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Last Newsletter!

Awww...it seems like just yesterday that we published our introductory newsletter, and now Convention is almost here!

There's a lot of updated information in this issue, so take a moment to double-check each section!

We look forward to seeing—and swinging!—you in Saint Louis in just six weeks!

Hotel Room Block

As of 4/2/14, **our hotel room block had just 30 rooms left**, so we're going to ~~Rule the School~~ own the hotel for the weekend!

Call the **St. Louis Union Station Doubletree** right now at 1.314.621.5262, you hear?! Use booking code **SWM**.

In the event of a complete sell-out, **we do have the Drury inn right next door ready to offer you the same convention rate.**

Fun Badge Tour

Sorry, **the Fun Badge Tour is sold out!**

Registration Desk

The Registration Desk will open on **Thursday, 5/21/15 at 7:00 PM** for early arrivals.

Payment

Non-dancer rates remain at \$125.

Regular dancer registration is now \$265.

Advance registration payments can be made via credit card, check, or PayPal.

Warning: Onsite at the convention, only cash or check will be accepted!

Make checks payable to **Dance to the Middle, Inc.**, and mail them to:

Swing Me In St. Louis
c/o Aaron Wells
8341 Weber Trail Drive
St. Louis, MO 63123

Program Book Ads

We're still accepting ads for our Program Book until April 24th! For details, see:

<http://www.swingmeinstlouis.com/ads.pdf>

Refund Policy

March 31, 2015 was the last day for refunds for registration cancellations.

Day Rate

The day rate for each session (day, evening) will be **\$75 onsite**, payable *only* via cash or check.

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Look for daily updates on the Convention bulletin board and on Facebook once SMISL is underway!



Chairman's Message

I can't believe that **we're less than two months 48 days away from convention** (and my tranquilizers are still holding out...so far)!

As you prepare for your trip, keep looking at <http://www.swingmeinstlouis.com> for all sorts of updates and new information to make your convention experience fun and exciting!

We need your help! **We're looking for volunteers to help lay the floor on Thursday May 21st**, along with manning the booth, telling people where to go (in a nice way of course), etcetera.

Please email the convention committee and let us know if you are willing to lend a hand! If you've not already registered, get herself over to <http://www.iagsdc.org>, click on **Events**, and register right this minute! Our current rate is now \$265!

Aaron

Dance Schedule

The **Dance Schedule** can be found at:

<http://www.swingmeinstlouis.com/schedule.pdf>

Please see the last page of this newsletter for the pretty-darned-close-to-final schedule!

Photo Schedule

The **Photo Schedule** can be found at:

<http://www.swingmeinstlouis.com/photo.pdf>

If you can't find your club on the photo schedule, email the committee *right away* at swingmeinstlouis2015@gmail.com

More Hotel Details

Got a car? **Valet parking is just \$15 a day with unlimited in/out privileges.**

Got a laptop? **Wifi is free, hon.** Can't ask for a better deal than that.

Night owl? The hotel has just remodeled the grand foyer with a 75 foot long bar...and **last call is at 3:00am!**

Our host hotel also has a number of restaurants and shops. We've just confirmed that the restaurants will be open all weekend!

- **Hard Rock Café**
- **Landry's Seafood**
- **Station Grille**
- **Terenga Grill**
- **Charley's Steakery**
- **Gateway Burgers**
- **St. Louis Taco and Grill**
- **Pita King**
- **Subway**
- **Tokyo Teriyaki**
- **Edy's Ice Cream**
- **Nestle Toll House Café**
- **Fudgery**

Tours Still Available

ZOMG BECKY you *still* haven't registered for any tours? It's like, *totally* easy! For tour descriptions and online registration, point your web browser to:

<http://tinyurl.com/iagsdc2015tours>



Convention Planners Meeting

The **Convention Planners' Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, 5/24/15 at 10:00 AM**. Ask for the location when you check in at the Registration Desk

Merchandise

Collectibles, my moppets! The deadline for purchasing SMISL merchandise is April 15th!

For details, rush your browser over to:

<http://swingmeinstlouis.com/merchandise.php>



From The Throne

By Olive de Bottom

My dearest and most loyal subjects:

It is with great excitement that **I hereby extend a formal invitation to my royal kingdom, looking for contestants for the 2015 Honky Tonk Queen contest.**

As you know, this is a *most* cherished and prestigious title.

On **Saturday night, May 23rd**, you will witness the handing over of Our Crown to Our Newest Member of the Royal Family, banishing me forever into the company of some of the best Old Queens you'll ever meet.

If you are considering running for the title, please contact my social secretary Kelly at shortandqueer@yahoo.com.

Even if you don't run, make sure you mark your calendar. This will be a show you won't want to miss!

Please note that these schedules are subject to change.

Tuesday 5/19/15 - Thursday 5/21/15

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	GCA Caller School with Betsy Gotta!
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	<i>Thursday 5/21/ Only: Convention Registration Open</i>

Friday 5/22/15

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	GCA Caller School Dance!
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	IAGSDC Delegates' Meeting (<i>Lunch will be provided.</i>)
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Gay Callers' Association Meeting
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Trail-In Dance

Saturday 5/23/15

	MS	Plus	Advanced	C1	C2/C3A/C3B	C4/Specialty
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Opening Ceremonies Grand March Caller Introduction Welcome Tip by Staff Callers Memorial Tip Group Photo!					
12:00	<i>Deborah</i>	<i>Gary</i>	<i>Anne</i>	<i>Sandie</i>	C3A: Betsy	
1:00 PM	<i>Sandie</i>	<i>Darren</i>	<i>Dayle</i>	<i>Gary</i>	C3A: Mike	Red Hats 1:00-1:30 PM <i>Arlene</i>
2:00 PM	<i>Mike</i>	<i>Dayle</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Barry</i>	C2: Betsy	C4: Anne
3:00 PM	<i>Betsy</i>	<i>Mike</i>	<i>Deborah</i>	<i>Vic</i>	C2: Bill	C4: Barry
4:00 PM	<i>Gary</i>	<i>Sandie</i>	<i>Darren</i>	<i>Anne</i>	C3B: Vic	Kilts 4:00-4:40 PM <i>Scott A</i>
5:00 PM	<i>Bill</i>	<i>Deborah</i>	<i>Barry</i>	<i>Dayle</i>	C3B: Sandie	
6:00 PM	Leather Tip					
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Hoedown!					
	7:00 PM: 8:00 PM: <i>Sandie, Gary, Michael & Darren</i>					
	8:00 PM: 9:00 PM: <i>Dayle, Anne & Barry</i>					
	9:00 PM: 10:00 PM: <i>Deborah, Vic, Bill & Betsy</i>					
10:00 PM	Honky Tonk Queen Contest					

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Sunday 5/24/15						
	MS	Plus	Advanced	C1	C2/C3A/C3B	C4/Specialty
10:00 AM	Vic	Barry	Dayle	Gary	C3B: Betsy	Intro to Calling Bill Eyer
11:00 AM	Dayle	Deborah	Mike	Sandie	C3B: Barry	
12:00 PM	Barry	Bill	Sandie	Anne	C3A: Vic	Women's Tip Betsy & Deborah
1:00 PM	Betsy	Mike	Gary	Dayle	C3A: Anne	Bear Tip Bill & Darren
2:00 PM	Gary	Barry	Darren	Mike	C2: Dayle	C4: Vic
3:00 PM	Anne	Gary	Deborah	Betsy	C2: Vic	C4: Sandie
4:00 PM	Deborah	Dayle	Gary	Barry	C2: Mike	Finally Legal! Tip 4:00: 4:30 PM Michael
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Banquet					
8:00 PM	Mike	Vic	Bill	Sandie	C3B: Anne	Medallion Tip 8:00: 8:30 PM Caller TBA
9:00 PM	Deborah	Twins	Betsy	Bill	C3A: Barry	
10:00 PM	Moonshine					

Monday 5/25/15						
	MS	Plus	Advanced	C1	C2/C3A/C3B	
9:00 AM - 11:30 PM	Brunch					
11:30 AM						Fun Badge Tour 11:30 AM-2:30 PM Sandie & Aaron
12:00 PM	Gary	Deborah	Bill	Mike	C3B: Barry	
1:00 PM	Vic	Barry	Dayle	Bill	C3B: Betsy	
2:00 PM	Anne	Bill	Deborah	Gary	C3A: Mike	
3:00 PM	Deborah	Mike	Anne	Dayle	C3A: Vic	
4:00 PM	Dayle	Betsy	Gary	Barry	C2: Sandie	
5:00 PM	Darren	Vic	Barry	Betsy	C2: Anne	
6:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies					