

Where Would We Be Without.... **WAYNE JOHNSON!**

Because of his incredible commitment - all newsletters, flyers, announcements, and/or list of newest calls *magically* appear on hotlantasquares.org. Without hesitation, Wayne immediately gets that information on the internet for all to see.

As some of you may already know, a computer virus caused the IAGSDC website in New Mexico to crash last month. Our club, as well as all of the other square dance clubs associated with the IAGSDC found their websites completely wiped out. Fortunately for us, our little ol' webmaster had everything backed up. Wayne, along with **Bill Cosmas** and **Matt Zeller**, spent three weeks and sent hundreds of e-mails back and forth as they worked diligently to restore our site. Wayne said it best in a recent e-mail to the board:

“...It is volunteer work like this, behind the scenes, that keeps the club going and helps make our time together enjoyable.”

Although he was referring to Bill and Matt in that quote, we acknowledge his contribution(s), as well.

Thanks for all of your hard work, Wayne.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT MAINSTREAM GRADUATES:

STEVE BOBIC

CAROLYN CORNELISON

BRAD HINDAHL

JERI LARRICK

CORWYN NETTLETON

DOROTHEA NETTLETON

TOM PALAZZO

DEANNA PALUMBO

TODD PRICE

MILTON SPLAUGH



President's Thoughts: Looking Back at 2011-2012

Let's all step back a second and remind ourselves how lucky we are. Few people every stumble upon the rare opportunity we have – to truly do something we love with a bunch of people we love. We have become a family, decidedly modern in that we reflect different genders/gender preferences/ethnicities/food preferences, etc. but ultimately one of our own choosing. No matter whether we have our little squabbles or our momentarily lapses into nostalgia, it all disappears as soon as the music comes on, we hear the magic words – “Square up!” – and we instantly remember how we are all truly related... by our quirky but absolutely addictive and ecstatic love for something we all call “square dance.”

Organizations are like living organisms; evolving and changing over time. I became President when the Club was hitting a major growth spurt and susceptible to growing pains. Just a few years ago, our membership hovered around 70, but then leading up to Convention, many people “came home” and rejoined. When I assumed the reins (post-convention), we were hitting 90 members. While other Square Dance groups around the country – both straight and gay, struggle and see their numbers shrink, we continue to grow.

Our club became much more prominent in the greater Atlanta and Georgia square dance communities; local folks from other non-square dance communities like the contra community joined us (Cis, Andrea, Deanna, Janet, Steve and more) and the country-western dancing community (Mark Wade) Right before Convention, we experienced our first change in club callers in more than a decade when we welcomed Johnny Jones as our new caller. Post-Convention, both Johnny & his wife Penny settled into our “family” here, and Johnny's reputation helped bring in even more folks outside our traditional GLBT square dance community, as well.

Thanks to our Membership Drive in late 2011, we ended up easily breaking the 100 mark and ended up with 107 paying members by early 2012 – not counting the 10 new students we graduated a week ago. Of course a Club's health cannot be judged by numbers alone. For any organization full of so many moving parts to survive and thrive, the center must remain solid, and the core members of our board held together marvelously this year. I feel so fortunate to have had such a great group of Board members around to support me this year.

Undoubtedly a significant part of our increased energy within the Club this past year has been due to **Sherry Mask** and the string of exciting dances that she has put together. Though our object is not to make a bundle of money, we are happy when we don't lose any - and Sherry saw to it that we actually ended up more than breaking even for the year while putting on an exciting series of dances featuring nationally recognized callers.

As President Emeritus, **Danny Miller** did a lot for us by simultaneously taking on that role as well as heading the PDP 10 committee and bringing it into a prominent Decatur location. Everyone who attended can attest to the fact that it was a huge success. Danny also dedicated a large amount of energy to increasing our presence and established firm ties with other area square dance clubs.

As Treasurer, **Doug Miller** has been awe-inspiringly thorough and precise. He has been wonderful in keeping our finances up to date and in also providing consistent and thoughtful advice to the Board. As our Webmaster, **Wayne Johnson** stepped out of his comfort zone and quickly learned everything he needed to know and more. Wayne is a consummate trooper and is always there to lend a hand in every way he can. It is emblematic of his dedication how he and others went above & beyond to rebuild our entire website when all of the IAGSDC websites recently went down because of malware. Our website was one of the very first in all of the IAGSDC to be back up and fully online.

As Marketing Coordinator, **Eileen Stone** has been – in a word – phenomenal. She moved our newsletters light years ahead of where they were in the past, and she has put so much time and creativity into all of our promotional materials. She's a wonder.

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As my Vice President and successor, **Christie Ayotte** has been a constant support to our Board, and her surefooted determination and no-nonsense approach will be very useful to our entire group over the next year. Christie will be a stellar President as she moves into her position just days from now.

Mark Snider has always been a great contributor to our Club even before he agreed to fill the Secretary vacancy on our Board this year. Mark is a technical wonder as well, and we are fortunate to have him stepping into the Webmaster's wizard robes next term.

I am excited that **Eric Glauner** is joining the Board as Vice President as well. Eric was another bright star among our more junior students and he brings prior experience running GLBT organizations as well as a great, positive attitude to the role that promises to invigorate the Board even more. Speaking of infectious energy, I am also thrilled that **Michele Monti** and **Joel Smith** are joining as Co-New Dancer Coordinators for next year, as both of them are full of energy and great new ideas about how to integrate new dancers into our community.

I commend our Club for taking the initiative to finally overhaul the Club's antiquated By-laws this year by unanimously approving the suggestions of the Bylaws committee that had crafted pragmatic changes to make these rules more closely reflect the true current state of our Club. I am also very happy of how tight a bond we've formed with the St. Petersburg LGBT square dance club in particular and how much mutual support each group has shown the others by attending one another's mutual fly-ins. Let's continue that trend in the future.

As Christie steps up to take the reins, I hope that I am handing her an organization that is sturdy and sure, a Club that she can continue to lead into a bright future. Thank you so much for being a part of my family!

Brad

Not going to Vancouver?

Worried about going through square dancing 'cold turkey' during our three-week black out period?

Here's a great way to sharpen your Plus-level skills before we start up again on Monday,

July 23rd ►

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J – Squares

With

Johnny Jones

Join us for a Special

DBD Plus Workshop

DBD БИНОМОЛКОРОД On

Monday, July 2nd, July 9th, and July 16th

7:00 PM to 9:30 PM



\$6 per Person



Mountain View Community Center

3400 Sandy Plains Road

Marietta, GA 30066

For More Information

Call Penny Jones—(404) 644-3578



The 30th Annual Convention of the
**International Association of
Gay Square Dance Clubs**

A Lesbian and Gay Organization

JULY 4-7, 2013

Last Chance for Early Registration:

Now is the time to take advantage of early registration rates for next year's Convention. Register for **Weave Your Heart in San Francisco** before the close of the Vancouver convention on July 2 for the special rate of just \$200.

You can register online at www.iagsdc.org.

Registration Rates

Early Vancouver thru 7/2/2012 \$200

Standard thru 3/31/2013 \$225

Procrastinator thru 7/1/2013 \$265

Non-Dancer thru 7/1/2013 \$120

The Installment Plan:

To help you get the current \$200 Early Vancouver rate, we are setting up an Installment Plan. Just register by July 2, 2012 and make your down payment of \$50 by July 31, 2012. Then mail your remaining 3 monthly installments of \$50 during August, September, and October to guarantee your \$200 registration rate. We'll even send you an email each month to remind you! **Adding the Fun Badge Tour?** Just make one additional payment of \$50 in November and you're all set!

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Our 2011 - 2012 season brought us a wonderful group of callers, helped us renew old friendships, make new friends, eat great food and most importantly - DANCE! Our callers included: **GARY MONDAY - LITTLE JOE GOINS - ROGEY LONEY - TIM MARRINER - STEVE KOPMAN - GARY SHOEMAKE - MATTHEW TEMPLES -**

CHRIS PHILLIPS - JIMMY ROBERSON - JOHNNY

JONES - KEN RITUCCI. Our International Dance was an unprecedented success with over 90 participants present. In addition HS, members of local clubs joined us as well as Willis Crump (GSSDA Pres.) and Marsha and Mike Massey (MASDA Co-Pres.) in attendance. Special thanks to Sherry Mask for putting in all of the hard work that contributed to a very successful year. We're eagerly looking forward to the 2012 -2013 season. On the next 5 pages you'll find a collection of photos from each of our dances.

AUGUST 2011	WELCOME BACK FRIENDS DANCE
SEPTEMBER 2011	SCOOP BACK END OF SUMMER DANCE
OCTOBER 2011	FLUTTERWHEEL FRIGHT NIGHT DANCE
DECEMBER 2011	WINTER WHEEL AROUND DANCE
JANUARY 2012	ZOOM INTO 2012 DANCE
FEBRUARY 2012	PASS THE CHOCOLATE DANCE
MARCH 2012	PDP 10 FLY-IN
APRIL 2012	WHILE THE CAT'S AWAY DANCE
MAY 2012	CAST OFF THREE QUARTERS BENEFIT
JUNE 2012	SUMMER SASHAY DANCE
JUNE 2012	INTERNATIONAL DANCE

HOTLANTA SQUARES - YEAR IN REVIEW



Going Through Post-Convention Dance Withdrawal?
 Let's Catch Up & Dance at Our
CLUB NIGHT - SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

"Welcome Back Friends"

Hotlanta Squares tips its hat to current & past members with its

1st Club Night Dance of 2011

3:30 - 5:30 pm Dancing

5:30 - 7:00 pm Potluck Dinner

[please bring a food or beverage item if possible]

7:00 - 9:30 pm More Dancing!!

Alternating Mainstream, Plus and Advanced tips throughout the day

Featuring
GARY MONDAY



Asheville, NC



"Scoop" Back - End of Summer Ice Cream Dance

Saturday September 24, 2011

Time: 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm ~ Advanced Level

8:00 pm- 10:00 pm ~ Mainstream & High-Energy Plus

Caller: "Little Joe" Goins from Cross Plains, TN

Cost: Free for new students or the first time





FLUTTERWHEEL FRIGHT NIGHT

Halloween Membership Event

Friday October 28, 2011

Time: 8:00 pm- 11:00 pm

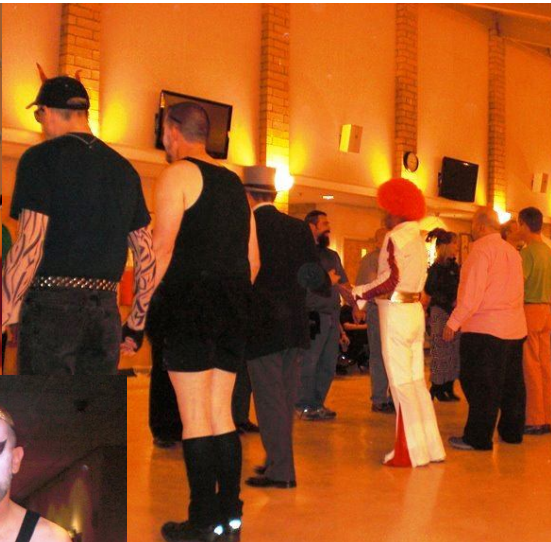
Mainstream, Plus & Advanced Levels

Caller: Roger Loney of Columbus, GA

Cost: Free for new students taking Mainstream
the first time

\$5 for current members / \$7 for gues

Location: Unitarian Universalist Congrega



Winter Wheel Around

Saturday December 10, 2011

Time: 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm ~ Advanced Level

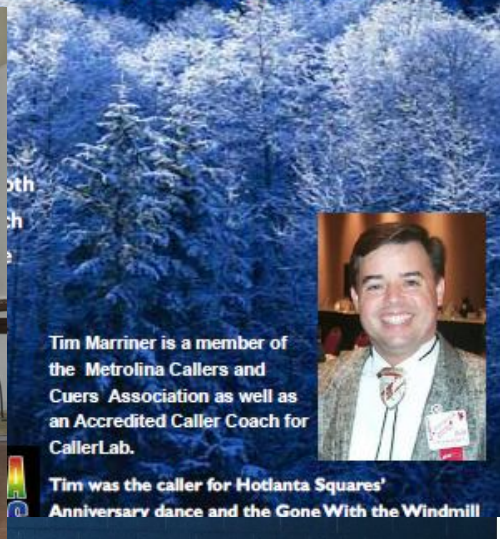
8:00 pm- 10:00 pm ~ Mainstream & High-Energy Plus

Caller: Tim Marriner from Rock Hill, SC

Cost: Free for new students taking Mainstream for the first time

\$6 for current members / \$8 for guests

Please bring an unwrapped toy



Tim Marriner is a member of the Metrolina Callers and Cuers Association as well as an Accredited Caller Coach for CallerLab.

Tim was the caller for Hotlanta Squares' Anniversary dance and the Gone With the Windmill



Zoom into 2012

Saturday January 14, 2012

Time: 3:00 pm- 5:30 pm ~ C-1 and
Advanced Levels

7:30 pm- 10:00 pm ~ High-Energy
Mainstream & Plus

Caller: Steve Kopman from Knoxville, TN

Cost: \$7 for current members



Pass the Chocolate!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

3:30 - 5:30 A, C, DBD

- 10:00 High Energy Mainstream, Plus, A, & DBD

We'll be serving 'everything chocolate'

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

1:30 - 3:30 A, C, DBD

Monday: \$6 members /\$8 non-members (both sessions)

Sunday: \$5 for all attendees



Chris Phillips is a Square Dance Caller/Instructor in Miami, Fort Lauderdale & South Florida. He has over 26 years of calling experience and is a member of



Hollanta Squares presents

Promenade Down Peachtree

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Callers:



Jimmy Roberson



Gary

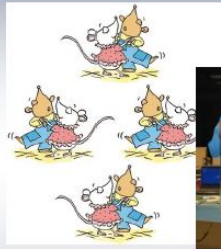


WHILE THE CAT'S AWAY...

DANCE

MONDAY APRIL 16TH 2012

TICKETS: \$6 / \$8 NON-MEMBERS



CAST OFF THREE QUARTERS...OR MORE

Benefit Dance for All Join Hands Foundation, Ltd.



SATURDAY, MAY 12TH, 2012

Mark Wade 7 pm—8 pm Introductory 2-Step Lessons

Johnny Jones 8 pm—10 pm, Alternating Mainstream, Plus and Advanced tips for Non-members

Community Church of Atlanta
Road
30329



JOHNNY JONES



SUMMER SASHAY DANCE

Saturday June 2, 2012
KEN RITUCCI from Manchester, NH



Levels Plus
for guests
guests



KEN RITUCCI

TULLIE RD - ATLANTA, GA 30329





Hotlanta Squares Presents

International Square Dance Night

Tuesday, June 12th 7pm - 10pm



Hotlanta Squares is honored to be one of the stops on an International square dancing tour of the Southeast and would love for you to join us in welcoming our guests. Dancers are from Germany, Switzerland and New Zealand. The evening will be mostly Mainstream with a few Plus tips thrown in. So whether you *Dance, Danse, Tanz, Dança, Danza, Kanikani* or *Valle* - join us on June 12th. Tickets are \$5 for members & \$7 for non-members.

First MCC Church - 1379 Tullie Road - Atlanta, GA 30329





Dear Allie

Helpful hints from
Allison Mandeville (aka
Allie Mande)
preeminent square
dancing Answer lady.

Miss Allie will take your questions now.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Cal G.	July 4
Juel V.	July 6
Sandy P.	July 8
Ed F.	July 10
Wayne J.	July 13
Mike W.	July 17
Christie A.	July 21
George C.	July 23
Dennis S.	July 24
Wayne L.	July 29
Sharyn F.	July 30

Dear Miss Allie,

Let me start by saying that I am a great fan of yours and I'm positively thrilled that you have a new column. Here's my question: How many times should I take Mainstream lessons before moving on to the next level?

Signed,

Nonplussed

Dear Nonplussed

You should be able to react to calls rapidly and without hesitation. In advanced classes, dancers are expected to maintain the integrity of a square. It's really not uncommon for people to take Mainstream 2-3 times before moving on to Plus. I suggest you speak with your club caller. He will tell you if you're ready. And thanks for the kudos.

Allie

Dear Miss Allie,

Is it okay to switch squares at the last second before a tip begins? I'm very particular about who I dance with.

Signed,

Picayune

Dear Picky

NO! NO! NO! Switching squares is considered a serious affront to the people you abandoned. It's rude and tacky. Bottom line, - don't do it!

Allie

Dear Miss Allie,

There are certain people who tend to give me a little shove when I'm dancing to push me in the right direction - and as much as I hate to admit it, I like it (a lot). Unfortunately, I'm not sure how to find these people except by trial and error. Do you think it would help for me to wear a t-shirt that says, "I like it rough?" Signed, Tough Guy

Dear Tough Guy

We encourage our dancers to **NOT** be overly forceful on the dance floor. When the caller says 'pull through' it's not an invitation to maim your partner. As for your wardrobe, your best bet is to contact Greg Croushorn and ask him if you can borrow one of his tee shirts. - Allie

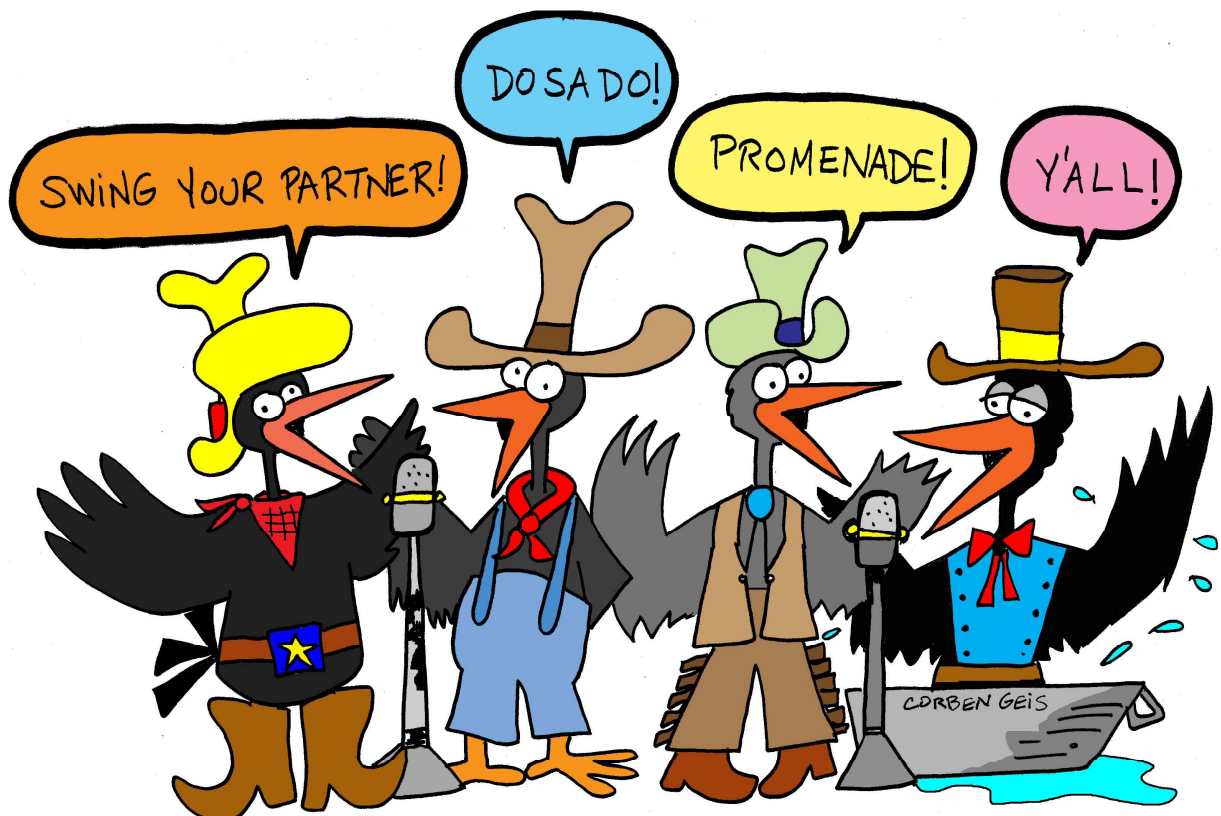
Yellow Rocks, Y'all!

Allie



..... Miss Allie has left the building

On the 4th Day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...



FOUR CALLING BIRDS?

AUGUST ALLEMANDE DANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH

CALLER: JOHNNY PRESTON From Fultondale, AL /
Temecula, CA

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm: C-1 and Advanced Levels
8:00 pm- 10:00 pm: Mainstream & Plus

Tickets \$6 Members / \$8 Non-members / \$4 Non-dancers

First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta
1379 Tullie Road
Atlanta, GA 30329



JOHNNY PRESTON



But wait - there's more! Join us next month at our August Allemande Dance!
Be there *AND* be Square.

SEPTEMBER SLITHER DANCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

CALLER: J.R. ST. JEAN From Orlando, FL

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm: C-1 and Advanced Levels
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Line Dancing
8:00 - 10:00 pm: Mainstream & Plus

Tickets \$6 Members / \$8 Non-members
\$4 Non-dancers

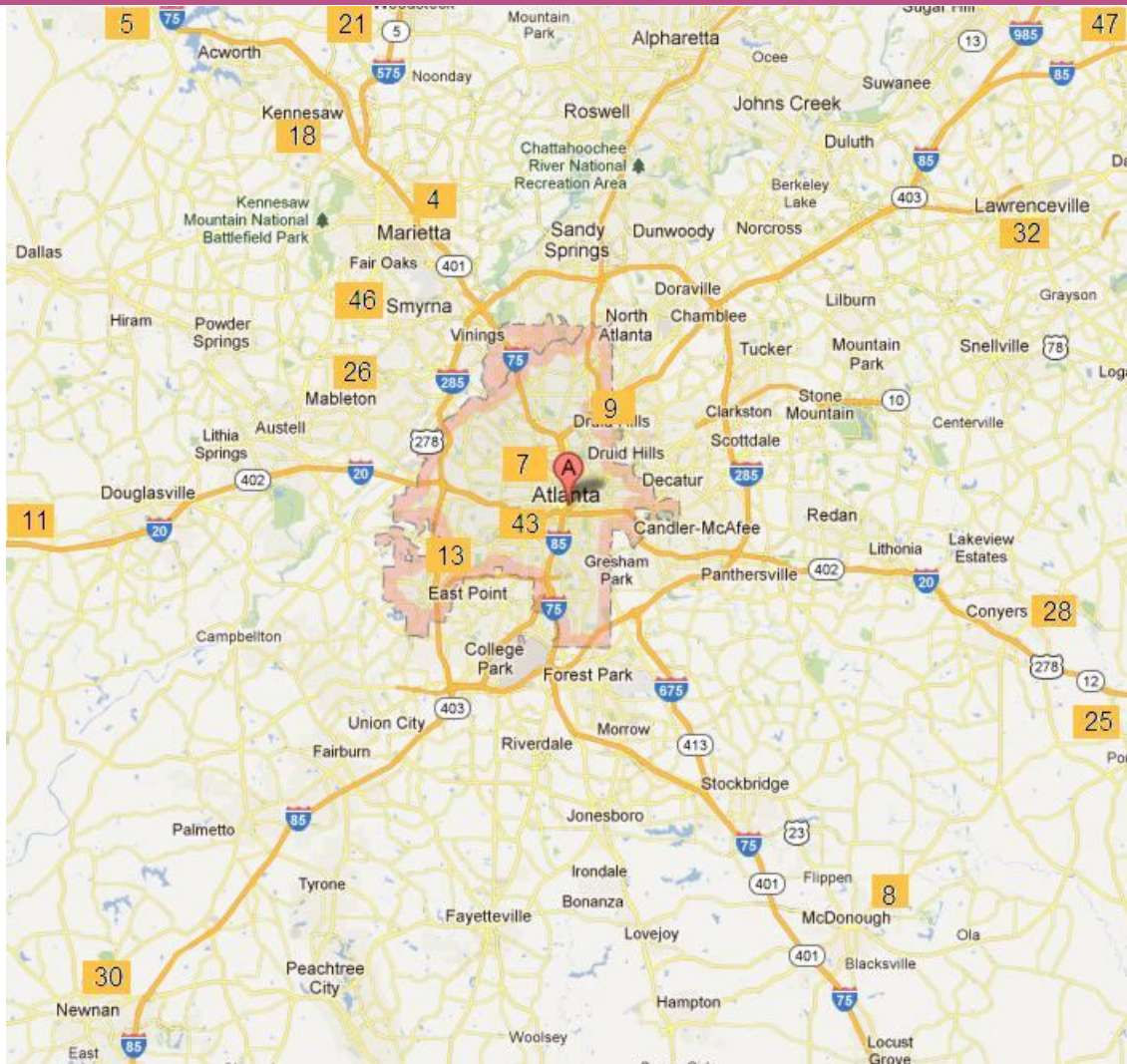
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J.R. ST JEAN
Founding caller of
Hotlanta Squares



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