



THE HEART BEAT

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THE WIDOW'S REVENGE

IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN. YOU DON'T DANCE, but you're coming to another Convention because your partner wants to do-si-do his or her little heart out. And besides, it's in San Francisco. So you gave them your long-suffering-spouse look and agreed to come along.

But what to do? You *could* take their credit card and go on a major shopping spree, or have an extended cocktail hour at several of the city's fine drinking establishments. Or... you could get out and have so much fun they'll wish they had come with *you* for a change!

Take a walk. In addition to our week of Convention Tours, there are FREE guided walking tours *every day* in San Francisco, even during dancing hours! Explore the city's diverse neighborhoods, cultures, shops and eateries. Visit sfcityguides.org to see what's happening.

Get some culture. Visit one of SF's many world-class museums (*see listing in this issue*). These are just some highlights - there are plenty more.

Meet and greet. If you're not one to do things on your own, we are planning a Non-Dancer Meet and Greet where you can meet other non-dancers to run around with. Friday, July 5, 5:00-6:00 pm.

Join the hunt. We also have two scavenger hunts planned - one inside the hotel and one all over the city - with great prizes!

Take advantage of our hotel Concierge, Tours, and Registration desks. They'll be glad to help you find something or someplace that will make you **Leave Your Heart in San Francisco!**

WALK RIGHT IN

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE SINGLE DAY RATES for those who want to attend just a day (or two) of dancing. The \$75 single-day rate admits you to all the dance halls, 9 am-11 pm Friday and Saturday and 9am-9pm Sunday. Saturday banquet and Sunday brunch tickets can be purchased for \$75 and \$50 respectively.

You can register online on IAGSDC (through www.sanfrancisco2013.org.registration) through July 1, or just show up and pay at the door (cash or check only).

First-time attendees: There's still time to take advantage of our special \$165 rate!

REGISTRATION RATES

(REGISTER ONLINE THRU JULY 1)

Dancer	\$265
Non-Dancer	\$120
First-Time Dancer	\$165
Single Day	\$75
Fun Badge Tour (until sold out)	\$50

To receive the discount rate, ask a club officer to write a letter confirming that you are a member of an IAGSDC club planning to attend your very first Convention, and mail it with your check.

Questions? Send an

email to registration@sanfrancisco2013.org.

Note: Thursday's Queer Contra Dance with Andy Shore and Trail-in Dance with Deborah Carroll-Jones are FREE to the public, thanks to a generous donation from All Join Hands.



MAY 31: A DATE TO REMEMBER

Last day to order Convention-wear from our online [Logo Store](#). A limited selection of the most popular styles, colors and sizes will be on sale at the Convention.

Tours payment deadline. We cannot guarantee unpaid tour reservations after May 31, so be sure to send in your check! Your balance and reservation status can be found at www.iagsdc.org. Send checks to: Weave Your Heart in San Francisco, PO Box 14320, San Francisco, CA 94114-0320.



TOURS FOR TECHIES

Geek out! Sure hits for fans of science and technology.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES: BEHIND THE SCENES (Saturday, June 29)

A CORAL REEF, a 4-story rain forest, a planetarium, and much more, all under a 2.5 acre living roof! The Behind-the-Scenes tour is the ultimate, all-access experience at the [California Academy of Sciences](#): the greenest museum on Earth. (9 am- 3 pm)



ROLLER COASTERS BY BOAT (Monday, July 1)



SPEND A DAY RIDING ROLLER COASTERS in Vallejo at [Six Flags Discovery Kingdom](#), considered to have the best rides in Northern California. To get to the park, we'll ride MUNI to the waterfront where we'll board a high speed catamaran ferry, then take a short bus ride to the amusement park. Tickets are valid for return-on-your-own. Get a ferry schedule and you're good to go all day! (9 am - 6 pm)

SILICON VALLEY TECH TOUR

(Wednesday, July 3)

STARTING IN TRUE TECH COMMUTER STYLE, this tour starts with a ride on CalTrain down to Palo Alto, where we will visit Stanford, Steve Jobs' home, Google, see the Vertical Motion Simulator at NASA Ames, tour "Queers in Computing History" at [The Computer History Museum](#), and see a Tesla Model S!



NOTE: Participants must be US citizens or "green card" holders carrying a passport or driver's license to prove identity at security checkpoints. Limited to 30 people. (8:30 am to 6 pm)

TOURS FOR CYCLISTS

Despite its hills, San Francisco is a bicycle-friendly city.

BLAZING SADDLES BIKE RIDE (Friday, June 28)

AN INCREDIBLE BIKE RIDE over the Golden Gate Bridge with lunch in Sausalito and return to the City via ferry boat. This is a long ride, but surprisingly not that strenuous. Not to be missed! (10 am - 4 pm)

SLOW POKE'S BIKE RIDE (Friday, June 28)

A LEISURELY RIDE through some of San Francisco's most interesting neighborhoods. Starting near the hotel, we will meet up with the Blazing Saddles riders and either join [Critical Mass](#) or head off on our own, ending up near the hotel. Bikes are provided and hills are avoided. (4:30 to 8 pm).

TOUR SCHEDULE

*** New start times!**

Date Time	Tour	Price
Fri, 6/28 *10:00 am	Blazing Saddles Bike Ride	\$65
Fri, 6/28 *4:30 pm	Slow Poke's Bike Ride (evening ride)	\$45
Sat, 6/29 9:00 am	California Academy of Sciences: Behind the Scenes	\$70
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 *8:00 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 *8:30 am	Silicon Valley Tech Tour	\$55
Wed, 7/3 *6:30 pm	Beach Blanket Babylon	\$60 - \$135
Thu, 7/4 *12:00 pm	Crusin' the Castro: Gay History Tour	\$65
Fri, 7/5 10:00 pm	SF Adult Nightlife Tour	\$45
Mon, 7/8 8:00 am	Culinary Factory Tour	\$100

FOR THE FULL DETAILS, VISIT OUR NEW TOURS PAGE at www.sanfrancisco2013.org/tours. Tours have limited seating and are expected to sell out,

Reserve your seats online at www.iagsdc.org 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 California callers sure to delight dancers of all levels.*



MICHAEL KELLOGG

MICHAEL STARTED SQUARE dancing at age 21 in 1983 and knew immediately that he wanted to be a caller. He began calling for two local clubs within the year.

During the 80s and 90s he made a living as a full-time caller, but now balances

calling with his day job as a senior software engineer with the Technicolor Corporation. He travels to Europe every year to call for the Hannover Hearties in Germany and other European clubs, with calling trips to Japan every other year.

Michael lives in Northridge, CA with his partner, the lovely Collina. He has two teenage children who also square dance. He currently calls Challenge-level classes for the Tinseltown Squares in West Hollywood and Mainstream/Plus classes for the Joaquin Squares in Bakersfield.

Michael first called at an IAGSDC Convention in 1999 ("Lights, Camera, Linear Action" in Los Angeles) and **Weave Your Heart** will be his ninth Convention as a staff caller. He says one of the things he enjoys most about IAGSDC Conventions is being able to look out onto the dance floor and see other callers having fun dancing while he's calling.



HARLAN KERR

HARLAN'S FURRY FACE is a familiar one in the gay square dance community. He was the first chairperson of the National Gay/Lesbian Square Dance Association, which became the IAGSDC, and was an

organizer of the first IAGSDC Convention, **All Join Hands**, in Seattle in 1984. He has been on the calling staffs of several Conventions and has been known to call Moonshine, Bear, and Leather Tips.

Harlan danced and called for Puddletown Squares in Seattle before moving to San Francisco, where he has called and taught for Bay Area clubs including Foggy

City Dancers, Midnight Squares, Western Star Dancers, Capital City Squares, Redwood Rainbows, El Camino Reelers, Stanford Quads, Top Cats, and Interlocked Squares. He started calling in 1987 and calls all levels from beginner through C3B.

Harlan helped organize the first GCA Caller School in 1989. He has been "given the boot" twice – the Golden Boot Award in 1991, and its mate, the Honky Tonk Queen crown, as one of the Christmas Belles in 1998. He has attended every single IAGSDC Convention to date and will be one of seven individuals receiving the Thirty Year Medallion at **Weave Your Heart** in 2013.

Harlan's other talents include the ability to stand on his head and teaching sushi- and bread-making classes, though not at the same time. He also claims to have maintained his cool when confronted with a 15-foot boa constrictor in the rainforests of Costa Rica.

JET ROBERTS

JET WAS ONLY EIGHT YEARS OLD in 1971 when he called his first dance. Three years later he was calling for three local clubs in the Sacramento, California area. He always dreamed of making calling his full time occupation, and by age 19 he was

established as a full time caller on the West Coast.

Jet has called in all the Western states, New York and the New England states. Since 1993 he has been featured in Sweden, Denmark, Holland, United Kingdom, Germany, Finland, and New Zealand. He spent two years calling full time in Perth, Australia.

Jet calls and teaches Basic through A-2. He is the club caller for two Sacramento-area clubs, the Mavericks of Roseville, CA and Buttons 'n' Bows in Auburn, CA, and calls for many weekends and festivals. Every year he teaches at least one beginner's class, and believes that all callers should teach beginner classes, as without them the activity will continue to decline.

Jet is a staff caller on Rhythm Records and has recorded for numerous other square dance record companies. He lives in Antelope, CA with his wife Sylvia, whom he met in Sweden, and their young daughter Stella.

NEARBY MUSEUMS

SAN FRANCISCO IS HOME to world-class museums, many within easy walking distance of our hotel. A museum trip is a great way to fill that spare afternoon before the Convention starts.

Call or check web sites for current exhibits.

Asian Art Museum of San Francisco

200 Larkin Street (between Fulton & McAllister Sts, opposite City Hall) • (415) 581-3500

Tuesdays -Sundays 10-5pm.

Thursdays 10-9pm. Closed Mondays.

Adults: \$12 • Seniors 65+: \$8

FREE first Sunday of each month.

Cartoon Art Museum

655 Mission Street (between New Montgomery and Third Streets) • (415) 227-8666

Tuesdays-Sundays: 11-5pm.

Closed Mondays. Closed July 4.

Adults: \$7 • Seniors 65+: \$5

Contemporary Jewish Museum

736 Mission Street
(between 3rd and 4th Streets)
(415) 655-7800

Daily 11-5pm, Thursdays
1-8pm.

Closed Wednesdays.

Closed July 4.

Adults: \$12 • Seniors 65+: \$10

FREE first Tuesday of each month.



Museum of the African Diaspora

685 Mission Street (at Third Street) • (415) 358-7200

Wednesdays thru Saturdays 11-6pm.

Sundays 12-5pm. Closed July 4.

Adults: \$10 • Seniors 65+: \$5

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

701 Mission Street (at 3rd Street) • (415) 978-2787

Thursdays-Saturdays: 12-8pm.

Sundays 12-6pm. Closed July 4.

Adults: \$10 • Seniors 65+: \$8

FREE first Tuesday of each month.

Unfortunately, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art will be closed for renovation during the Convention.



A BIT FARTHER AWAY

Cable Car Museum

1201 Mason Street (at Washington Street on Nob Hill)
(415) 474-1887 • Daily 10-6 pm • Admission is FREE.

Exploratorium

New location at Pier 15 on the Embarcadero.

(415) 563-7337 • Take the Muni F Market streetcar to Embarcadero and Green Street.

Tuesday-Sunday 10-5pm • Wednesday until 10pm

Thursdays 6-10 pm for those 18+. Closed Mondays.

Adults: \$25 • Seniors 65+ and youths (6-17): \$19.

Advance tickets highly recommended.

M.H. deYoung Museum

50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, at John F. Kennedy Drive, in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park
(415) 750-3600



Take the N-Judah Muni Metro streetcar to 9th Avenue and Irving Street. Walk north on 9th Avenue into Golden Gate Park to Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, then turn right and continue to the museum entrance.

Tuesdays-Sundays 9:30-5:15 pm. • Fridays: 9:30-8:45 pm.
Closed Mondays.

Adults: \$10 • Seniors 65+: \$7

\$2 discount for Muni riders (show transfer).

FREE first Tuesday of each month.

California Academy of Sciences

(We have a tour! See description in this issue)

55 Music Concourse Drive, Golden Gate Park

(facing the M. H. deYoung Museum) • (415)-379-8800

Daily: 9:30-5:00 pm. Sundays 11-5:00 pm

Adults: \$29.95 • Seniors 65+: \$24.95. A \$5 surcharge will be added to tickets purchased at the door.

Palace of the Legion of Honor

100 34th Ave. (at Clement St., in Lincoln Park)

(415) 750-3600

Tuesdays-Sundays 9:30-5:15 pm. Closed Mondays.

Muni bus line 18 stops directly in front of the museum.

Adults: \$10 • Seniors 65+: \$7

\$2 discount for Muni riders (show transfer).

FREE first Tuesday of each month.

A SAN FRANCISCO TREAT

THE WEAVE YOUR HEART COMMITTEE IS PLANNING an unforgettable 30th anniversary opening ceremony on the Fifth of July that you don't want to miss.

In the spirit of a true Grand March, there will be cheerleaders (SF CHEER), drummers, and the Lesbian and Gay Chorus of San Francisco to serenade us with the national anthems.

We will honor those who have been to all thirty conventions, and there will be lots of "San Francisco style", including a welcome by an elected official who is a leading figure in the LGBT equality movement, and other surprises.

There is a high likelihood that the public opening ceremony will be outdoors, so bring along your sunglasses, comfy shoes and warm attire, just in case.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

A GREAT CONVENTION DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN. It needs volunteers - lots of them. We are looking for people to help out with the thousand and one tasks that go into a superb Convention. If you can give a few hours of your time, send an email to volunteers@sanfrancisco2013.org and let us know you're interested. We'll point you to a list of tasks and time slots available.

Check the draft schedule (*see box*) so you can help out without missing that favorite caller or specialty tip!

FYI: CONVENTION SCHEDULE

A draft of the detailed Convention schedule is now available to download at <http://sanfrancisco2013.org/schedule>.
Subject to change without notice.



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[@WYH2013](https://twitter.com/WYH2013)

WOMEN SQUARE DANCERS: WELCOME!

WE HAVE OVER 300 WOMEN REGISTRANTS!



SF CHEER goes airborne

Come relax in the **Women's Hospitality Room**, open throughout the convention.

Refresh yourselves with snacks and cold beverages. Help put together a jigsaw puzzle or pick up a card game. Female non-dancers welcome too.

We'll have great fun dancing in the **Women's Tip** on Friday afternoon, to be called by CJ Smith and Kris Jensen. (*Congrats, Kris, on your recent marriage with Turtle Bear!*)

Right after the Women's Tip we'll have an opportunity for meeting and re-connecting with each other at the **Women's Reception**, hosted by the hotel.

WOMEN ROCK !

- Lyn Juckniess, Women's Coordinator

CANCELLATIONS & TRANSFERS

THINGS COME UP, and we realize there are reasons why you may not be able to attend. Here's our policy.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:

Thru July 1, 2013 = \$50.00 Refund

After July 1, 2013 = No Refund

Contact registrar@sanfrancisco2013.org to cancel.

REGISTRATION TRANSFERS:

Transfers of registrations will incur a \$30.00 fee, to be paid by the dancer receiving the transferred registration.

FUN BADGE TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

Due to commitments that must be made for the Fun Badge Tour and the cost of transportation, there will be **no refunds** for Fun Badge Tour cancellations. There is no fee to transfer a Fun Badge Tour to another dancer.

SINGLE DAY REGISTRATIONS:

Single day registrations purchased in advance are **not** refundable.

Mrs. Whateveryouare says:



We're still looking for a few good Queens!

Contact bennet.marks@sanfrancisco2013.org to sign up for this year's Honky Tonk Queen Contest!

Absolutely no talent required.

You could be a winner!

FUN BADGE TOUR: JUST A FEW SEATS LEFT

THE FOG CITY FREEWHEELING FUN BADGE TOUR is currently near capacity. Sign up now to assure a seat on the tour! If you have already purchased a seat, please be aware that the buses will depart (with or without you) at 8:00 am on Friday, July 5th.

Since this is the first day of the Convention, **there will be no time for bus selection**, so you will be assigned to a color-coded bus at registration.

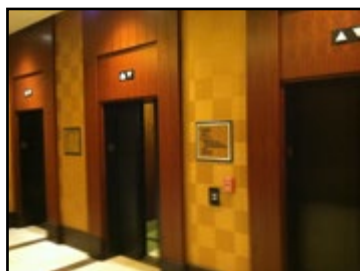
One part of the FBT will include public transportation, so please let us know if you have any mobility issues. Mobility issues, inquiries, and requests to be seated with a partner should be sent to fbt@sanfrancisco2013.org.

The tour will have a police escort to keep our seven buses of fun together as we move through the streets of San Francisco! Remember to wear warm layers and comfortable shoes.

GOING UP?

LOTS OF ELEMENTS go into making a memorable square dance convention: callers, flooring, dance schedule, decent food, working sound. However, it is the mighty **elevator**, above all else, that stands to make or break an IAGSDC convention.

The **Weave Your Heart** committee chose a host hotel with three separate banks of six high speed, fully-enclosed Otis Elevonic 401 elevators to whisk dancers up to their rooms or down to the lobby and dancing/ballroom level in minutes. Each bank is dedicated to a separate set of 9 to 11 floors to give express service to low, mid and high rise rooms. You won't miss a tip or grow roots while waiting for the next elevator to arrive.



PICNIC UPDATE

THE DIXIELAND DYKES HAD TO CANCEL, but we have a great replacement for our Great Square Dance Family Reunion Picnic on Saturday July 6: **Big Lou's Dance Party!**

Big Lou, the Accordion Princess, will have you tapping your toes to her merry music.

Also, **box lunches will be available for pre-purchase** so you can grab your lunch quickly and go soak up some sunshine.

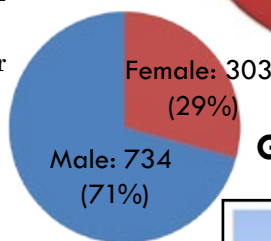
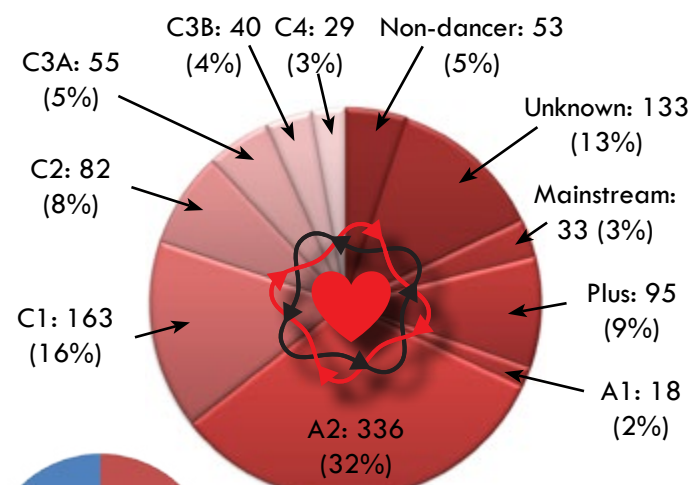


Accordion Princess Big Lou (center) and her Dance Party will entertain at the Square Dance Family Reunion Picnic.

FURTHER TRAILS TO THE CITY

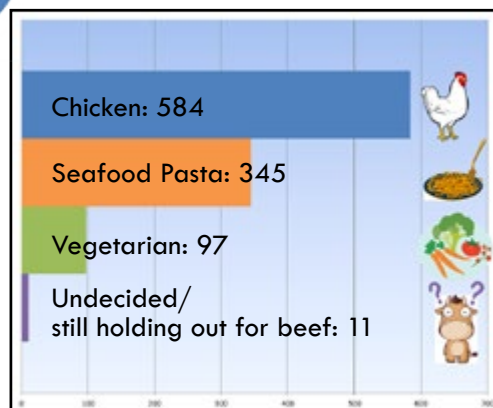
AS OF THE END OF APRIL, 1,037 PEOPLE from 57 IAGSDC clubs and affiliates (and 3 continents) have registered for **Weave Your Heart in San Francisco!**

Club Location	Registered
Canada	59
New England	16
Mid-Atlantic	150
Southeast	69
Midwest	61
Mountain	50
Southwest	57
Southern California	106
Northern California	237
Pacific Northwest	71
Japan & Europe	6
Other/No club affiliation	157



Dance Level

Gender



Banquet Choice