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EDITOR: EDMOND CAMPBELL

## PRIDE COORDINATOR ANNOUNCED

George Loyd will be coordinating this year's pride event for Hotlanta Squares, including an entry in the annual Pride Parade in October. George has some great ideas, including possibly teaming up with City of Light and using their church bus. If you are interested in helping out on the Hotlanta Squares Pride committee, please contact George. He would love to have your help.



## **Consistency Award Winners Spring 2018**





Consistency Award winners for the Spring 2018 semester are Namath Gaskin, Henry Bond, Deanna Palumbo, Clara Welch and Sam Serotte. Each winner had perfect attendance of either the Monday or Tuesday night classes for 10 consecutive weeks from 2/5/18 to 4/9/18.

The award symbolizes the commitment that has been made and the life giving force good attendance has on our club.

This year's award is a name brand insulated water (or coffee) stainless steel 20 oz bottle. The bottle is personalized with the Hotlanta Squares logo, the person's name, and the date the award was earned (4/9/18).

Congratulations to the award recipients.

## **Volunteers Needed For 2019 National Convention**

Atlanta will be hosting the National Square Dance Convention in 2019 and volunteers are needed. Next year's convention will be the 68<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual convention as compared to the 36<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the IAGSDC in Philadelphia.

The convention is affordable (\$60 vs \$260) compared to the International Association of Gay and Lesbian Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC) convention because of the "economies of scale." The IAGSDC convention's attendance is 700 – 800 people, whereas the Nationals is 6,000 to 8,000 people.

This will be the first time the Nationals have been in Atlanta.

This convention will be the first Nationals convention to have halls where new dancers can come and get an intro to square dancing, and it will be an important place for our club to get visibility for the purpose of recruiting new dancers.

Hotlanta Squares hosted the IAGSDC convention in 2011, "Gone with the Windmill," and had intros to square dancing, if I am not mistaken this is how our devoted Michele was recruited.

Those of you who are members of the Metro Atlanta Square Dancers Association (MASDA) have seen an advertisement asking for volunteers in the Footnotes publication.

I am in charge of the Caller Hospitality Suite, and will need volunteers to serve 2 hour shifts for 3-4 days with probably 4 shifts to fill per day, so please please consider volunteering for the Caller Hospitality Suite.

It will involve making sure callers are fed and watered. Some of them may need potato chips, or lozenges, or coffee or Sudafeds or adoration. I am attending the Kansas City Nationals this week to find out.

If you want to stay in the hotel, I am told rooms are going fast, so register now.



-Clara Welch

Yellow Rocks is a square dance term that means hugs. Please keep the following Hotlanta Squares members in your thoughts and hearts as they deal with an illness or loss:

Rodney Tweedy, who is battling cancer

Moe Prado, who is on dialysis and waiting for a new kidney

Neil Kalin, who recently lost his husband Mark Carroll after a brief illness.

Brad McCurdy on the recent loss of his mother.

YELLOW ROCKS





#### Annual Meeting for Hotlanta Squares

June 25, 2018 at City of Light Church

Doug M., President, called the general meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The officers in attendance were: Sam Sh., Anne D., Sara L., Edmond C., Brad H., George L., and Clara W. Absent: Edmond C.

#### State of the Club:

Please see the attached .pdf document.

#### Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the 2017 general meeting were emailed to all members on June 20, 2017. There was a motion to amend the minutes regarding the treasurer's report.

MOTION by Kent T.

Move to change the 5/31/2017 treasurer's report from \$2499.00 to \$2170.59 in checking and from \$24,885.62 to \$22,685.03 in savings. Seconded by Saralyn L. and passed corrected without dissent.

#### Treasurer's Report (as of May 31, 2018):

Club has \$2,833.62 in checking, \$21,109.17 in savings and \$30.00 in petty cash. Membership for 2018 stands at 77. Profit for PDP 2018 was \$3436.69.

#### Reports

Events Coordinator - Saralyn L. - discussed past and future dances events.

*Pride Parade 2018* – George L. – On Sunday, 10/14/2018, from 10am-3pm our club will march in the parade with the theme being the same as last year – "Dance, Hug, Repeat"

PDP 2019 Coordinator – Anne D. – Registered: 49; Income (not including expenses): \$4054.00 which includes \$435.00 in transfers from PDP 2018; 2 swaps from other clubs.

#### **Presentation of Attendance Awards**

Attendance awards went to Henry B., Clara W., Deanna P., Sam Se., Neil K., and Namath G.

#### **Election of New Officers**

The following officers were voted in without dissention:

Vice President – Mark S.; Secretary – Kate B. and John B.; Webmaster – Anne D.; Marketing and Events Coordinator (on an interim basis) – Edmond C.

#### Bylaw Changes Presentation and Vote

The change to Section 9: Appointed Leadership Positions under New Mainstream Dance Coordinator from "the duration of the Mainstream class from Open House through graduation, including the graduation ceremony" to "one year beginning July1st" was presented and voted on without dissent.

#### **Recognition of Board Members**

Doug recognized outgoing board members.

#### Adjournment

MOTION by Anne D.

Move to adjourn. Seconded by George L. and passed without dissent.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Danner, Secretary





Clara Welch 5/6

Eddie Bizhop 5/13

Dave Tillis 5/18

Mark Snider 5/25

Neil Kalin 5/29





Matt Zeller 6/1

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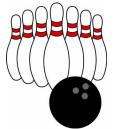






## **Bowling and Dinner**

On June 9<sup>th</sup> Hotlanta Squares held a non-dancing club event. It started with bowling at Fun Bowl on Buford Highway followed by a well-attended group dinner at El Potro Mexican Restaurant across the street. Kent had the highest bowling score (surprise, surprise) but we were all winners when it came to the delicious food. Kudos to Saralyn for her efforts in planning and coordinating the event.









## **VA Outreach Event**

On June 12<sup>th</sup> Hotlanta Squares had the opportunity to promote our club to veterans when the VA hosted a LGBT outreach event. Special thanks are due to Clara Welch, Randy Rowan and George Loyd for manning the table and providing information about our club. Hopefully some of the participants will be curious and visit our upcoming open house in August.





## Summer Scoot-Back with Rick Gittelman

On Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> a great crowd turned out to dance to Rick Gittelman. As you can see by these photos, a great time was had by all.







A special Tuesday-Night Mini-Dance Alternating Mainstream, Plus, Advanced and

> C1 Dancing from 7:00pm – 9:30pm Featuring both of our club callers,



Clara Welch and Mike Shagina Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 City of Light



3125 Presidential Parkway



Atlanta, GA 30340 Admission \$5.00 All are welcome



Come dressed as your favorite sandwich (after all you are what you eat)



Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Alternating Mainstream, Plus, Advanced and C1 Dancing from 7:00pm - 10:00pm

> City of Light 3125 Presidential Parkway Atlanta, GA 30340 Admission: HS Members - \$8 Non-member Dancers - \$10 Non-dancing guests - Free



A special Monday-Night Mini-Dance Alternating Mainstream, Plus, Advanced and C1 Dancing from 7:00pm – 9:30pm Featuring both of our club callers,



Clara Welch and Mike Shagina Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 The Rush Center



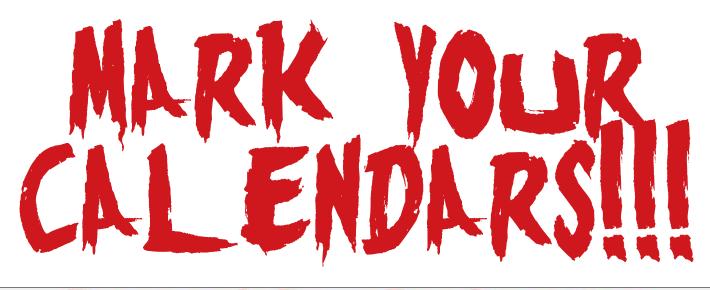
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Atlanta, GA 30307 Admission \$5.00 All are welcome



Wear your favorite beach attire





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## ATTENTION! We have been challenged to raise \$5,000!

In 2006, following the successful convention in San Jose, the Star Thru the Silicon Galaxy committee created the new dancer program. This program aims to lower the registration cost for a first-time dancer to the lowest non-promotional registration rate. First time attendees didn't have the opportunity to pre-register and are therefore only able to secure the higher registration rates available closer to the event. This has been a highly successful program! To date over five hundred (500) new dancers have been able to experience the joy of their first convention at a reduced rate.

It is no secret that the cost of attending a convention is a significant travel investment. An anonymous donor has pledged to double the next \$5,000 in donations made specifically for the purpose of helping people attend their next convention. For every \$1 you donate to this new program it will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000.

All Join Hands is committed to programs that help further the activity we all love. Please consider a special donation to All Join Hands earmarked to reduce future convention costs. Our previous program and your generous support can make this a reality.

Welcoming new dancers and returning dancers is an investment in our future!

www.alljoinhands.org

DANCING SQUARES Mainstream Plus Advanced Challenge Hot Hash **Progressive Squares Hex Squares** DBD **Singing Calls** LINES ROUNDS Phase II-VI **Different Rhythms** 

44th Tennessee

W.L. Mills **Conference Center** 234 Historic Nature Trail Gatlinburg, TN

# **Tentative Schedule**

Gatlinburg, TN

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Thursday: Trail-in Dance 8-11 pm 2 Square Dance Halls 1 Dedicated Round Dance Hall

Friday: 10 am to 11 pm Saturday: 10 am to 11 pm 6 Halls of Dancing \*Live Band: Evening Hours in Main Hall

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After-Party

www.TNSquareDance.org Facebook: TN Square and Round Dance Convention

# MOREIII

Vendors Contra Grand March Sewing Clinic Workshops Intros

**Fashion Show Singles Program** 

## 44<sup>th</sup> Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention August 2, 3, & 4, 2018

W.L. Mills Conference Center, Gatlinburg, Tennessee 234 Historic Nature Trail, 37738

Sponsored by the Tennessee Association of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc.

Visit us at www.TNSquareDance.org

#### Check the website for Convention updates

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## 40<sup>th</sup> ALABAMA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

## **Every Dance is a Holiday**

AUGUST 23, 24 & 25, 2018



OXFORD CIVIC CENTER 401 McCullars Lane Oxford, AL 36203

 TRAIL END DANCE
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 THURSDAY, August 23rd
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 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Wear Your Favorite Holiday Outfits

 Mainstream with Announced Plus
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 Rounds & Lines
 FRIDAY, August 24th

 \$5.00 per person
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FRIDAY, August 24th Daytime: 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. Callarama & Early Rounds 6:00 p.m. Evening: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Friday: Free to ASARDA members \$10.00/person non - ASARDA members

SATURDAY, August 25<sup>th</sup> Daytime: 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. Callarama & Early Rounds 6:00 p.m. Evening: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

\$10.00/person



For more information contact:

Jim Purvis, Convention Chairman 251-653-5442 or Tina Wilkins, Program Chairman 706-518-6197 asardanews@gmail.com

## 2018 Alabama State Dance Convention August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 **Oxford Civic Center** - 401 McCullars Lane, Oxford, AL 36203



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### GSSDA

July 1, 2018

Hotatlanta Squares

Mark your Calendars! September 21st & 22nd 47th GSSDA State Convention

We are excited that the Convention is just around the corner, and we're looking forward to seeing all our favorite callers, cuers, line dance instructors, and all of the friends we've not seen since last year. We're also looking forward to making new friends. We encourage all clubs scheduled to dance on September 21st or 22nd to please close for the weekend and bring your caller and dancers to the convention.

We are asking for assistance from the clubs:

First, we need items to give as door prizes during the fashion show on Saturday. These items need to be wrapped and turned into a GSSDA Board Member no later than 10 AM Saturday at the convention.

Second, the cost involved in renting a nice facility large enough to have more than one dance hall and an area for the vendors is extremely expensive, so we would appreciate your club donating a gift basket that we can raffle off. Since GSSDA is a family-oriented organization, we ask that no alcohol or tobacco products be in these baskets. We've been asked about what type baskets clubs should donate - that's up to your club. However, some good examples could be Tea Basket (different types of teas); Flower Garden Basket (small garden tools, gloves, flower seeds); Chocolate Lovers Basket (chocolate), Man Basket (sports items); Woman Basket – (body mist, lotions), or any type basket. Please let us know by August 1st if your club is willing to donate a raffle basket. You can contact Melba Couch at 706-766-4418 or email melbatrapp@yahoo.com, Angie McClure at 678-956-0287 or email mcclureac@charter.net or Darline Barge at 770-617-1211 or email shirleysangel3@gmail.com .

Third, we need volunteers to be Greeters. If anyone in your club would like to help for an hour or two, please have them contact us and give us the time they are willing to work. Contact: Willis at williscrump@yahoo.com.

Last but not least, we need you! It takes everyone to make a convention a big success, so we need the dancers, the callers, the cuers and line dance instructors. We need you for the convention.

GSSDA is working hard at growing square dancing. We want to see square dancing grow in our local communities, in our state, in other states, and also nationally. For square dancing to grow; we need the participation of all dancers, callers, round and line dance cuers. We welcome your comments and suggestions on how make square dancing grow.

Thank you, GSSDA Board 47th Georgía State Convention September 21 - 22, 2018 Athens, Georgía

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Convention Location: The Classic Center 130 Foundry Street Athens GA 30601 <u>Friday, September 21st</u> Callerama Trail End Dance 2:00 - 5:00 pm Dance 7:00 - 11:00 pm

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Saturday, September 22nd Early Bird Dancing 9:00 - 11:00 am Fashion Show 11:00 am Continuous Dancing 12:00 - 5:00 pm Grand March Line Up 6:45 pm Dance 7:00 - 11:00 pm

Please visit our website for dance details

www.gssda.org Facebook: Georgia State Square Dancers Association (GSSDA)

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