

## THE LLOYD SHAW FOUNDATION

In the 1930's Square Dancing almost died in our country. Henry Ford preserved some of the old dance forms in his Grand Balls at Deerfield Village. However, the searching out, preserving, and revitalizing of the form of dance known as Square Dancing was a project carried out by Lloyd Shaw, a school superintendent from Colorado Springs, Colorado. His interest resulted in two books, "Cowboy Dances" and "The Round Dance Book", teenage exhibition groups that toured the country and took it by storm, and summer classes for prospective square dance callers and teachers. For many years, most of the nationally recognized callers had studied with "Pappy" Shaw.

After his death in 1959, a non-profit Foundation was set up to preserve and promote Lloyd Shaw's approach to square dancing. This national organization annually supplies callers, cuers, prompters, and panelists for the National Square Dance Convention. Its major work, however, consists of producing kits of records for school and recreational use (Special Education, Elementary, Secondary/Recreational, Contra, and One Night Stand kits) and holding summer workshops to teach teachers and prospective callers how to teach dancing. In recent years, the Foundation has also added Summer and Winter Dance Weeks for recreational dancing fun in the beautiful Colorado Rockies.

Membership in the Foundation is open to all; an active membership costs \$15 and brings a quarterly newsletter, a free record certificate, and other benefits. This summer, workshops for graduate credit will be held in Chatham, Ontario in June, at Bowling Green State University in July, and at the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh in August. The Summer Dance Week will be held July 20-25 at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and the Winter Dance Week will be held the last week in December at Peaceful Valley, Colorado.

For more information about the Foundation, membership, records or kits, workshops, or Dance Weeks write to: Diane E. Burton, Secretary, 1536 Conneaut, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

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