

HOT TIPS



JULY 2013

THE STATE OF THE CLUB

Dear Club Members and Friends:

As I prepare to hand over the reins of power, such as they are, to incoming President Eric Glauner, I want to take a moment to recognize the focused attention and hard work the members of this board have given this Club the last year. This has been a productive year, and this Club should be proud of the work our volunteers have done.



Generally, our Club is strong and thriving. Some of our key accomplishments over the last year:

We continued to hold your interest and enthusiasm. With membership at 102 members, we are either the largest or second largest Club in the state of Georgia. We usually have at least three full squares of Advanced dancers on Tuesday nights, plus 5-6 full squares on Monday nights.

We managed your money well. Although the Club had a slight loss overall for the year, the board did not raise dues this year and did not raise class night prices. Further, because the board offered early bird pricing, the overwhelming majority of you paid less than the \$30 annual dues rate. At some point in the future, the board may need to raise our annual rates, or to charge more than \$5 per week for lessons, but the board remains committed to keeping costs as low as possible to ensure that finances do not become an obstacle to participation.

We handled some outstanding legal issues. We formally incorporated the Club as a non-profit corporation in the state of Georgia; we updated our contracts; we investigated our tax standing; and we implemented new procedures to ensure that the club is complying with tax laws.

We brought great callers directly to you. In addition to providing a nationally-known caller to you every Monday and Tuesday night for lessons, our events coordinator has used her negotiation prowess to bring other nationally-known callers directly to you month after month.

We expanded the presence of our club and of LGBT and allied people in the larger square dancing community. The board began promoting a series of "field trips" to encourage members to visit other clubs throughout the Southeast; we saw the election of two of our members, Bill Cosmas and Danny Miller, to the Georgia State Square Dance Association (GSSDA) board; we published ads in Footnotes and the Dixie Crier regularly and produced monthly newsletters; and we gave the Club's website a face lift to better serve our members and those visiting from afar.

We supported the gay community from which we come. By participating in Atlanta PRIDE, by continuing to hold our class nights in an open and affirming church, and by donating to Pets Are Loving Support and to All Join Hands, we have actively supported the larger LGBT community. We have expanded the reach of the LGBT movement for equality by recruiting allies who start as our dance partners and become friends and members. And importantly, we provide a friendly, welcoming space for LGBT people and our allies to dance together, to get to know each other and to develop a community that exists in real time and not just online.

As the club grows, our new board must face the challenges that approach any expanding non-profit group. These include:

How do we stay cohesive as a group as our membership grows to include dozens more people, so that each member feels seen and valued?

How do we keep dancing fresh and fun for long-time dancers?

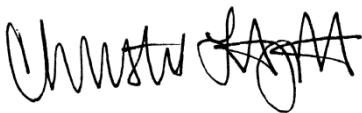
How can we welcome new dancers and keep them coming back for more?

How can our operations be more stream-lined, more tech-savvy, and easier to manage for a volunteer-run organization?

I am grateful to Brad Bruner, Eric Glauner, Doug Miller, Eileen Stone, Mark Snider, Sandy Porter, and Sherry Mask because each one of these people took seriously their job descriptions and worked hard to fulfill far more than the minimum requirements. Each of the people on this board has excellent judgment and truly cares about the Club, which has made it easy for me to act like I am “managing” something, when in fact I have mostly reported to you the work they have done. I am also grateful for their friendship.

The Club has elected a new slate of officers who are also highly competent, patient, and talented, and I know will also represent the Club well. I confess I have enjoyed being addressed as “Madam President” immensely (they refuse to call me this as home, by the way), but I am happy to cede the title to such a thoughtful and competent person.

As I prepare to relocate to Washington, DC before the end of the year to join my partner and our new baby, I will see you all a little less often than I have over the last twelve months, but I will still be thinking about you. And yes, I am still planning to bring the baby back for a class night – once she can hold her own head up and all. One can’t start square dancing too early!



Christie L. Ayotte
President, 2012-2013

INDOOR MOVING SALE!

Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Christie Ayotte’s house
3060 Mount Olive Drive
Decatur, GA 30033



We are moving from a 6 bedroom house to a 3 bedroom apartment – which means about half of this stuff’s gotta go!

Furniture, tools, kitchen stuff, scrap wood and building materials, office supplies and equipment, and a bunch of miscellaneous. There will also be a FREE Box on site. (Anyone who volunteers to help work the sale gets first dibs on the leftovers, btw.) Oh – and we’ll be inside, so it will be air conditioned. Yes!!! Questions? 678-698-3610 or christie@ayottelawfirm.com

There's something about Mary



As you know, Mary Humphries has left us to join that great tip in the heavens. She leaves us a legacy of fun, and smiles and laughter; of high energy and a love of square dancing. And equally, a love of her Hotlanta Square family.

Our family returned that love at her memorial service. Some 12 or so members were able to attend a most compelling service.

At the head of the chapel were three tables. The center one bore Mary's remains and what her son, Tony, described as Mary's 'glamour shot.' On the left were pictures and mementos from Mary's life growing up in England and of her family's life after immigration to Canada and the United States. The right side table documented Mary's square dance history over some 40+ years. There were club pins from some six states and one province, brochures from square dance conventions she'd attended, pictures, and general memorabilia.

Tony gave a moving eulogy of his mother, noting her celebration of life and a dare devil streak many of saw at dances and class. Our own John W spoke eloquently of his memories of Mary, of common interests that went beyond square dancing. Others shared similar thoughts.

At the end, Danny Miller asked Tony if our Hotlanta Squares family could do one last thing. Danny informed the assembly of our tradition at the end of a tip. With Tony's blessing, we formed a circle of interlocked arms and gave our Mary a final resounding, "THHHhhhaaaaaannnnkkkkk YOU!!!"

There weren't many dry eyes after that.

Mary will be remembered at the IAGSDC convention in July.

Larry M.





We'll miss you, Mary!



AUGUST ALLEMANDE DANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH

CALLER: JOHNNY PRESTON from Fultondale, AL

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

First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta

1379 Tullie Road

Atlanta, GA 30329



JOHNNY PRESTON



INTRODUCING THE HOTLANTA SQUARES SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Hey everybody, there's a new committee on the block! We really appreciate our members and we'd like to show our concern when unhappy events occur in their lives. As a 'flip side of the coin' of announcing birthdays during class nights we'd like to start sending things like get well cards to members in need of some cheering up. While I will greatly and gladly accept information as it happens to facilitate getting cards out I'm looking for one or two people to manage the task with me so that if one of us has our own life event we're called away for we won't be in a lurch to extend some support to others.

Please let me know if you're interested. I anticipate this being a very low amount of effort needed, we just need to keep our ears to the ground for information on what's going on in our community.

Thanks,
Eric

Hotlanta Squares Graduating Class of June 2013



Congratulations to all 12 of our new mainstream graduates. You were all great sports as well as wildly entertaining to watch. The good news is that you'll never have to dance blind-folded or with a balloon between your knees again.

Now, the real fun begins!

Hotlanta Squares 2013 - 2014 Board of Directors



Check out our Website and Facebook pages!

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WWW.HOTLANTASQUARES.ORG

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/hotlantasquares/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/hotlantasquares/)

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO ADVERTISE? GARAGE SALE? ROOM TO RENT? NEED A TRAVEL-MATE? LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Send me the following information by the 15th of the month and your ad will be in the next month's newsletter. Send to Eileen: elstone@bellsouth.net



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| NAME: | DATE: |
| TIME | EVENT TYPE: |
| LOCATION: | ANYTHING ELSE WE NEED TO KNOW? |



Members of Hotlanta Squares at the IAGSDC convention in San Francisco



Best Wishes for a Speedy
Recovery, Brad

39th Tennessee Square and Round Dance Convention
August 1-2-3, 2013

Gatlinburg, Tennessee

**W.L. Mills
Conference Center**

**234 Historic Nature Trail
Gatlinburg, TN**

Dancers Diner

MENU
Square Dancing
Mainstream
Served with a side of Mania
Plus
With Saucy Pizzazz
Advanced
C-1

MENU
Round Dancing
Phase II-VI
Waltz Rumba
Cha Cha Tango
Two Step
and MORE!

SIDES
Lines
Fashion Show
Sewing Clinic
Competition
Squares

**CRAZY
FUN**

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DINER HOURS

Thursday: Trail-In Dance 8-11 pm
Friday: Dancing Noon to 11 pm
Saturday: Dancing 10 am to 11 pm

Serving Up Fun!
LIVE BAND
Friday & Saturday Evenings

HARD SURFACE
PORTABLE FLOORING
NO Dancing on Carpet!






AUGUST 3, 2013 DANCE IDOL FASHION SHOW

YOU BE THE JUDGE:

CAN YOU FIT A SQUARE PEG INTO A ROUND HOLE IN A STRAIGHT LINE? MAYBE NOT, BUT YOU BE THE JUDGE. COME TO THE MILLS AUDITORIUM ON AUGUST 3, 2013 AT 11:00 AM AND APPLAUD, HOOT, OR HOLLER FOR YOUR FAVORITE DANCE TEAM AS THEY COMPETE IN *DANCE IDOL*. LAUGH AT THE ANTICS OF OUR DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF IDOL JUDGES; AND ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL OUTFITS WORN BY FASHION SHOW MODELS AND ESCORTS!!

SEE YOU THERE!

MODELS AND ESCORTS: PLEASE FILL OUT THE BACK OF THIS FORM WITH YOUR OUTFIT INFORMATION IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE. YOU MAY ALSO USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER TO DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT(S). PLEASE SUBMIT ASAP TO THE FASHION SHOW COORDINATORS. 

THANKS AND A BIG **YELLOW ROCK** IN ADVANCE TO ALL OUR MODELS AND ESCORTS

39th ANNUAL TENNESSEE STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

**BEAUTIFUL MODELS!
HANDSOME ESCORTS!
WEARING WONDERFUL OUTFITS FOR
YOUR ENJOYMENT**

**DANCE IDOL IS A SHOW YOU DON'T
WANT TO MISS!**

**FRIENDLY COMPETITION
3 TEAMS!!! 3 DANCES!!!**

**YOU WON'T BELIEVE THE COMEDIC
TALENTS OF OUR MYSTERY JUDGES
AND EMCEE.**

**GATLINBURG CONVENTION
CENTER
MILLS AUDITORIUM
11:00 AM**

**DOOR PRIZES
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

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454 Gwinhurst Road
Knoxville, TN 37934**

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DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION FOR FASHION SHOW MODELS & ESCORTS

CLUB NAME & CITY:

MODEL'S NAME:

TEL: (H)

TEL: (CELL)

E-MAIL:

ESCORT'S NAME:

TEL: (H)

TEL: (CELL)

E-MAIL:

MODEL'S INFORMATION

PLEASE WRITE A DESCRIPTIVE REVIEW OF YOUR OUTFIT FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES BELOW.
Please write clearly. You may type your description using this sheet or a separate one and attach it to this registration form.
Thank you for participating in the 2013 Fashion Show.

OUTFIT DESIGNED BY:

MADE/PURCHASED FROM:

COLORS:

DESCRIPTION OF TRIM:

LOCATION OF TRIM:

TYPE OF NECKLINE:

RUFFLES: YES NO

TYPE OF BODICE:

TYPE OF SLEEVE:

TYPE OF WAISTLINE:

TYPE OF SKIRT:

RUFFLES: YES NO

IF YES: HOW MANY?

SLIP: (COLOR & KIND)

PFTTIPANTS:

SHOES:

OTHER ACCESSORIES:

ESCORT'S INFORMATION

SHIRT:

PANTS:

VEST:

JACKET:

TIE:

SHOES/BOOTS:

OTHER ACCESSORIES:

QUESTIONS: CALL DANNY/DIANA: (865) 963-5775; (865) 323-3333. MAIL: 454 GWINHURST RD, KNOX, TN 37934

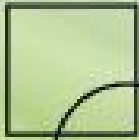
Song and Soul of the South

MACON
GEORGIA

Welcomes You to



Square
and
Round Dance



Dance and Swing in 2013

GSSDA

42nd Annual Convention

September 19-21, 2013

Macon, GA

www.gssda.org

Invite a friend this year!

Square Dancing

Friday and Saturday

11:00 am - 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Only Acceptable Casual Attire:

Friday & Saturday until 5:00 pm

Square Dance Attire Only:

Friday & Saturday ~ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Grand March:

Line Up 6:45 pm ~ March 7:00 pm

Friday - Red, White & Blue Night

For Non-Members Advance Weekend

Ribbons @ \$25.00 each

Mail check payable to GSSDA

prior to Sept. 1, 2013 to:

Nancy Feek

111 Lake St., Rockmart, GA 30153

Phone 770-684-6661

njfeek103@wmconnect.com

Trail End Dance:**

Thursday, September 19th

8:00 -11:00 pm

Casual Attire (No shorts or Tee Tops)

****GSSDA Members FREE**

****\$5.00 Non-Members**

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