



# Hot Tips

August  
2017

## ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS HELD

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, Hotlanta Squares held our annual meeting of the club members. Each officer presented a report reviewing their respective activities for the year. Following the regular meeting business, elections were held for three board positions; Vice President, Treasurer and Events Coordinator. **Sam Shepherd** was elected to the position of Vice President. **Brad Hindahl** was elected Treasurer and **Saralyn Levine** was re-elected for a third term as Events Coordinator. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, **Doug Miller** became club President and **Clara Welch** became President Emeritus. Congratulations to our new club officers and a big thank you to **Juel Veach** who is completing his third term as Treasurer and to **Michele Monti** who is going off the board after serving for three years as Vice President, President and President-Emeritus. Thank you both for your wonderful service to the club.

The club also voted unanimously to accept recommended changes to the club by-laws proposed by Doug Miller. The changes clarified some of the wording and terminology used.



New club officers Sam Shepherd, Saralyn Levine and Brad Hindahl

## NAMATH GASKIN PRESENTED GRADUATION CERTIFICATE

Namath Gaskin was one of the students who completed the Beginner/Mainstream class this spring but was unable to attend the graduation ceremony on June 12<sup>th</sup>. He was presented his certificate at the annual meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> by Caller/Instructor Mike Shagina and Club President Clara Welch. Congratulations Namath and welcome to the club!



## CONSISTENCY AWARDS PRESENTED

At the annual meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>, consistency awards were presented to class attendees who attained perfect or near-perfect attendance over the course of the semester. Winners are as follows:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Perfect Attendance

Namath Gaskin (Mondays)  
Sam Serotte (Mondays, also 2<sup>nd</sup> place on Tuesdays)  
Clara Welch (Mondays, also 2<sup>nd</sup> place on Tuesdays)  
Mike Shagina (Tuesdays, also 2<sup>nd</sup> place on Mondays)  
Saralyn Levine (Tuesdays)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Only 1 Absence

Victor Ing (Mondays)  
Doug Miller (Mondays and Tuesdays)  
Glen Rodgerson (Mondays)  
John Bennison (Tuesdays)  
Eddie Bishop (Tuesdays)  
Elaine Conn (Tuesdays)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Only 2 Absences

Tyler Burnham (Mondays)  
Edmond Campbell (Mondays)  
Greg Croushorn (Tuesdays)  
Vinnie Metzger (Tuesdays)  
Michele Monti (Tuesdays)  
Randy Rowan (Tuesdays)



Prizes for all were a silver heart photo stand with a glass octagon gem dangle. Attached to the stand was an envelope, a card, and cash. First place winners received \$20, Second place winners received \$10 and Third place winners received \$5. Congratulations to the winners.

Randy Morgan - August 3rd  
Ernest Gardner - August 7th  
Mike Shagina - August 11th  
Bob Haack - August 11th  
Donna Brogan - August 15th  
Beth Williams - August 17th  
Kerry Sullivan - August 18th  
Brad Bruner - August 23rd  
Cameron Synnestvedt - August 24th  
Carla Haack - August 26th  
Anne Danner - August 28th  
Debra Hanson - August 28th  
Cindy Light - August 30th





## Hotlanta Squares Well-Represented at Swing & Mix

About two dozen Hotlanta Squares members made the trip across the country to Palm Springs, CA for the IAGSDC convention, **"Swing & Mix"** over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Participants danced in a variety of specialty tips, including dancing in the hotel's oversized pool. Several of our members made side trips to other scenic attractions in the area, including Las Vegas, Red Rock Canyon, Hoover Dam, Joshua Tree National Park, Mount San Jacinto and Santa Monica Pier, to name a few.



## Congratulations to Clara Welch for 20-Year Medallion

Clara Welch became the first Hotlanta Squares member to be awarded a 20-year Medallion at this year's IAGSDC convention. This means she has been to 20 conventions. Clara is currently serving our club as President Emeritus and is our back-up caller. We are so lucky to have Clara.

## Three Hotlanta Squares on IAGSDC Board

Hotlanta Squares is lucky to have two current and one former member of the club currently serving on the IAGSDC board of directors; Brad Bruner, Kent Tolleson and Dan Mutschler. All have served our club as president. Dan is currently serving as president of our sister club, Suncoast Squares, in St. Pete.



## Two Hotlanta Squares Members Receive 10-Year Medallions

Congratulations are in order to Tommy Isenhour and Rob Hayes for receiving their 10-year medallions at this year's IAGSDC convention in Palm Springs. We are very proud of these guys.





# More Pix From Swing & Mix





Hotlanta's "Mary Ann" a.k.a. Rob Hayes represented the club in the Honky-Tonk Queen Contest at "Swing & Mix" 2017.



## Summer Theme Nights Provide Alternative to Review Classes

Usually the period between the annual meeting in June and the Beginner/Mainstream Open House in August is a slow time. The summer IAGSDC convention and vacation season provides a chance to "take a break" from dancing. Usually we take the first half of July off and have a few review classes before gearing up for the open house in August. This year we decided to do something different. We took the week of Independence Day off but held fun summer theme nights on the remaining weeks. Instead of just reviewing the calls we had been taught during the Spring, we decided to make each Monday night a mini-dance with alternating Mainstream and Plus calls, including singing calls, with a fun party atmosphere.

Here are some photos of these fun-filled events.



June 26<sup>th</sup>  
Show Your Colors –  
LGBT Pride Theme Night



# July 10<sup>th</sup> Hula Luau Hawaiian Theme Night



Congrats to Susan Litton, winner of the Hula Hoop Contest



A special recognition of Clara Welch for her service to the club



# July 17<sup>th</sup> Laugh & Dance Theme Night

Funny jokes were told between tips. Dancers braved the "Taped Tip Challenge".





Presents our 4th Summer Theme Night...



Monday, July 24, 2017

at City of Light, 3125 Presidential Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30340 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
Wear your best vintage polyester and bring fruit or dishes made from fruit...and be prepared to Shake, Shake, Shake you booty. Alternating Mainstream and Plus tips - Admission: \$5 - Calling by Clara Welch

July 24<sup>th</sup>

Nice Pear Disco/Fruit Inferno Theme Night




**Karaoke Squares**

Monday, July 31, 2017

- Our final Monday theme night of the summer
- Mostly singing calls
- Student callers will be given a chance to showcase their talent
- Alternating Mainstream and Plus tips from 7:30pm until 9:30pm
- Admission \$5.00
- Complimentary for Intro to Plus: 8:30pm - 8:45pm and Mainstream Rowers: 6:45pm - 7:25pm (by Clara Welch)



July 31<sup>st</sup> – Karaoke Squares





# Non-Dancing Club Event – Dinner At Tortugas

On Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> Hotlanta Squares held a non-dancing club event. We all met at Tortugas Cuban Grill in Peachtree Corners for dinner and drinks. Delicious!!



# JOIN US FOR A HOTLANTA SQUARES



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH FROM 4:00PM UNTIL 7:00PM

AT THE HOME OF NEIL KALIN AND MARK CARROLL

An official non-dancing Hotlanta Squares Event

Bring a side dish or dessert. Soft drinks provided. Additional beverages welcomed

*...and don't forget your swimsuit and towel*

## Hotlanta Squares to Co-Sponsor P.A.L.S. Bingo on September 13<sup>th</sup>

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, Hotlanta Squares will once again co-sponsor P.A.L.S. Bingo at the Jungle nightclub. Hotlanta Squares members will be issued tickets to sell for \$20 each. For each \$20 ticket we sell, the club will keep half, which will go to help fund PDP 2018. The event starts at 7:00pm at The Jungle. See Kent Tolleson for tickets. Here are some photos from last year's event, Disco Bingo.



## Help Us Pack The Park October 22<sup>nd</sup>!



We now have our own AIDS Walk Team! Our Team Page is now active and ready for you to Join Our Team. The 2017 AIDS Walk Atlanta & 5K Run is being held at Piedmont Park on Sunday, October 22, with the 5K Run at 1PM and the Walk at 2PM. Anyone is welcome to join our team, they don't even have to be involved in our club currently, so sign up and ask your friends and family to join our awesome team. You also don't have to be present for the walk, just register as a Virtual Walker and ask your friends and family to help by visiting your Personal AIDS Walk Page and give a donation of any amount. Listed below are easy step-by-step instructions for joining our Hotlanta Squares Team:

- 1) Visit [aidswalkatlanta.com](http://aidswalkatlanta.com), click on the link at the bottom, **"JOIN A TEAM"**
- 2) Follow the instructions, depending on whether you have ever participated by registering for a previous AIDS Walk Atlanta, or If you have never registered before, then Click on **"CREATE A NEW REGISTRATION RECORD"**
- 3) Click on **"SEARCH FOR A TEAM"** Enter **"Hotlanta Squares"**
- 4) When you see **HOTLANTA SQUARES**, Click on Join
- 5) **Select a Participation Type (and Registration Fee):**
  - 5K Run Runner \$35
  - Virtual Walker \$10 (Fundraising, but *Not Present at the Walk*)
  - Fundraising Walker \$10 (*Present at the Walk*)
- 6) Enter your Fundraising Goal
- 7) Click Next Step, Enter Registration, Personal Information, Contact Information, T-Shirt Size, Participant Center Access Information
- 8) Click on Next Step and continue to follow the prompts until your registration is confirmed.
- 9) Once you have completed your registration, then you can login to your Personal Web Page and customize your page as you like and then *send out emails to friends and family requesting them to sponsor you with a gift of any amount.* You can also download the Fundraising App to your smartphone, tablet, etc. which will help you to easily raise funds for the cause.

Should anyone need assistance with their registration, please contact AIDS Walk Atlanta @ 404-876-WALK (9255)

*Thank you very much for your consideration and participation in our very first AIDS Walk Atlanta Team!*

Tommy Isenhour – Team Captain



## SUSAN LITTON IS OUR NEW DANCER COORDINATOR

She will be coordinating the new student dancers and assigning dance buddies to assist them with the fall Beginner/Mainstream class.

Volunteers are needed to serve as dance buddies and angels for the fall semester. If you are interested in helping, please let Susan know.



## Don “*Donaldo*” Weston Heading Pride Committee

Don Weston is heading up the committee that is planning a big event for Hotlanta Squares at this year’s Atlanta LGBTQ Pride Festival and Parade on October 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to man our booth at Piedmont Park and to march with us in the parade. We will be giving out candy, prizes and lots of bear hugs. If you are interested in serving on the Pride committee this year, please let Don know. Here we see Don with Saralyn, showing off one of the costumes for Pride.



## HOTLANTA SQUARES MEMBERS HEAD TO GATLINBURG FOR TENNESSEE STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

Several members of our club went to Gatlinburg the weekend of August 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> for the Tennessee State Square Dance Convention. As you can see from these photos, they had a wonderful time with Pam Courts, who will be calling for our next dance on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.





# 39<sup>TH</sup> ALABAMA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> -26<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

**Roaring Twenties Theme**  
**FRIDAY, August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Daytime: 10:00—4:00 p.m.  
Callarama 6:00 p.m.  
Evening: 7:00—10:00 p.m.



**OXFORD CIVIC CENTER**  
401 McCullars Lane, Oxford, AL 36203



**Wear your Roaring Twenties attire!**

**Friday: Free to ASARDA members**  
**\$10.00/person non-ASARDA members**



**SATURDAY, August 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Daytime: 10:00—4:00 p.m.  
Callarama 6:00 p.m.  
Evening: 7:00—10:00 p.m.  
**\$10.00 per person**

**For more information contact:**  
**Tina Wilkins, Convention Chairman**  
**706-518-6197 or asardanews@gmail.com**

**[www.alabamasquaredance.com](http://www.alabamasquaredance.com)**

**THURSDAY, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Trail-End Dance**  
**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Mainstream with Announced Plus**  
**Rounds & Lines**  
**\$5.00 per person**

**ALABAMA**

*Presented by:*  
*Alabama Square & Round Dance Assoc*

## ALABAMA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION PLANNED FOR AUGUST 24TH THROUGH 26TH

The Alabama State Square and Round Dance Convention will be held this year at the Oxford Civic Center in Oxford, AL with a Roaring Twenties theme. That's only about two hours west of Atlanta on I-20. Brad White, one of Hotlanta Squares' members who lives in Birmingham, is one of the listed line dance callers for the event.

A group of our dancers are planning to road trip over on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining the group, see George Loyd or look for the sign-up sheet on the sign-in table on Monday and Tuesday nights.

# HOTLANTA SQUARES

*Presents*



**Saturday,  
September 23, 2017**  
*With Caller*

**Pam Courts**  
*from*  
**Cincinnati, Ohio**

At  
**City of Light**  
Spiritual Center  
3125 Presidential  
Parkway  
Atlanta, GA 30340

For more info visit us at  
[www.hotlantasquares.org](http://www.hotlantasquares.org)  
Also, look for us on  
Facebook and Meetup



**Members: \$8.00**  
**Non-Members: \$10.00**  
Non-dancing guests get  
in free and are always  
welcome

**Wear your high school or college t-shirts or colors**  
**Or wear a school student uniform**  
**Or dress like a teacher or school staff person**  
**Alternating Mainstream through Advanced tips**  
**from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm**

**GSSDA 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**  
**September 8-9, 2017**

# **Feel the Magic ~ Square Dancing**



**Friday**

**Trail End ~ Callerama**  
**2:00 pm ~ 5:00 pm**  
**Early Rounds ~ Round Hall**  
**FREE to GSSDA Members**

**Friday Night Dancing**  
**7:00 pm ~ 11:00 pm**



**Saturday**

**Early Bird Dancing**  
**9:00 am ~ 11:00 am**  
**Fashion Show ~ 11:00 am**

**12:00 pm ~ 5:00 pm**  
**(Continuous Dancing)**

**Grand March**  
**Line Up ~ 6:45 pm**  
**7:00 ~ 11:00 pm**

**Youth Encouraged to Attend**  
**FREE Admission under Age 17**

**The**  
**Classic Center**  
**Athens, GA**



For Advance Weekend Ribbons @  
\$25.00 each. Mail check payable to  
GSSDA prior to Sept. 1, 2017 to:

**Joyce Mosely**  
**P.O. Box 172**  
**Lizella, GA 31052**



**130 Foundry Street, Athens, GA 30601**

# 46<sup>th</sup> Georgia State Square Dance Convention

## September 8-9, 2017

**CHAIRPERSON:**  
Roscoe Johnson  
1464 Pine Level Road  
Cairo, GA 39827  
229-377-9635

**The Classic Center**  
**130 Foundry Street**  
**Athens, GA**

**PRESIDENT:**  
Willis K. Crump  
1471 E. Tugalo Street  
Toccoa, GA 30577  
706-491-0130

**ALL DANCING ON ONE FLOOR ~ CLOSE PROXIMITY OF DANCE HALLS**  
**MARBLE AND WOOD FLOORING ~ NEW LARGER VENDOR AREA**  
**DAILY PARKING: \$1.00 HR/MAX \$7.00**

**PRESENTATIONS:** Fashion Show  Sewing Clinic  Exhibitions  
**SQUARES:** Mainstream  DBD  ADV  Workshops  Hot Hash  
**ROUNDS:** Workshops  Levels I-III  Levels IV-V  **LINES**

### TICKETS

**ADVANCE \$25.00**  
**ONE DAY \$15.00**

**AT THE DOOR \$30.00**  
**ONE DAY \$20.00**

**SPECTATORS \$1.00**

**17 & Under with GSSDA square dance family – FREE**  
**2018 GSSDA Annual Membership - \$10.00 per dancer**

### Housing Accommodations

**\* Price Change!**

*Make reservations direct with the motel – "Mention State Square Dancers"*

Hotel	Address & Phone No.	Rates
Holiday Inn	197 Broad Street (Hwy 78) 706-549-4433	107-115
Holiday Inn Express	513 W. Broad Street (Hwy 78) 706-546-8122	99.00
Country Inn & Suites	236 Old Epps Road 706-612-9100	119.00
Quality Inn & Suites	2715 Atlanta Hwy (78) 706-549-1530	* 89.00
Hilton Garden Inn	390 E Washington St 706-353-6800	149

(Across street from Classic Center)

Register Now for your 2017 Ribbon! Early Registrations MUST be postmarked by September 1, 2017.

TICKETS (per person) Adults (Weekend) \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Fri/Sat (circle day) \$15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dancers under 17 FREE with paid adult \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to GSSDA and mail to Joyce Mosely, P.O. Box 172, Lizella, GA 31052



**HOTLANTA  
SQUARES**

**Promenade  
Down Peachtree  
Atlanta • Georgia**

**January 12–14, 2018**

# **Carnival**



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