

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- April 9th Mainly Mainstream Dance with our own Johnny Jones calling
- May 7th Spring Dance and Pot Luck Supper with Robert Townsend
- June 2016 Hotlanta Squares Board Elections
- June 11th, 2016
  Sashay into Summer with
   Rick Gittelman
- July 1st 4th, 2016
  33rd Annual IAGSDC Convention in Toronto
- Jan. 13-15 2017
  PDP 2017



### <u>Birthdays</u>

Brad McCurdy – April 2nd

Endsley Real – April 7th

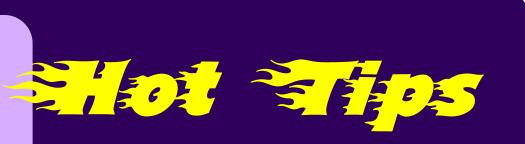
An Qi – April 12th

Kate Bennison – April 12th

Jesse Oliver – April 22nd

Glen Rodgerson – April 23rd

John Bennison — April 24



#### APRIL 2016

## 33rd Annual 1AGSDC Convention is right around the corner!

What really happens at Convention?

If you are planning to attend convention in Toronto this year and have not begun thinking about travel plans its time to start step'n! Remember Toronto is in another country! You'll need an up to date passport. The IAGSDC website has a wonderful **Convention Guide** that tells you just about everything you need to know to get ready and maximize your fun. There is so much to do you may want to pick and choose your activities. To the right is an excerpt ...

The idea of spending four days square dancing doesn't sound terribly exciting at first. However, the same thing could be said for other LGBT community events, such as choral conferences, leather conventions, or imperial courts, all of which are similarly popular and entertaining. Like those events, there are many different types of activities at any given IAGSDC® Convention.

#### Some examples:

- Special "challenging" dance tips (these are labeled "WFH" or "TNP")
- Hexagon squares (Six couples dancing per square.)
- Gay Callers Association Caller School
- (Usually held just before Convention.)
- Progressive squares
- "Variety" dance tips
- Honky Tonk Queen contest (More on this some would say, "regretfully" later on.)
- Dance workshops
- Vendor booths
- Women's hospitality lounge
- Moonshine tips (Nude square dancing.) (Yes, really.) (We'll talk more about this later on, honest.)
- Bar tours
- Pre- and post-convention tours

- Nightly cabarets (sometimes with "open mike" nights) Mostly, Convention is about meeting old and new friends, and dancing with them, and realizing that you're part of a global community of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender dancers ... and their friends and family.

## Frequent Dancers - Dance for Free

Hotlanta Squares brings in nationally known guest callers throughout the year for our club dances.

A good turnout for these special events is not only more festive and fun for all, it speaks well for our club reputation as one of the largest and most active square dance clubs in Georgia! In appreciation of those members who make the extra effort and attend all the Hotlanta Squares' dances in the calendar year, free admission will be granted to our year end "Holiday" dance in December.

#### So. . . .

If you attended our February 27th dance with Aaron Wells then be sure to attend the upcoming club dance on <u>April 9th</u>, and stay qualified for the free dancing in December !

## Hotlanta Squares Caller Development

You are invited to come to class a little early on Mondays (6:55—7:25 p.m.) to support our aspiring home grown callers. We need dancers to square up for Andrea, Cis, Mike, Deanna and Clara (not necessarily all in one night) as they run through

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And a special bonus event, Mike Shagina will be conducting a 2 hour dancing and workshopping session from 3:00—5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 9th. **Flourishes** Will be Covered !

# Convention 2016

<u>Triangle Squares</u> welcomes you to <u>Toronto</u> for a fun weekend of fantastic square dancing at the 33rd annual IAGSDC convention **July 1-4, 2016**. We've lined up ten fabulous <u>callers</u> and planned a full <u>schedule</u> of events.

#### Click here for <u>Hotel</u> registration.

To learn about Toronto and our latest news, join our <u>Facebook group</u> and <u>sign up</u> to receive our newsletter.

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Any questions? Please contact us.

Occasional Help Wanted . . . This is an notice posted as a courtesy for Christie Baer, a former member and President of Hotlanta Squares.

#### Friends,

Though I have moved to Savannah, I still do some legal work in Atlanta, too (though I have not managed to be in Atlanta on a Monday evening so far to see you!). Now that Larry Minogue has relocated to Florida, I need to add a couple more "runners" in Atlanta to assist with various tasks related to my law practice: witnessing wills, picking up documents from clients and filing them at the courthouse, etc.

This is very easy stuff – you just need to be at least 18 years old and have your own transportation. Pay is usually \$15/hour. Basically, if you want to be a runner, I put you on the list, and when I need something done, I call/text/email you and if you can do it, great, and if you can't, no problem. Once it's done, I mail you a check.

If you're interested, please email me: <u>Christie@thebaerfirm.com</u>.

Thank you! I miss you! Yellow Rocks, Christie



#### HOT TIPS

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