



THE HEART BEAT

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REMEMBER YOUR FIRST TIME?

New Dancer Convention Incentive Program: \$165 Registration Rate

ASK ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN TO A CONVENTION and they will tell you that there is nothing like the first time. If there are new dancers in your club who have never been to an IAGSDC Convention, let them know:

We just love Convention Virgins!

The Mainstream Hall can hold lots of novice dancers, and our callers will call and coach at that level through the entire weekend. Big events like the Fun Badge Tour and the Leather Tip are held at the Mainstream level so nobody misses out on the fun. Beginners will leave the Convention as more polished and confident dancers, with hundreds of new friends.

Thanks to the generosity of All Join Hands, we are able to offer the \$165 registration rate to any member of an IAGSDC club who has graduated at the Mainstream level and has never attended an IAGSDC convention.

There are some requirements to qualify for the subsidy, which can be found on the *Weave Your Heart* website under **Registration**. Essentially, we need a letter from your IAGSDC club confirming that you have graduated, or will graduate, Mainstream by July 3, 2013 (*not necessarily with an IAGSDC club*) and have never attended an IAGSDC Convention before.

Talk to friends who never made it to a Convention and let them know about this great way to get back into square dance. Supplies may be limited, so encourage new dancers in your club to register soon to lock in this great rate and lose their convention virginity in the very best way!

JACKETS AND HOODIES AND TEES, OH MY!

THE WEAVE YOUR HEART ONLINE EMPORIUM is now open! Browse through a dazzling array of styles and colors to choose the perfect *Weave Your Heart*, *I Heart SF*, and *IAGSDC 30th*

Convention logo tee shirts, long-sleeves, tanks, polos, hoodies, jackets, and caps to clothe your body in the finest Convention style.

You can order these items **now** at the Logo Store on the sanfrancisco2013.org web site and pay with PayPal or with your credit or debit card.



TOP TEN REASONS NEW DANCERS SHOULD WEAVE THEIR HEARTS IN SAN FRANCISCO

10. The first time is always the best.
9. Special \$165 registration rate, and hotel rooms at an incredible \$139 per room night.
8. All day dancing - dance, take a break, dance, eat and dance some more, sleep and repeat next day.
7. They've been doing this every year for thirty years. They must have it figured out by now.
6. Glow-light dance, moonshine (naked) tip, picnic, costume ball, and the Honky Tonk Queen contest!
5. Vacation in a beautiful gay-friendly city, and dance all over the place on the Fun Badge Tour.
4. Top-notch callers from all over the world.
3. Next-level intros with fellow beginners (and repeaters) in the spacious Mainstream Hall.
2. All your coolest square dance friends will be there.
1. It's in San Francisco... duh??

Merchandise bought through the Logo Store will be available for pickup at the Convention check-in desk.

A limited selection of the most popular sizes, styles and colors will also be available for purchase at the Convention.



PLAN A PILGRIMAGE TO GAY MECCA

Four great reasons to come to San Francisco early and join in the city's Gay Pride festivities!

MISSION WALK TO PINK SATURDAY (Saturday, June 29)

ON THE EVENING BEFORE the SF Pride Parade & Celebration, 50,000 mostly lesbian partiers (men are asked to support from the sidelines) march from **Dolores Park** to join 50,000 revelers in the Castro to create San Francisco's largest underground street party, known as **Pink Saturday**.

After a leisurely wander through one of our most diverse and hip districts, we will finish at Dolores Park just in time for the Rally and March. Then grab a bite and head for the Pride Promenade Dance! (*see below*)

SF PRIDE VIP (Sunday, June 30)

WITH THE ROAR OF THE DYKES ON BIKES (Women's Motorcycle Contingent) in the distance, we will take our seats in the VIP Bleachers for an unobstructed view of the **San Francisco Gay Pride Parade**. Hats, sunblock and bottles of water are highly encouraged!

After the Parade, you will have the rest of the day to explore the Celebration grounds, just a short walk from the hotel.

CRUISIN' GAY SF TOUR (Thursday, July 4)

ACCEPTANCE HAS ITS PRICE, and many important gay sites have disappeared into history. But with this innovative tour, you can travel back in time to witness events as they happened as you visit the locations today. Half of the tour will be walking in the Castro and half will be aboard the **Magic Bus**, a specially equipped time travel bus which will take you on a fascinating trip through history and return you to the hotel in time for the Trail-in Dance.

Mrs. Whateveryouare recommends:

PRIDE PROMENADE DANCE (Saturday, June 29)

WESTERN STAR DANCERS AND FOGGY CITY DANCERS invite the entire IAGSDC community to celebrate 42 years of SF Pride and 30 years of gay square dancing at our Pride Promenade Dance! Rich Reel calls Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and C1 tips.

Forest Hill Christian Church, 250 Laguna Honda Blvd (Just 6 Muni stops from the Marriott Marquis)

7:30pm - 10:30pm • Admission: \$10

TOUR SCHEDULE

| Date Time | Tour | Price |
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| 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 | \$70 Price drop! |
| 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 & \$45 |
| Wed, 7/3 8:00 am | Silicon Valley Tech Tour | \$55 |
| Wed, 7/3 7:00 pm | Beach Blanket Babylon | \$60 - \$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 at

www.sanfrancisco2013.org/tours

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

OUR CALLERS

*Continuing with the calling staff of **Weave Your Heart in San Francisco**, here are three callers who should need no introduction to seasoned Convention-goers.*

DEBORAH CARROLL-JONES

A CALIFORNIA NATIVE AND A ROSE BOWL PRINCESS, Deborah Carroll-Jones began square dancing with a church group in 1979 and immediately fell in love with the activity. Three years later, looking for a way to use her amazing singing voice to earn some extra money, she began her calling career and has called professionally

ever since.

Deborah is an Accredited Caller Coach. She joined CALLERLAB in 1985 and served on its Board of Governors in the 1990s, and is the current Chairperson of the Women in Calling Committee.

Deborah has lived in

Arlington, Texas for the past 11 years with her husband Jon Jones, also a caller. She calls regularly for a number of Mainstream and Plus clubs, as well as festivals, caller schools and clinics. She has called around the world, including at many National and IAGSDC Conventions, and is the only woman to have called in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Deborah says, "Never in my WILDEST dreams did I ever imagine I'd have the wonderful experiences I've had over these last 30 years".



VIC CEDER

VIC STARTED DANCING IN 1973 IN A TEEN CLUB where he met his future wife Debbie. They started dancing Advanced in 1977 while in high school. A year later they started learning Challenge, and soon afterwards Vic jumped into learning to call. By 1981 he was calling at the Challenge level.

Vic currently calls Basic through C4+ and has taught classes from Basic through C3B. He is a self-taught caller who has

never attended a caller's school (whether this is good or bad is debatable). Vic has called in 20 states, 7 countries



outside the US, and at several National Square Dance Conventions. He's an IAGSDC regular who is often asked to call in full leather or other interesting outfits. He is currently a permanent staff caller with AACE (Academy for Advanced and Challenge Enthusiasts).

Vic and Debbie (a former Honky Tonk Queen contestant) live in Los Olivos, CA with their daughter Caitlin, also an IAGSDC convention veteran. They are the authors of "A Ceder Chest Of C3 Square Dance Definitions", "A Ceder Chest Of C1 And C2 Square Dance Definitions", and "A Ceder Chest of A1 & A2 Square Dance Definitions." Vic has written several square dance related programs, notably the Couple Rotation Program and the Ceder Square Dance System. Together they manage the Square Dance Resource Net (www.ceder.net).

BARRY CLASPER

BARRY LIVES IN TORONTO, ONTARIO with his wife Pam. They started dancing in 1973, just two weeks after the birth of their youngest son. Barry started calling in 1984

when a local C2 tape group asked for help with some things they couldn't find on teaching tapes. He figured if he was going to write material to help them, he might as well call it. Since then he has expanded in both directions and now calls from Basic through C4.

After 30 years at IBM, Barry changed careers in 2007 and is now a full-time caller and able to travel more than he has in the past. He's called at weekends and conventions all over Canada and the U.S., as well as Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Japan, England and the Czech Republic. He's also a staff caller with the Academy for Advanced and Challenge Enthusiasts (AACE) and currently teaches Basic/Mainstream for the Triangle Squares of Toronto.

Barry is a member of CALLERLAB and the Gay Callers Association. Within CALLERLAB he is a member of the Board of Governors, is on the Executive Committee and is Chairman of the Challenge Committee. He has written articles for Zip Coder, The Call Sheet and American Square Dance Magazine.



REGISTER NOW...

Registration Rates

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| New Dancer | (see article in this issue) | \$165 |
| 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 Weave Your Heart's [registration page](#).

...RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM...

Book your stay at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis at these very reasonable room rates:

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

Our room block runs from **June 27 to July 8** (check-out).

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**.

...AND BOOK YOUR FLIGHT!

American Airlines is offering a **5% discount** on air travel to SFO for our convention. Go to <http://aa.com/group> and use promotion code **6563BY** when booking your flight.

FUN BADGE TRIVIA

Did you know that the very first Fun Badge Tour was held in San Francisco? It was at the third IAGSDC convention, *Star Thru the Golden Gate*, in 1986.

The 2013 **Fog City Freewheeling Fun Badge Tour** promises to be just as much fun as that first tour, taking over 300 dancers in four hours to scenic locations all over the Bay Area, many you might not be able to find on your own.

Deborah Carroll-Jones and **Mike Kellogg** will be calling.

Although the locations are top secret, one particularly festive location from the 1996 *Stars Thars and Cable Cars* tour *will* be included. Can you guess which one?

The tour is only \$50, but hurry: the Fun Badge Tour always sells out. Mrs. Whateveryouare says, "**Mary Ann, darling, your hot pants don't want to miss a seat on THIS tour!**"

OUR FAMILY REUNION PICNIC

MANY DANCERS THINK OF IAGSDC CONVENTIONS as a kind of annual family reunion. And what would a family reunion be without a picnic? The Convention Committee is planning a very special one just for you.

Across the street from our hotel is the beautiful grassy esplanade of **Yerba Buena Gardens**, the perfect place for an urban picnic on a nice sunny day. It has been reserved for us to relax over lunch with old friends and new on **Saturday, July 6th**.



We have a special meal deal with the eclectic **Metreon** food court that will allow you to quickly pick up lunch and join us around the gazebo. Toss a frisbee or just sit on a blanket or bench beside the cascading waters of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Fountain and reunite with your far-flung square dance family.



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