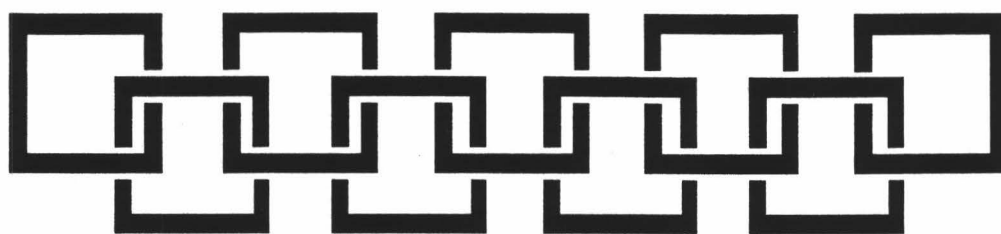


INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION



OF GAY SQUARE DANCE CLUBS®

A LESBIAN AND GAY ORGANIZATION

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

Season's Greetings, one and all!

It was our intention to offer newsletters in the fall, winter and spring. But, the fact of the matter is: it's been a very slow time. Which is NOT bad! While there are new clubs springing up, some with much success, there really is not that much to report.

The Association is now the proud registered owner of two trademarks (one with our interlocking square logo and the other ^{WITH} the letters IAGSDC). When using the interlocking

squares logo, it is very important to inform one of the Association Officer's so that "official" permission may be granted. In the past, the logo has almost ALWAYS been used appropriately, but there have been some problems. Such inappropriate uses occurred in relation to two A/C weekends, which are NOT IAGSDC® endorsed functions (which is not to say they are disapproved by the Association — they are just not "official" functions). While such permission will never be unrea-

sonably withheld, it is important for us all to help the Association maintain the integrity of this registration.

Also, as demonstrated above, the parenthesis-TM "(TM)" or "TM" is no longer appropriate when using the initials IAGSDC (no periods, please!). In the future, please use a parenthesis-R "(r)" or the circle-R "®" to denote that this trademark is

REGIONAL RUMBLINGS

by Karl Jaeckel

For your interest I have summarized here the information I know regarding square dance developments in these locations. While the items below are not necessarily IAGSDC® sponsored events, they are worth mentioning. Be aware, however, that the mere mention of these events does not imply any IAGSDC® involvement, sanction or endorsement. I encourage you to let me know of additional Regional Rumbblings. From the U.S. you may reach me at (800) 835-6462. [From Canada: (303) 778-1937.]

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FOREST CITY SQUARES, FROM CANADA.
LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA

This Canadian group began meeting in 1994/95 under the guidance of Kevin Cassidy, formerly of Halifax NS. The group, named for London, Ontario, the Forest City, meets on Thursdays at the Halo Club, a sort-of gay community services building. Kevin calls for the group, and attendance is about 14-15, including eight dancers new this fall. Kevin needs a turn table . . . Can anyone help? For information about the group, phone Kevin at (519) 434-2613.

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IRON CITY SQUARES, PITTSBURGH PA

Iron City Squares meets on Tuesdays at the Pittsburgh Eagle. Caller is Chi Chi Hoffner, formerly of Chesapeake Squares. Attendance is about 20, including several angels. The group has received support from Cleveland City Country Dancers and Chesapeake Squares. For information, phone Chi Chi at (412) 381-1625.

SEQUOIA OCEAN WAVES SAY GOODBYE

Sadly, Sequoia Ocean Waves of Eureka, California folded this fall, in part to attrition and in part to little interest in a fall Basic class.

SUSQUEHANNA FLAMING SQUARES, YORK PA

Following two kick-off dances in the summer, Susquehanna Flaming Squares began lessons in September. Meeting location is the YWCA in York. Caller Bob Kegriss called for straight groups years ago, and is excited for the opportunity to brush up his calling skills. Attendance is about two squares, including folks from York, Harrisburg and Lancaster. Michael Deets and Kirk Hurley of Chesapeake Squares have been regular supporters. For information, phone Bob at (717) 564-4694.

RALEIGHWOOD SQUARES, RALEIGH NC

Raleighwood Squares began lessons October 24, coordinated by J. Bibb, formerly of Rocket City Rainbows, Huntsville, Alabama. The group meets on Tuesdays at the Community

United Church of Christ. J. Bibb is caller/instructor. For information, phone (919) 779-2336.

BIG D LONGHORNS, DALLAS TX

Former San Francisco/Seattle square dancer Kris Anderson has been busy this fall making plans for a club in the Big "D"! The IAGSDC lent financial support by paying for ads in the Dallas Voice. Three "open house" dances were held in October, resulting in three squares. The group meets Sunday afternoons at the Desert Moon, 5039 Willis Ave. Caller/instructor is Bill Richardson. For information, phone (214) 521-5342, extension 272.

OTHER NEWS

In other news, the Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus of Denver are aware of interest in gay square dancing in northern Colorado and have participated in two demo/recruiting events, one in Ft Collins and one in Greeley. Former Wilde Bunch member/caller Roger Coffin is in Greeley, and has offered to teach a class there in 1996. Stay tuned for developments.

Caller Marianne Jackson of Cincinnati, Ohio would like to promote gay square dancing in the area. Please contact Karl Jaeckel at the IAGSDC 800 line: (800) 835-6462 if you would like to work with Marianne in this effort.

Michael Horn, of Times Squares, is now in Burlington, Vermont and would like to organize a group there.

Two individuals in St Louis, Missouri have expressed interest in gay square dancing. If you know anyone in these areas interested in club development, call Karl Jaeckel at the

IAGSDC 800 line: (800) 835-6462.

Alan Gaudet of Montreal, Quebec has square dance experience, and would like to organize a group at "Club Bolo". If anyone is interested in helping with the formation of this club, please contact Karl Jaeckel at the IAGSDC 800 line: (800) 835-6462.

Billy-Bob Eyler Visits Big D Longhorns in Dallas

Congratulations to the fab new Texas group! I was able to visit with them on Sunday the 26th during their regular dance lessons from 2-4, then I called a little bit for them till 5pm. They have a real live caller/teacher and over two active squares of dancers and a LOT of enthusiasm!

The dance location was easy to find, once I got on the right expressway. There were at least FOUR transplants in their group from other clubs in other cities: San Diego, San Francisco, San Antonio, and Seattle. The dance hall they are using has a very nice dance floor that can accommodate three squares.

A great start for a great group of men and women. I'm sure you'll get to meet some of them in San Francisco on July — they are going at breakneck speed through Basic! (Shades of a certain beloved caller in the San Francisco area!) ■

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WARLAN
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Bill Eyler
Albuquerque NM

A WORD FROM...

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Registered Property of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs, Inc.

Investment decisions are currently being made by The Rainbow Trust, the immediate beneficiary of The Estate of Joe Peterson, the Rainbeau dancer who left the Association the beneficiary of the Trust. Ralph Lorfier, the Trustee, informs us that the Estate is valued in excess of \$150,000. The terms of the Trust make only the interest available to the Association for the next ten years. After that, the Association can withdraw up to 5% of the principal annually. We are working with Joe to find the highest interest rates available. This is a wonderful gift to the Association, and we are very grateful. Please know that it is the intention of the Association to NOT use this money for administration expenses (except for any costs which may arise directly from the Trust), but rather to earmark it for the development of new clubs, benefit of existing clubs, etc. There will be ample discussion time on this subject at the next Annual Meeting.

As for myself, I have been Association Chair for two terms and on the Board since 1991. It has been a wonderful opportunity to serve the people whom and the hobby which I love so much, but it is time for a new vision and a new direction — it is neither my intention nor desire to make this my own personal association. To that end, I announce my intention to not seek reelection for any office at this time. It is the duty of the outgoing Chair to remain on

the Board in an advisory position for the following term, and I will serve in that way with great pride and pleasure. So, darlings, the door is open. We will be accepting nominations for the position of Chair immediately and up until the deadline set forth in the By-Laws of the Association. The positions of Vice-Chair and Secretary are on-going for one more year. The Treasurer is appointed by the Chair. The Board actively urges you to consider this opportunity to serve your square dance family. At this time, Dana Backiel (Puddletown) a/k/a Donna Matrix, has expressed a desire to seek this office. As a former convention chair (not to mention Honky Tonk Queen), as well as her overwhelming acceptance by both lesbians and gay men, Dana believes that she will bring great leadership qualities to this position.

At this time, I join with John, Scott, Darrell and Karl to wish each and every one of you a joyous, loving and healthy New Year, and one in which you never find yourselves in a broken down square! (Yeah, right!) ■

All the best!

Bob Young

STARS, THARS AND CABLE CARS RENEGOTIATES HOTEL PRICE!

By Tom Tripp

For the past six months or so the Stars, Thars & Cable Cars Hotel Committee has been negotiating with the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero to refine and improve

our contract. After many days of pacing the floor, writing and re-writing contracts and biting our nails to the quick, we've finally reached a more favorable agreement with the hotel.

Affordable rates in San Francisco are nearly unheard of. Hotel space is almost always at a premium, and when we negotiated the original room rates of \$129 per night and up, that was a far cry better than the normal "rack" rates of \$185 - \$225. With the help of a feisty attorney, we today secured new room rates as follows:

\$99.00 - Single/Double

Occupancy

\$115.00 - Triple Occupancy

\$120.00 - Quad Occupancy

For the folks who have already made their reservations under the old rates, the new rates will apply as long as they have made their reservations under ST&CC. For those who have not as yet made their reservations, they may do so by calling the Hyatt toll-free number 1-800-233-1234.

The ST&CC Convention Committee is very proud to be able to offer these very favorable rates to our convention attendees. It is our hope that these rates will encourage every square dancer to join us beginning with the Trail-In dance on Wednesday, July 3, 1996 through closing ceremonies on Saturday, July 6.

Of course, if folks want to make a vacation out of it, we'd love to have everyone join us as early as Sunday, June 30 for the 26th annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade and Celebration. An Association contingent will be assembled to dance our way through the parade!

Convention newsletter and updates will be forthcoming, now that all of this uncertainty has been put to

rest. Fun Badge tour is nearly half sold out already and registration prices for the weekend of dance and fun remain static until March 31, 1996. Gift registrations would make great Christmas gifts for those that you love! Registration booklets available at your local club and regional fly-ins and various club events.

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CALL FOR PROGRAMS

To continue the tradition started at Track II Chicago, the board of the IAGSDC would like to send out a call for ideas for programs to possibly be held in San Francisco at Stars, Thars & Cable Cars. It is the intention of the Board to create workshops that will assist member clubs with growth and development. The content of the workshop should focus on ideas, strategies, and programs that will provide direction to club members and assist individual organizations to achieve maximum growth and exposure. The Board will assist program organizers by (1) providing meeting space during the convention weekend, (2) covering workshop material costs and (3) helping to advertise workshops to IAGSDC® members.

Workshop proposals should be received NO LATER than April 30, 1996. ■

Please send all proposals to:

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