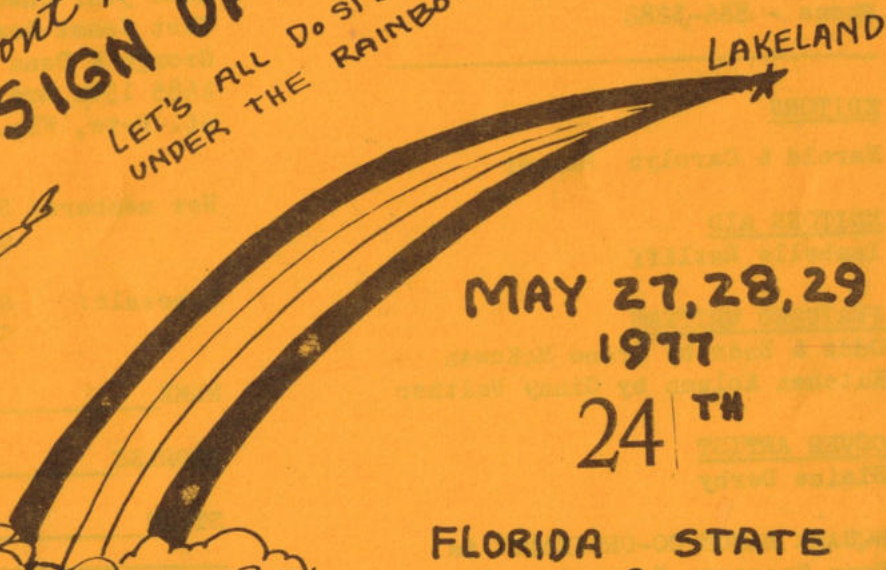


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our renewal dance at Lehigh Acres was a great success as Bill Shell, Earle Kastner and Aline Foreman did an excellent job on squares and rounds. The auditorium has everything that is needed for a square dance hall. Our sincere thanks to Joe and Becky Klock, Lee Co. V.P. for their assistance in planning and promoting the event. Along with Hugh & Jean Fultz and West Coast Willie we visited the Charlotte Promenaders, El Jobean Yellow Rockers and Sarasota Red Hots on this trip and we were warmly received at each club. Our magazine now has extra space for club news and items of interest, due to the saving of space in printing the calendar. Let's give this a good trial to see if we are accomplishing what is needed to improve it. Also, we are pleased with the job being done by Harold & Carolyn Mercer, our editors for the past 5 months. Please send them your suggestions & comments and if you find something wrong let them know, GENTLY. After all, we are all human and respond to kindness. Come dance with us at Sebring on March 6th and Sarasota on March 27th, where members will be admitted free.

Ken and Mae Ford

Letter to the Editor

"Dear Square Dance Friends:

The Benefit Square Dance January 30, for Tampa General Hospital's Cardiac Unit was a great success thanks to each of you who attended! An amplifier module has been bought for Cardiology with the proceeds.

Thanks for your kind and generous interest in this cause.

Tampa General Hospital Foundation"
Sharon B. Mason, Executive Director

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Glenn King who passed away recently.

Glad to hear Bess Cummings is out of the hospital and improving.. Her smiling face will be a welcome sight.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Since Carolyn Mercer recently had surgery, for this month only (we have our fingers crossed) the West Coast Dancer is being prepared for publication by a quartet of rank (pun intended) amateurs. We beg your indulgence and know you will be as eager as we are to welcome Carolyn back to active duty. We are happy to report that she is progressing nicely.

Many comments have been received, mostly favorable, with respect to the Calendar center fold in the February Dancer. Several reasons have prompted the new format:

1. The slightly reduced type size permits the inclusion of all round and square classes, workshops and dances as well as special events on the 4 page center fold.

2. The center fold can be removed for easy reference and, in many cases, provides information valid for succeeding months (particularly useful for visitors who wish to take information back to friends).

3. Having the schedule printed commercially provides at least 6 additional pages for club news and other pertinent material, or an increase of about 78%.

4. Outside printing will result in less work for our Editor who is trying her best to cope with numerous adversities.

Negative comments have been largely directed toward the size of print and inclusion of special events in the center fold. Actually, any innovation takes some getting used to so let's give it a fair chance.

REMINDER: Club news reporters may now increase their articles to 75 words.

We will endeavor to improve the coverage and clarity each month. Please bear with us.

Your substitute editors,

Ken & Mae Ford - Hugh & Jean Fultz

WEST COAST WILLIE SAYS, "The more you give to square dancing the more fun you will have. GET INVOLVED."

RENEWAL DANCES

On Sunday, Jan. 30th, the first of our area renewal dances was held at the Lehigh Acres auditorium with 21 squares dancing to the excellent calling of Bill Shell. Rounds were led by the Kastners and Foremans in their inimitable fashion. Everyone agreed that Joe and Becky Klock, Lee County V.P., had done a fine job in arranging this event. The Auditorium is one of the finest facilities for dancing in the West Coast area, with a wooden floor that is unsurpassed anywhere.

March renewal dances (see special events) will be held on Sunday Mar. 6th at Highland County Agri. Civic Center, Sebring, from 2:00 until 4:00 PM with Frank Bedell calling and Marty Martin on rounds. Marty has promised some early rounds at 1:30. This will be one of the area's better events according to John and Lucille Kelley, Highland County V.P.

On Sunday March 27th at Potter Bldg., Sarasota, George Jabbusch will be M.C. at a dance from 2:00 until 4:00 PM. George arranges this event each year and we look forward to his hospitality with great anticipation. Many of the area callers and cuers will share the spotlight on this occasion. In the past this has been billed as a magazine dance; however, this year we are calling it a West Coast affair and are following the renewal dance format.

Renewal dances are free to all current members of the West Coast Association. All former members who have not renewed can do so at the door (3.00 per couple) and be admitted.

Non-members who desire may join the Association (\$4.00 per couple) and be admitted. Dancers who do not wish to join are welcome to pay \$3.00 at the door and enjoy a really fine afternoon of dancing.

The West Coast Association wishes to express its gratitude to the many fine callers and cuers who are assisting us with our program. They are most generous with their time and talent. Without their kind cooperation we would find it difficult to function.

To those of you who have asked why we do not have a renewal dance in the St. Petersburg area. The cost of adequate halls is prohibitive. We simply cannot afford to pay the price that the municipalities are asking for the use of their "tax supported" recreational facilities, in spite of the fact that we are supplying a ready-made recreational package requiring no effort from them. Perhaps the time will come when these people will realize that they are pricing yet another tourist attraction out of the market.

Hugh & Jean Fultz
Vice Presidents
West Coast S. & R. Dance
Association

SQUARE DANCING IS FOR EVERYONE

We are a part of an activity which has universal appeal. Everyone who is mobile in any way can enjoy square dancing, if they just think they can. A recent case in point is Cliff & Lorraine Hendricks' project at the Channel Marker for the Blind. These two fine, generous and concerned people were active as Caller and Taw in the Pinellas County area for many years until Cliff's sight was impaired, but Cliff did not despair. He searched his new world for a way to be of service and bring happiness to those who were likewise afflicted. After all, these people could walk and knew their left from their right foot, so it followed that they could dance if given the proper guidance. The result of all of this was a class in square dancing for the BLIND, that meets on Thursday afternoon from 1 to 3 at the Channel Marker for the Blind in Clearwater. They have four or five squares at each meeting and are really doing their thing in a grand manner. For the sightless to do movements requires the assistance of a sighted "angel" per unsighted dancer as a partner. The angels come from among Hank Schmakel's dancers. These angels get as much satisfaction from helping as the blind do from dancing. A great big hand to Cliff and Lorraine and the angels for the big job that they are doing so beautifully!

BRAND NEW

by Marge Carter

Happiness for a child is a brand new toy;
A new outfit can bring brand new joy.
Somedays, when all of the world seems blue,
I'ts amazing what a new magazine will do.
A brand new car is the livin' end,
And we all know the feeling of a brand new friend.
When your club needs a lift, here is the answer,
Put out the welcome mat to the brand new dancer.

The above poem was submitted by Byrdie Martin in 1974 but we thought it would bear repeating especially since Marge and Charlie Carter are the featured round dance leaders at the Florida State Convention in Lakeland, May 27, 28, and 29th, 1977

C.R.O.W.D.

In 1965 the Central Registry of World Dancers was formed by Steve and Fran Stevens of San Antonio, Texas. The sole reason for the existence of this organization is to provide dancers with information on square dancing no matter where in the world they might be or where they plan to visit. If you are traveling anywhere in this country, or in the world, and want to know about dancing in that area, just send a self-addressed, STAMPED, envelope to:

C.R.O.W.D
% Marv & Syl Liebowitz
213 Winn Avenue
Universal City, Texas 78148

Marv and Syl Liebowitz now run this service and they will be glad to help you locate a place to dance. This is a free service and Marv & Syl's only pay is knowing that they have helped a square dancer find his way.

We are starting something else new in this issue-summarizing the proceedings of Association business meetings. We hope that this will prove interesting and informative to all readers and may result in more of our members attending. The following took place at the Jan. 26th meeting of the Governing Council:

MEMBERSHIP-We have 803 1977 members, 594 renewals and 209 New members.

FALL FUN FEST-The 1976 "Fest" had a net of \$1,165.52. The committee is using this money to finance the 1977 "Fest" for which fliers and ribbons have been procured.

BLOOD BANK-Now operational - Need donors to build bank.

PRINTING EQUIPMENT-The proposal to buy equipment for duplicating the West Coast Dancer was thoroughly discussed. It was decided to table the matter until a later date.

CLUB POLICIES-This was a discussion of how the rising costs of halls and callers may necessitate a general increase in the admission donation.

BENEFIT DANCE- A Sunday afternoon dance, the proceeds to go to Jim and Hazel Hunter whose home had burned, was announced.

March meeting of the Executive Board will be held the 23rd, after folding.

CALLERLAB MAINSTREAM BASICS LIST

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Circle left/right | 36 Alamo style/balance |
| 2 Forward & back | 37 Star thru |
| 3 Do-sa-do | 38 Couples backtrack |
| 4 Swing | 39 Turn thru |
| 5 Promenade family (Full, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$) | 40 Pass to the center |
| Couples, single file, wrong way | 41 Eight chain thru (1-8) |
| 6 Allemande left/Arm turns | 42 Ocean wave/Balance (R/L) |
| 7 Grand right & left weave | 43 Swing thru family(R/L, Alamo) |
| 8 Pass thru | 44 Flutter wheel/Reverse |
| 9 "U" turn back | 45 Sweep a quarter |
| 10 Split the couple/ring | 46 Veer left/right |
| (Around 1,2) | 47 Run family (R/L) boys, girls |
| 11 Couples separate/divide | ends, centers, cross |
| 12 Courtesy turn | 48 Trade family(boys, girls, ends, |
| 13 Chain family(2/4 ladies, 3/4) | centers, couples, partner |
| 14 Do paso | 49 Circulate family(boys, girls, |
| 15 Right & left thru | all 8, ends, centers, couples, box, |
| 16 Star family (2-8)(R/L) | single file) |
| 17 Star Promenade | 50 Spin the top |
| 18 Inside out, outside in | 51 Trade by |
| 19 Couples lead right/left | 52 Zoom |
| 20 Circle to a line | 53 Wheel & deal |
| 21 Bend the line | 54 Double pass thru |
| 22 All around the left handlady | 55 Centers in/out |
| 23 See saw (taw) | 56 Cast family($\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$) |
| 24 Grand square | 57 Cloverleaf |
| 25 Box the gnat/swat the flea | 58 Slide thru |
| 26 Square thru family(full, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$) | 59 Fold family(boys, girls, ends |
| 27 California twirl | centers, cross) |
| 28 Dive thru | 60 Dixie style |
| 29 Cross trail thru | 61 Spin chain thru |
| 30 Couples wheel around | 62 Peel off |
| 31 Single file turnback | 63 Tag family(full, $\frac{1}{2}$, line, partner) |
| 32 Allemande thar/Wrong way thar | 64 Curlique |
| 33 Shoot the star($\frac{1}{2}$, full) | 65 Walk & dodge |
| 34 Slip the clutch | 66 Scoot back |
| 35 Half sashay family(Standard, | 67 Fan the top |
| rollaway, ladies in, men sashay) | 68 Hinge family(Couples, single, |
| | partner) |

1-38 Basic program

1-54 Extended program

1-68 Mainstream

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| Mon. | Brandon Rolling Hills MH Park HWY#60 1MI E of Brandon EZ 8:30 | Lundbergs |
| | Ft. Myers 2160 San Carlos Blvd. Int. 2-4 | Elythe |
| Tues. | Sarasota Potter Hldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd. 7:30 | Copeland & Laverty |
| | Tampa Grant Park Rec. 32nd Ave. & 54th St. EZ 8PM | Lovelace |
| | Pinellas Park-OxBow 8451 49th St N-Adv & Challenge | Stone |
| Thurs. | Clearwater YWCA EZ 8:30-10:00 | Lundberg |
| | Largo Comm. Center-65 4th St W 12:30-3:30 | Leiner |
| | Largo Comm. Center 65 4th St. W. 7:30-10:00 | Gilberts |
| Fri. | Sarasota MH Park 2100 E.Laurel St. 8:15-10:15PM | Neitzels |
| | Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49th St.N. Inter. 10AM | Walther |
| | Ft. Myers South Rec. Center EZ 7PM | Heiss |
| Sun. | Sarasota Potter Hldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd. 1st Sunday Only | Gilbert & Laverty |
| | Dade City Travelers Rest Beg. 6-8 Inter. 8-10 | Martins |
| | Pinellas Park-OxBow 8451 49th St. N. EZ-Inter. 8-10:30 | Walther |
| Mon. | Largo Oakcrest MH Park 1001 Ulmerton Rd. EZ 7PM 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th | Rand |
| | Tampa N. Blvd. Rec. Center 214 N. Blvd. Inter. & Adv. 7:45 | Lovelace |
| | Venice-Venice Isle MH Park 8-10 Int. EZ 6-8 | Neitzels |
| | New Port Richey South Gate Apts. Comm. Hall EZ 10AM | Walther |
| | New Port Richey South Gate Apts Comm. Hall Int. 1PM | Walther |
| | Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49th St. N. EZ-Inter. 1:30-3:30 | Rands |
| | Clwtr. YWCA 222 S. Lincoln High Inter. 7:45-10:15 | Martins |
| Tues. | Bradenton Golf Estates Oneco Rd. between #1 & 301 Basics 6:30 Int. 8 | Mitchells |
| | Tampa-Grant Park Rec. 32 Ave & 54th St-EZ-Inter 7:45 | DuBois |
| | Sarasota Potter Hldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd. Int. | Laverty & Copeland |
| Wed. | Largo Comm. Center 65 4th St. N.W. 7:30-10:00 Adv. & Challenge | Gilberts |
| | Ft. Myers Downtown Teen Club EZ 6-7:45 Inter. 8-10PM | Kastner |
| | Holiday St. Vincent DePaul Church 10-12AM | Hulins |
| | Clwtr. Top of the World 2410 Sunset Pt. Rd. EZ-Inter. 12:30 | Leach |
| | Lakeland Downtown Rec. 203 Mass. Ave. Int. 8:30-10:30 Beg. 7 | Martins |
| Thurs. | Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49th St. N. Inter. 7:30 | Leach |
| | Sarasota Potter Hldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd. 7:30 | Neitzel |
| | Largo Comm. Center 65 4th St. N.W. 7:30-10 Inter. & Adv. | Gilberts |
| | Pinellas Park-OxBow 8451 49th St. EZ-Inter. 7:30-10PM | Stone |
| | Sun City Center Rec. Hall-Roynders- 1st & 3rd ONLY 7:30 | Christophe |
| Fri. | Sarasota Potter Hldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd. Int. 8:38-10:30 | Copeland |
| | Sarasota MH Park EZ-Inter. 8:15 | Neitzel |
| Sat. | Dunedin Stirling Hall 730 Broadway Basics 11-1AM | Rands |
| | Ft. Myers Teen Club Rec. Center Cleveland Ave. Fun Level | Heiss |
| | Venice Country Club Estates MH Park 3:15-5:30 EZ-Inter. | Mitchells |
| | Plant City Dort St. Rec. Int.-Basic Workshop 7-9 2nd Sunday ONLY | Martins |
| | Plant City Strawberry Sun. RD Ball 2-5 Dort St. 2nd Sunday ONLY | Martins |
| | Dunedin Stirling Hall 730 Broadway EZ-Int. 3:30-6:00 | Rands |
| Sun. | Bonita Springs Comm. Center EZ-Tamami Steppers- 8-10 | Kastner |
| | Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49th St. N. EZ 1:30-3:30 except 4th Sun. | Leach |
| | Pinellas Park OxBow 8451 49th St. N. Ez-Int. 1:30 4th Sun. ONLY | Leach & Walther |
| | Sarasota Potter Hldg. Ringling Blvd. 2PM | Neitzel |

Let us remind you again, please report changes, additions and deletions in listings to the Editor no later than the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication. We don't know unless you tell us.

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| | Ruskin-Kings Point Swingers-Rec Hall 8 pm | Caulkins |
| | Port Charlotte-Char Promenaders-Peace River Sch-PDR Mitchell 7pm 3-Chapman,10-Schneider,17-Kessler,24-Bedell,31-Dumas | |
| | Arcadia Sqs-American Legion Hldg 8 pm | Livingston |
| | Clearwater-New Era Sqs-Clw Beach Aud. PDR 7:30 | Christopher |
| | Clearwater-"Y"Knots-YWCA 222 S Lincoln PDR Mack 7:30 | Baker |
| | Hudson-Club Wildwood-About 2 Mi N of SR52 on US19-PDR Rand 7:30 | Springer |
| Thurs. | Ellenton-Tidevue MH Park-8 pm +Rds 3&17 Schneider 10,24 & 31 Kessler Ft Myers-Kriss Kross Sqs-PDR Kastner 7:30-3 Springer,17 Chapman,24 Mitchell, 31 Bedell | |
| | Venice-Country Club Estates+Rds 8 pm | Cucore |
| | Palmetto-Piney Point Rd MH Park +Rds J.Norton 8pm | Norton |
| | St Pete-Azalea Center-1600 72 St N 7:30 | MacDonald |
| | Land O'Lakes-Comm. Center Teacuppers-1st,2nd & 4th ONLY 8 pm | Phillips |
| | Largo-Holiday Ranch MH Park-East Bay Dr-PDR 7 pm | Hart |
| | Holiday Lake Estates-Civic Assoc-Rds Hulin-4 Gray,11 Prystupa,18 Benoit,25 Mitchel | |
| | Dunedin-Stirling Hall-730 Broadway-Katch All 8's-PDR Rand 7:00 | Schmakel |
| | ElJobean-Yellow Rocks-Comm Center-off SR771-8 pm | Livingston |
| | Lakeland-Gator Promenaders-Rec Center-Mass Ave 8 pm | Pettus |
| | Ft Myers-Bayside Twirlers-2160 San Carlos El-Fun 6 Club 8 +Rds Elythe & Kastner | Butzloff |
| | Matlacha-Comm Center(Ft Myers)-Island Twirlers 8 pm | Hacking |
| | Bradenton-Pescara Lake Park-Wkshp 7:30,Dance 8:00, PDR 7:00 | Caulkins |
| Fri. | High Point-Friendly Sqs-SR50 1½M E Weekiwachee-1st & 2nd only-PDR 7pm Taylor | |
| | Tampa-Spinning Wheels-214 N Elvd-PDR Martin 7:30-1st 3rd only-4 Springer,18Saunders | |
| | Seminole-Left Allamanders-Middle Sch-8701 131 St N-PDR Leach or DuBois 4 Kessler,11 Benoit,18 Gray-1st,2nd & 3rd only | |
| | Brookridge-1 Mi E of High Point-PDR 7 pm-3rd only | Taylor |
| | Sun City-Swingers-Rec Center-2nd-4th only 8 pm | Jabbusch |
| | Brandon-Brandon Sqs-Methodist Ch-PDR Lundberg- 2nd & 4th only | Hinkle |
| | Tampa-Taggers Wkshp club-214 N Elvd +Rds 8 pm 2nd,4th,5th only | Kessler |
| | Zephyrhills-Yell-O-Rockers-Municipal Hldg-PDR Martin 7:30-Last Fri only Benoit | |
| | Pinellas Park-OxBow-8451 49 St.N-PDR Leach or Walther 7 pm | Guests |
| | Clearwater-YWCA-PDR Mack-222 S Lincoln 7:30-Prystupa, Barnes,Prystupa,Schneider | |
| | Englewood-Buttons & Bows-Lemon Bay Sch-PDR Mitchell 7:30-5 Jabbusch,12 & 19 Cucore,26 Baker | |
| | Ft Myers-Teen Club-Cleveland Ave 7:30 Swingers | Sauls |
| | Lake Flacid-Flutterwheels-Masonic Hall-N Main St 7 pm | Bean |
| | Lehigh Acres-Comm Center-PDR Foreman 7:30 | Livingston |
| | Naples-Sunshine Shufflers-Avalon Sch-PDR Kastner 7:30 | Guests |
| | Sarasota-Red Hots-Potter Hldg-8 pm-2nd & 4th Jabbusch-1st & 3rd Guests | |
| | Sarasota-TriPar Estates MH Park-Rds J. Norton 8 pm | Norton |
| Sat. | Mango-Swingin' Yell "O"Rockers-Rec Center +Rds 8 pm-1st & 3rd only | Hurst |
| | Dade City-Square Hoppers-Civic Center-4th & Meridan-PDR Lundberg 7:30 1st & 3rd only-5 Ford,19 Koning | |
| | Tampa-Villa Curli-Qs-214 N Elvd-Rds 8 pm-1st & 3rd only | Kessler |
| | Dunedin-Beach Campground-2920 Alt US19-PDR 7:30-1st & 3rd only | Christopher |
| | Mulberry-Buttons&Bows-Civic Cent PDR Martin 7:30-2nd&4th only-12 Hinkle,26Prystupa | |
| | Clearwater-Ranchmobile MH Park-6800 150 Ave N-PDR Rand 7:30-2&4 only-Christopher | |
| | Hudson-Club Wildwood-2 Mi N SR52 on US19-Class level-2 & 4 only | Kessler |
| | Tampa-Bay Area Twirlers-214 N Elvd-PDR 7:30 DuBois-2 & 4 only-12 Prystupa,26 Walters | |
| | High-Point-8 pm-4th only | Taylor |
| | Pinellas Park-OxBow-Flamingo Sqs-8451 49St N +Rds Hicks 7 pm | Steele |
| Sun. | Sarasota-Friendly Sqs-Potter Hldg-2900 Ringling Hlvd 7:30 | Jabbusch |
| | Clearwater-Top of the World-Sunset Pt Rd-PDR 1:30-2nd & 4th only | Hart |

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| Mon. | Hudson Club Wildwood Refresher Workshop 2-4 | Kessler |
| | Sarasota Bar Nothing Ag. Hldg. Hl Level 8-10 | Jabbusch |
| | Sarasota TriPar Estates 10-noon Advanced | Norton |
| Tues. | Sarasota TriPar Estates 10-noon Inter. | Norton |
| | Tampa Kate Jackson Comm. Center Extended Basics | Cowan |
| | Ellenton Tidevue MH Park Inter. Plus 9:30-11:30AM | Jabbusch |
| Wed. | Brooksville-Brookridge Comm. Center Drift Arouns 7:30 | Swain |
| | Tampa-Oak Park Rec Center-54th St & 14th Ave-Mainstream + | Hurst |
| | St.Pete OxBow Mainstream+ 1-3:30PM 8451 49th St.N. | Springer |
| Thurs. | Pinellas Park OxBow Club Level 1:30-3:30 8451 49th St.N. | Prystupa |
| Fri. | High Point Rec. Center 3MI E of Weekiwachee on SR#50 1st, 2nd & 4th | Taylor |
| Sat. | Zephyrhills Hillbillies-American Legion Hall-8th St-3:30-5:00 | Barnes |
| | Dunedin Stirling Hall 7:30-10PM | Schmakel |
| Sun. | Ft. Myers-Kriss Kross 1st & 3rd only 1st Trainer 3rd Shell | |
| | Spring Hill Whirlaways-Rec. Hall Inter. 7:30 | Swain |
| | Ft. Myers Orange Harbor Palm Beach Blvd. 8PM | Sauls |
| | Punta Gorda Palms & Pines MH Park Riverside Dr. 8PM-Dance to records-No caller | |
| | St. Pete Village Sqs. 2001 83rd Ave.N. 7:30 | MacDonald |
| Mon. | Cape Coral Squares Yacht Club PDR 7:30 | Christopher |
| | Clearwater YWCA 222 S.Lincoln PDR Mack 7:30 | Mitchell |
| | (Clearwater-City Hall Annex-Missouri & Cleveland). PDR 7:30 | Hart |
| | Lake Wales Tower Swingers Old Depot 7:30 | Chapman |
| | Holiday Beacon Sqs. St.Vincent DePaul Ch. HWY#595 PDR Hulin 7PM | Cucore |
| | Palmetto Colonial Sqs. Mobil Park HWY#301 7:30 | Caulkins |
| | St. Pete Shootin' Stars 6315 Central (Cong.Ch.) 7:30+RDS Hicks | Barnes |
| | Tampa Gandy Dancers Interbay Rec. Center 8PM +RDS | Kessler |
| | Ellenton Colony Cove MH Park Bdg. 6PM Inter. 8PM | Caulkins |
| | Dade City Travelers Twirlers 1200 Johnston Rd. 8PM | Mitchell |
| | Cape Coral Caloosa Sqs. Bavarian Gdns. PDR 7:30 Hacking | Hacking |
| Tues. | Dunedin Steeple Stompers 1st Presbyterian Ch. | Higginbothom |
| | Hudson Club Wildwood Dixie Lopers PDR Walther 7PM | Gray or Prystupa |
| | Seminole-Lake Seminole N-10245 110 Ave-PDR Leach 7:30 | Springer |
| | Largo Oakcrest Sqs. MH Park 1001 Ulmerton Rd. PDR 7PM Rand | Schmakel |
| | N.Port Charlotte-Harbor Cove Civic Assoc. 1st & 3rd Gray 2nd & 4th | Prystupa |
| | Plant City Strawberry Strollers Dort St. Rec. Center 8PM | guests |
| | Sarasota MH Park 50 Basics 8:15-10:15 | Jabbusch |
| | St.Pete Azalea Sqs. Rec. Center 1600 72nd St.N. 8:30 | MacDonald |
| | Punta Gorda-Alligator MH Park Rec Hall-S Taylor Rd 8:30 | Livingston |
| | Seminole-Lake Seminole N-10245 110 Ave-Adv level PDR DuBois 7:30 | Springer |
| | Seminole Holiday Shores 104 Ave. 7:30 | Taylor |
| | Ellenton Tidevue MH Park 9:30-11:30AM | Jabbusch |
| Wed. | Auburndale Sunshine Swingers Municipal Hldg. 7:30 | Chapman |
| | Hudson Beacon Woods Racquet Club HWY#52 off #19 +RDS 8PM | Kessler |
| | Cape Coral Sunshine Sqs. Sportsmen Cl. +RDS 7:30 | Hacking |
| | Lakeland Sanlan Ranch Campground #92 PDR 7:30 | Christopher |
| | Venice Country Club Estates +RDS 8PM | Cucore |
| | Sarasota Jaywalkers Potter Hldg. +RDS Laverty Workshop 7PM | Jabbusch |
| | Sebring-Ridge Rollaways-New Civic Center +Rds 7 pm | Livingston |
| | Zephyrhills-Hillbillies-Municipal Hldg +Rds Lundberg 9:30 | Barnes |
| | Tampa-Friendly Sqs-214 N Blvd-PDR Lovelace 7:30 | Prystupa or Schneider |
| | Dunedin-Rec Cent-Pinehurst Rd & Mich Blvd-PDR Walther 7:30 | Gray or Prystupa |
| | Pinellas Park-OxBow-Thunderbird Sqs-8 451 49 St N-PDR Rand 7:30 | Mitchell |

PDR = Pre-dance rounds

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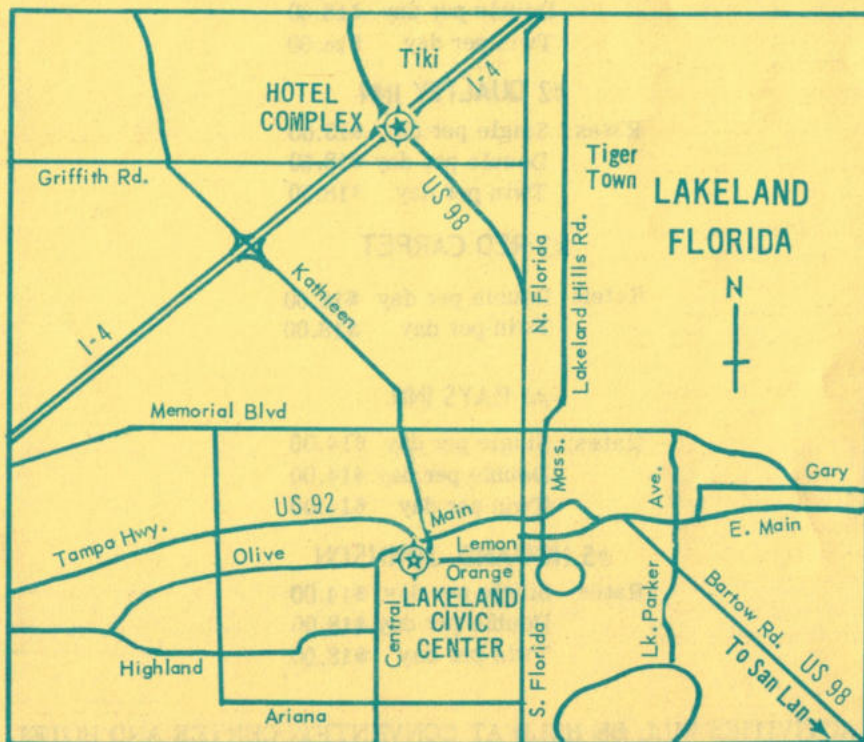
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SPECIAL EVENTS FOR MARCH 1977

- Mar 1-Lehigh Acres-SPRING FESTIVAL BALL-Auditorium-PDR Foreman 7:30 Livingston & Cuore
 Mar 6-Sebring-WEST COAST RENEWAL-County Ag Center-US27 S-PDR Martin 1:30 pm-Bedell 2 to 4
 Refreshments by Flutterwheels Club
 Mar 11-TAMPA TAGGERS 1ST ANNIV-214 N Blvd-8 pm-Refreshments-Rds & Sqs by Kessler plus
 guest caller Jack Hague from Pa.
 Mar 12-Sebring-FLUTTERWHEELS OF LAKE FLACID-ST PATRICKS DANCE-County Ag Center-7-10 pm
 Refreshments - Bean
 Mar 16-Sebring-RIDGE HOLLAWAY ST PATRICKS PARTY-New Civic Center 7 pm - Livingston
 Mar 18-19-WeekiWachee-NASDCA SUNSHINE STATE CHAPTER 018-Holiday Inn Travel Park, US19
 Rds DuBois - Sqs Baker
 Mar 19-Dunedin-SAUNLACE SPECIAL-Stirling Hall-PDR Lovelace 7:30-Sqs Saunders
 Mar 19-Sebring-HIGHLANDERS-County Ag Center-US27 S- J Walter
 Mar 20-Port Charlotte-CULTURAL CENTER(BENEFIT DANCE) +Rds 7:30 - Allison
 Mar 21-Tampa-GANDY DANCERS HOBO DANCE-Interbay Rec Cent-8 pm-Rds-Costumes-Prizes-Kessler
 Mar 24-Clearwater-FUN N'SUN FESTIVAL TRAIL END DANCE +Rds 7:30-Clw Bch CC - Christopher
 Mar 25-Clearwater-FUN N'SUN FESTIVAL-St Pete J& Clw Campus +Rds Rand-7 pm - Driver
 Mar 27-Sarasota-WEST COAST MEMBERSHIP DANCE-Potter Eldg-Area callers & RD leaders-1:30
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COMING EVENTS

- Apr 9-Dunedin-EASTER PROMENADE-Stirling Hall-Rds by Rand 7:30 Sqs by Christopher
 Apr 22-23-Orlando-PIRATES BALL-Expos Hall-Rds Trulock & Augenlick Sqs Bedell
 Apr 29-St Pete-SHOOTIN' STARS 2ND ANNIV DANCE-Treasure Is Aud-Rds DuBois Sqs Barnes
 Apr 30-Tampa-WEST COAST RENEWAL-214 N Blvd-7:30-Rds Rand Sqs Kessler

For further information regarding the West Coast Square and Round Dancers Association or the square and round dance calendar, we suggest that you contact one of the officers of the Association listed below.

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CLUB NEWS FOR MARCH, 1977

TAMPA TAGGERS are glad to have everyone out to our dance. Our Anniversary dance is just around the corner on March 11. We are planning to have a really good time dancing to the calling of Chuck Kessler and our guest Jack Hague. We're also having a round^{up} dance Feb. 24th and we are hoping to round up all our members as well as many visitors.
Nancy Carroll

LEFT ALLAMANDERS: Our gung-ho class of 6 squares will be graduating soon. We will appreciate any encouragement from experienced dancers. That's what keeps the movement so vibrant. We have been delighted to welcome many northern visitors this season. Renewing friendships and making new acquaintances makes us all happier dancers. Everyone is welcome to join us the first three Fridays with Chuck Kessler, Jerry Benoit (of Massachusetts) and Doc Gray our callers for the month.
Hugh & Jean Fultz

KRISS KROSS SQUARES of Fort Myers have been entertaining forty plus squares during the winter months. The Pageant of Light was the big attraction during the first part of Feb. with sixty plus squares dancing. Dances are currently being held either at the Exhibition Hall on the river or Seven Lakes Auditorium south of town.
Claribel Gray

OAK-CREST SWINGERS of Largo this month had many members who celebrated their birthdays and anniversaries - a big Happy Happy to them all. We're now having a full quota of dancers at our events and everyone is having a good time. We hope that Fran Schmakel can shake off that nasty cold, get well and hurry back to all of us.
Harold & Alice Beebe

RIDGE ROLLAWAYS of Sebring are planning a St. Patrick's party with wearing of the green, for their March 16th dance. Everyone is welcome to join us. We are enjoying many new visitors and especially glad to see all of our old friends this winter season. Keep on coming!
Ursula Jenquin

BAY AREA TWIRLERS of Tampa: Josephine Wilson is out of the hospital and doing fine. By the time you read this we hope that Steve Broward and Oneal Cabeza will also be well on their way to recovery. On March 12, Joe Prystrupa will call our Sadie Hawkins Dance with our own Frank Dubois on the rounds. During Feb. a meeting was held at the Carrolwood Civic Center with delicious food. The end of Feb. graduation was held for the Twirlers new class, with workshop to continue. On March 26, we look forward to dancing to Johnny Walter. Our heartfelt sympathy to Ann Hensley on the death of her Father.
M.L. Van Valkenburg

CLUB NEWS FOR MARCH 1977

ST. PETERSBURG CHAPTER OF BACHELORS 'N BACHELORETTES INTERNATIONAL

are starting a new club for square dancers in the Tri City Area. All persons interested please contact Thelma Phillips, 5562 2nd. Ave. N. St. Petersburg, Fl., 33710. Phone 344-2813. We are planning a Get-To-Gether Dance as a St. Patrick's Day Dance some time the middle of March. Flyers will be distributed at all the local Square Dance Clubs.

Betty Daoust

GANDY DANCERS of Tampa: The Mainstream - Plus workshops, 2nd, 4th & 5th Mondays are well attended and everyone is enjoying learning something new or better. Our Hobo Dance, March 21st will be fun with costumes and prizes. Please come dance with us. We love visitors.

Dan Arnold

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS of Port Charlotte visited Cape Coral Squares, a great bunch of dancers, and retrieved our visitor's banner, which was immediately claimed by the Bay Side Squares. We look forward to an outstanding month of dancing in March with callers Roger Chapman, Ron Schneider, Chuck Kessler, Frank Bedell and Leo "Morgan" Dumas from Massachusetts scheduled to call.

Helen R. King

SQUARE EM UP SAMS of Cape Coral had two very successful and well-attended campouts on Jan. 21-23 and Feb. 18-20. Anyone with a recreational vehicle and basic square dance knowledge is welcome to join us for a really fun weekend. For information call Roy Corcoran phone 542-5219, Cape Coral.

Leroy L. Corcoran

KATCH-ALL-8's of Dunedin: We surely did enjoy the pictures of Stirling Hall and Dancers in February issue of Bow and Swing. Many thanks to Jack and Marie Pierson. A lot of our dancers have had the "bug" and we wish them "speedy recovery". Our Saturday beginner class has increased and they are doing real well. We hope to have two bus loads to go to Maitland for their Knothead Badges, around the last of March. Our Sunday night workshop will have a Sing-a-long, (all singing calls) the last Sunday of each month. "Dew Drop" in sometime.

Fran Schmakel

SHOOTING STARS of St. Petersburg's crazy hat and pie dance was fun and filling for everybody. Prizes for the "Hats" went to Birdie Hines and Joe Kowalski. Some faces have been missing from our club and we hope to see Ann Watson and Ethel Maple soon again. John McNaughton is brave, he doesn't let his scars heal before he is back dancing. Happy to hear so many have signed up for our new club dress.

Ann Vogter.

THE FLUTTERWHEELS of Lake Placid are now dancing every Saturday night in this new year. We will have a guest caller on the 5th Saturday with dancing from 7 PM until 10. Ann Newbould is convalescing after surgery. Hurry back Ann - we all miss you. We are very pleased with the large attendance at our dances. All visitors are welcome. We'll make you feel welcome.

Camille Kelly

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SUNSHINE STATE CHAPTER 018, NSDCA met at Camp-A-Wyle, Weeki Wachee for the January camporee with 55 units attending. The Milhous's from Texas, who are the Square Dance reporters for Trailer Life magazine, were guests. Look for Chapter 018 in a future issue of that magazine. The Craft class reported that the ladies made the slides. Don't forget to plan for the Annual Camp-O-Ree on Nov. 4, 5, & 6th.

Adele Kolar

HILLBILLIES of Zephyrhills have changed their dances from the Community Center to the Municipal Building at a new time, 9:30 PM. Bob Barnes calls the squares and Wayne Lundberg the rounds, every Wednesday night. Bob's club level square dance workshop continues each Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 at the American Legion hall, at 8th St. between 6th & 7th Aves. (opposite the Library). Come and dance with us.

Frances Briggs

BUTTONS AND BOWS of Mulberry: A special thanks to Inez Watson and her committee for an outstanding job on special occasion decorations. They have been just beautiful. We are looking forward to a good year of dancing with all of our friends and the great calling of Art Springer and George Hinkel with Marty Martin on the rounds.

Jo Dahl

DADE CITY SQUARE HOOPERS announce a change in our caller schedule. Jerry Smith has resigned as our club caller. We want to thank Jerry for all his help and support in starting the club and working with us over the past four years. Calling on the 2nd dance of the month (3rd. Saturdays) will be Fred Koning of New Port Richey. Guest callers for the next couple of month are: Mar. 5th Bill Ford, April 2nd Bill Bishop. Plan ahead for the Anniversary Dance on May 7th at Saint Leo College with Frank Bedell and Marty Martin on Rds.

Harold Sample

THE FRIENDLY SQUARES of High Point, located between Brooksville and Weeki Wachee on S.R. 50, have work-shop dances the 1st, 2nd, and 5th Fridays of every month from 7:30 to 10:00 PM called by our club caller Jim Taylor. Regular dance is the 4th Saturday of every month at 8 PM with guest callers. Finger food will be served at these dances. Come and have a good time with the Friendly Squares.

Jennie Broeders

CAPE CORAL SQUARES are having fun "following their neighbor" (and occasionally "chasing" him). Under Fred Christopher's capable calling, they are also "ah so! walking" to "load the boat." The number of squares continues to swell as more and more "Sno-birds" arrive and as squares from other clubs come to retrieve their banners. Presidents Web and Kay Webster report that on March 21st there will be an admission-free dance with special decorations dreamed up by Flora Trapp and executed by husband Joe. This is a glorified finger-food festival in honor of the Sno-birds.

Edith T. Juhel

CLUB NEWS FOR MARCH 1977

YELL-O-ROCKERS of Zephyrhills will have Jerry Benoit as caller for the March dance. George Hinkle called in February. Our thanks to Jim Baker who came at the last minute to call for our Anniversary dance because of Jack Cloe's illness. Also to our decorating committee who created our hall into a bower of sunflowers. Wonderful!

Edith Peterson

CLUB SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

TAMPA TAGGERS

The Tampa Taggers will celebrate their first anniversary as a club on March 11th. The club started out as workshop classes. There were so many people eager to attend the classes that it was organized into a club where we can learn and have fun at the same time. We started out with about 80 members. The number has increased greatly during the year. Chuck Kessler is our caller and we hope to have many more years of fun and dancing. Our dances are held every 2nd, 4th & 5th Friday of each month and we would like to invite each and every one to come and dance with us.

Please help us "Spotlight" your Club by sending us a historical account. We will try to publish it during your anniversary month.

KITCHEN KOLUM by Ginny Walther

I'm often looking for good recipes for sour milk cakes. Here's a nice one----maybe someone else has some goodies.

BANANA NUT CAKE

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| 1/2 Cup shortening | 1/2 tsp salt |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 cup mashed bananas |
| 2 eggs | 1/4 cup sour milk |
| 2 cups flour | 1/2 cup butter milk |
| 1/2 tsp baking soda | 1/2 cup chopped walnuts |
| | 1 tsp baking powder |

Cream shortening, add sugar and beat until smooth. Combine mashed banana and sour milk and add alternately with dry ingredients. Add chopped nuts. Put in greased bundt or loaf pan. Bake 45 min. at 350°.

If you want your club publicized get your club news in to the Dancer. See magazine deadline inside front cover.

TENNESSEE STATE FESTIVAL

We received a request to publicize the 5th Tennessee State Festival to be held June 10th and 11th, 1977 in Chattanooga, at the Memorial Auditorium. There will be a full week of activities including four nights of free dancing at area clubs. For futher information contact Earl and Evelyn Eakins, Festival Chairman, Box 77A, Ringgold, Ga. 33736, phone (404) 861-0010.

GEORGIA BIDS FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Georgia State Square and Round Dancers Federation will be bidding for the 1981 National Convention during this year's convention at Atlantic City. The Florida State Federation is supporting the Georgia effort and your West Coast Association is likewise encouraging all dancers who plan to go to Atlantic City to add your enthusiasm to Georgia's efforts. (It takes four years of long hard planning to present a National Convention even after the preliminary commitments and ground work are prepared.)

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Plan ahead to pre-register for the Fall Fun Fest Oct. 28th and 29th, 1977. All 1976 participants were lavish in their praise, and the more experience we get the better the program. Les Main from Colorado, Marty & Byrdie Martin and Frank & Helen Dubois promise a really special weekend with Fred Christopher, Gil Crosby and Freeman Pettus calling after party dancing.

BLOOD BANK REMINDER

All of you who donate blood for our Blood Bank program, please remember to send a post card to John and Susie Petrauskas, 5255 62nd St. N., Apt. 214, St. Petersburg, Fl., 33709, notifying them that you have given blood. We are in URGENT NEED of donors, so please, all you healthy dancers, get yourselves to an affiliated hospital and GIVE.

Quote from a very nice letter from new residents Lew & Lil Hoeflich: "We think square dancing is one of the very best forms of recreation, sociability and exercise and feel grateful to be a part of it all."

The West Coast Dancer is financed by the West Coast Square and Round Dance Association and distributed free to all area clubs.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SQUARE DANCERS

- I - THOU SHALT - honor thy Caller and harken to his voice -- for thy success depends greatly upon his words.
 - II - THOU SHALT - exchange greetings and be friendly to all in thy group, lest thee be labeled a snob and unworthy of thy title-SQUARE DANCER.
 - III - THOU SHALT NOT - ridicule those dancers possessing two left hands -- but endeavor to help them distinguish one from the other.
 - IV - THOU SHALT - strive to dance in different squares -- thereby giving to all, the benefit of thy fine personality and great experience.
 - V - THOU SHALT NOT - anticipate nor dance ahead of thy Caller for he is of fiendish nature, and possessed of evil powers to foul thee up and make thee appear an idiot in the eyes of thy fellow dancers.
 - VI - When thee has goofed - THOU SHALT NOT - moan and belittle thy Caller, thy Partner, nor the slippery floor for thine own stupid mistakes.
 - VII - THOU SHALT - bathe diligently before the dance -- thereby creating a pleasant aroma for thy Partner and leaving the more earthly smells to the Factory and Barnyard.
 - VIII - THOU SHALT - remain silent while thy Caller gives advice and instructions lest he go berserk and mumble to himself and offer to break records on thy unworthy head.
 - IX - THOU SHALT NOT - partake of strong drink before, nor during the dance -- lest thy mind becomes befuddled and thee ends up with thy foot in thine own large mouth.
 - X - THOU SHALT - strive to observe these Commandments and thy reward shall be great. Many friends shall thee have, and thy name shall be listed among the finest people -- THE SQUARE DANCER !!!!
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A TIP FOR DANCERS

Carry a small bar of soap (such as provided by hotels and motels) in a pocket or handbag. Use the soap dry, rubbing freely on the sole and heel areas of shoes to prevent slipping on highly waxed floors. It works equally well on concrete and tile. Happy dancing and fewer clenched toes.

ODDS AND ENDS

by Irene McKown

What a "Happy Time" was had by all at our West Coast Dance in the beautiful auditorium in LeHigh. The calling by Bill Shell was great. And what a variety of rounds by Earle Kastner and Alene Foreman--- were they ever good! I didn't miss a one (a real treat for me). The Edison Pageant of Light dance was also a great success. Bob Yerington was a treat for all. Earle did an outstanding job with the rounds even though Lee was not there to give him her sweet smile. (She had that ole bug.) We had a wonderful crowd, about 65 squares, but were sorry we had to turn some spectators away. Seats were all sold out in advance. With Square and Round Dancing so popular we just need larger halls. When the city built this beautiful Exhibition hall we thought then we'd never fill it up.

If you don't believe Square dancing is growing in leaps and bounds, just drive out to beautiful Orange Harbor some Monday night. We have two sessions of dancing: a class at six and at eight our regular dance---Wow! what a crowd and a beautiful place to dance.

Kriss Kross girls and boys are getting around in their pretty blue club outfits. Caller Bob Yerington commented on how pretty they looked -- but looking all alike he couldn't find his corner. It is a wise man who knows his corner.

Caloosa Squares are having such wonderful crowds, the club voted to keep the dance going on Feb. 1st because they didn't want to miss a dance. We missed Art and Peg at the Pageant of Light dance.

With dancing so popular everywhere, it's hard to make the West Coast Dancer go around. I never throw one away, not even year old ones. The tourists like to take them back to their clubs. Good news travels fast, thats how Pres. Joe gets to pin the ribbons on the visitors. See you across the square.

We regret to announce that Irene has requested to be relieved of the responsibility of reporting for all clubs in the Ft. Myers - Naples area. She will continue to write about items of special interest as they occur. Her contribution to the Association, the West Coast Dancer and square & round dancing in general over many years cannot be described with mere words. We know Irene will continue to work for the good of square and round dancing and will look forward to hearing from her. All clubs should have their reporters send news of their activities beginning with the April issue, which is due no later than March 10th.

FOR SPECIAL EVENTS, SEE PAGE 4A OF DANCE CALENDAR IN CENTER OF MAG.

24th ANNUAL FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION IN LAKE LAND

May 27, 28, 29, 1977

This year we will have a Grand March on Saturday evening and those clubs having club outfits are urged to wear them. This time, for something NEW, we are asking you to make a pole to carry your banner in the Grand March -- IMPRESSIVE!!!

Special effort is being made to involve teens. They will have a room of their own where adults may dance by invitation only. There will be lots of surprises for teens.

A committee is concentrating on "Singles", too, with a special area set aside for "Half-a-Pair" tree. Does anyone remember what a Pear tree looks like? We will have one in this special area and, if you don't have a partner, you can still come to the convention and pair-up in this section. Thus, you can enjoy the fun and fellowship of the State Convention. We know of 2 Singles Clubs in the State and many folks who have no partners.

Our only regret is that many Snowbirds will have returned north and won't be able to share in what promises to be the biggest and best state convention ever. With Walter Stoltz as chairman and willing workers from the entire West Coast membership combining their best efforts, any dancer who fails to come will be the loser.

So Let's go -- This is March, only 2 months left. Register Now! See our flier in center of this issue which you may use to register and request housing accommodations.

ATLANTIC CITY ----- HERE WE COME

Steve and Dorothy Musial, the general chairmen for the 26th National Square Dance Convention report that registrations, as of Jan. 1st., had passed the 14,000 mark. The convention will be held in Atlantic City, June 23, 24, and 25th. An advantage of holding a convention in that city is that many hotels are within comfortable walking distance of the Convention Center.

Besides a complete program of square, round & contra dancing at all levels, the Education Committee has scheduled over 65 hours of panels, clinics, and seminars covering the entire field. Workshops, folk dancing, "ole tyme" dancing and clogging are also programmed.

Exhibitions are always a popular item and 16 groups will appear. In all it should be a fantastic place to spend a vacation, so ask your caller for a flyer and sign up soon.