

February 2020 Hot Flash



Occasional updates and important news from our President

Happy Monsoon Season, Everybody!

It sure has been a rainy start to the new year and if this keeps up, we might need to rename PDP to Promenade thru the Deep Puddles ☹️

Speaking of PDP 2020, with 120+ happy dancers in attendance, our little ol' fly-in was on fire this year and people are still buzzing about it. From the decorations and costumes to the callers and dancers, it was a roaring success! I'm especially pleased with the large number of recent graduates who not only attended but jumped right into a square. They learned first-hand that fly-ins, and PDP in particular, are the best way to build confidence while making new friends.

Mark your calendars for PDP 2021, because all of this rain is gonna take us ***Somewhere Over the Rainbow!***

But wait, the fun continues:

- We were thrilled to have Justin Russell calling for us on February 8th as we celebrated the colorful life of Glen Rodgerson. The dancehall teemed with the happiness and joy that reminded us of his wonderful spirit. May you forever twirl, Glen.
- And just this past week, 20+ Hotlantians ventured to St. Pete, FL and partied with our sister club, Suncoast Squares, at Flip the Flamingo! The weather was perfect, the dancing was exciting (for you C1 dancers, there was even a taste of C2), and, of course, the only-in-Florida experience of dancing on the beach at Ft. DeSoto was fabulous (and a bit chilly for those brave enough to dance the ocean tip). If you didn't make it this year, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year.
- In just a few weeks Jet Roberts, a hit at PDP, will be back with Hotlanta to call our ***St Patrick's Day Dance*** on March 14th. It will be at the Lutheran Church, not the PBC. For details, check the calendar entry by [clicking here](#).

Check out our Facebook group for pictures and videos from both Fly-in events.

With all this fun going on, you might not remember that class is back in session. Despite the rainy weather, we had a good turnout for our Spring

open house and are excited to help our next bunch of students fall in love with square dancing. Be sure to come out Mondays (and Tuesdays), 7pm @ Peachtree Baptist Church.

Speaking of PBC, I am really excited about our future at this new location. Once we get settled in and a few of the kinks are worked out, it's going to be a great home for years to come. As for the kinks, we are working on both short-term and long-term fixes for two of the more pressing ones, the acoustics and the courtyard flooding. And we can definitely use y'all's help:

1. To help with the acoustics, we will partially close the room dividers to help absorb some of the reflective noise on the dance floor. The snack table will be set up behind the room divider allowing for the tabled area to become more of a social area separate from the dance area. I would appreciate y'all's help in trying to move conversations to this area instead of near the dance floor to avoid distracting the students and caller. And, if you're in a square, try to keep conversations low. You'd be surprised how loud even the smallest whisper can get out on the dance floor.
2. The courtyard flooding is definitely a concern and is something we will work with PBC to address. In the meantime, we are going to try adding more light to the darkest areas and laying door mats at the entrance doors. Please use extra caution when walking thru the courtyard especially the low, flood-prone portion of the sidewalk which tends to get muddy quickly. And use the door mats to dry your shoes before coming into the main hall.

3. We can always use volunteers to help setup and tear down each night (especially getting the outdoor lights set up in advance of our 7pm start time). So if you can arrive a little early or stay a little late, that would definitely benefit everyone. And if you cannot, please help clean up any used cups or plates around you before you leave.

Phew! That was a lot of words and so I'll leave it there by just saying see ya in a square!

Yellow Rocks,
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