

## Where Would We Be Without... Our Angels!



They give of their time to attend classes each week in order to make sure new our dancers have the best possible learning experience. They're there to answer questions, to gently guide new dancers, to help balance a square and to offer support and praise. All newbies - past and present, owe them a debt of gratitude. Thank you, Angels!



## GETTING INVOLVED: Board of Directors Elections Coming Up in June

As the temperatures push back into the high 80s and the pollen blankets of spring are behind us, something else is just around the corner: Our Annual Membership Meeting in June and Board of Directors Elections. Most of our Board of Directors positions are elected for two-year terms. We will be asking for nominations to each position starting later in May, so please start thinking about whether you or someone you know would be good for them.

This year the following Board of Directors positions will be up for a vote:

**Vice President:** The Vice President is really making a 3-year-commitment because the Vice President will become the President after Year 1, then will become the President Emeritus in Year 3 of the term. During Year 1 of this person's term, the Vice President "has the back" of the President and is meant to spend their first year learning the intricacies of governing the Club so that she or he is fully prepared to guide the Club as President in Year 2. The Vice President fills in for the President during any absence, and helps review the finances, helps other Board Members plan for events, etc. Year 2 of this person's term – the year as President – is the most demanding, as the President has a number of duties and is expected to provide vision for the Club as well as conduct Board meetings, etc. Some of the President's key duties include overseeing the Management Team, serving as representative at various other square dance clubs, renegotiating the caller contract, doing announcements at all events, serve on all other committees and perform various other duties. In year 3 of this person's term, they become the wise President Emeritus, which means they are expected to give advice to the new incoming President and Board based on their experience on the Board that far. Though this position is involved, it is ultimately incredibly rewarding, as it allows you to help shepherd the Club over a significant period of time as it continues to grow and prosper.

**Secretary (2-year term):** The Secretary is the administrative backbone of the Club. This person's various duties include maintaining up-to-date written minutes of club and Executive Committee meetings, maintaining a list of club members, handle most club correspondence, and maintaining most club records. Someone with a real eye to detail and facility for taking notes and maintaining good records is an ideal fit for this position.

**Marketing and Promotions Coordinator (2-year term):** This Marketing Coordinator serves a key function in promoting the Club through various marketing and promotional means. Among this person's duties are: creating and providing flyers, posters and business cards for club dances, open houses and special events; consulting with various other Board members to get key information necessary to create promotional materials; and publishing a monthly club newsletter. This person needs to have a good command of computer design programs like Photoshop or similar programs.

**Webmaster (2-year term)** The Webmaster is rapidly becoming the position that not only maintains the Club website but is also in charge of handling the Club's "online presence" in various social media. Because the webmaster provides development and management of web pages, web content and links for the Club, this person should have a good command of HTML and comfort with using various social media.

**Nominations:** As our Club continues to break membership records and turn out many new dancers year after year, we really need committed newer members to step up and assume new roles. Please consider nominating either yourself or someone you know for one of these open Board positions. You can nominate yourself or someone else by putting your/their name along with the position title into the Suggestion box or by simply telling a Board member that you would like to nominate a particular person for a particular role. In cases where you are nominating someone else, we will verify with the nominated person that they are willing to accept the nomination.

*Brad Bruner*

## **PDP10 . . . and Moving Forward to PDP11**

It has been over a month since PDP10. A great time was had by all who attended our St. Patrick's Day weekend of square dancing with Gary Monday, Jimmy Roberson and Matthew Temples at the Courtyard Marriott in Decatur. With all of the trials and tribulations that took place with planning PDP10, this square dance was beyond anyone's imagination.

There are so many people to thank with the success of our dance for PDP10. Gary, Jimmy and Matthew definitely came to Atlanta to bring square dancing to an exhilarating intensity. These Masters left everyone breathless and begging for more. Our two food venues also met everyone's food palate needs. The presentation made by **Eric Forth** and his team at **Out of the Pan** on Saturday evening was fantastic and the breakfast presented by **Sammy Morris & Rob Bruner** at **Sammiche's Deli** on Sunday was mind boggling. Everyone walked away stuffed and satisfied. Who knew Hotlanta could eat that many *HOT* biscuits or that many fresh warm cookies that were presented at noon. The cookies were definitely the finishing touch to a great dance.

Thank you to everyone who came to PDP10 with their baskets and gift donations for our raffle(s) - this generosity definitely contributed to our success. I could not love you more. My sincere gratitude to my two co-hosts Sherry Mask and Sandra Eason - I do not know what I would have done without you two. Our adventures through the world of Burlesque and Belly Dancing were enlightening to say the least. Last, but certainly not least, there was a third person without his support, understanding, and love I could not have endured all of the emotion with planning PDP10 as I did without him by my side - thank you, Bill.

We are not slowing down by any means. We are already gearing up and have begun planning for PDP11 - which will be held on our standard Fly-in weekend for 2013 during the Martin Luther King weekend (January 18 -20, 2013). The Planning Committee for PDP11 has scheduled for our square dancing pleasure two of the top #1 Female Callers within the gay square dance community, Anne Uebelacker and Sandi Bryant as our Callers for PDP11.

There will be a PDP11 Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM at the MCC Church (in the small Chapel). Our meeting is open to all Club members and we invite anyone willing to help with the planning of PDP11 to come to our first meeting.

Hugs,

Gone With The Windmill  
Gone... but by no means  
Forgotten

The three co-chairs of  
**Gone With The Windmill**  
would again like to thank  
all the Hotlanta Squares  
members and our friends  
who contributed their time,  
ideas, and Southern  
hospitality to make **GWTW**  
a success. We are all very  
proud of how the event  
came off and how it was  
received by those who at-  
tended. When the dust  
settled **GWTW** ended with



a surplus of \$23,540.57. GWTW was organized as a 501 c3, which means when it is closed any cash remaining must be donated to other 501 c3 groups.

Per the written agreement we signed when we were originally awarded the 2011 convention, we were required to pay **IAGSDC** 15% of any profit after the payment of all direct expenses. A check for \$3,866.23 was sent to **IAGSDC** to fulfill the obligation. Since we made a profit we were also encouraged to return all funds to **All Join Hands** that they had paid on our behalf. We wrote a check to AJH for \$2,385.00 to return what they paid for the trail-in dance and the supplement for first-time attendees.

After paying those requirements, we then sent \$2,500 to **Project Open Hand**, to show our respect for what they have done for our community and because so many of our Hotlanta Squares have volunteered with them. We donated \$500 to **Our Song** for their musical contribution to our opening ceremonies and because several of our Hotlanta Squares sing with them. We donated \$2,000 to the **Metropolitan Community Church** to recognize our ten-year association and all Hotlanta Squares has benefited by using our dance space at MCC. We donated \$3,000 to the upcoming 2012 convention, **Dance Up a Storm**, in Vancouver. We also donated \$3,000 to **AID Atlanta** for their work in our community and because some of our Hotlanta Squares volunteer with them. We were obligated to repay **All Join Hands** and gave them a \$1,000 donation. In addition to what we were obligated to pay to the **IAGSDC**, we sent \$3,789.34 to hold in case a future convention fails to break even and a \$1,500 donation to the **Medallion Project** that presents medallions to individuals who attend 10 annual **IAGSDC** conventions. We have been informed that our donation to the Medallion Project will fund it for the next 10 conventions.

*Alan Field*



# The Ten Commandments of Square Dancing

1. Thou shall Square Dance only for the fun which thee will find in it.
2. Thou shall not be a snob, considering thyself too good to dance with any and all, sitting out the tips, or leaving a square lest though be required to dance with those whom thou deem unworthy of thy talents, for the Gods of Retribution are zealous Gods, and will visit their mischief upon thee, and thou wilt be the one to goof the square.
3. Thou shall be exuberant, thou shall act thy age. Thou shall not offend others by thy high flung legs and overt hand gestures..
4. Thou shall go abroad and dance with other callers so that thy opinions expressed as to the merit of this one and that one are based on fact.
5. Thou shall not let the stranger in thy midst sit on the sidelines and cool his heels, nor fail to speak to him.
6. Thou shall bathe diligently that the sweet aroma of soap and shaving lotion may assail the nostrils of thy associates.
7. Thou shall take care that the words of thy mouth are not scented with garlic or curry or beer (oh, my!).
8. Thou shall honor thy club and give thy loyalty, for if thou canst not do this, it were better to separate thyself from it and join thyself to another whose methods, members and callers are more to thy liking.
9. Thou shall not kill thy club with bickering and fault finding.
10. Thou shall not forget that thou wert once a beginner.



## And While Our Big Cat Was Away...

While Johnny was in S. Carolina, our little “cat’s away” dance had 44 members present as well as 9 visitors (including Ray McCabe and Mark Wasley from CA) and 2 non-dancers.

Approximately 20 couples participated in Mark Wade’s Two Step lessons.

Thanks to everyone that brought snacks and to Roger Loney for calling on a ‘school night’.



**WHILE THE CAT'S AWAY... DANCE**

MONDAY APRIL 16TH 2012

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

2-STEP LESSONS - MARK WADE      CALLER: ROGER LONEY

7:00 - 8:00 PM      8:00 - 10:00 PM

THE FIRST MCC CHURCH - 1379 TULLIE RD - ATLANTA, GA 30329

**ATLANTA SQUARES**



## ALL JOIN HANDS DID YOU KNOW?

All Join Hands Foundation Ltd, is a 501(c)3 charitable organization dedicated to supporting the funding of projects that will preserve and promote Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered (GLBT) square dancing and other associated dance forms. The projects will protect the heritage of the activity and contribute to its growth, emphasizing the social, physical, and mental benefits of square dancing. All Join Hands Foundation will also increase public awareness, educate and inform the general public about preserving the art of square dancing, educating the public on GLBT square dancers, and educate the public about square dancing as an art form.

The idea for All Join Hands Foundation, Ltd. came from a brainstorming session by a group of dedicated square dancers who attended the Make Magic convention in Vancouver, British Columbia in 2001. In 1995, Joe Petersen, a member of the Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus in Denver, left provisions in his will to give money to the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC). The Petersen Fund was created as a result. Others have since inquired about how they could help further gay & lesbian square dancing.

All Join Hands Foundation, Ltd. was formed in 2002. It is registered with the United States Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation.

All Join Hands is an Associate member of the [IAGSDC](#) and sits on the Governing Board of [ARTS](#) (Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square-Dance Inc.)



Tarzan & Jane Take Up Square Dancing



CONGRATULATIONS to Member Brad Pitts, who traveled to the United Kingdom to marry the love of his life, Andrew Saunders, on May 9.

Many happy returns to both of you!

# 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  
Tickets \$6 Members / \$8 Non-members

First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta  
1379 Tullie Road  
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JOHNNY JONES



# SUMMER SASHAY DANCE

Saturday June 2, 2012

Caller: KEN RITUCCI from Manchester, NH

6:30 pm- 8:00 pm : C-1 and Advanced Levels

8:00 pm- 10:00 pm: Mainstream & Plus

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

\$4 for non-dancing guests



KEN RITUCCI

DANCE LOCATION: THE FIRST MCC CHURCH - 1379 TULLIE RD - ATLANTA, GA 30329





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Clara W.	6-May
Rob H.	7-May
Sandra E.	9-May
Eddie B.	13-May
Dandy T.	14-May
Dave T.	18-May
Harold B.	19-May
Bill W.	20-May
Joe 'Spot' C.	25-May
Mark S.	25-May
Krista M.	27-May
Jean-Marc R.	28-May



If you're attending your first IAGSDC convention, you can own one of our official HOTLANTA SQUARES vests. Cost to you is \$50 / Hotlanta Squares pays the rest. See Doug Miller for additional information. (cuties not included)

## UPCOMING FLY-INS

### May 11 - 13 Pioneer Promenade III Fly-in.

Callers: Anne Uebelacker and Sandra Bryant  
Temple Squares Salt Lake City, UT

### May 18 - 20 Stumptown Stomp 2012 Flyin.

Callers: Michael Kellogg and Barry Clasper  
Capital City Squares Guernville, CA

### May 24 - 27 Silver Belles & Beaus: 25th Anniversary Fly-In.

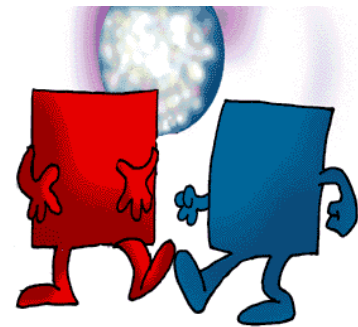
Callers: Anne Uebelacker and Joe Uebelacker  
Triangle Squares Toronto, Ontario

### June 12 International Dance Night

Hotlanta Squares plays host to a group of European square dancers touring the southeast.

### June 29—July 2 Dance Up A Storm - The 29th Annual IAGSDC Convention

Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Vic Ceder, Todd Fellegly, Michael Kellogg, Barry Sjolín, Sandra Bryant, Barry Clasper, Bronc Wise, Mike Desisto



# AUGUST ALLEMANDE DANCE

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH**

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

6:30 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



**JOHNNY PRESTON**

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# SEPTEMBER SLITHER DANCE

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**

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

3:30 pm- 5:50 pm: C-1 and Advanced Levels

7:00 pm- 10:00 pm: Mainstream, Plus & Line Dancing

Tickets \$6 Members / \$8 Non-members / \$4 Non-dancers  
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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

**1:30—3:30 pm: A1 and C**

Tickets \$5

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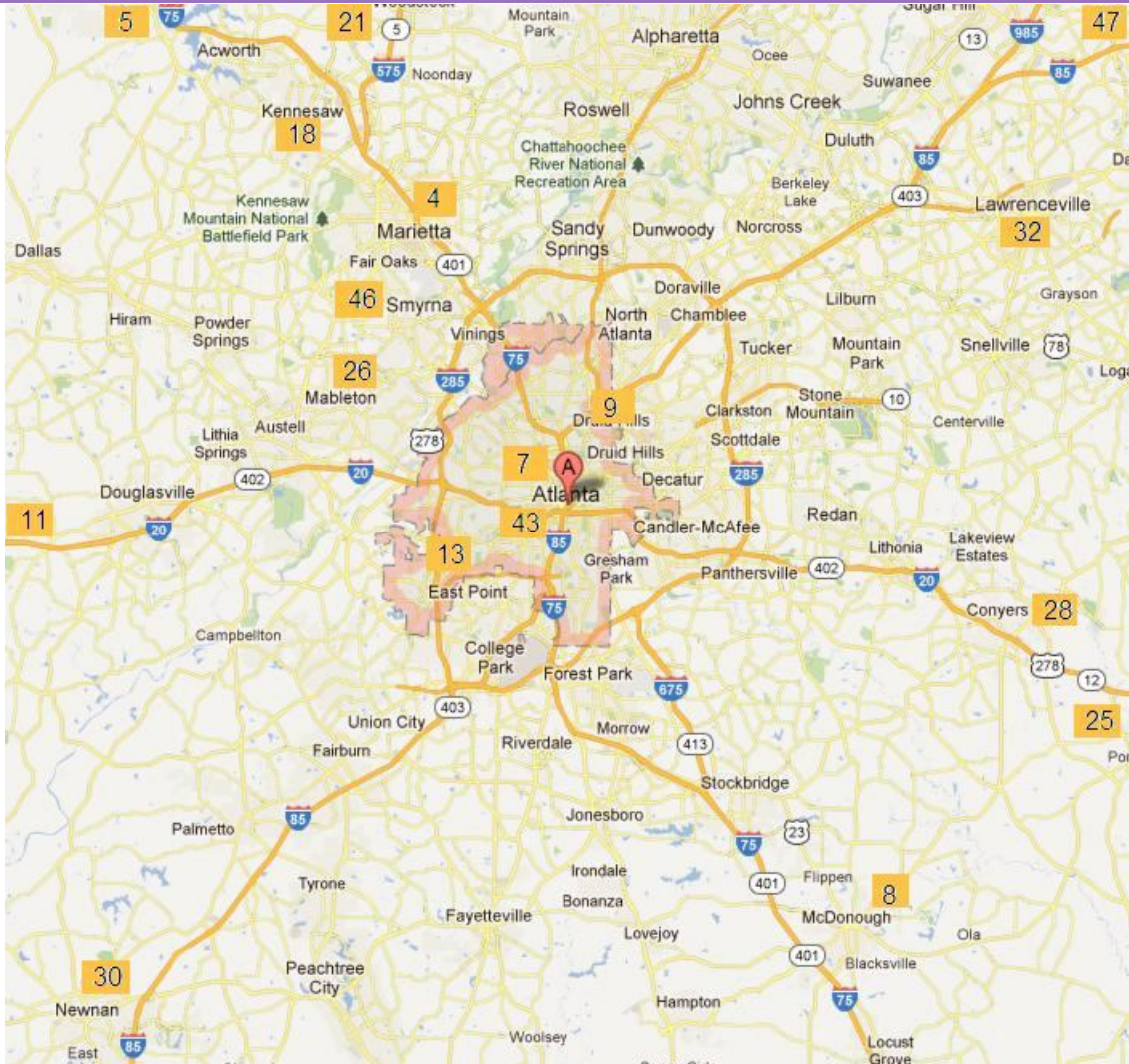


**J.R. ST JEAN**  
Founding caller of  
Hotlanta Squares





# MASDA SQUARE DANCING CLUBS & LOCATIONS



3	Apple Country Squares - Elijah	9	Hotlanta Squares - Atlanta
26	American Squares - Mableton	18	Kennesaw Square Dealers - Kennesaw
4	B#s Plus - Marietta	8	Lads 'n Lassies - McDonough
	Diamond Turns - Marietta	43	Mahogany Spin Tips - Atlanta
	Dudes 'n Darlins - Marietta	13	Matrix South - Hapeville
	Wheel Arounds - Marietta	30	Merry Go Rounds - Newnan
21	Cherokee Squares - Woodstock		Rebel Reelers - Newnan
28	Crossfire Squares - Conyers	25	Newton Hayriders - Covington
	Rock-a-Round Dance - Conyers		
26	Danc 'n Singles - Mableton	7	Peachtree Squares - Atlanta
47	Habersham Squares - Cornelia	32	Silver Stars - Lawrenceville
11	Haymakers - Temple	5	Western Promenaders - Rome
		46	Windy Hill Squares - Smyrna

For additional club information, go to [www.masda.net](http://www.masda.net)