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#### President's Message

Happy fall, Hotlanta Squares! 🍂 It's been wonderful seeing so many of you dancing, laughing, and sharing that trademark Hotlanta energy at our recent dances. The floor has been full, the smiles contagious, and the music even better. A big thank-you to everyone who's helped set up, greet newcomers, and make each night feel like a celebration of friendship and community. Whether you've been with us for years or just joined, you're part of what makes this club such a joyful place to be.

And now — the countdown is on for our **Hotlanta Fly-In this January!** ✈️ Registration is open, and we'd love to see *every one of you* there. The weekend will be packed with great dancing, fantastic callers, and plenty of time to reconnect and kick off the new year in true Hotlanta style. If you haven't registered yet, now's the perfect time — grab your spot before prices go up and be part of the fun!

## Upcoming Events & Dance Schedule

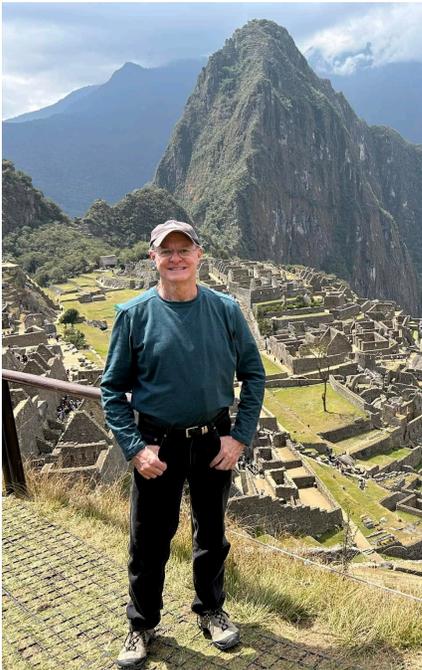
LET'S DANCE ... THE LAST DANCE  
(of the year)

Our next dance with favorite caller Travis Cook, along with his protegee and rising star Amanda Skidmore, is on Saturday, November 15. This will be othe last of the 10 dances that Clara Welch, former Events Coordinator, worked tirelessly to put together for 2025. Join us at the First Christian Church of Decatur for an afternoon workshop of Advanced to C1 from 4-6 PM. Following a brief break for dinner, the evening session from 7-9:30 features Mainstream & Plus levels.

Travis won't be back until our next Halloween dance in October 2026! So if you're a Travis fan, be sure to come out for this one. \$10 for each session or \$15 for both.



## Member Spotlight: Ten Questions



*The subject of this issue's Member Spotlight is Randy Rowan, who is a retired dentist, world traveler, and avid runner and concert-goer. Randy served a multi-year term as club president because of the pandemic.*

- 1. How long have you been square dancing?** I've danced 16 years with Hotlanta Squares.
- 2. Is Hotlanta your first square dance club?** Yes, since 2009.
- 3. Are you an Atlanta native? If not, a Georgia native?** Though born in Texas, I was raised in Atlanta ,GA, since I was 1 year old ,so virtually a native.
- 4. Do you dance the boy position, girl position, or both?** Traditionally known to only dance Beau position until a Square breaks down , then anything goes!
- 5. Do you recall a memorable costume you've worn at a dance?** Krispy Kreme donut employee with 5 other Club members, at a Halloween dance.

6. **Have you ever square danced on a ship or at the beach?** I square danced in St. Petersburg Florida's Ft Desoto Park, beachfront, at the Flip the Flamingo Fly-in.
7. **Would you rather read a book or watch a movie?** I enjoy watching a new movie with my Tuesday matinee movie group , over reading a book.
8. **Do you have a favorite square dance call?** Relay the Deucey, Motivate, and Spin Chain & Exchange the Gears.
9. **Have you square danced in a foreign country?** Canada: Toronto , Ottawa
10. **Were you ever in the government witness protection program?** I still have not been asked, despite everything I have witnessed , LOL.



### Club News & Announcements

With the year drawing to a close, it's time to renew your Hotlanta Squares membership. Renew before December 31<sup>st</sup>, and it's only \$25. After that, the price increases to \$35. You can pay online at <https://www.hotlantasquares.org/membership.html> , where membership forms are available for those who like to print things out. Or you can pay Cameron, our peerless Treasurer, any class night or at a dance.

While you're at it, consider joining MASDA, the Metro Atlanta Square Dance Association. Hotlanta Squares is one of the clubs represented by this umbrella organization, which sponsors dances throughout the year that often feature nationally known callers, and at a reasonable cost.

### Community Corner (LGBTQ+ events and partnerships)

The **For the Kid in All of Us** Toy Party & Silent Auction is an annual Atlanta holiday fundraising event that collects toys and funds to benefit children in need across Georgia. Attendees buy a ticket and bring a new, unwrapped toy to contribute to the cause, enjoying a party with entertainment, food, and drinks in return. Proceeds from the event go directly to supporting programs that provide holiday gifts and resources to children. This year's event takes place the evening of Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. See <https://www.forthekid.org/toy-party> for more information.

## Recent Dance Highlights

A week before Halloween (on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>) we enjoyed a double dance featuring Nick Hartley, the club caller for Emerald Waves Squares.



**Saralynn & Doug**



**Alla & Elmore**



**Margaret & Paul**



**Randy, Margaret, & Chris**

**Editor's Note:** We hope to resume regular production of a newsletter, after a long absence. If you have content to contribute (e.g. a brief report on a fly-in you attended), please contact Chris Johnson at [chj0@comcast.net](mailto:chj0@comcast.net).