

MARILYN'S FIRST "NEWSLETTER" AS IAGSDC
CHAIRPERSON

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To: IAGSDC Member Clubs/Organizations
Forming Gay Square Dance Clubs/Organizations

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cc: Karl Jaekel
Mary Rorabaugh
Tom Tripp

Subject: Plans and Progress for 1989-1990

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone has had a chance to rest their weary feet from the marvelous convention in New York. Its just a short 8 months until we meet again in Vancouver for the North Star Promenade. There is a lot of work to be done between now and then. I would like to use this letter to lay out plans for the next 8 months in terms of the IAGSDC.

Your Association Officers are planning a series of 4 newsletters with approximate mailing dates of 8/31, 11/15, 2/1 and 3/15. Each newsletter will cover convention information and updates (Vancouver, Miami, Albuquerque, and so forth); a calendar of major club events (anniversary dances, flyins, banner dances, conventions, new club formation events, etc.); updates on progress made by committees (bylaws, incorporation, IGGY, new club formation); computer networking information, to mention a few. Each letter will also feature some unique business items as listed below:

- Newsletter for 8/31/89
 - Calendar of events for 9/1-11/30/89
 - Executive Board/General Membership Meeting minutes
- Newsletter for 11/15/89
 - Calendar of events for 12/1/89-2/15/90
 - First draft of proposed Bylaws changes
- Newsletter for 2/1/90

- Calendar of events for 2/16-3/31/90
- Treasurer's report for 1989
- Newsletter for 3/15/90
 - Calendar of events for 4/1-6/30/90
 - Executive Board meeting agenda
 - List of nominees for each office with qualifications/plans

While we have a lot of Association business to communicate to you we would like much of the newsletter to be a way for you to share who you are and what you do all across Canada and the USA. We hope that sections of the newsletter will bring smiles and laughter into your life as well. We welcome and encourage your input to the newsletter so that it will become a truly international newsletter and not just one from the officers. There are also some special interest groups within the Association that have their own newsletter. We welcome input from you too!. Please send all input to me at least 2 weeks prior to the publication dates mentioned above.

The officers have divided up their main areas of interest/responsibility as follows:

- Publication of the Newsletter, Marilyn and Tom
- Promoting New Clubs, Karl
- Financial Matters, Mary
- Advertising, Karl
- Computer Networking Involvement, Tom
- Oversee Committees, Marilyn
- Banner Dance Scheduling, Marilyn

Several committees have been set up or are in the forming stages. Their membership is as follows:

- Bylaws
 - Matt Crnolatic, Chairperson, Dogwood City Dancers
 - Matt, as directed by the Executive Board in New York, will take a proactive role in directing the bylaws

committee. Initially he will concentrate his committee's efforts on the sections dealing with membership and convention bids. Once drafts are complete for these 2 areas then he will look at other sections of the bylaws.

- Jim Harrop, Puddletown Squares
- Dick Scott, Times Squares
- Freeman Stamper, Western Star Dancers
- Randy Clarke, El Camino Reelers
- Incorporation
 - Cathy Springford, Chairperson, Foggy City Dancers
 - Cathy is in the process of forming the committee. She will work with Matt (Bylaws) to make sure what is stated in our bylaws matches any requirements for incorporation. She will be contacting clubs seeking information on laws of incorporation in various states. Please assist her so that we can finally resolve the issue of incorporation of the Association.
- Promotion of New Clubs
 - Karl Jaekel, Chairperson, Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus
 - Karl would like to receive names, addresses and phone numbers for any former members of your club who have moved to or near major cities that do not have a gay square dance club. This will help him to focus his energies. Additionally, if your club plans to help start a new club in another city please contact Karl so that the IAGSDC can be informed and offer assistance.
 - Allan Laufer, Independence Squares
- IGGY
 - Scott Carey, Editor, Western Star Dancers
 - Scott will need your help during the year to keep IGGY current. Only a few clubs have paid the one time \$25.00 fee for their copy. If you have not done so thus far please send your check to Scott.
 - Freeman Stamper, Western Star Dancers

Thanks to each of you for your willingness to serve the Association!

I understand that there are 3 IAGSDC banners. I know one is in San Francisco. If you have either of the other 2 please let me know as soon as possible. Once I begin to schedule banner dances I will need to make sure the banners circulate according to the schedule.

I encourage you and your membership to contact the officers of the Association through out the year. You may do so by phone or mail. (Please do not publish any of the Officer's home phone numbers or addresses outside of your own club without each officer's permission.)

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This year promises to be a very productive year. We are all very grateful for the many volunteers who have stepped forward to work on committees and a variety of projects sponsored by the Association. We will be glad to listen to all suggestions you send us or talk with us about. Let's hear from you! See you all in 8 months at the North Star Promenade!

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