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Letter from the President: Spring Forward!

Spring is in the air (finally!) This has been an awful winter but Chi-Town has managed to make it through the snow, ice and polar vortices.

I ask all of you to continue to support the Monday night A/C workshops with Sandie. Also we still need many angels to assist us with our Thursday night MS/Plus workshop. The BLAST students are now learning Plus and will be ready to dance full Plus in time for the Annual Meeting in May.

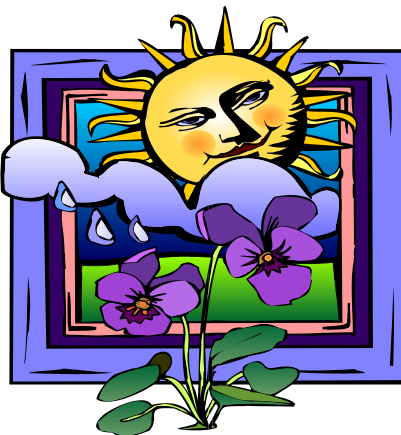
Thanks to Gloria Maile for a donation of \$1,000 to Chi-Town Squares. Anyone care to match that? Though we continually lose money at our workshops and dances, Chi-Town Squares is financially secure for now, thanks in part because of such donations, "All Join Hands" grants, and our own reserves. I would love to hear from all of you on ideas that will work so that we do not lose money every year.

We are sponsoring an MCASD Student Dance on Sunday, **April 6** from 2-5 PM with John Oldfield. Come support new students from all over Chicagoland. Full Plus tips will also be called.

Don't forget the Grand Rapids fly-in is coming up **April 11-13**. Let's support their club.

Bobby Poyner is calling on Saturday **April 26** from 7-10 PM. He will be calling from Mainstream to A2.

Our annual meeting will be held on Saturday **May 3** at the church. It starts at 5:00 PM with a Potluck dinner, 6:00 PM Annual Meeting, and 7:00 PM all level dancing with club callers. Bring a dish or dessert to share.



We will also be electing Board members for the 2014-2105 season. We currently have two openings, so contact me ASAP if you are interested in running.

The adorable brother-sister calling team, the Bergers, will be calling MS and Plus on Saturday, **May 17** from 7-10 PM.

Our Pride Dance is Saturday, **June 14** 7-10PM with Dayle Hodge calling Plus/Advanced/C1.

The **SUMMER** schedule for A/C Monday nights and Plus Thursday nights is complete! Check out the schedule inside this issue and at our website chitownsquares.org for the most updated listings.

I am so excited about convention this year in Salt Lake City **July 3-6**. If you have never been to convention, you have missed an incredible experience. I go every year. And to think that 1,000 gay/lesbian square dancers will be descending upon the Mormons warms my heart!

Sandie Bryant will be calling a Friends & Family Open House Dance on **August 23**, to whet your friends' appetite for the **2014 BLAST**, which is scheduled for **September 19-21** with Michael Maltenfort teaching.

Crossfire 2014 is **October 10-12** with Sandie Bryant and Mike Kellogg. Look for more information inside this newsletter.

Please contact me if you are interested in an **Advanced** class or a **C1** class in the fall. You can see me at the church or call me at 773-425-7584 or email me at jwdk1949@aol.com.

Sincerely, Joe Kerouac, President

Your Club Needs You!

by Richard Swanson, Communications chair

As we approach the end of another dance season and Chi-Town's annual meeting, we want to renew the invitation to all our club members to be involved. We need your time and talents working to weave the ring of fun and friendship year after year. We need your membership dues and special gifts to keep us financially strong and vibrant. Most of all we want to dance a tip with you on club nights and special events. Want to dig in and help? Here are a few opportunities just ahead:

We'll have two openings on the board this year? Maybe one of them fits you!

Plans are well under way for this year's Crossfire. Co-chairs Jeff Hutchins & Jean Shamo would love to have your help to make it a big success! The next

committee meeting is at Jeff's house on April 23, 7 PM.

We'll be offering another BLAST weekend this fall, with our very own Michael Maltenfort teaching. Join the fun and start talking it up your friends, co-workers, neighbors, Facebook buddies, etc!

Other club committees always need your hard work, too. Why not bring your ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to the Membership, Social, Communications, or Fundraising committees? Speak to any board member listed below to find out how!

Let's all join hands to make the next year fabulous! You'll be glad you did!

Chi-Town Squares 2013-14 Board of Directors

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Rob Sierzega (V.P., Crossfire committee)
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Membership Directory Available at Club Express

We have closed out our membership drive for this season (just in time for the new one coming up!)

We currently have 113 members for the 2013-2014 season, including 8 honorary or lifetime members, and 11 out-of town members.

A PDF file listing members and their contact information has been created. It can be found at Club Express under the "Documents" section, and is entitled "2014 members" You must be a paid member and log-in at Club Express to access this file. (cts.clubexpress.com)

If you are having difficulty logging into the site, please contact Membership Chair Chuck Pease for help.

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Free MCASD Student Dance April 6!

Chi-Town Squares will be hosting a special “New Dancer” dance next weekend, and you are invited to come by for FREE!

The Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers plans four “New Dancer Dances” each year for the promotion and enjoyment of square dancing. On Sunday **April 6**, Chi-Town Squares will serve as the host for the fourth and final one of the season. It will be held 2:00-5:00 PM at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, and John Oldfield will be calling. Come out and enjoy this dance with other new Chicago area dancers, as planned for your pleasure.

There will be no significant teaching or workshops. These sessions are considered to be Dances. The caller

will call to the average level of the students on the floor. Dancing time and fun are the only goals. All new dancers and angels are welcome to come and dance.

There will be angels available to dance with the solo. Host club members and angels from other clubs may wear their club badges. It is recommended that square dance apparel be worn, but it is not a requirement. There will be at least one angel tip at all dances.

Admission: \$5.00 per person, all Angels except host club pay. That means Chi-Town members are admitted for FREE! The MCASD will be collecting the money. However we have been asked to bring treats and refreshments and show our unique hospitality! I think we can handle that!

Chi-Town Squares Annual Meeting is May 3

Let this serve as official notice that Chi-Town Squares’ Annual Meeting, as prescribed by the club’s by-laws, will be held on Saturday May 3 at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. We will start the festivities with a potluck dinner beginning at 5:00 PM, followed by the annual meeting, “fun and games”, and all-level dancing. All events are free of charge for members and guests, although only paid members can vote in the Board elections.

This year will be a first in that we technically do not have a graduating class. But those who have finished the Plus program during the Thursday night workshops will be recognized. Generally this is one of the few events where we dress in our club uniform of black slacks, button shirts, brocade vests and bolo ties. So feel free to dress up if you have the druthers. If you are coming for the potluck, please bring a dish, side, or dessert to contribute.

After dinner (around 6 PM), president Joe Kerouac will preside over the annual meeting. Generally on the agenda is a president’s report, reviewing the past season and previewing the next, a treasurer’s report, a Crossfire report, and an opportunity for open forum discussion. In addition, various awards are

given, including milestone memberships and the prestigious Yellow Rock award, to be handed out by last year’s recipient Kate Reed.

But most important, we will hold elections for four open board positions. Rob Sierzega and Joe Kerouac have announced their intention to run for another term, while Rich Swanson and Sehnert have decided to step down after completing their two-year terms. That means we need at least two new people to step forward. So if you wish to run and have a direct say in the club’s future, please let Joe know ASAP so you can be placed on the ballot.

Generally candidates will make a short statement before the election commences. The board then meets once a month thereafter. Being a board member can be a very rewarding experience, so please consider doing so if you have the desire.

After the gavel drops on the meeting, any graduation exercises and recognitions will take place. We will officially welcome our newest members with dancing to club callers and the cutting of cake, and wind down Chi-Town Squares 27th year by around 9:00 PM.



2013 Yellow Rock recipient Kate Reed

Step and Slide Into Crossfire 2014

Chi-Town Squares' annual Crossfire fly-in will be held on Columbus Day weekend **October 10-12, 2014**.

This year the theme is "Step and Slide Down the Aisle", celebrating the legalization of same sex marriage in Illinois. We plan to decorate the hall in a wedding theme, and will feature a Wedding Dance on Saturday night.

"Step and Slide" is an Advanced level square dance call, with a wedding related styling shout out. So we are asking our callers to teach this call at upcoming workshops so everyone can join in the fun.

So, what is a fly-in? New members may not know, so here is a brief explanation. Each year we hold an event that spans an entire weekend. There are three days of dancing and socializing, as well as a potluck and a catered brunch. Most of our club members attend, and we also usually have many out-of-towners visit as well.

Many of the gay square dance clubs around the country host a fly-in each year, which our club members travel to all over the continent. Lasting friendships have been formed at these events. Each club's fly-in is unique and differs in many ways from club to club.

We have named our fly-in the "Great Chicago Crossfire", and choose a new theme each year to make the event fun and a little different. Program levels from Mainstream through Challenge are offered as we enjoy dancing to our featured callers as well as our club callers and others from outside clubs. This year, Sandra Bryant and Michael Kellogg will headline Crossfire 2014.

We are currently in the planning stages and have held three meetings so far. Meetings are held monthly and we have a committee that is willing and able to tackle the challenge of putting on such an event. We still welcome all interested members who may have fresh ideas to join the committee. The next meeting will be on **April 23**, 7:00 PM at the home of Jeff Hutchins and David Stewart. Jeff is this year's Chairman, and David, being dragged in by association, is helping as well! Jean Shamo is this year's Co-Chair, and will be Chair of

Crossfire 2015, with the task of finding a new co-chair, which provides continuity from year to year.

Like last year, we are holding our fly-in at Ebenezer Church in Andersonville. This is a recent change. We have moved from the Center on Halsted, and the Church worked very well for us last year. We will have dancing in two halls. A potluck will be held on Friday evening. On Saturday, there will be two sessions of dancing with lunch and dinner on your own. Snacks will be provided on Saturday. Sunday morning we will enjoy a catered brunch.

The committee is still in process of planning the brunch and its location. We will be staying local in Andersonville and will not be traveling to Boystown for the brunch. More information will be provided on that later as decisions are made. The last session of dancing will be right after the brunch on Sunday afternoon.

Look for the beautiful new Crossfire flyer at the end of this issue of *Spread & Circulate*. They will also be available very soon at workshops and dances.

But you can register for Crossfire now! Go to iagsdc.org and look for the Events calendar for our event.

Once you create an IAGSDC profile, you can register and pay for Crossfire online. Current price is \$75.00 but will go up to \$90.00 after **May 15**. So register now and save! Admission will be \$100.00 after September 1 or at the door.

All this information will soon be updated at our club website as well. Plus certainly feel free to bring extra flyers and talk up Crossfire at other fly-ins you may attend, as well as at Convention in Salt Lake City.

For more information or to get a form sent to you, contact Jeff at jeffrey.h@comcast.net or by phone at 773-294-4710. Registrations and payments should be mailed to Jeff at 5924 N. Paulina St. #2W, Chicago, IL 60660.



Help Us Retrieve Our Banner in Glenview April 4!

Hello everyone, Rich Sehnert here. On March 7, nine Chi-Towners visited Glenview Squares when the dashing Noah Siegmann was calling. We did not come away with the banner as we lost in the drawing to another club. But the important thing was that we had good time. In fact those pesky Glenview folks came to our March 22 dance and grabbed our banner first, so now we are planning to go out there this Friday **April 4** to retrieve it. Please stop by if you can. They dance at Glen Grove School, 3900 Glenview Rd, and prominent local caller Tom Davis will be calling beginning at 8:00 PM. If you need another incentive, it is also Pie Night!

As a member of the state council, I have heard comments at board meetings that the straight clubs don't support our club. But the same can be said about us. If we don't go to the other clubs in the Chicago area, why should they come to ours? Besides the fact that it shows great pride to visit other clubs as a group, the truth is that stealing banners puts money into our club! The clubs we go to then need to retrieve the banner that we steal. If 6 or more dancers come to our club that is \$54 into our coffers, plus any money collected from the split the pot raffle. So please look for sign up sheets at our events and

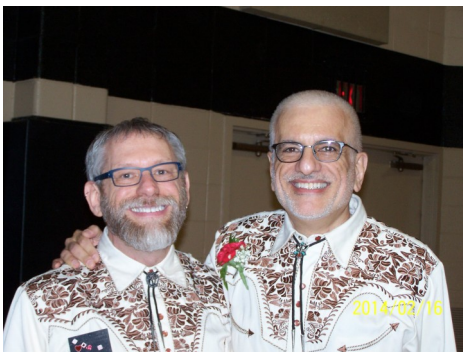
consider helping out stealing banners.

Kudos go out to our Sweetheart couple Rich Jentzen and Jim Cosenza, who gaily represented us at the MCASD Sweetheart dance on February 16.

The next big event is the Illinois State convention **July 25-27** in Itasca. Square dance ambassador Janice Cha has set up a web page for the convention chock full of info at <https://ilsdconvention2014.shutterfly.com>. You can get info about registration, hotel, schedule of events and much more. Next year, the 2015 convention will be in DeKalb.

Remember also that Chi-Town is hosting an MCASD student dance at Ebenezer on April 6, 2:00 –5:00 PM. Our own lovable John Oldfield is calling the dance. Attendance is free for Chi-Town members, so please come out and help our new dancers.

For more information about MCASD activities, talk to Kate and Arlene, who are our official reps at the three meetings each year. The next meeting is coming up on April 27.



Chi-Town Squares In Glenview!



Clockwise from left: Rich & Jim, Sweetheart Dance group, JoAnn & Ray round dancing, Ed & Bob, Rich, Arlene & Andrew, Nancy, Bill & Claudine. Above: Noah Siegmann and family.
Pics by Ed & Bob Siegel



Chi-Town Squares Calendar

April 2014

Italics = Non-CTS event
All events held at Ebenezer Lutheran Church,
unless otherwise indicated.
C2 class: Contact John O. to verify if class is on.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 C2 Class John Oldfield 7:30 PM	3 <i>Queer Contra Dance</i> <i>Old Town School of</i> <i>Folk Music 6:30 PM</i>	4 <i>Banner Retrieval</i> <i>Glenview Squares</i> 8:00 PM	5
6 New Dancer Dance 2-5 PM free for CTS mem.	7 A2/C1 WS Sandie Bryant 7:30 PM	8	9 C2 Class John Oldfield <i>Crossfire Meeting at</i> <i>Jeff Hutchin's</i>	10 MS/Plus WS John Oldfield 7:30 PM	11 <i>Recyclers 8:15</i> C1	12 <i>Pollywogs 3:00</i>
13 Grand Rapids	14 A2/C1 WS Sandie Bryant 7:30 PM	15	16 C2 Class John Oldfield 7:30 PM	17 MS/Plus WS Sandie Bryant 7:30 PM	18	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21 A2/C1 WS Sandie Bryant 7:30 PM	22	23 C2 Class John Oldfield <i>Crossfire Meeting at</i> <i>Jeff Hutchin's</i>	24 MS/Plus WS Arlene Kaspik 7:30 PM	25 <i>Recyclers A2</i> <i>Sandie Bryant</i> <i>Deerfield 8:15</i>	26 MS/P/A2 Dance Bobby Poyner 7:00-10:00 PM
27	28 A2/C1 WS Sandie Bryant 7:30 PM	29	30 C2 Class John Oldfield 7:30 PM			

May 2014

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C2 class: Contact John O. to verify if class is on.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Queer Contra Dance</i> <i>St Luke's Church</i> 6:30 PM	2	3 Potluck/Annual Meeting/Dance 5:00 PM
4	5 A2/C1 WS Sandie Bryant 7:30 PM	6	7 C2 Class John Oldfield 7:30 PM	8 MS/Plus WS M. Maltenfort 7:30 PM	9 <i>Recyclers A2</i> <i>Bobby Poyner</i> <i>Deerfield 8:15</i>	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12 A2/C1 WS Sandie Bryant 7:30 PM	13	14 C2 Class John Oldfield 7:30 PM	15 MS/Plus WS John Oldfield 7:30 PM	16	17 MS/Plus Dance The Bergers 7:00-10:00 PM
18	19 A2/C1 WS Sandie Bryant 7:30 PM	20	21 C2 Class John Oldfield 7:30 PM	22 MS/Plus WS Sandie Bryant 7:30 PM	23 <i>Recyclers C1</i> <i>Sandie Bryant</i> <i>Deerfield 8:15</i>	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27	28 C2 Class John Oldfield 7:30 PM	29 MS/Plus WS Therron Ricks 7:30 PM	30	31 <i>Pollywogs C2/C3A</i> <i>Sandie Bryant</i> <i>Deerfield 3:00 PM</i>

Chi-Town Squares Calendar

June 2014

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unless otherwise indicated.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 A2/C1 WS Sandie Bryant 7:30 PM	3	4	5 <i>Queer Contra Dance</i> <i>St Luke's Church</i> 6:30 PM	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Plus WS Arlene Kaspik 7:30 PM	13	14 Pride Dance Dayle Hodge 7:00-10:00 PM
15	16 A2/C1 WS Lynette Bellini 7:30 PM	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Plus Workshop M. Maltenfort 7:30 PM	27	28
29	30 A2/C1 WS Sandie Bryant 7:30 PM					

July 2014

*Italics = Non-CTS event
All events held at Ebenezer,
unless otherwise indicated.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 IAGSDC Convention, Salt Lake City	4	5
6 Convention	7	8	9	10 Plus Workshop John Oldfield 7:30 PM	11	12
13	14 A2/C1 WS M. Maltenfort 7:30 PM	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 A2/C1 WS Sandie Bryant 7:30 PM	22	23	24 Plus Workshop Therron Ricks 7:30 PM	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Summer Schedule 2014

It may seem like light years away, but before you know it, summer will be upon us. And that means we will switch to our summer schedule, generally (but not always) alternating between A/C and Plus workshops each week, all in the air-conditioned dining room downstairs at the church. All six of our club callers will be featured over the summer.

All told, there will be 7 Monday workshops and 5 Thursday workshops. They will all be only two hours long, as we pay rent to the church by the hour during the summer months. This makes it more important that we get three squares for each dance, so we can at least break even. So mark these dates on your calendar now!

In addition, Sandie Bryant will call a Friends and Family Open House Dance on **Saturday August 23**, which will serve as a kick off to our 2014 Mainstream BLAST weekend **September 19-21** with Michael Maltenfort.

In case you were wondering, the Board made the decision not to march in the Pride Parade or the have a booth at the big street festivals like Market Days and Midsummerfest. While these events were in the past enjoyable for those that participated and gave our club some visibility, ultimately they were not a good investment as a recruiting tool, and interest has waned. This does not mean we will not participate again in the future.

Plus we hope to see you this summer in Salt Lake City **July 3-6** for the 31st IAGSDC Convention, "Squeeze the Hive", where Chi-Town always makes a good showing.

Thanks go to president Joe Kerouac for the scheduling, as he also serves as our caller booker. He also has completed most of the Social Dance schedule for the 2014-15 season, but is still finalizing a few dates. That schedule will be released in the next issue of *Spread & Circulate* and at our website when it is complete.

A/C workshops (Mondays 7:30-9:30 PM)

June 2: Sandie Bryant
June 16: Lynette Bellini
June 30: Sandie Bryant
July 14: Michael Maltenfort
July 21: Sandie Bryant
August 4: John Oldfield
August 18: Sandie Bryant

Plus workshops (Thursdays 7:30-9:30 PM)

June 12 Arlene Kaspik
June 26: Michael Maltenfort
July 10: John Oldfield
July 24: Therron Ricks
August 7: Arlene Kaspik

Friends & Family Dance
August 23: Sandie Bryant (7-9:30 PM)

Chi-Town Shout Outs

This winter Bill Klein has endured a series of health problems. His sister Barb Klein gave up Arizona warmth to stay with Bill through one of the coldest, snowiest Chicago winters on record. Here's hoping that Bill enjoys a speedy recovery, and that Barb can warm up soon!

We also want to send to "get well" wishes to Jeffrey Ciolino, who was convalescing at



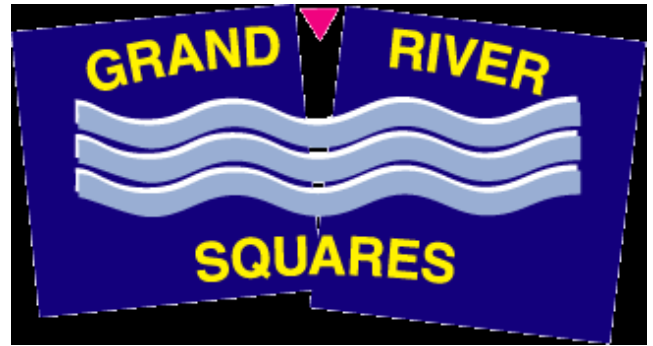
home after suffering a stroke earlier this year. Give him a call or drop him a note to ask "How ya doing?"

Finally we send our condolences to long standing member Allan Rosen in Florida, for the recent loss of his father.

Hope to see all of you back dancing in Chicago soon!

Get Ready for Grand Rapids!

There are less than two weeks until Ropin' the River 2014, "Cast a Shadow on the River"! It will be held April 11 - April 13, with callers Ett McAtee and Howard Richman in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



The Grand River Squares invites all other Squares to join us for our 26th annual Fly-In. We'll be dancing Mainstream thru C1.

On Saturday, there will be a potluck dinner before the evening dance session. The potluck will be provided by the Grand River Squares. Out of town guests are welcome to bring their special creations but it is not necessary. And don't sleep in too late on Sunday! There will be a brunch starting at 11:00 AM.

Full Registration is now \$90, or \$30 for non-dancers. A la carte rates are also available

Host Hotel is the Riverfront Hotel, 270 Ann St NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 855-344-6835. Ask for the "Grand River Squares" Rate of \$85/night (King), \$95/night (2 Doubles). Hope to see you there!

Squeeze the Hive in SLC

We are now only three months away from the 31st IAGSDC Convention; Squeeze the Hive, hosted by Temple Squares in Salt Lake City, UT, July 3-6, 2014.

Certainly, this seemed like an unlikely venue for a gay convention, and it was surprising when this relatively young club stepped forward and volunteered to host the event four years ago. But everything seems to be on track for a successful and memorable convention.

Information about rates, hotel, schedule of events and tour information can be found at the convention website, squeezethehive.com, or at IAGSDC.org, where you can register and pay, after you set up a profile there.

Chi-Town Squares always send a strong contingent to convention. If you are going, be sure to bring your club vest for the club photo. After the photo, we generally meet in the Memorial room, where the badges of departed dancers are affixed to several quilts.



This year we lost former Chi-Town member Ev Nobuyama (pictured left), a high level dancer who danced with us for many years. Recently a life celebration was held for her in Mount Prospect, which several Chi-Towners attended. We have obtained her club badge, and will remember her, and the many others we have lost, in Utah in July.



It's My Column (and I'll Write What I Want To)

Hello, dear little people! My, it has been TOO LONG since I last set pen to paper (or pixels to screen) to address you within the pages of *Spread & Circulate*. In my last installment, I was preparing for The Super-Fantabulous Lesley Gore-Tex Honky Tonk Queen "It's My Pageant" Pageant which took place in Vancouver, BC in 2012. Oh, what an event! The evening was kicked off by the incomparable She-Devils: Laydela Manischewitz (and Old Queen herself!), Lotte Laughs, Lufta Hansa, and—most astonishing of all—Lita Match. All of these girls went above and beyond the call of duty to keep the crowd entertained. My hat's off to y'all! (And sometimes my hair, too, as we've seen at some fly-ins...)

Early on during the judges' deliberations (how much deliberation did they need, with only one contestant?), it was looking as if the crown was in danger of being stolen by our own Lufta (who now, perhaps in a fit of pique, claims to be dead—but we all know better, don't we?), but the judges kept their heads and the crown went to zombie tag team of Davy Jones and Dick Clark, who seemed to be rather befuddled about it all. Unfortunately, neither Davy nor Dick was able to make it to San Francisco to pass on the crown, so they enlisted the help of Davy's VERY close friend (how close are they? why, they are almost inseparable!) who hosted! At the conclusion of an absolutely STUPENDOUS show, the crown eventually went to the Barf sisters, Ivanna and Igotta. Oh, those girls were so funny that I was in stitches! (And if they ever decide to be surgically separated, they will be, too!).

In the last almost-two-years since Vancouver, your Former Queen (yes, the word is *Former*) has not rested on her laurels! I have made several special appearances, some of which you have read of in previous issues of this very journal, and in my next column I can give you all the details.

But now I would like to compliment Miss Dixie on her column in the last issue of *S&C*. She gave a very flattering (and accurate) review of my appearance at Crossfire, straightforwardly characterizing me as a "class act" with "real talent". Thank you for the kind words!! However, I would be remiss if I did not address some of the misperceptions that followed...

First off, *It's My Column* is HARDLY what could be thought of as an "imitation" of Miss Dixie's endeavor. What might Louella have said, had Hedda made the same kind of claim!? However, I must give Miss Dixie her due, as she does later acknowledge (in her own sort of way, of course) the preexistence of this very column! It just took a little while for her memory to call it up, not because the column last appeared that long ago, but just because—well, I'll just leave it at that.

But the kerfluffle about the column is really nothing, in comparison to the next two items. I really MUST take exception to her defamation of my hairstylist! And I quote:

"Did you know Dixie's sources report that Ms. Gore-Tex sets that cheap wig of hers in used toilet-paper rolls?" My dear, dear friend, the estimable Florence Bush (and her assistant, Rob S.), is an absolute magician, a *conjuror of the coiffure*. With one single paper tube (which was quite far from being "used"—why, it was "virgin", having previously been in contact ONLY with UNUSED tissue) she set the golden curls all the way around my hair! (And "cheap"?!! My dear, dearest Dixie, I'll have you know that these tresses are a custom amalgamation of elements procured from BOTH Beatnix and Fantasy Costumes!)

Now, what is really impossible to comprehend is the point underlying this next sentence: "And rumor has it she walks around with her CD at the ready, hoping someone along the way will ask her to perform." Need I mention that I was reigning over all of gay squaredancerdom as Queen of Honky Tonk? Moreover, as an international superstar, it is my OBLIGATION to be always prepared to bring whatever little bit of joy that I can to the meager lives of the common people. It would seem this should be totally understood by someone who goes by the name of "Diva"!!!

But I refuse to dwell on such things. In the words of the extraordinary wickedly talented Adele Dazeem, we must simply "let it go!" (Because after all, there will surely be more to come...)

So let's get on with the objective of my own column. This is not about Miss Dixie. This is all about YOU, dear Chit-Towners! Please write to me and let me know how I can help you out by giving you tips on becoming a fabulous and beautiful superstar, or how I can keep you up to date on my future appearances, and other essential things. Perhaps I can even further your creative career by showcasing a new song you have written for me! You can address your missives to me at lesleygoretex@gmail.com. I will do my utmost to answer your questions and acknowledge your praise. (But remember, it's my column and I'll write what I want to!)

Kisses and yellow rocks! Lesley



HRH Lesley Gore-Tex



Ms. Gore-Tex at the 2013 SF Convention

*Chi-Town Squares cordially invites you to
"Step and Slide Down the Aisle"*



Sandra Bryant



Michael Kellogg

Friday, October 10 – Sunday, October 12, 2014

**Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1640 West Foster Avenue
Dancing in Two Rooms: Mainstream/Plus/Advanced/Challenge**

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Club Affiliation: _____ Caller interested in a guest tip? Y N

Dance Level: _____ Level(s) of calling: _____

Housing: *Requests must be made by September 1, 2014. Although we will do our best to accommodate everybody, we cannot guarantee housing.*

Need housing? Y N Housing dates: Fri Sat

Special requests (pet allergies, smoking etc.): _____

I am a Chi-Town member who can provide housing: Y N # of guests: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

T-shirts? Circle Size(s): _____ Quantity: _____ T-SHIRT TOTAL: \$ _____

\$20: S M L XL

\$25: 2XL 3XL

REGISTRATION TOTAL: \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

SCHEDULE AND FEES

\$75 by May 15

\$90 by Sept 1

\$100 thereafter or at-the-door

\$40 Non-Dancer rate

Please make checks payable to
Chi-Town Squares
Send payment & registration to:
Jeffrey Hutchins
5924 N. Paulina St, 2W
Chicago, IL 60660
jeffrey.h@comcast.net

Club use only

Date rec'd: _____

Check # _____

Amount: _____

Housing: _____

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UPCOMING NATIONAL & REGIONAL EVENTS

11-Apr – 13-Apr **Ropin' The River 2014 - Cast a Shadow on the River**
 Callers: Mike DeSisto & TBA
 Grand River Squares, Grand Rapids, MI

02-May – 04-May **Pass The Ocean, Hon! 2014**
 Callers: Sandie Bryant, Dayle Hodge, Mike Kellogg, Anne Uebelacker
 Chesapeake Squares, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

22-May – 25-May **Scoot Back to the 60s**
 Callers: Tim Marriner and Barry Clasper
 Triangle Squares, Toronto, Ontario

18-Jun – 21-Jun **AACE Academy for Advanced and Challenge Enthusiasts**
 Callers: Sandie Bryant, Vic Ceder, Barry Clasper, Todd Fellegly, Ross Howell, Anne Uebelacker, Sue Curtis, Ian McConnell
 AACE, Indianapolis, IN



03-Jul - 06-Jul **Squeeze the Hive - 31st Annual IAGSDC Convention**
 Callers: Vic Ceder, Tom Miller, Sandra Bryant, Randy Dougherty, Gary Monday, Ett McAtee, Eric Henerlau, Bill Haynes, Anne Uebelacker
 Temple Squares, Salt Lake City UT

05-Sep - 07-Sep **Do The Funky Monkey - A/C Weekend - West Coast**
 Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Sandra Bryant, Vic Ceder, Bronc Wise, Jet Roberts
 Prime 8's, Sacramento California

12-Sep - 14-Sep **Pass the Sea 2014**
 Callers: Eric Henerlau, Darren Gallina, Andy Allemao
 Finest City Squares, San Diego

19-Sep - 21-Sep **Square Dance Women Weekend**
 Callers: Anne Uebelacker & Kris Jensen
 Square Dance Women, Silver Falls State Park Conference Center Oregon

03-Oct - 05-Oct **Chase the Chile 2014**
 Callers: Sandie Bryant, Bill Eyler, Kris Jensen, Scott Ams-poker
 Wilde Bunch, Albuquerque, NM

10-Oct - 12-Oct **The Great Chicago Crossfire Step and Slide Down the Aisle**
 Callers: Sandra Bryant and Mike Kellogg
 Chi-Town Squares, Chicago, IL

17-Oct – 19-Oct **Peel Off in Palm Springs 2014**
 Callers: Bill Eyler
 Peel Off Canyon Club

23-Oct - 26-Oct **Peel the Pumpkin "Cast A Royal Shadow" (30th Anniversary)**
 Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Betsy Gotta, Sandie Bryant, Tim Marriner, Howard Richman, Nick Martellacci, Dayle Hodge, Dan Koft, John Marshall, Bill Harrison, special guests Howard Richman as Lady Di-Amal and Roy Gotta who will be leading round dancing.
 Times Squares, New York, NY

31-Oct – 02-Nov **Scares N Squares 2014**
 Callers: Vic Ceder, Jet Roberts and Gary Monday
 Rosetown Ramblers, Portland, OR

07-Nov – 09-Nov **Harvest Festival Hoedown 2014**
 Callers: Tom Miller, John Marshall, Tim Marriner,
 DC Lambda Squares, York, Pennsylvania

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16-Jan – 18-Jan **Promenade Down Peachtree**
 Callers: Hunter Keller, Mike Kellogg
 Hotlanta Squares, Atlanta, GA

30-Jan – 01-Feb **SWING THRU THE PALMS**
 Callers: Mike DiSisto, Bill Eyler, Hunter Keller
 Boots In Squares, Palm Springs CA

27-Feb – 01-Mar **Silver Star Over the Alamo**
 Callers: staffing is pending
 Alamo City Wranglers, San Antonio, TX

Information taken from the IAGSDC.org event page. Please check there for updates.

