2016 OHIO DANCE CONVENTION



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Attention square dancers! Have you seen the Mardi Gras Magic <u>travel team</u> in your area this fall? They're on the move, trying to attend every major dance in Ohio and surrounding states. With the weather cooling down Mardi Gras mask fans are not so much in demand but registration forms are being grabbed up and room reservations for \$89 are being made wisely in advance at the Columbus Crowne Plaza. If your club wants to schedule our travel team at a major dance call Paulette Henry, 614-582-9343.

Save those masks and beads because all of you are invited along to the Mardi Gras costume parading into the opening night ceremonies. The glitzy floats, however, will decorate various dance halls, including one for the cloggers. We feel fortunate to have them on board this year and welcome them to join in on all the activities.

If you've only raced through or around on our capital city highways it would be well worth your while to slow down and take in the historic sights on Friday morning's Columbus City Garden Bus Tour. For \$28 you'll see and dance at Scioto Mile Fountain, one of the 10 most beautiful in the world, soak in the breath taking gardens of Franklin Park Conservatory and feast on a scrumptious box lunch from Schmidt's German Village. Also, badge dangles will be awarded to each bus tour participant.

New dancers should delight in the chance to shop for those "hard to find" clothing, jewelry, and badge items. They'll also want to strengthen their skills by dancing to multiple callers in the mainstream and plus halls. These hall schedules will be laced with line dancing and the return of half hour specialty "theme music" such as Jazz, Gospel, Classic, Country, 50's + 60"s, Lady Callers, and of course, Frank Sinatra.

Solo Dancers won't want to miss the infamous calling team of Gary Kincade and Tom Strickland Friday afternoon at 3:00. This dance-party opportunity for meeting other solos brought rave reviews at our last convention.

After Parties are shaping up, especially Friday night's Talent Show. Three different acts have signed up to date. Make sure to check the space on your registration form if you have a talent to share.

It has come to our attention that the hotel will charge \$100 for campers and motor homes parked on their lot as it is in direct competition with their generous room rates. Not to worry, we have 3 convenient camp grounds listed on our website www.56ohdc2016.com. Check the website out anyway for lots of other details that may not fit in this press release.

Til next time..... Nancy Swanberg