

# SPREAD & circulate

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## Holiday Dance

Date: Sunday, December 11

Time: 2 pm

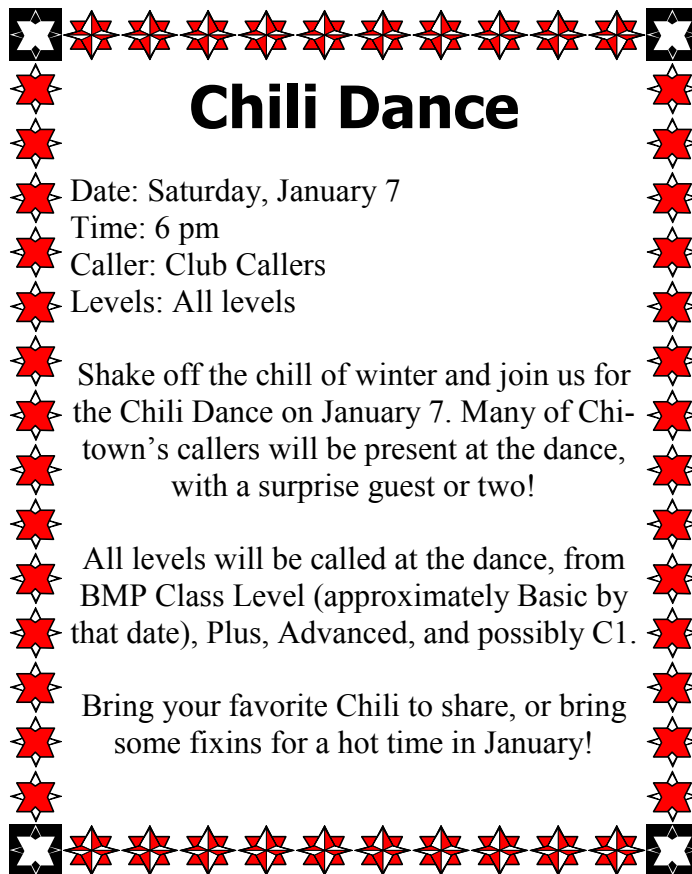
Caller: Sandie Bryant

Levels: BMP class Level, Plus & Advanced

Join the new dancers from the BMP class for the final Chi-Town shindig of 2011.

With Sandie calling, you just know there will be holiday songs.

With Chi-Town dancing, you know there will be friends and holiday snacks (bring some to share!)



## Chili Dance

Date: Saturday, January 7

Time: 6 pm

Caller: Club Callers

Levels: All levels

Shake off the chill of winter and join us for the Chili Dance on January 7. Many of Chi-town's callers will be present at the dance, with a surprise guest or two!

All levels will be called at the dance, from BMP Class Level (approximately Basic by that date), Plus, Advanced, and possibly C1.

Bring your favorite Chili to share, or bring some fixins for a hot time in January!

## Holiday Break

We will not be dancing during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. What this means is that there is no BMP class on Thursday, December 29, and there is no A2/C1 workshop on Monday, December 26.

A2/C1 Workshops resume on Monday, January 2, 2012.

BMP Classes resume on Thursday, January 5.

## Banner Steal Dec. 16

Sign up to steal this banner at any Chi-town class or contact Rich Sehnert at [midlorich@yahoo.com](mailto:midlorich@yahoo.com)

### Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Friday Country Bumpkins

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

17935 Springfield Ave.

Homewood, IL.

8-10:30 pm

Caller: Chuck Witt

## Thank You to Sidetrack & Touché

Chi-Town Squares thanks Chuck Hyde of Sidetrack and David Boyer of Touché for their contributions to the Halloween Dance costume contest prizes.

Chuck provided 2 gift cards to Sidetrack, while David provided a gift package which included a premium bottle of Patron liqueur.

Be sure to patronize these supporters of Chi-Town Squares in the future!

## Advanced Class Starting in Homewood on January 8

American Squares in Homewood is offering Advanced classes on Sundays starting January 8, 2012.

**Location:** St. Paul Community Church,  
18200 Dixie Highway, Homewood, IL 60430.

Cost: \$6 Dress: Casual

See [americansquares.com](http://americansquares.com) or call (815) 954-9266

### Also: Last DBD MS / PLUS 2011 Workshop

Sunday December 18, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

St. Paul Community Church, 18200 Dixie Highway, Homewood, IL 60430. \$5 / person

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## Scholarships Available

Some scholarships are available to Chi-Town dancers with demonstrated need, who are willing to satisfy certain conditions. Contact any member of the Board of Directors for more details.

## Health Update

Long-time Chi-Town member and volunteer Merry Mary was hospitalized recently for cancer-related problems. As of press time, she is reported to be discharged from St. Joseph hospital and should be back home.



Chi-Town Squares wishes her the best and thanks her for service to the gay community and Chi-Town Squares.

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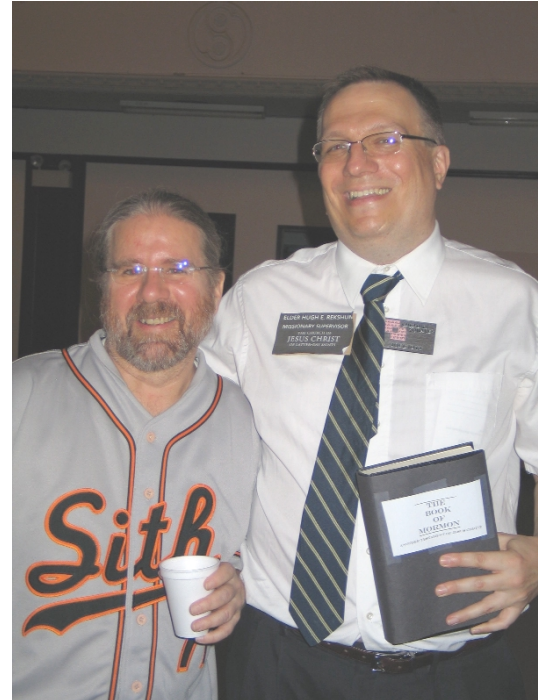
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# SPOOKY MORMON HELL DANCE!



Rich Sehnert, came as a "One-Night Stand" and won the prize for Best Costume & Most Creative Costume.  
Hey, what's in that drawer? It looks kinda like a squirtgun???



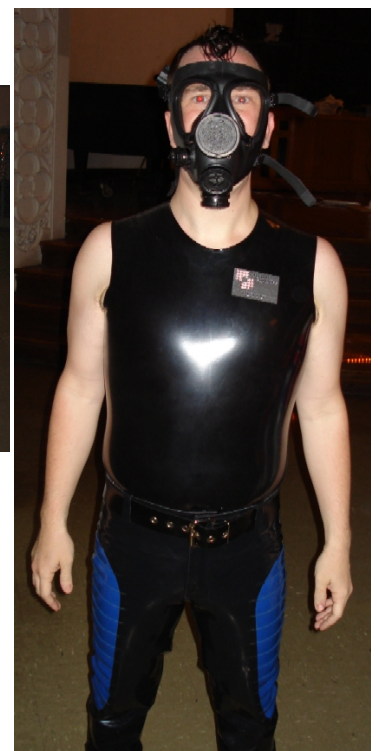
Spooky Mormon Joel invaded the dance looking for converts to the BMP religion. He pairs up with Dark Lord Darth AKA John.



Kenny shows off a scary pose as Horned Dracula. He won the prize for 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Costume and also Scariest Costume.



Dracula gets a little peckish and takes a bite out of 3<sup>rd</sup> best costume winner Therron. Therron as Rubberman also takes the Sexiest Costume title.



Photos by Rob Sierzega and Joel



# MORE COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS!



Left: Marimonica as a "Red Shirt" wins Best Use of a Synthetic Fiber

Right: Nino as Knight, wins Most Gallant. BJ poses with him.



Right, Below: Tom as a hippie wins Most Likely to be High. Is he smoking that pig???

Below: Kevin as Lesley "Gore"-tex wins for Best Drag and Horniest.



Left: Steve as box of "Blow Me" tissues wins Funniest Costume

Below: Bob Sundal as a Convict wins the Hottest Prison Wife prize.

Right: Rob Sierzega as a Scotsman wins Best Legs prize.







Photos by  
Rob Sier-  
zega and  
Joel



## HALLOWEEN DANCE





# New Class Report

By Joel Iott

The new class is doing well and is getting close to finishing the Basic level. Class attendance remains steady at about the same as last year.

I want to say a special thank-you to the angels who come regularly, and those who come when they are able. You are the reason that the new class is doing as well as it is. We are moving into the colder months where angel attendance starts to drop off, so your individual attendance will really make a difference.

Some recent developments:

- Now that the weather is getting cooler, I've started bringing some tasty treats ~~so that you get fat~~ for your enjoyment.
- Therron has started calling a sequence during the review session. He has proved a quick study, and we look forward to his development as a caller.
- We decided to more integrate the styling into the teaching schedule rather than have be on a special day. More info as this develops.

Review sessions continue on Thursdays @ 7 pm with the regular class time @ 7:30 pm. The rate for angels at BMP class is now \$5. I am always interested in your feedback, so contact me if you have any comments or questions.

Thanks for your support!

## Why Support the New Class?

Because it directly affects the health of the club. We need new people coming into the club who will financially support the club and give their time as volunteers. Last year we graduated 11 people from BMP class.

Of those 11 people, we had 1 person join the board, 1 person who is learning to call, and 4-5 who regularly attend this year's BMP class.

And it also benefits you more directly:

- Exercising on a regular basis will improve your health. The latest recommendation is to get at least 30 minutes of exercise 3 times a week. Why not exercise and have fun at the same time?
- Social interaction like square dancing will improve your mood and help stave off the winter blahs.
- You can improve your own dancing. In class we're learning the fundamentals which all of the other advanced calls are built upon. We're now at the point where we are learning more complex calls.

## Movie Review: Puss in Boots

Scooty recently snuck into a screening of "Puss in Boots" and liked it so much that he wanted to write a review for the newsletter. His paws don't write very well so this is the best guess as to what he was writing...

**PuSS in booTs WaZ REALLY GoOD. I likeD tHat Hottie female kitty.**

**ThE beSt part waZ the dance off. I NEERly coughed UP a HAREball when they dId the LITTUR BOX dance. AND I really meOWed wHen PuSS did the SCOOT dance!**

**BUTT I didn't liKe the EGg. Too MuCH eGG in this mOOvie. I look FOReWhuRD to the CEE-Kwel and mORE scOOTing.**

**I give this mOoVie "TAiLS-uP!"**





# **It's My Column (And I'll Write What I Want To) By Her Majesty Lesley Gore-Tex, Queen of Honky-Tonk**



Dear Loyal Subjects:

We are so very delighted to bring you our new regular feature, in which we will regale and enchant you with diverse and sundry morsels of indispensable information. The topics will be not only square dancing—ranging from Acey Deucey to Zoom—but anything and everything else in the world, from aardwolf to zymurgy (we are sorry, but we are not so fond of aardvarks).

But first, we want to say how thrilled and humbled we are to be the Honky Tonk Queen. We are so very pleased that the panel of judges showed such excellent taste and supreme wisdom, to select us to reign over all of you darling little people this coming year. Our sincerest gratitude to all of those who helped us prepare this year, including Luwanda (our cosmetological consultant), Florence Bush (our hairstylist, who does such AMAZING things with a toilet paper roll!), and Mrs. Manischewitz.

Kisses also to Phil, Rob, Trevor, Rick and Steven. Of course, we must also thank those who were of invaluable assistance last year (as opposed to valuable—after all, we did not win!): our seamstress, Tony; our fluffer, Terrence (we're talking crinolines—get your minds out of the gutter!); and the ever-bemused Jerry.



Allan Hurst reports that his mother Sally, who was a Chi-Town member for several years, has moved to California near him. She sends greetings to Chi-Town, and Allan sends this picture of Sally with her new boyfriend, Two Bears.

If you feel like dropping her a note (or a card for her birthday on January 1), her address is  
Sally Hurst  
3800 Walnut Avenue, Apt. 420  
Fremont, CA 94538

But, as they say, "heavy is the head that wears the crown" (and that crown is awfully heavy, let us tell you!). With this great honor comes great responsibility, so we are hard at work preparing a dazzling, momentous extravaganza for your enjoyment in Vancouver. Our producer had already begun developing a theme and lining up acts on the voyage home from Atlanta—he kept chattering away about it, not giving us a single wink of sleep! He is even drawing up plans for our first music video.

(Our producer is himself a veteran of the silver screen, having appeared with Matt Dillon in the Walt Disney production of TEX. He tells us that acting as a high school basketball game spectator is very hard work when nothing is happening down on the court, and if we should not believe him we are to ask Meg Tilly. In case you missed it in the theaters, or want to relive it again in the comfort of your living room, our producer's performance in TEX is preserved for posterity on DVD—look for the orange shirt!)

We are sorry to say that our editor tells us we have no more room for this inaugural column. Please watch for us again in the next issue, where we will have a special treat for our readers.

**Lesley Gore-Tex  
Queen of Honky-Tonk**

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# Chi-Town Dance Schedule 2011-2012

## Changes in bold

Sun, Sep. 25 .....2 pm ..... Ross Howell ..... Plus and Advanced  
Thurs, Oct. 27 .....7:30 pm.. John Oldfield..... Halloween Dance / Class Level—Plus  
**Sun, Nov. 20** .....2 pm ..... **M. Maltenfort**..... Thanksgiving Dance / Mainstr.—Adv. (C1)  
Sun, Dec. 11 .....2 pm ..... **Saundra Bryant**.. Holiday Dance / Class Level, Plus & Advanced (C1)  
  
Sat, Jan. 7 .....6 pm ..... Club Callers ..... Chili dance / All Dance Levels  
**Sat, Feb. 4** .....7 pm ..... Bobby Poyner ..... Valentine Dance / Mainstream—Adv. (C1)  
Sun, March 4 .....2 pm ..... Chuck Witt ..... Class Level—Plus Dance  
Sun, March 25 .....2 pm ..... Ben Rubright..... Plus—Advanced Dance (C1)  
Sun, April 29 .....2 pm ..... Barry Clasper ..... Plus—Advanced Dance (C1)  
**Sun, May 13** .....2 pm..... **Todd Felleggy** ..... **DANCE CANCELLED**  
**Sun, June 10** .....2 pm..... **Dayle Hodge**..... Pride Dance / Plus—C1

Dances marked (C1) will have C1 tips available based on number of dancers present

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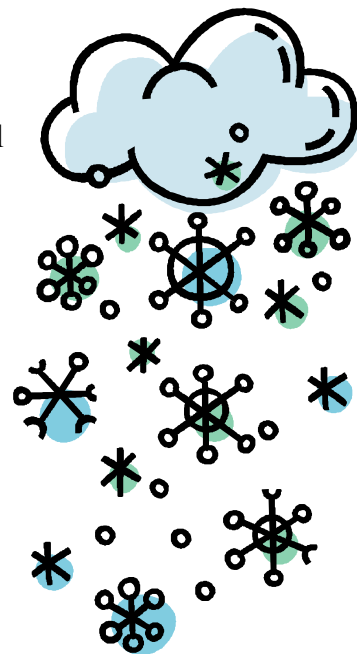
## Winter Cancellation Information

With the winter weather just around the corner, Chi-Town Squares has set up the following notification systems to get the word out if we need to cancel a class or dance.

For the **Thursday night class**, a decision will be made by the class coordinator and teacher before 3 PM to hold class or not, if the weather looks like it may be an issue. An email will go out to the entire club, and then we will attempt to call all regular students and attendees of the class. If you are not sure, you can call **Joel at 847-863-7358 (CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS INFO)**. If he hasn't changed his regular message, dancing is on. He will not be returning calls.

**Monday night dancers** should call Rob Sierzega's home telephone at **773-338-0436** after 3:30 pm if the weather looks threatening. If we are cancelling, his message will say so. If he hasn't changed his regular message, dancing is on. He will not be returning calls. Rob has printed out cards to hand out on Monday nights with his phone number and the after 3:30 pm time frame.

**For regular club dances**, a decision will be made as early as possible and a club email will be sent to paid members, if we are to cancel. Also check our various webpages.





# Chi-Town Squares Calendar

## December 2011

All events held at Ebenezer Lutheran church unless otherwise indicated

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 BMP Class	2 Banner Steal Glenview 8 pm	3
4	5 A2/C1	6	7	8 BMP Class	9 <i>A2 S. Bryant Deerfield</i>	10 Banner Steal Hebron, IN 7:30 pm
11 Holiday Dance 2 pm S. Bryant Class Lvl/Plus/Adv	12 A2/C1	13	14	15 BMP Class	16 Banner Steal Homewood 8 pm	17
18 <i>DBD Plus 3 pm Homewood</i>	19 A2/C1	20	21	22 BMP Class	23	24
25	26 NO Workshop	27	28	29 NO Class	30	31

## January 2012

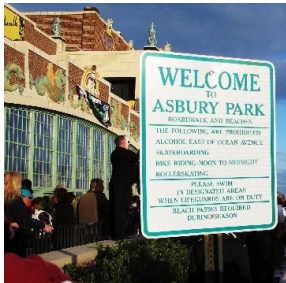
*Italics = Non-CTS event*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 A2/C1	3	4	5 BMP Class	6	7 Chili dance 6 pm All Levels
8	9 A2/C1	10	11	12 BMP Class	13 <i>A2 S. Bryant Deerfield</i>	14 <i>C2/C3A Deerfield</i>
15	16 A2/C1	17	18	19 BMP Class	20	21
22	23 A2/C1	24	25	26 BMP Class	27 <i>C1 S. Bryant Deerfield</i>	28 <i>C3B Deerfield</i>
29	30 A2/C1	31				

# Strange Creatures Invade Asbury Park

By Greeley Walker (Text & Pictures)

Many strange creatures invaded Asbury Park, New Jersey, on the weekend of October 21-23...in addition to square dancers! I went there for the New York Times Squares' annual "Peel the Pumpkin" fly-in, which took place at the Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel beside the Boardwalk on the Atlantic Ocean.



This year our dance weekend was scheduled for the same weekend as the Zombie Convention, which took place near our hotel at the Asbury Park Convention Center on the Boardwalk. The highlight of this "Undead Festival" is the Zombie Walk, which took place on Saturday afternoon. These are some photos that I took of the bloody creatures:



Nearby was a van to collect donations of blood from this bloody brood.

The New Jersey zombie walk began in 2008 in Asbury Park, and in 2010

the walk set a Guinness World Record for largest zombie gathering with 4,093 people, 67 more than the previous record, dressed up as undead monsters.



Thousands of zombies walked and lurched down the Boardwalk toward the Carousel House.



The bride is fond of eyeballs, while the groom prefers brains.



This was quite a horrific gathering.

(Below)  
Next to the bloody bride is a zombie chewing on a foot.





While the zombies wandered around Asbury Park, we prepared ourselves for the Saturday evening costume dance, which went along with the fly-in theme "Scream Chain Thru". Below are Dreda Drybones (Harold Gabel), Little Red Dracula Hood (Greeley Walker), and Long Dong Kong (Bob Siegel).



Times square dancer with staff caller Betsy Gotta.



The Grim Reaper came to our hotel room to escort us to the dance.

In a large ballroom in the Berkeley Ocean-front Hotel many costumed dancers enjoyed the outstanding square dance callers, including Deborah Carroll-Jones, Ken Rittucci and Nick Martellacci.



After the dance ended, we went to the cocktail lounge to attend a special performance by a Female Impersonator named Porsche Ferrari. She sang a number of songs while doing an excellent job of imitating the voices of many celebrities, ranging from Carol Channing to Elvis Presley. It was quite entertaining.

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The costume contest winners were these guys who dressed as a "Head Couple"





# A Pleasant Autumn Visit to Chicago

Hello, Chi-Towners! I'm **Chip Prince**, and some of you know me from past IAGSDC conventions. I'm from New York (Times Squares) but I have been on the road as a pianist with "Mary Poppins" and just spent four weeks in your midst, in lovely Chicago.

I've been here before, both for dances and for theater work (my last job here was "Sunset Boulevard" in 1997), and the same thing always happens to me: I never have the time to do the things I want to do and see the things I want to see in Chicago. I consider this city to be the architectural capital of the United States, thanks to its rich history as a place where innovative buildings have sprung up ever since the Great Fire. Although I've been staying with master architect Rob Sierzega, I'm a real dunce about art and architecture, so as I wander about town all I can do is say "I don't know anything about it, but I know what I like."

Traveling with "Mary" has been wonderful fun; I've been doing it for about two years now, and though all that travel is stressful at times, I do love the work, and of course I'm grateful to have a job at all. Those of you who saw our show will hopefully agree with me that it's a first-rate Disney stage show, complete with all the requisite magic, and a MORE than hummable score. I'm very proud of the show and glad to have been a part of it — our tour will end next February, though another, smaller tour will follow.

My busy schedule in Chicago has kept me shuttling back and forth between Granville Avenue and the Palace Theatre (I have an intimate relationship with the Red Line now), but I have managed to do a few fun things while here. I did make it, finally, to the Art Institute, where I spent an awe-struck afternoon which convinced me that I need to go back again and again. What a treasure that place is! I could spend all day just staring at the Monets. But of course there's so much more! Well, next trip, I guess...

I also was lucky enough to score a Groupon for a discounted Segway tour of Chicago. I had never been on one of those contraptions before, so I was a little worried about it, but it turned out to be as easy as Touch A Quarter! Or maybe it's more like Balancing in an Alamo Ring — since that's approximately the motion that you employ in operating one; a subtle rocking back and forth. In short, I had a blast. The weather that day was perfect — a brisk but sunny autumn day — and the skyline was a sight to behold from Grant Park and Soldiers Field. Our attractive tour guides gave the sixteen of us Segwayers a bit of history as we rolled along, but to be honest we were just having fun tooling around on those things.

Because "Mary Poppins" performed on Thursday nights but not on Mondays, I had to miss all the fun with the Mainstream and Plus dancers, but I could go and dance A2 and C1 to Sandra Bryant — three weeks' worth! She has now spoiled me for quite a while. I was sorry not to be able to attend the Hallowe'en dance, but Rob and I decided to dress up for the final Monday (which was October 31 after all), I in his sailor outfit and he in my Scottish kilt

(which you saw the prior Thursday). The way Sandie had us moving around, even at Challenge (ahem!), sometimes I felt like I was doing a hornpipe and Rob the Highland Fling. Or maybe my imagination is just too active.



**Chip Prince (right) poses with Rob S.**

I know I picked one of the best times of year to be here; I've also experienced the heat of summer and the windy cold of winter. I hope it's not too long before I get to come back and dance with you again!





# UPCOMING NATIONAL & REGIONAL EVENTS

**CANCELLED:** 13-Jan-15-Jan **Swing Thru Arizona 2012** Flyin. Desert Valley Squares, Phoenix, AZ

03-Feb-05-Feb **Swing Thru the Palms 2012** Flyin. Boots In Squares, Palm Springs, CA

Callers: Vic Ceder, Mike DeSisto, Kris Jensen

17-Feb-19-Feb **ACDC 2012 A/C Weekend - East Coast.** DC Lambda Squares, Washington, DC

17-Feb-20-Feb **Flip the Flamingo V: Scoot Back to High School** Flyin. Suncoast Squares, St. Petersburg, FL

Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Chris Phillips, Mike Cox

09-Mar-11-Mar **Rain Festival 2012: Load the Love Boat!** Flyin. Puddletown Squares, Seattle, WA

Callers: Mike Kellogg and John Marshall Mike Desisto and Stephen Cole (Saturday Workshops)

16-Mar-18-Mar **Promenade Down Peachtree 10** Flyin. Hotlanta Squares, Atlanta, GA

Callers: Gary Monday, Chris Burchfield, and Jimmy Roberson

23-Mar-25-Mar **CUT THE EMERALD (20th Annual Fly-in)** Independence Squares, Wilmington, DE

Callers: John Marshall, Ett McAtee, Anne Uebelacker

30-Mar-01-Apr **Arch and Dive Thru 2012- Disco Inferno** Flyin. Gateway Squares, Saint Louis, MO

Callers: Anne Uebelacker and Sandra Bryant

30-Mar-01-Apr **2012 Spring West Coast Queer Contra Dance Camp**, LCFD, Monte Toyon, Aptos, CA

Callers: Contra: Chris Ricciotti; English: Lise Dyckman; Band: Perpetual e-Motion; Sound: Nick Cuccia

02-Apr-04-Apr **2012 CALLERLAB Convention** Non-affiliated (gay-friendly). Nashville, TN

13-Apr-15-Apr **Ropin' the River 2012 Turn thru the Tulips** Flyin. Grand River Squares, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Callers: Sandra Bryant and Gary Monday

27-Apr-29-Apr **2012 Spring LCFD Gender Role Free Contra Dance Camp**, LCFD, Woodstock, CT

Callers: contra calling by Sue Rosen

04-May-06-May **Pass the Ocean, Hon! 2012** Flyin. Chesapeake Squares, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

11-May-13-May **Pioneer Promenade III** Flyin. Temple Squares, Salt Lake City, UT

Callers: Anne Uebelacker and Sandra Bryant

18-May-20-May **Stumptown Stomp 2012** Flyin. Capital City Squares, Guernville, CA

Callers: Michael Kellogg and Barry Clasper

Please check  
[www.iagsdc.org](http://www.iagsdc.org)  
website for updates and  
more information

24-May-27-May **Silver Belles & Beaus: 25th Anniversary Fly-In.** Triangle Squares, Toronto, Ontario

Callers: Joe Uebelacker, Anne Uebelacker

29-Jun-02-Jul **Dance Up A Storm - The 29th Annual IAGSDC Convention**, Vancouver, Canada

31-Aug-03-Sep **The Great Chicago Crossfire 2012** Flyin, Chi-Town Squares, Chicago, IL

Callers: Sandra Bryant, Anne Uebelacker, Kris Jensen, John Oldfield, and others

14-Sep-16-Sep **Sock It To Me Denver!** A/C Weekend - West Coast. Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus, Denver, Colorado

Callers: Anne Uebelacker \* Barry Clasper \* Geo Jedlicka \* Sandra Bryant \* Vic Ceder

21-Sep-23-Sep **Square Dance Women Weekend** Flyin. Silver Falls Conference Center Sublimity OR

Callers: Kris Jensen & Anne Uebelacker