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welcome

On behalf of the DC Diamond Circulate Board and the DC Lambda Squares, I would like to officially welcome all of you to DC Diamond Circulate, the 26th Annual IAGSDC Convention!

We hope that you enjoy our city. If this is your first visit, you will soon discover a vibrant world capital offering a wide array of monuments, museums, dining, shopping, and other attractions. For returning visitors, intriguing discoveries abound.

We have planned a wonderful weekend of square dancing and fun for you. Enjoy dancing at all levels with our fantastic callers. Entertainment planned for the evening hours includes karaoke, country and western dancing, and the Honky Tonk Queen Contest. In addition to our fun badge tour on Sunday morning, we have arranged a variety of pre- and post-convention tours.

Making this convention happen has been rewarding, but it has also required a lot of hard work. A dedicated convention planning committee — with the assistance of many volunteers from DC Lambda Squares and our sister clubs — has made this convention possible. I would like to extend my personal thanks to all of them, and I hope that you will too.

Welcome to Washington!



John Zemko

President

DC Diamond Circulate Board

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the **International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs** (IAGSDC®) I would like to welcome you to the **26th Annual IAGSDC® Convention, DC Diamond Circulate**. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the **DC Diamond Circulate** Board of Directors and all the associated committees and **The DC Lambda Squares** who have played a part in putting on this Convention. I ask you to remember to thank all those who have given of their time to make this event a reality. It is truly a labor of love.

For 26 years, we have gathered to celebrate an activity, which is dear to us all, Square Dancing. It is time once again to be with our Square Dance family to renew old friendships and to make new ones.

It is truly remarkable that we have been doing this for 26 years and my wish is that we continue to grow and to celebrate what we love to do.

Whether this is your 1st or 26th Convention, have a wonderful time dancing, socializing and being with friends, old and new, for this truly is an occasion to celebrate all of these things.

See you in a square,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John McKinstry".

John McKinstry
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about the IAGSDC

The International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC), founded in 1983, and supports gay and lesbian Modern Western Square Dance (MWSD) clubs worldwide, including the United States, Canada, and Japan. Our organization was formed by and for lesbians and gay men and for their friends. Many gay and lesbian dancers can dance both the man's and woman's parts — you do not have to dance just one part. Gay and lesbian clubs require no special dress code and do not require you to bring a partner.

Membership in IAGSDC clubs is open to all square dancers, regardless of age, race, gender, religion, ethnic background, or sexual orientation. All IAGSDC clubs dance the CallerLab specified levels of MWSD.

The IAGSDC continues to work towards a better more efficient organization that best reflects the needs and wishes of the membership. Several new projects and ideas have been brought forward this year.

Our archivist, Karl Jaekel and Allan Hurst are working together to archive as much of our history as possible (and there is a lot of it). Also Allan Hurst is working on the 10-year history book and then will commence on the 25-year history. These are enormous undertakings and we are very grateful to both of these individuals. If you have stories, photos or anything that might be considered history, I know Allan Hurst will be asking for this stuff as he progresses.

In view of the worldwide trend to saving the environment the IAGSDC is doing, it's own small part. The delegates meeting information will be sent electronically for the first time next year. This will save money and trees.

We continue to be well supported by All Join Hands who fund many projects and activities for the IAGSDC. We are grateful for this continued support.

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Welcome ~

To Washington, DC

*International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs
26th Annual Convention*

April 9, 2009

As Mayor of the District of Columbia, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs, on the occasion of your 26th Annual Convention.



Since 1983, the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs has promoted modern western square dance within the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered community. We are honored to have you visit the nation's capital and I invite you to learn more about and join our campaign for full Voting Rights in the US Congress, as well as visit our monuments, museums, diverse neighborhoods and dine at our restaurants.

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, you have my best wishes for an enjoyable event.

Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia



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April 9-12, 2009

GREETINGS

I extend my personal greetings to all those attending the **26th Annual Convention of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC)**.

Welcome to those visitors who have come to the nation's capital to be a part of this wonderful occasion. I hope you will have an opportunity to visit some of the many historical monuments, cultural institutions, and neighborhoods that make Washington, D.C. one of the world's greatest cities.

Thank you to "DC's Diamond Circulate" for serving as the local host and providing a platform for our friends visiting from all around the world to enjoy themselves as you all network and square dance the weekend away.

Best wishes for a wonderful event.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Holmes Norton

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**The Left Hand Ladies*

A big DCDC thank-you to the out-going board members who hung in there with us in the last two years of planning — Darrell Ertzberger, Past President and James Ferguson, Past Secretary.

your host club — **DC Lambda Squares**

DC Lambda Squares was founded in 1982 and celebrated its Silver Anniversary in 2007. Our members come from throughout the greater Washington, DC, metropolitan area. We hold one club dance per week — meeting every Thursday at 7:30 pm at the National City Christian Church near the Dupont Circle and Logan Circle neighborhoods. In addition to these weekly club nights, most months we also sponsor a Saturday night “Community Dance” at a public school in nearby Silver Spring, Maryland. Friends visiting from out-of-town are always welcome to join us.

DC Lambda Squares hosts two successful fly-ins per year. The “Harvest Festival Hoedown” — begun in 1994 as the “Harpers Ferry Hoedown” — is held each November in the beautiful and close by panhandle of West Virginia and features mainstream through challenge level dancing. Since 2000, the club has also annually hosted “AC-DC” — an advanced and challenge level fly-in held at a convenient location in downtown Washington.

Besides square dancing, the club enjoys a variety of social events including river rafting, ice cream socials, pot lucks, theatre outings, dinners, and sporting events.

DC Lambda Squares proudly hosted the 1994 IAGSDC Convention “Stars and Squares Forever!” here in Washington and we are pleased to be you host club in 2009 for “DC Diamond Circulate!”

For more information or to contact us, please visit our web site:
<http://www.dclambdasquares.org/>

the callers



Lynette Bellini

Westmont, Illinois, USA

As a computer system administrator and a challenge square dance caller, Ms. Bellini is suspected of encoding state secrets into her C4 choreography; however, no one has been able to decode a single secret from any of her sequences. She appears to be recruiting additional C4 agents in the Midwest.

LEVELS: A2 to C4



Sandra Bryant

Chicago, Illinois, USA

ALIAS: Good Twin

Ms. Bryant is known for her original choreography and her smooth style, and her trademark low, sultry voice. We suspect "she" is actually Madeline Albright going undercover to "call" at international "square dance" gatherings in Europe, Canada, Mexico, and Japan. Check it out - when Ms. Albright is in Estonia, Ms. Bryant is in Estonia! Valerie Plame, eat your heart out.

LEVELS: Basic to C4

the callers



Deborah Carroll-Jones

Arlington, Texas, USA

ALIASES: Deborah Carroll, Dale Evans, Barbie

Ms. Carroll-Jones is featured in many recordings, many of which are suspected of containing coded messages that secretly control up to eight people at one time. Definitely a bombshell waiting to happen.

LEVELS: Basic to A2



Barry Clasper

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Special Agent Clasper mans a checkpoint on the International Border, interrogating square dancers who press ahead at obscure crossings sneaking into Canada to dance to his incredible calling. Clasper also shows up at CallerLab confabs where he heads an intelligence unit codenamed "The Challenge Committee." Even more obscure are reputed ties he has with "The Academy for Advanced and Challenge Enthusiasts." Often seen with shadowy sidekick, "Pam." Skilled, crafty, Canadian.

the callers



Tim Crawford

Burlington, Ontario, Canada

Mr. Crawford is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the International Square Dance Cabal, a.k.a. CallerLab. He promotes "square dance" activities internationally. As a Canadian "One World" square dance caller, he's obviously an operative that needs to be kept under surveillance. He is not to be trusted!

LEVELS: Basic to C2



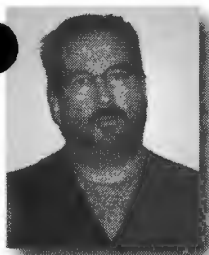
Betsy Gotta

North Brunswick, New Jersey, USA

Ms. Gotta has been calling longer than many attendees have been alive, since 1961. She calls and teaches for eight local clubs (networks) regularly, giving her many opportunities for passing secret information.

LEVELS: Basic to C3B

the callers



Dayle Hodge

Columbia, Maryland, USA

CODENAME: Baby Face

This man can call with his eyes closed, literally! He is extremely dangerous with a microphone, and should be kept away from sharp objects. Notice his trademark “leather” vest.

LEVELS: Basic to C2



Mike Jacobs

Hamilton, New Jersey, USA

A frequent IAGSDC caller, Mr. Jacobs is popular with higher-level dancers. Despite that fact, IAGSDC operatives at their secret annual conferences routinely ask him to return. Keep an eye out for this guy.

LEVELS: Mainstream to C4

the callers



John Marshall

Sterling, Virginia, USA

A.K.A.: The Phantom

Mr. Marshall calls around the United States and Europe. He spends time in small Swedish villages near the frontier. He has recorded numberless singing calls, and has served on committees and the Board of Governors for that International Square Dance Cabal, CallerLab. Don't Trust This Guy!

LEVELS: Mainstream to C3B



Ett McAtee

Glen Burnie, Maryland, USA

CODE NAME: Just Ett, Hon

Ms. McAtee frequently travels to Europe under cover of calling dances. It's believed that she's either a courier for unnamed international intelligence cartels, a smuggler, or a damn good square dance caller. Noted Leftist. Put on watch list.

LEVELS: Basic to C4

the callers



Tom Miller

Chest, Pennsylvania, USA

A caller instructor, as well as an artist who has recorded many singing calls on several labels, Mr. Miller enjoys long walks on the beach, sentimental movies, and scented candles. He's not afraid to cry, and he's not afraid to make it hurt. He's disarming, but dangerous!

LEVELS: Basic to C1



Anne Uebelacker

Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada

ALIAS: Evil Twin

A fixture at IAGSDC Conventions, club caller for Squares Across the Border in Vancouver, Ms. Uebelacker is a very popular caller, considered very good. Hangs out with foreigners. Too nice to be trusted. Keep under surveillance.

LEVELS: Basic to C3B

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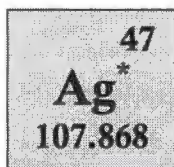
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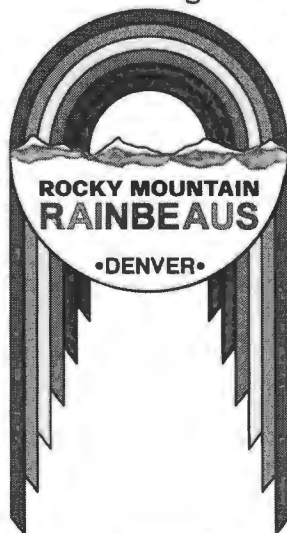
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