



# THE HEART BEAT

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## WEAVE YOUR HEART'S HOST HOTEL: RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW!

THE HOST HOTEL FOR WEAVE YOUR HEART IN SAN FRANCISCO is the **San Francisco Marriott Marquis**.

*From the wonderful Weave Your Heart web site:*

"Rising 39 stories high in the skyline, this magnificent hotel exudes an essence of modern luxury and the convenience of an extraordinary downtown San Francisco hotel. Just south of Market Street, next to the Moscone Convention Center, steps away from transit services, the Yerba Buena Gardens, renowned museums and cultural attractions, world-class shopping on Union Square, and AT&T Park, home of the San Francisco Giants."

*[and Castro, Folsom and Polk Streets!]*

"Enjoy inspiring penthouse views and cocktails at The View Lounge or the finest contemporary cuisine at Mission Grille before retiring to luxuriously appointed San Francisco hotel rooms and suites. Renowned as a meeting hotel in San Francisco, this hotel provides flexible and expansive event venues to accommodate both grand and intimate San Francisco hotel receptions." *[and they located all our main dance halls on the same floor!]*

"Whether in town for business or pleasure, experience San Francisco at the Marriott Marquis hotel in San Francisco, where you're sure to **Weave Your Heart**."

And yes, locals still call it "the Jukebox".

**Book your stay at the Marriott Marquis now** at these very reasonable room rates:

Single and Double	\$139 per night
Triple	\$159
Quad	\$179

Visit the Weave Your Heart web site's [hotel page](#) for more details and to book on-line, or call 1-877-622-3056 and ask for the group Weave Your Heart.

## STILL TIME TO TURN IN YOUR FRIENDS

It's not too late to enter Weave Your Heart's "Turn in a Friend" contest! For each friend you get to register for Weave Your Heart in San Francisco, you will get one entry into our two drawings for fabulous prizes!

**To enter, just get a friend to register.**

Then send an email to [registration@sanfrancisco2013.org](mailto:registration@sanfrancisco2013.org) with the subject line "Turn in a Friend" and give us your name and your friend's name.

There is no limit to the number of entries you can submit.

The first drawing will be held on October 31, 2012 with one lucky winner receiving a free 2013 Fun Badge Tour plus a special-edition Convention T-shirt. The second drawing will take place March 31, 2013 with the winner receiving a \$50 Amazon.com gift card plus a special-edition Convention T-shirt. Winners will be notified by email and announced in future newsletters.



## AND BOOK YOUR FLIGHT...

American Airlines is offering a **5% discount** on air travel to SFO for our convention. To get the discount go to <http://aa.com/group> and use the promotion code **6563BY** when booking your air travel to **Weave Your Heart in San Francisco**.

## CALLING ALL FOODIES (WINOS TOO!)

*Over the next few issues of The Heart Beat, we'll give you a taste of the pre- and post-convention tours we have lined up for you ((and your non-square dancing significant others)!*

### Grape to Glass Wine Tour (Tuesday, July 2)

*Limited to 20 people.*

YOUR VISIT TO CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY starts with a scenic drive across the Golden Gate Bridge to the mouth of the Napa Valley for a stop at the **Oakville Grocery**, where we'll pick up sandwiches for the trip. Then we'll proceed to **HALL Rutherford**, one of Napa's newest and most jaw-dropping wineries, for a taste of their wines and tour of how they make them.

Heading further up the valley, we'll stop at **Sterling Vineyards**, one of Napa's larger wineries, for a gondola ride over the vineyards, up to the winery for tour and tasting. Then we will leave Napa Valley and head west into Sonoma for a visit to the **Korbel Champagne Cellars**, one of the oldest facilities in the area.

After the wineries, we will take a scenic drive along the coast to historic Petaluma for Dinner-On-Your-Own. After dinner, we'll head back across the Golden Gate Bridge into The City and back to the hotel.

### Culinary Factory Tour (Monday, July 8)

*Limited to 20 people.*

YOUR GASTRONOMICAL DAY starts early with "Breakfast With The Bakers" at the **Boudin Sourdough Bakery** on Fisherman's Wharf. Then we'll head down the Embarcadero a few piers to the **TCHO (New American Chocolate) Factory** on Pier 17, where we will see how they make chocolate! Then uphill to the original Chinatown to see fortune cookies being made at the **Mee Mee Fortune Cookie Shop**.

After our brief visit to Chinatown, we'll drive across town to the **Anchor Steam Brewery** for a look at the boutique beer making process. Then we'll grab Lunch-To-Go in Dogpatch, one of San Francisco's newly emerging neighborhoods. Eating our Dogpatch booty on the bus, we will cross the Bay Bridge and head to the North Bay farmlands where we will visit the **Jelly Belly Factory** and see brewing on a huge scale at the **Budweiser Brewery**. Then we will head back to San Francisco for dinner at "Technique", the restaurant of the **California Culinary Academy**. Satiated and exhausted, we will head back to the hotel for a good night's sleep.



## TOUR SCHEDULE

Date Time	Tour	Price
Fri, 6/28 8:00 am	Blazing Saddles Bike Tour	\$65
Fri, 6/28 8:00 am	Slow Poke's Bike Ride	\$45
Sat, 6/29 9:00 am	Cal Academy of Science Behind the Scenes	\$100
Sat, 6/29 4:00 pm	Mission Walk to Pink Saturday	\$20
Sun, 6/30 9:00 am	SF Pride Parade VIP	\$40
Mon, 7/1 9:00 am	Roller Coasters by Boat	\$75
Tue, 7/2 9:00 am	Grape to Glass Wine Tour	\$165
Tue, 7/2 7:30 pm	Sisters Bingo - Benefit for All Join Hands	\$30 to \$45
Wed, 7/3 8:00 am	Silicon Valley Tech Tour	\$55
Wed, 7/3 7:00 pm	Beach Blanket Babylon	\$60 to \$135
Thu, 7/4 10:00 am	Crusin' Gay San Francisco Tour	\$65
Fri, 7/5 10:00 pm	SF Adult Nightlife Tour	\$45
Mon, 7/8 8:00 am	Culinary Factory Tour	\$100

**Itineraries subject to change. Tours have limited seating and are expected to sell out quickly, so sign up now to reserve your seat!**

**To sign up for tours, go to**

**[www.sanfrancisco2013.org/convention-tours](http://www.sanfrancisco2013.org/convention-tours)**

You can sign up online or download a registration form and send it through the mail with your check.

And don't forget to sign up for our exciting **Fun Badge Tour** on Friday, July 5th!

## OUR CALLERS

*In this and future issues of The Heart Beat, we'll be featuring the calling staff of **Weave Your Heart in San Francisco**. We start off with our two callers from Chicago.*

### LYNETTE BELLINI



LYNETTE IS AN ADVANCED AND CHALLENGE CALLER living in Westmont, Illinois, just outside Chicago. Chi-Town Squares is her home club, and she calls C3/C4 and dances with the Importers Square Dance Club, also in the Chicago

area. She's a member of the American Callers Association. This is her first time on the calling staff at an IAGSDC convention, and she is delighted to be coming to San Francisco.

Originally from Long Beach, California, Lynette started square dancing at the tender age of nine years old when her mom made her take lessons. She started calling at age 14, inspired by the sound of the callers she heard, especially Lee Kopman. She learned to dance Advanced to his recordings (though it wasn't called Advanced then – this was in the days before Callerlab and standard levels).

Lynette moved to the Chicago area in 1998. She has written technical articles on square dancing (especially Challenge dancing) and has a series of recordings teaching C4 calls and concepts.

Outside of square dancing, Lynette's interests include gardening, cooking, hiking, both classical and modern electronic music, her cats, and UNIX systems administration.

### 2013 Convention Dates

#### Thursday, July 4

- 1:00 pm: Delegate Meeting
- 4:00 pm: GCA Meeting
- 7:00 pm: Trail-In Dance

#### Friday, July 5

- 8:00 am: Fun Badge Tour
- 9:00 am: Dancing Starts
- 4:00 pm: Opening Ceremonies

#### Saturday, July 6

- 6:00 pm: Banquet

#### Sunday, July 7

- 12 noon: Brunch
- 8:00 pm: Closing Ceremonies

### SAUNDRA BRYANT



A CALLER WHO NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION (at least to IAGSDC convention-goers), Sandra (Sandie) Bryant is a mainstay of the square dance scene. Sandie lives in the Chicago area and calls all levels through C4. Since

1989 she has been a club caller for Chi-Town Squares, where she currently teaches A2/C1 workshops, and her busy schedule keeps her on the road calling dances all over the country.

Sandie was introduced to square dancing in 1960 by her Girl Scout leader, Swersie Norris, a caller in Chicago's African-American community, and danced with a children's group. Returning to square dancing in 1978, within a year she was dancing at all levels through C4 and called at her first National Convention in 1980. She met her husband Albert at a square dance in 1985 and they have a daughter Alexandra.

Formerly an accountant, Sandie is now a full-time square dance caller and has called in Japan, Sweden, Denmark, Austria and Germany. She is a member of Callerlab and the Gay Callers Association, and is on the staff of AACE (Academy for Advanced and Challenge Enthusiasts). In 2012 she received IAGSDC's coveted Golden Boot Award.

Is she the Good Twin or the Evil Twin? You'll have to come to San Francisco to find out! Just don't call her "Sandra", whatever you do.

## REGISTER NOW!

### Registration Rates

Standard	thru 3/31/2013	\$225
Procrastinator	thru 7/1/2013	\$265
Non-Dancer	thru 7/1/2013	\$120
Fun Badge Tour	until sold out	\$50

You can register online or by mail. For a mail-in registration form or information on how to register online, go to [www.sanfrancisco2013.org/registration](http://www.sanfrancisco2013.org/registration).



## MORE TRAILS TO THE CITY

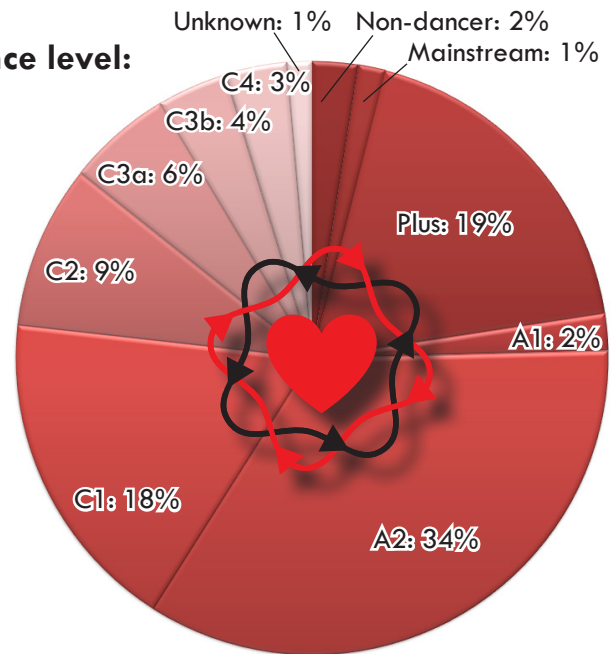
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 805 PEOPLE HAVE REGISTERED for *Weave Your Heart in San Francisco!*

Top Clubs	Registered
El Camino Reelers *	50
Times Squares	43
DC Lambda Squares	38
Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus	37
Midnight Squares *	35
Hotlanta Squares	30
Puddletown Squares	28
Triangle Squares	28
Chi-Town Squares	25
Independence Squares	24
Squares Across the Border	24
Finest City Squares	23
Redwood Rainbows *	18
Western Star Dancers *	18
Wilde Bunch	18
Diablo Dancers *	17
Rosetown Ramblers	15
Tinseltown Squares	15
Capital City Squares *	12
Chesapeake Squares	12
Boots in Squares	11
Foggy City Dancers *	10
Heads to the Center	10
Lone Star Lambdas	10
Suncoast Squares	10
Desert Valley Squares	9
Oaktown 8's *	8
Prime 8's *	8
Gateway Squares	7
Bloomin Squares	6
Champlain Valley Rainbow Squares	6
Grand River Squares	6
Temple Squares	6

\* Weave Your Heart host club

We also have 129 people registered with no stated club affiliation.

### By dance level:



### Mrs. Whateveryouare Says:

*Wherever you are, my dears, whatever you want to be, come to San Francisco for **Weave Your Heart!** And book your hotel rooms early!*



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