemanders Bauder Sch 12755 86 AveN PDR Leah or DuBois 1, 2, & 3 ONLY 7:30 PM +1 2 Chapman, 9 Springer, 16 Baker	
	Sun City Swingers Rec Cent 2 & 4 ONLY 8:00 PM MS	Jabbusch guest
	Brandon-Brandon Sqs VFW Hall PDR Lundberg 2 & 4 ONLY	
	Tampa Taggers Wkshp Club 214 N. Elvd. PDR 7:30 +1 & +2 2, 4 & 5 ONLY Kessler	
	High Point Rec Center 3 Mi E Weekiwachee on US 50 1, 2 & 5 ONLY +1&+2 Taylor	
	Zephyrhills-Yell-O-Rockers Municipal Eldg PDR DuBois Dance cancelled for Dec	
	Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49th St. N. PDR Leach or Walther 7PM +1 3 Choquette, 10 Springer, 24 Merry Xmas, 31 Shell New Years Eve 9PM-1AM	
	Englewood Buttons & Bows - Lemon Bay Sch PDR 7:30 Mitchell 3rd Jabbusch, 10th Shell, 17th Cucore	
	Ft. Myers Teen Club Cleveland Ave. Swingers 7:30	Sauls
	Lake Placid-Flutterwheels-Masonic Hall N.Main 2 & 4 ONLY 7PM	Bean
	Clearwater YWCA 222 S. Lincoln +rds Mack	Schmakel
	Dunedin Stirling Hall Gator 8's PDR 7:30 Rand WkshpAdv +2 1st&3rd	Mitchell
Sat	Lake Tarpon MH Park Wkshp Dance 1 & 3 only 8PM	Hart
	Largo-Ranchero Sqs. 7601 Ulmerton Rd. MS +1 Wkshp 7:30 PM	MacDonald
	Dunedin Stirling Hall 7:30 Broadway +1&+2 PDR 7:30 Rand 2 & 4 ONLY Prystupa	
	Ranchmobile MH Park PDR 7:30 2 & 4 ONLY	Hart
	Lehigh Acres Comm Center PDR Foreman 7:30	Livingston
	Naples Sunshine Shufflers Avalon Sch PDR Kastner 7:30	guests
	Sarasota Red Hots Potter Eldg 8 PM +1 2 & 4 Jabbusch 1 & 3	guests
	Sarasota Tri Par Estates MH Park +rds J. Norton 8:00 PM	R. Norton
	Mango Swingin' Yell "O" Rockers Rec Center +rds 8:00 PM 1 & 3 ONLY Hurst	

4-A Square Dance Calendar

	Dade City Square Hoppers Civ Center 4th & Meridan PDR Lund' rg 7:30 PM 1 & 3 ONLY	guests Kessler
	Tampa Villa Curli Q's 214 N. Blvd PDR 7:30 +1 1 & 3 ONLY	
	Mulberry Buttons & Bows Civ Cent PDR Martin 7:30 2 & 4 ONLY 12 Hinkle 22 Springer rds Lundberg	
Sat	Hudson Club Wildwood US19 2 Mi N SR 52 MS 2 & 4 ONLY	Kessler
	Tampa Bay Area Twirlers 214 N. Blvd PDR DuBois 7:30 2 & 4 ONLY	guests
	High Point Friendly Sqs SR 50 1 1/2 Mi E Weekiwachee 8PM 4th ONLY	Durant
	Pinellas Park Flamingo Sqs OxBow 8451 49 St. N. +rds Hicks +1Wkshp 7	Steele
Sun	Sarasota Friendly Sqs Potter Bldg 2900 Ringling Blvd Wkshp 7 MS	Jabbusch
	Spring Hill Whirlaways Rec Hall +1 Dance +2 Wkshp 7:30	Swain
	Largo Holiday Ranch MH Park 2300 E Bay 7:30	Hart

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1977

- Dec.1 Ellenton Tidevue Estates N. of Ellenton on U.S. 301 Callers:Kessler&Schneider
 Dec.2,3 TMT Chapter081 Royal Coachman Campground 10 Mi S of Sarasota and about 1/3
 Mi East of U.S. 41 Caller:Jabbusch
 Dec.10 Tampa Bay Area Twirlers N. Blvd. Rec. Center 8PM Rds:DuBois Callers:Lasry
 Dec.11 Venice-New Venice Comm. Center 326 S. Nokomis Ave. PDR 4PM:Lovelaces
 Squares 4:30-7PM Caller:Prystupa
 Dec.14 Sebring Ridge Hollaways Christmas Party Sebring Civic Center Caller:Tidd
 Dec.18 Port Charlotte Cultural Center Centennial Hall 7:30 Caller Mitchell
 Dec.18 Pinellas Park Fun Badge Night Flamingo Squares OxBow Hall 8451 49th St.N.
 +Rds:Hicks 7PM Workshop 7:30 Dance Caller:Steele
 Dec.23 Venice-New Venice Comm. Center Sponsored by the Charlotte Promenaders PDR 7:30
 Rds:Neitzel Sqs. 8PM Caller:Springer
 Dec.31 Pinellas Park OxBow Hall 8451 49St.N. New Years Eve Dance 9PM-1Am Sqs:Shell
 Dec.31 Sarasota Potter Eldg. New Years Eve Dance with the Red Hats for information
 call George & Marge Jabbusch 755-7529
 Dec.31 Mulberry Buttons & Bows New Years Eve Dance Tickets \$15.00 per couple and
 - this will include breakfast. Rds:Martins Caller:Bedell

COMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY, 1978

- Jan.7 The Nineteenth Annual Frank Lane Dance, sponsored by the Sandspurs, will be
 held at the Bartow Civic Center. PDR:Martins 7:30
 Jan.8 Venice-New Venice Comm. Center 326 S. Nakomis PDR 4PM:Lovelaces Sqs:Prystupa
 Jan.27 Zephyrhills-Yell-O-Rockers-11th Anniversary Dance Rds:Martins Sqs:Saunders

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BRANDON SQUARES of Brandon wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will have a Christmas dance on December 23. We extend a welcome to you.
Bill and Linda

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS of Port Charlotte have been seeing many snow birds returning and it's great to have them with us again. We will be dancing the fourth Friday of each month at the New Venice Community Center. Elmer Sheffield called our November dance and Art Springer will be calling in December. Watch for further announcements! Hal and Lou Neitzel will bring us the rounds. We dance every Thursday night at Peace River School in Port Charlotte. Our callers for December will be Chapman, Schneider, Tidd, Schneider and Barnes. Our Exhibition dance at the Promenades Shopping Center brought a good number of interested square dancers out. With Joe Prystupa calling, everyone has "dancing feet."

Laoma Miller

TEACUPPERS of Odessa will be having a workshop the first Tuesday of the month, level +1 and +2. Our Halloween dance was a great success with our Witch's Brew. Come dance with us any Tuesday.

TNT Chapter 081 had a fantastic canoeing and dancing week-end. We had 13 canoes going down the Peace River, some sideways, some backwards and two upside down. Terrific cooks supplied our potluck supper for 50 adults and 2 children. A bonfire was attended both nights, along with good eats. A couple there in Sadie Hawkins outfits were a riot. Our next campout will be at the Royal Coachman south of Sarasota on Highway 41 December 3 and 4.

THE SWINGERS of Ft. Myers have been swinging out the doors. With such marvelous crowds, they have had the holiday spirit long before Christmas. The caller, Harold Sauls, has been giving them a lot of position movements and mainstream plus. Guests feel so welcome and always come up at the end of the dance to tell us what an enjoyable evening they have had. Congratulations to all the new officers of the West Coast Dancers Association. Merry Christmas to all of you and a Happy New Year.

Irene McKown

SANLAN SQUARES - LAKELAND. Come join the fun with enthusiastic dancers every Tuesday night at 8:00. The Huebners and Goodmans are our newest members. We are happy to have these dancers with us. Classes will start Tuesday, November 22, beginners 2:00 to 4:30 P.M., Mainstream workshop 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. and regular square and round dancing 8:00 - 10:30 P.M. December should be a fun month as the first Tuesday is our party night with finger food, and on December 20 Christmas party - goodies and dollar gift exchange. Come help us enjoy the holiday festivities. Visitors always welcome.

Mary Jo

BUTTONS AND BOWS of Mulberry...Thanks to everyone who helped make our hobo dance a huge success. The beef stew and the cakes were delicious. The costumes were something else! Everyone seemed to have a good time and Art Springer's calling was in keeping with the theme for the evening and so was his costume. He and Martha were two of the "best dressed" people there. We will have our usual dance December 10, but our second dance in December will be cancelled because it falls on Christmas Eve. We want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas from Buttons and Bows and to remind you of our annual New Years Eve dance at the Lakeland Civic Center December 31. The callers will be Frank Bedell and Marty Martin. Call Nettie Kurucz (686-5590) if you are interested in tickets.

Jo Dahl & Graham Barley

SPARES 'N' PAIRS...New club caller, Ken Cucore, is "livening" up our dances. Nice group taking lessons Thursday nights at K of C Hall with Hank Schmakel. Join us. Dance Mainstream with us Friday nights - 8 P.M. - Azalea Adult Center. Plans underway for our first anniversary dance February 17, 1978.

Thelma M. Pease

RIDGE ROLLAWAYS of Sebring are planning their annual Christmas party for Wednesday December 14 with a lot of surprises and prizes. We are very happy to welcome our friends back from summer vacations; also, many new members. A big thank you to John and Lucille Bray who kept the club dances going while we were away. Hope to see more visitors every week. Everyone is welcome. Dancing every Wed. at Sebring Civic Center. Workshop 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. and dance 8:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Lefty Tidd, caller. Watch for special dance coming up in February.

Nelson & Ursula Jenquin

BAY AREA TWIRLERS will round out the year with Jack Lasry calling on the 10th of Dec. Our own Frank and Helen DuBois will be doing the rounds. Election of officers meeting is to be held at the Lakeside Inn in Land-O-Lakes on December 4. The welcome mat will be out for Doc Gray who will be our club caller beginning the first of the year. An invitation is extended to all dancers to come dance with us and enjoy the delightful calling and cueing of Doc and Frank.

M. L. VanValkenburg

LOVE BUGS, Tampa Singles Club had donuts and punch on Nov. 3 with 41 charter members. Phil Phillips was guest caller. We enjoyed having a couple from Ohio. We welcome newcomers on Thursday at 8:00 at McGuire Rec. Center at N. Rome.

Shirley Cripe

KATYDIDS of Tampa...If you have "snowbird" friends who leave each spring before graduating from their square dance class and return in the fall to find they can't dance with Mainstream plus clubs, please tell them the Katydids may be just what they're looking for. We're an Extended Basic club, meeting each Wednesday evening at 8:00 in the Kate Jackson Center, corner of Rome & Morrison.

Maude Kiefer

WELCOME SQUARES of Holiday will be dancing to Joe Prystupa on December 2 and Sam Mitchell December 9. There will be no dance on the 23rd or the 30th, but we all wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. We wish to thank you all for dancing with us in '77. We have a wonderful and full program for '78. Our new schedule should be ready by the time you read this. Thanks again.

The Committee

KRISS KROSS SQUARES of Ft. Myers...On Oct. 20 "Roger Chapman" night was celebrated. He was crowned as "King" by Florence Snyder. Roger has called for Kriss Kross over 16 years and we look forward to an enjoyable evening when he calls. We now have a permanent home - the new Moose Hall, located west of U.S. 41 on Park Meadow Drive, 3/4 mile south of the airport. Thursday was "Rags & Riches" night, bringing in sight all kinds of apparel.

Claribel Gray

AZALEA SQUARES of St. Pete are sure proud to see a good turnout every Thursday. We extend a welcoming hand to all you square dancers to come and enjoy an evening with us. Our caller, Mac MacDonald, is really putting us through the newest steps. Our beginners class on Wed. night also with Mac is in full swing with seven and eight squares. Many thanks to Edna Schillings who is there to greet the people at the door and sell the tickets while Mac's wife Hazel keeps their store open until 9.

GANDY DANCERS of Tampa Halloween Party was fun for all with the salad buffet, popcorn and apples; and the harmonious squares of black cats, rag dolls and scarecrows in a well decorated hall. We look forward to the Christmas Party on the 19th. The Anspaugh, Coles, Dunns, Edwards, Eiseles, Frains, Jenkins, Jensens and Moores are our newest members. The +1 & 2 workshops on the 2nd & 4th Mondays do wonders to sharpen our responses to Chuck Kessler's calls. Come dance and smile with us.

Bill & Nancy Sparrow

RAINBOW SQUARES have a class going now from 7:00 to 8:30 with dance following. Everyone is busy now for our Halloween party. We are going to earn Blackcat badges. Party night is November 7 and we will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for the month. Come and join us for a good time.

Tom Bean

SQUARE EM UP SAMS really had a super campout in October at the Alligator Creek Park Campground. We had various games and refreshments Friday evening. On Saturday we had our business meeting and Ken Logan told a very interesting account of his past life. After lunch we had a round and square dance workshop. In the evening we had our delicious potluck supper and our regular square and round dance. Frank and Alice Knize presented a modern progressive polka. After our Continental breakfast on Sunday morning we packed up and started home. We had 21 recreational vehicles and 42 folks in attendance. Our visitors were Fran and Jules Cortez. Steve and Marge Liptak were our wagon masters.

Leroy Corcoran

LEFT ALLAMANDERS welcome our new officers: President Bob & Willetta Schmitt; Vice-President Leo & Pat Fiyalko; Secretary Gene & Pat Maxfield; and Treasurer Del & Peggy Pierson. We also are delighted to have new members Roy & Ruth Pringle. We were well represented at the Fall Fun Fest by 15 couples, many of whom helped in various capacities. Come to our three wonderful dances in December featuring Chapman, Springer and Baker.

Hugh & Jean Fultz

DIXIE LOOPERS are in "fine fettle" and enjoying a great season! The Halloween party was enjoyed by all and highlighted by some "unusual" costumes and a mysterious square of huge headed, armless dancers alleged to be from Mars. They danced to a wild mixture patter of an unknown lingo (Doc Gray?) and had difficulty in their left allemands and right and left grands - no hands! Our visit to Richey Manor Nursing Home to dance for their guests was very well received. Hope to see you all - Tuesday nights 7:30. It's good to be there!

Henry Swanson

STRAWBERRY STROLLERS of Plant City...We now have rounds every Tuesday night at 7:30 and between tips. Square dance starts at 8. John Hart calls the first, third and fifth Tuesdays. Freeman Pettus calls the second and fourth Tuesdays. Freeman is teaching a beginners class on Wednesday nights. Party night is the last Tuesday of the month. We welcome four new members, Alice and Lee Cloutier, Emily and Bill Scott. Come join the fun. All dancers welcome.

Carol Alderman

OAKCREST SQUARES OF LARGO...The Spares N Pairs came and took our travel banner, so we'll be visiting them soon to retrieve it. Hope the club will go out and get more. We welcome all our dancers and visitors from the North. We now have a round dance cuer on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Her name is Ruth Marsh and she is very good. She brought her sister and brother-in-law from Hilo, Hawaii, Max and Eva Eickmaier, who were visiting her. Don & Dorothy Rand are with us on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays. Do come and visit us.

Fran S.

CAPE CORAL SQUARES of Cape Coral held a gala Halloween party with a touch of the unusual in the "persons" of "Kissin' Bug" and "Huggin' Bug," a charming life-size square dance couple who greeted everyone at the door. They were the creations of Jos and Flora Trapp. Grace Hedden and Kay Dellabitta were in charge of the party. Beginning with the New Year Johnny Walters will be the club's permanent caller. The annual meeting to elect new officers will be held in December.

Edith T. Juhel

SHOOTIN' STARS of St. Pete...Our Northern friends and loyal club pals have joined us in squaring up and rounding to our inimitable callers, Bob Barnes and Elmer Hicks. It's been a really fun-time month. Our Friday class is doing nicely, and although it is closed to new dancers, we still welcome rusty hinges. We're sorry we can't honor requests to our New Year's gala, but our tickets were all sold out. Y'all come dance with us on Monday nite!

Anne Ellis

FLAMINGO SQUARES - The Halloween dance was sensational--more gruesome than last year! Prizes for the ghastliest ghouls went to devilish Shari Neikens and the Count, Tom O'Bryant. On Dec. 4th, there will be wedding bells in the OxBow where Flamingo Betty Daust will wed Carl Ceman. Congratulations Newlyweds! Betty has more in store for us Dec. 18, Fun Badge Night. Though we will not have a dance Dec. 25th, we wish happy holidays for all!

Maureen Anderson

YELL-O-ROCKERS of Zephyrhills will have Doc Gray calling squares for their November dance with Frank DuBois on rounds. We will not have a dance in December, but want you all to plan on coming to our 11th Anniversary Dance in January. John Saunders is the caller for squares and Marty Martin on rounds. Joan Barrentine is in charge of decorations and all members serving on refreshments. Ragnar says Thanks to all for the cards and good wishes during his hospital stay and recuperation at home. Square dancers are truly the greatest!

Edith Peterson

SANLAN GROUP, Lakeland - Welcome back "Snow Birds" It's good having you back dancing with us at Sanlan. Glad Bob Barnes has found his way by the short cut so he won't get lost again and keep everyone worried about him and Dee. Bob, do be careful when folks try to give you directions the short way to Lakeland. Sorry you were not with us to enjoy the beautiful cake the McHenry's had for us to help them celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. We hope Dee has fully recovered by this time and will be back with us soon. We also hope Jennie had a nice trip to Tennessee.

Mary Jo

SPINNING WHEELS of Tampa is having Toys for Tots Dance the 16th with Ron Schneider calling. We ask everyone to bring toys, wrapped & labeled as to sex and age. Come and have a good time and help these little ones at the same time. We are also sponsoring the New Years Eve Dance at N. Blvd. Art Springer and Jim Baker will do the squares & Charles Lovelace & Frank DuBois will be on rounds. Midnight Supper. \$15 a couple. Do come dance with us.

Isabelle Ratliff

TAMPA TAGGERS are getting ready for our Christmas Dance Dec. 10!! Come join us for an evening of fun. Our Christmas pot-luck diner for all our members will be Dec. 11 at King's Manor Rec. Hall on Sheldon Rd. See Chuck for details. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!

Carolyn

KITCHEN KOLUM

by Ginny Walther

CHAMPAGNE PEACHES

Peel ripe peaches remove pit, cut in $\frac{1}{2}$ inch slices, fill tall glasses $\frac{1}{2}$ full with chilled peaches, then fill glasses with iced champagne. Drink champagne with dinner and eat fruit afterwards. Charlene Doud of Tampa Taggers.

Come to the "City Beautiful" and "Celebrate in '78". The Florida Square and Round Dance Convention will celebrate its 25th Anniversary next Spring. The Convention to be held in Orlando May 26, 27 and 28, 1978 will feature top notch Florida Callers. Just a few of the weekend activities are: Fashion Show and sewing clinic; After parties; teen party; Singles Party; and for those who pre-register there will be a "Trails-end" Dance May 26.

Registration fees: \$6.00 per person thru April 30th.
\$7.00 per person after May 1st, 1978.

Make checks payable to: 25th Annual Fla. Square & Round Dance Convention
Mail to: 107 Oakwood Drive, Maitland, Florida 32751

No charge for children who do not dance. All children must be registered.

TIPS FOR BETTER DANCING

by George Jabbusch

In learning a call, try to understand the definition of the call rather than just memorizing a position. If you understand the definition you will be able to do the call from any position but if you have memorized one position you will be lost if the call is used from any other position.

If after the call is taught and you are not sure of the definition, ask the caller to explain it to you again.

If a set consists of two strong couples and two weak couples, the strong couples should be across from each other when squared up. This will give each weak couple a strong corner and provide each side of the square with a strong couple.

At the completion of any basic you should immediately extend your hands and take the hand next to you. This will help you see the formation you are in and be ready for the next call. Failure to join hands will result in sloppy lines or waves.

Whenever possible use forearm grips for turning movements such as swing thru, spin the top, turn thru, etc. This will enable your turns to be made more precise and keep your square together.

If you become lost, turn your head in all directions to see where you should be. Oftentimes someone else can point to your spot. When you become lost, do not wander around but stay alert and watch the rest of the square for an open spot then take it.

If you want to help someone that is lost, try to avoid talking and instead use hand signals. A very effective method is to point to the spot they should be in. Don't push. Most people don't like being pushed. Don't talk, this will cause you and the others in your square to miss the next call.

If the caller calls a call you have never heard, do not give up and quit. The caller will usually give the directions to the call while you are dancing.

If your square breaks down, take the nearest opposite sex and form lines as soon as you see the other squares in lines, pick up the action. You may not end up with your original corner or partner, but you will be dancing.

And remember a smile and helping hand will go a long way!

Elaine Kessler thanks everyone for the cards and flowers she received expressing sympathy for the death of her father.

John Hart of St. Petersburg is in Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater as a result of a heart attack. Cards would be appreciated. Get well soon John.

Carolyn Mercer received word her father was critically ill and left suddenly to be with him.



We bring in the holly, the ivy, the pine.
The spruce and the hemlock, together we twine;
With evergreen branches our wall we array;
For keeping of Christmas, our high holiday.
Old English Song



HAPPY
NEW YEAR from

All Officers of the
West Coast Association



Harold & Carolyn Mercer



During this
especially glad time of Christmas,
we'd like to extend our best holiday wishes to you
and yours.

Ken & Mae Ford



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May the
Blessings of Christmas
be with you today
and always



Season's
Greetings

