

President's Letter  
Hotlanta Squares Hot Tips  
July 2022



Greetings Dancers,

I would like to thank the club for the confidence that you have shown in electing me to serve as President of Hotlanta Squares. As I was absent during this vote, I was not even required to make a campaign speech. I would also like to recognize two new members of the Board, Elmore Hauch as Vice President, and Chris Johnson our new Marketing Coordinator. A special thank you to the returning members of the Board, Randy Rowan as President Emeritus, George Loyd our Secretary, Cameron Synnestvedt our Treasurer, Susan Litton as our Web Master, and Saralyn Levine our Events Coordinator.

The past 2 years has been a challenging time for all square dance clubs and Hotlanta Squares has also faced challenges. While some clubs across the country have folded, our returning Board members deserve recognition for making sure that we could continue to dance. Although our total paid club members have seen a reduction, our finances are solid, we have a great working relationship with Peachtree Baptist Church that provides the space for our class and dance and most important are our resolute members. We are also most fortunate to have 3 club members that are members of the Gay Callers Association (GCA): Cis Hinkle, our instructor for SSD and Plus, as well as Clara Welch and new member Doug Sewell. I look forward to collaborating with these members/callers over the next year.

Hotlanta Squares is sponsoring a C1 Blitz July 22, 23 and 24, 2022, with Dayle Hodge. Several members of our Advanced and Challenge classes, as well as a number of out-of-town guests, have registered for this event. Even if you are not ready to take the Blitz Challenge, you are invited to join us for a look-see. There will also be a dance that Saturday night featuring Dayle from 7-9:30 PM at Peachtree Baptist Church when he will call SSD through Advanced.

I am extremely excited to have our first graduation of Social Square Dance (SSD) students scheduled for August 1, 2022. This is the largest class of new dancers

that I can recall. Congratulations to Linda Crowder and Ernest Gardner, our New Dance Coordinators, and of course to Cis and Clara for their instructions on Monday nights.

And after a 2-year hiatus, PDP 2023 - "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" is finally happening January 13, 14 and 15, 2023, MLK Weekend. Thanks to Betsey Tate, our longest serving PDP coordinator, for ensuring that our callers Sandi Bryant, Tom Miller, and Ted Lizotte are still scheduled to call and keeping all of our registrants informed.

Finally, our next Board meeting will be on Saturday, August 13 at 4:00 PM at the home of Chris Johnson and Sam Shepherd. We have many topics to discuss and welcome your input. Among the topics that will be presented include preparation for PDP 2023, our fall class schedule, and the continuing challenge of dancing during Covid. We are trying to avoid having Board meetings during class nights to give everyone an opportunity to participate. If you are unable to attend, remember that you can utilize our "Suggestion Box" to provide the Board with your input.

Yellow Rocks,

Doug Miller