

June 30 - July 3, 2017 \*

34th Annual IAGSDC Convention





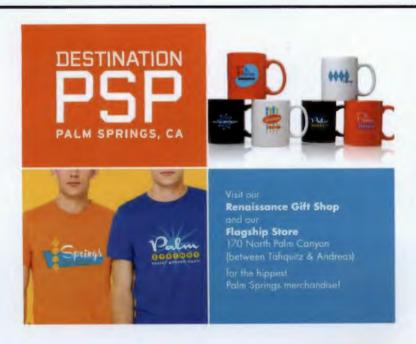
On behalf of the IAGSDC officers and Executive Board, let me extend our sincerest welcome to Palm Springs, California. Many of you may have visited this mecca known as a LGBTQ\* paradise in the past on other vacations or events. For those experiencing a Palm Springs for the first time, you're in for a treat.

Each year we gather it means cherished time with friends and family, new and longstanding, with dancers young, mature, new and experienced. This 34<sup>th</sup> annual assembly allows us to reconnect, recharge and recollect all we love about our art form and social outlet.

Thank you, Palm Springs dancers, volunteers, callers, vendors and advisors, for all you have done to bring us together for Palm Springs Swing & Mix.

Yellow Rocks,

Ed Zeigler, Chair IAGSDC An LGBTQ\* Organization





#### **Gary Dougan**

As Chair of the Palm Springs Swing & Mix 2017 Organizing Committee, I want to welcome LGBTQ dancers, their families and friends, and the community at large to our wonderful desert haven, full of natural wonder and light, for 4 days of square dancing and related fellowship. Since first being awarded the 2017 convention three years ago in Salt Lake City, we have worked tirelessly to fulfill our event motto, "Everything you'd expect at an

IAGSDC convention...with a twist!" I believe you'll find that we have succeeded in creating these desired "twists" for this 34th annual IAGSDC convention, including, local business sponsorships, two Fun Badge Tours (sunrise and sunset), revised Honky Tonk Queen competition, revived Hunky Trunks King contest, Smartphone app, in-hotel merchandise vendor, "Tips at the Top" dance 8000 feet in the sky, retro disco poolside tea dances with DJ, formalized pool tips, contra dance, country/western hoedown, local pub crawl, and on and on. Watching our conventioneers enjoy these programs will be thrilling for us to see. As a committee-sponsored convention, I have to thank our two local clubs, Windmill Twirlers and Boots In Squares for their belief that we could pull off a meaningful and successful convention and for the support of their members in volunteering throughout the production of this event. Enjoy Palm Springs & Rock on !!



#### Randy Clarke-laniero

Our Organizing Committee is very excited that you have come to our 34th IAGSDC Convention "Palm Springs Swing & Mix 2017 with a Twist". We know that every conventioneer will enjoy the fabulous Palm Springs Convention Center & Hotel Complex where everything is under the same roof. However, the outdoor pool area is a great way to socialize. At every turn, we hope that you enjoy your experience. Palm Springs Swing & Mix 2017 is the confluence of a plane full of volunteers that have all come together, from all over the world, to help make our event memorable. Thank you for being here to see the results of our hard work and

enjoy our idea of a Square Dance Family Reunion with a "twist". Remember that "it's a DRY HEAT!"



#### Jim Reinhold

Welcome to your 34th annual convention! Its been a long road getting to this point: two-and-a-half years of Organizing Committee meetings; over 1930 "threads" on my e-mail log; thousands of separate financial transactions, sometimes meal-by-meal and tour-by-tour. But somehow it all has come together for this extended holiday weekend.

EXPERIENCE everything that this convention has programmed and ENJOY all that Palm Springs

offers, and then return again and again to just relax in the desert!!



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Welcome to Palm Springs!

It is a pleasure to welcome the attendees of the 34th Annual Convention of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC) June 30 thru July 3, 2017.

Palm Springs is a year-round destination for business groups and tourists from throughout the world. Whether this is your first trip to our beautiful city or you are a returning visitor, we invite you to take some time to discover all that makes Palm Springs a great place to visit.

While you are here for your conference, we hope you will find time to unwind and relax. Visitors come to Palm Springs to enjoy our wonderful weather, play golf or tennis, hike, bicycle, bask in the bright sun poolside, or simply marvel at the natural beauty of the area.

As Mayor of this great city. I am very proud of our diversity and the respect we show one another, especially to our visitors. We are pleased that you have chosen to visit us here in Palm Springs.

We want you to feel welcome and leave with wonderful memories. If there is anything we can do to make your visit more enjoyable, don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely.

Robert L. Moon Mayor



Raul Ruiz, M.D. Member of Congress 36th District, California

June 20, 2017

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#### Dear Friends:

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC)'s 34th Annual Convention in Palm Springs. Since its founding in 1983, IAGSDC has advocated for equality by providing a safe space for the LGBTQ community to square dance.

For 34 years, IAGSDC has helped create dancing venues for the LGBTQ community. In a time when nightclubs, bars, and other spaces were unwelcoming for LGBTQ individuals, IAGSDC provided dancers with the support and tools necessary to advocate for inclusive dancing spaces or create their own. I am thrilled to welcome LGBTQ dancers from around the world to join together in Palm Springs, located in my congressional district.

I commend IAGSDC for its invaluable role in promoting inclusive and fun dancing spaces for all people regardless of gender, race, age, religion, or sexual orientation. I extend my best wishes for an outstanding event.

Sincerely,

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#### Anne Uebelacker, Vancouver BC area

Barely out of kindergarten, Anne started calling in 1976 for a children's group, and progressed to calling for all dance levels from Basic to C-4. Anne is the club caller for Squares Across The Border. She also maintains a busy traveling schedule on the weekends that may find her calling anywhere from British Columbia to Florida, Massachusetts to California, and internationally from Japan to Europe. As well as being a shining star at IAGSDC Conventions, she has called for the Canadian Challenge Convention, the National Challenge Convention, and the Academy of Advanced and Challenge Enthusiasts. As part of the Evil Twins (with Sandie Bryant), she is one of the with the less deep voice.



#### Barry Clasper, Toronto ON area

Barry and his wife Pam started dancing in 1973. 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 too. He now calls from Basic through C4. He strives to produce smooth danceable choreography, flavored with a bit of unusual positioning, to create a dance experience containing both physical and mental elements.



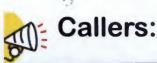
#### Bill Eyler, Palm Springs CA area

Bill started square dancing at the ripe old age of 29 in 1983, becoming hooked on social dancing. Between then and 1987, he had learned line dancing, contras, clogging, country-western dance, Latin dance, and round dancing. Square dancing became his passion. In 1984 he was tapped to take over teaching lessons for the Wilde Bunch, never having had instruction on how to do so, but found some natural talents he didn't know existed. Because of that passion, he dove in, soon being asked to call for local clubs, then fly-ins, then conventions and in 2013, as an instructor for the GCA school.



#### Cliff Simpson, Palm Springs CA area

Cliff first began Square Dance lessons in 1960 and his calling career began in 1969. He has called in 43 States, Canada, Mexico and Japan. Cliff and his wife Peggy have taken dancers on many Square Dance Cruises and trips. He has called at numerous National Square Dance Conventions. This is his first appearance at an IAGSDC Convention. Cliff is a full-time caller and has traveled extensively throughout the Southwest. He is a member of Caller Lab and a past Chairman of the Advanced Committee. Cliff began calling for Palm Springs Boots In Squares in 2001 and is currently their club caller.







#### Gary Monday, Seattle WA area

Gary began calling in 1984 at age 19 in Asheville, NC. His parents started dancing in 1981 and he tagged along occasionally. One night at a Plus dance they needed one "boy" dancer to fill a square. After the 3rd tip, he realized he had been paying attention during his parent's classes and workshops and knew all the calls except Linear Cycle. He taught his first Mainstream class in 1984 and fell in love with teaching and calling, having attended a caller's school that year. He and his partner Ben moved to Seattle in October 2011, and they are both members of Puddletown Squares. Gary calls Mainstream through C-2, and is now enjoying calling for several clubs in the Pacific Northwest. He has called at many IAGSDC clubs, as well as monthly dances.



#### Hunter Keller, Menifee CA area

Hunter has been around square dancing all his life, having been dragged from dance to dance by his parents and grand-parents. After the death of his grandfather in 2002, he decided that he wanted to do something that would always remind him of his hero. and decided to start taking square dance lessons. Six months later he picked up a microphone and began calling. He eventually became the caller for four clubs .. The Magic Diamonds, the 59ers, the Hoedowners, and the Checkerboard Squares. He called his first festival in July of 2007 in California and has also called in Japan, Germany, Australia, Canada, Belgium and Taiwan.



#### Randy Dougherty, McAllen TX area

Randy has enjoyed the wonderful world of square dancing for almost 50 years. From 1979 to 1986 he was a caller for seven clubs in the Twin Cities area, then broadened his traveling circuit to include the entire USA and foreign countries. In 1986 Randy left Minnesota for the warmer climate of Arizona where he ran a busy dance program in Mesa during the winter season. In 2009 Randy moved his winter program to Hparr, TX where he calls all levels from beginners to C3A for the many friendly Winter Texans that flock to the Square Dance Capital of the World. Throughout his career, Randy has recorded hits for many record companies. To date he has attended, and called for, nearly 40 straight National Conventions.





#### Saundra Bryant, Chicago IL area

Saundra (or Sandie, as she is affectionately called) has been behind the microphone since 1979. Sandie's accomplishments are on-going. She is on the staff of AACE (Academy for Advanced and Challenged Enthusiasts) and at various festivals... Sandy calls from Mainstream through C-4. She is the club caller for ChiTown Squares, and has been a regular caller at IAGSDC conventions and GLBT fly-ins. Sandie is a member of Callerlab, and has called at events across the USA as well as Canada, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Mexico and Sweden. Sandie, along with Anne Uebelacker, is sometimes known as part of the Evil Twins. Sandie is the one with the low voice.



#### Terri Sherrer, Palm Springs CA area

Terri started dancing in 1990 in Alabama, and started calling in 2003. She calls Basic thru C-1. In 2005, she moved to Palm Springs and quickly became a part of the local square dancing scene. She currently calls for the Windmill Twirlers of Palm Springs, the Sun City Dancers of Palm Desert, and has an Advanced dancer's group in Tujunga CA, associated with Bloomin' Squares. She has also called for various IAGSDC affiliated clubs up and down the west coast. "There are no mistakes in Square Dancing, only Memory Makers."



#### Vic Ceder

Vic started dancing in 1973 in a teen club where he met his wife Debbie. They have made calling a family affair, as their daughter does join them at events. Vic is a long-time favorite at GLBT fly-ins around the country (especially in Palm Springs). He is a self taught caller and has never attended a caller's school. He has called in 8 countries which included straight National Square Dance Conventions. Vic is currently a permanent staff caller at the National Advanced & Challenge Square Dance Convention.



### **Special Event Callers:**





Andy Shore, Santa Cruz, CA area

In recent years I've mostly been calling contra dances around Northern California, including Santa Cruz, Monterey, Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland, Hayward, and Berkeley, as well as some while traveling. I call both traditional and "gender role free" contra dances.



#### Calvin Hollis Wisconsin USA

Fun Badge Tour Caller

Currently a resident of Wisconsin, Calvin hails from Oklahorna where he got his start calling at age 16. Fourteen years later, Calvin still gets people moving with his exuberant style, from Basic through A-2. He has been a featured caller at state festivals in Oklahorna, Texas, Iowa, Missouri and Arkansas. He travels often to call for clubs across the country and many district festivals. He will be featured at various IAGSDC clubs during this next year. Calvin is excited to make his IAGSDC convention debut in Palm Springs.



#### Darrin Gallina, Lompoc CA area

I began square dancing at the age of 13 with my younger sister. I was immediately drawn to the music and the calling of square dancing. I called my first full dance for a dance club at age 15. For the past 30 years, my calling has taken me to clubs and festivals all over the state of California and many western states and British Columbia. I currently



### Kris Jensen, Albuquerque NM area

I started calling modern western square dances in 1991, and currently call Basic through C3A. I call three nights a week in Albuquerque, and do some traveling, having called weekends. I occasionally foray into Canada. I'm an active Callerlab member. I've been vice-chair of the Challenge committee and participated in panels at the annual Callerlab convention. I am president of the Albuquerque Square Dance Center.



#### Mike Seastrom, Los Angeles area

Mike has been dancing since 1960, and calling since 1963. He started dancing after losing a bed to his mother and calling when he tried to show his 6th grade teacher what "square dancing was really Like". He taught his first class in 1963 after borrowing money from his folks to buy a small sound system and was able to pay them back before the class was over.. Mike joined Callerlab in 1977, and has been chairman of several committees, as well as an annual presenter an annual Callerlab conventions. Mike teaches and calls Basic through C-1.



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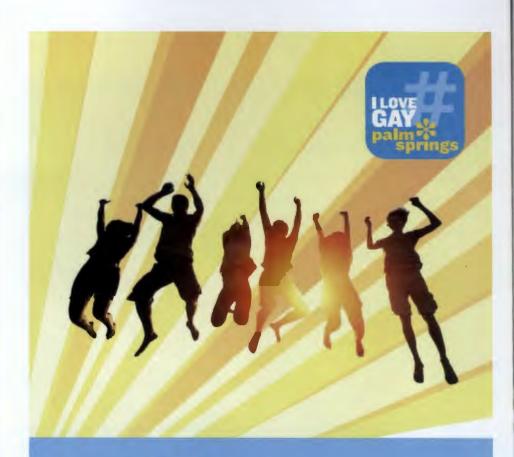
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There have been many volunteers over the last 4 years in producing this convention. Below is just a portion of the cast of hundreds, that all deserve honorary mention and acknowledgement.

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