

## **2015 St. Louis IAGSDC Convention Newsletter Calendar**

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Before Kate Yule and Allan Hurst started writing the convention newsletter, they had to decide on an editorial calendar. The above calendar is was actually used.

This calendar was based on similar calendars from Kate Yule's many years running SF&F conventions, and it worked very well for "Swing Me In St. Louis".

With the calendar decided, the next major decisions were newsletter name, format, and color scheme. It was decided to adopt a writing tone/style similar to that of Iona Doublewide, the trailer trashy, drag-queen persona of Aaron Wells, the Convention Chair. This proved to be a popular decision.





# Arch Comments

Official Newsletter of  
*Swing Me In St. Louis*  
IAGSDC Convention 32  
May 22-25, 2015

## Issue 1: Feb 2014

FROM ST LOUIS, THE ONLY CITY IN AMERICA THAT'S STAPLED TO THE GROUND

IN THIS ISSUE

## Greetings, One and All!

On behalf of Dance to the Middle, Inc., and Gateway Squares, we invite you to the 32nd annual IAGSDC convention, to be held over Memorial Day weekend (May 22-25) in 2015.

We had a great time at *Weave Your Heart in San Francisco* as we kicked off our convention last July, leaving SF with an astonishing 400 advance registrations, and a Fun Badge Tour that's 75% sold out!

Our website's up and running at <http://www.SwingMeInStLouis.com>. Please dance on over and check it out periodically for updates.

### Registration

Our primary mode of registering people for convention is via the IAGSDC website. Surf to <http://www.iagsdc.org>, and find us under **Events/View Event Calendar**.

To register, you'll first need to have a profile on the IAGSDC web site, but getting one is free, quick, and easy. If you have any problems with the process, please contact us and we'll help you figure it all out.

### Payment

You can choose to pay using either check or credit card. The IAGSDC page uses PayPal to accept credit card payments, which works even if you do not have a PayPal account.

Paying by check? Please make it payable to **Dance To The Middle, Inc.**, and mail it to:

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

### Rates

Currently the rate is \$205 and this is good through July 6, 2014. After Salt Lake City, our rate goes to \$230. Non-dancer registration is \$125 throughout.

### Tours and Other Stuff

The Fun Badge Tour, as we mentioned, is already 75% sold out. \$50 gets you hours of dancing, dish, and mobile camaraderie on Memorial Day. Sign up for it via the IAGSDC registration system.

We're working with a great tour company who will help you get the most out of your pre- or post-convention time in St. Louis.

For tour details, meal choices, and specifics on ordering T-shirts or polo shirts: Watch This Space!

### Volunteer!

Want to volunteer? Ask how you can help by emailing us at:

[swingmeinstlouis2015@gmail.com](mailto:swingmeinstlouis2015@gmail.com)

### Message from the Chairman

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I want to personally thank each of you who have given your support and registered in San Francisco. I've not encountered such energy as I did that weekend.

Prior conventions have left us some big shoes to fill, but we hope that by the end of our convention, you will leave with sincere feelings of enjoyment.

Convention brings us together as a family once a year so that we can embrace the activity that we hold near and dear to us. It isn't only about dancing; it's about seeing old friends, making new friends and being part of the IAGSDC "family".

I look forward to seeing you all in Salt Lake City this summer, and in St. Louis next year!

### GOING "GREEN"!

Our convention is taking an unconventional "twist" by doing our best to go "green". Our program book and schedule will be available online for you to access. We're also working on getting an app for those of you with smart phones. More details to follow!

## Questions?

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# Dance! Drag! Callers! Attractions!

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And the venue is simply faaaabulous! It'll be hard to tear yourself away! So think about booking an extra day or two to do enjoy what our wonderful city has to offer you besides dancing.

There's the Arch, of course, with the Museum of Westward Expansion beneath and those

funky Jetsons-style elevator pods to jostle you up to the observation level. (Those curved legs—think about it—on second thought, maybe don't think about it.)

We've got major league baseball, brewery tours both macro and micro, art museums, history museums, Forest Park, riverboat casinos, and the mighty Mississippi itself.

We'll be telling you about these and many other attractions and events in future newsletters.

You can get a head start by looking at the Convention Bureau's list of 25 Things to Do in St. Louis, at: <http://tinyurl.com/stl25>



## Our Host Hotel

**St. Louis Union Station Hotel** ("Doubletree by Hilton")

1820 Market Street

St. Louis, MO 63206

(314) 621-5262 (Reservations number: 1-800-410-9914)

<http://www.stlunionstationhotel.com>

Our hotel's magnificent setting opened in 1894 as one of the world's largest railroad stations, truly a Gateway to the West. A century later it was reworked into a restaurant/mall/hotel complex. The Grand Hall, with its gold-leafed barrel vault and Tiffany stained-glass windows, still serves to welcome visitors from around the world. Take a look at the photos at <http://www.stlunionstationhotel.com/history.htm> – she's a beauty. And free Wi-Fi in both public spaces and sleeping rooms!

Standard rate: \$145/night (for up to four guests sharing, depending on room type), this rate available from 5/17 through 5/29. Our room block opens for reservations as of July 1, 2014. Our room block name is "Swing Me In St. Louis".

Note: There is no public self-parking at the hotel; **if you are bringing a car, be prepared to pay \$15 per day for valet parking.** That includes unlimited in/out privileges for each 24 hour period. Alternatively, some metered public parking is available nearby but not guaranteed. Rates are \$2 an hour for public on-street parking.

There *is* light rail service available from the airport, and we'll publish that information in a future issue.



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## Issue 2: May 2014

FROM ST LOUIS, A CITY WITH NO ARCH RIVAL

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## We're Still Cheap, So Move It, Mabel!

Have you registered yet? If so, thank you! If not, *how come?* We really want you to come dance with us and be part of the Midwest experience!

### Pricing Changes Soon

The current registration rate is \$205, but it's only valid until 7/3/2014! Starting 7/4/2014, the rate will increase to the standard \$240 rate...so whip out those wallets and start your registration now!

Newly graduated dancer? Have your club contact us, and you'll get a special "greenhorn" rate of \$165!

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[swingmeinstlouis2015@gmail.com](mailto:swingmeinstlouis2015@gmail.com)

### Speaking of Cheap...

As an Old Queen, our Convention Chair tells us that the reigning Honky Tonk Queens, the lovely Barf Sisters (Ivonna and Igotta), are preparing a dynamite show for you! What they need now are people who have what it takes to carry on the burden of wearing such a heavy crown. Is that someone *you*? Do you feel the need to showcase your talent (or lack thereof)? Do you yearn to be one of the Elite Chosen Few? If so, then the Honky Tonk Queen contest is for you! Stay tuned for more information!

### Our Hotel: Now With Lasers!

Our host hotel (Union Station Hotel, "Doubletree by Hilton") is located right on Market Street, just a few blocks from the Gateway Arch. Our rate is just \$145/night, and our room block is finally open!

**Call the hotel at (855) 271-3620, and use group code SWM to register early and get a room; it's our goal to completely sell out the hotel!**

Speaking of which, the hotel recently completed renovations. All rooms have been upgraded to Hilton standards. The main foyer has been remodeled to include a laser light show on the ceiling. We have plenty of food and drink establishments onsite (along with a 3:00 AM Last Call), and a newly opened "Ball Park Village" complex just down the road, perfect for our sports enthusiasts!

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### ST. LOUIS URBAN LEGENDS #1: BIBLE FLOATING & BLOOD

The movie and book "The Exorcist" were both based on an exorcism performed at the old Alexian Brothers Hospital on Broadway in St. Louis. In January 1949, strange events at the Maryland home of a young boy took place. "A coat on a hanger seemed to fly out of a closet...a Bible seemed to rise from a bookcase...one day the kitchen table tipped over." Soon after, the boy's family, which had strong ties to St. Louis, came to the city after finding bloody scratches on the child's chest spelling "Louis." In St. Louis, the exorcism began in a private home, continuing over a two month span. Later, the exorcism would take place on the campus of Saint Louis University and the Alexian Brothers Hospital, in a wing which was demolished in 1978.



## Message from the Chairman

Welcome to issue 2 of Arch Comments! Hard to believe, but we are one year out already! (Did I just say that? Yes I did!) Roughly 365 days from when I'm writing this, we'll all be singing, "Swing Me in St. Louis"!

So much has been finalized since our last issue; it's hard to know where to start. Hm...

Tour information is now available online, so you can decide from the comfort of your own easy chair what attractions you want to visit while in Our Fair City.

As I sit and write this, I must be honest in admitting that emotions are starting to build for me. Hard to believe it was just a few years ago that I sat in Atlanta during the IAGSDC delegates meeting and raised my hand to say that St. Louis would be interested in hosting convention. (It's possible I got weird looks from more than a few people, but nothing worse than I'd experienced at an HTQ Pageant.)

And now, three years later, that idea has become a somewhat daunting reality. There's so much to think of and plan out. My motto for our Convention is simply this: "It's all about the dancing!" While we do have some "fluff" planned, we want to bring the dance experience which is so near and dear to our hearts back to the forefront.

As always, I can't stress enough the sincere "Thank You!" which I extend to each person continuing to keep our activity vibrant and strong by attending IAGSDC gatherings.

Our conventions give us all a chance to see an area of the country we might not normally consider visiting.

Convention also provides us with the opportunity to rekindle friendships we've forged along the way as we also meet new friends.

On behalf of the St. Louis Square dance community, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to each of you as you plan your arrangements for "Swing Me in St. Louis," IAGSDC 32<sup>nd</sup> annual convention!

We look forward to seeing you in Salt Lake City in just a few weeks for the fabulous "Squeeze the Hive"!

*Aaron*

## Paging Miss Oleta Adams...

Traveling to St. Louis is a breeze, not a drag! Oleta Adams explains it beautifully in her song *Get Here*:

*You can reach me by railway  
(Amtrak.)  
You can reach me by Trailway  
(Well, Greyhound.)  
You can reach me on an airplane  
(Southwest, Delta, American...)  
You can reach me with your mind  
(Please don't; I've too many voices in my head already.)  
You can reach me by caravan  
(Or Honda Odyssey.)  
Cross the desert like an Arab man  
(We call our desert Kansas.)  
I don't care how you get here  
Just get here if you can.*

Seriously folks, (have you finished singing the song in your head yet?), we're smack dab in the middle of the U.S. We're not that hard to find.

Driving in? Park at the hotel for only \$15 a day (valet, with unlimited in/out privileges).

Flying in? Once you land at Lambert Airport (<http://www.flystl.com/>), hop on our Metro which will deliver you safe and sound to Metrolink's Union Station, right at the back door of our hotel. Adult fare \$2.25 one way:

<http://www.metrostlouis.org/>

Using Amtrak? You'll be delivered just half a block from the hotel!

## Tour Me In St. Louis, Louis...

We've partnered with a fantastic local company called "Destination St. Louis" for all of our touring needs, and they've created some spectacular outings for us!

Whether you want to see the Arch, attend a tasting at Anheuser-Busch Brewery, or take a stroll through Forest Park, home of the 1904 World's Fair, there's something for everyone!

Registering for our tours couldn't be easier. There's a link from our website at:

<http://www.swingmeinstlouis.com>

...or you can go directly to the tour company website for tour descriptions at:

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They've made the online registration and payment process as hassle-free as possible.



## Fun Badge Tour

Do we have a sweet deal for you! For only \$50, you can obtain your ticket for the fantastic, fabulous, completely Top Secret Fun Badge Tour!

Due to the insistent demands of non-early risers (and perhaps a few veiled threats), the Fun Badge Tour will take place directly after the brunch on Memorial Day!

This means you can sleep in, eat brunch (and participate in the IAGSDC annual meeting!), then hit the road to visit a few of St. Louis's featured locations.

To sign up, log in at the IAGSDC website, click on **Events / View Event Calendar**, scroll down to **Meet Me In St. Louis**, and click on **Tours**.

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FROM ST LOUIS, JUST ONE ARCH AWAY FROM A TRADEMARK VIOLATION.

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## Looking good!

Polo shirts and T-shirts are ready for ordering *right now!* Get our beautiful convention logo embroidered onto your choice of black, white, or six gorgeous rainbow colors! Shirts will be held for you at Will Call. *If we don't get enough pre-sales, we will not be offering additional shirts for sale at convention. So please, don't count on buying your 2015 shirt at the door—pick a color and do it now!*

The order form is at:

<http://tinyurl.com/stl2015merch>

...or look for "Convention Fashion" on our home page.

## Badges? Photos?

We've arranged for everyone's favorite IAGSDC vendor **The Badge Works** to tend to all of your badge and dangle needs.

One of our more festive local photographers will handle all club photos and general convention photos. Pictures will be \$20 each, a low price to capture your club at a moment in time, and provide a lovely memento of your convention experience!

## They Heard We Were Coming...

Are you looking forward to moseyin' up to the bar? The St. Louis Union Station Hotel,

our home-away-from-home, has installed a 75-foot long bar in the grand lobby!

Now if we could get them to install 15 bartenders, we'd really be in business.

*By the way—"last call" in this city is 3 a.m.!*

## Stay to Play!

We're doing our gosh-darndest to see if we can sell out the hotel and have that lovely lobby *all to ourselves* (except maybe for a few tourists who wander in by mistake, see us, and back away slowly before making a fast screaming break for the front door).

Book your (newly renovated!) room through our lusciously appointed website at <http://www.swingmeinstlouis.com> or call the hotel at 1-855-271-3620 to book your room using code **SWM**.

**St Louis Union Station Hotel**  
1820 Market Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103.

## Newer Dancer?

Remember to spread the word about Convention to your club's newer dancers. Even if they'll "only" know Mainstream by then, there will be days and days of dancing for them, and hundreds of people to meet!

**Newly graduated dancers get a special "greenhorn" rate of \$165!**

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## Chairman's Message

As we say farewell to *Squeeze the Hive* and Salt Lake City and gear up for *Swing Me in St. Louis* in 2015, I want to say **a hearty congratulations and THANK YOU!** to Justin and the entire *Squeeze the Hive* committee for putting on yet another fantastic IAGSDC convention!

It's hard to believe it's already over and in just a few months we'll be getting together again here in St. Louis for yet another family reunion!

We are the past, present and future of this activity that each of us holds so dear. It's up to us to ensure square dancing's continued success by attending and supporting our club dances, fly-ins, and conventions!

I encourage each of you to visit other clubs, spread the words about square dancing, and to dance till you can't dance anymore! I look forward to seeing you in a few short months

## Fun Badge Tour

**Our incredibly *fabulous* Fun Badge Tour is nearly sold out!**

*As of press time fewer than 20 seats are left.*

If you've registered and have yet to submit payment, please do so ASAP. Without payment, your seat will not be guaranteed!

It's still just \$50 for a post-brunch tour on Memorial Day...don't miss it!

To sign up, log in at the IAGSDC website, click on **Events / View Event Calendar**, scroll down to **Meet Me In St. Louis**, and click on **Tours**.

## What's For Dinner?

If you've registered already, you can now go to the IAGSDC.org website and select your meal option!

We're treating you to the Midwestern dining experience! **For dinner, you can select chicken, BBQ ribs (St Louis loves its BBQ!), a vegetarian pasta dish, or fish.**

*Special selections can be arranged for attendees with special dietary needs. Just be certain to fill out the necessary information on the "Food" portion of your registration.*

Please note: Anyone who hasn't chosen a meal option by the time convention starts will have one chosen for them!

## Take Charge, Girl!

Do you like...

- peeking behind the scenes?
- asking good-looking strangers their names?
- taking money?
- telling people *exactly* where to go?

Any or all of these can be part of your volunteer experience at Swing Me in St. Louis!

From Registration to Tear-Down, and at every special event along the way, **we need volunteers to help pull off our marvelous family reunion.**

Please think now about pitching in for an hour or two. After all, you can't dance every tip!

To be extra-super helpful, drop us a quick email today to say **"I'm in!"**

This will reduce our stress levels like you wouldn't believe. Do you have special skills or previous convention experience? Go ahead and brag, girl! That address again:

[swingmeinstlouis2015@gmail.com](mailto:swingmeinstlouis2015@gmail.com).

And...thank you!

## Tour Information

**We have a dozen sightseeing tours on offer for you** courtesy of Destination St. Louis, beginning on the Monday before Convention. Historic houses or botanical gardens—zoo, brew, or Segway—they're yours to choose.

Click the **Tours** link on our website to reach descriptions, prices, and instructions for signing up.

Some of these offers may fall away if there isn't enough interest, so check it out soon.

Registering for our tours couldn't be easier. There's a link from our website at:

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## Scheduling

Here's a look at how our Convention weekend is shaping up:

**Tuesday 5/19 through Friday 5/22**  
GCA Caller School

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GCA Caller School Dance  
IAGSDC Delegates Meeting  
Gay Callers Association Meeting  
Trail-In Dance

**Saturday 5/23**  
Grand March  
Club Photos  
Honky Tonk Queen Contest

**Sunday 5/24**  
Banquet and 2016 Presentation  
Country Western Line Dancing

**Monday 5/25**  
Brunch  
IAGSDC General Meeting  
Fun Badge Tour  
Closing Ceremonies

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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT FROM BETWEEN THE LEGS OF THE GATEWAY ARCH

## Ride It!

Now's the time to start finalizing your travel plans.

Our nearest airport is Lambert- St. Louis International Airport (<http://www.flystl.com/>) serviced by Air Canada, American Airlines, Air Choice One, Alaska Airlines, Cape Air, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, United, and US Airways.

Once you land, ground transportation to our host hotel is available by limo, taxi, rental car, shared van, bus, or St. Louis' light rail system MetroLink, featuring **easy service from the airport to Union Station**. See <http://www.metrostlouis.org/> for more information.

## Book It!

ZOMG BECKY...you haven't you booked your hotel room yet?!

As of Thanksgiving, **our hotel is at 55% of booking capacity**, so start dialing the St. Louis Union Station Doubletree *right now* at 1.314.621.5262.

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While there were a few issues with getting certain types of rooms (e.g., 2 queen beds), we've been assured by the hotel that plenty of rooms are still available at the \$145 rate.

## Eat It!

**We've finalized our meal menus**, which are now available for selection out the IAGSDC.org webpage.

Log in at <http://www.iagsdc.org>, and go to **Events / My Event Registration**.

You'll see links for **Meals** and **Tours** right next to our convention name (**Swing Me In St. Louis**, in case you've forgotten)

For Sunday dinner, we're offering St. Louis BBQ ribs, chicken, fish, or vegetarian ravioli.

We'll also be having a fantastic buffet brunch during our annual meeting that Monday.

## Fun Badge It!

We do still have about **10 seats left on the Fun Badge Tour** if you move fast!

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## Chairman's Message

It's after Thanksgiving, so it's safe to say it now: Season's Greetings to one and all!

I can't believe as we begin the holiday season that **we are less than 6 months away from welcoming y'all to Swing Me in St. Louis!**

It's been one whirlwind of a journey from the beginning, when I blithely raised my hand in the IAGSDC meeting and casually said, "Sure, we'll host!"

Now that the holiday leftovers have been packed away (or consumed), **this is the time to start planning your St. Louis trip!** This issue of the newsletter has lots and lots of information on GETTIN' IT DONE!

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 only \$240!

## Tour It!

Here's a sampling of the many tours available (and yes, these *might* be the Chair's favorites!)

### Tour #3: Forest Park / "Meet Me in St. Louis"

Forest Park, site of the 1904 World's Fair and one of the largest city parks in the US, is home to world-renowned St. Louis Zoo, the SLAM (St. Louis Art Museum), Science Center, and many more.

Your tour will include stops at the Missouri History Museum, where you can explore St. Louis from 1764 to present, the zoo, and the SLAM.

### Tour #5: Gateway to the West

Trace the history of St. Louis beginning with the city's original settlement, Laclede's Landing, then continue to the famous Gateway Arch, the Nation's tallest monument. Next, learn about the oldest cathedral west of the Mississippi, the Old Courthouse, and Busch Stadium before concluding your tour at Union Station – once the busiest rail terminal in the world!

### Tour #9: A Tasty Treat – The Anheuser-Busch Brewery & Ted Drewes

Your tour guide will familiarize you with the colorful history of the Busch family enroute to the King of Beers. Situated in a 100-acre complex, you'll visit the Clydesdales, Fermentation Building, Packaging and Bottling Plant, and more. Before returning to the hotel, you're in for a tasty treat at Ted Drewes Frozen Custard, a St. Louis staple since 1929

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## Dance It!

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- **Caller School:** Tuesday May 19th Thru Friday ending with the Caller Dance
- **IAGSDC Delegates Meeting:** Friday May 22nd (lunch will be provided)
- **Gay Callers Association:** Friday May 22nd (following the IAGSDC Delegates' Meeting)
- **Trail In Dance:** Friday May 22nd at 7:30 PM
- **Opening Ceremonies:** Saturday May 23rd at 9:30 AM
- **All Together Hoe Down:** Saturday (more information soon)
- **Honky Tonk Queen Contest:** Saturday May 23rd, exact time TBD\*
- **Dance Dance Dance:** Saturday, Sunday, Monday
- **Country Line Dancing:** Sunday evening
- **Banquet Dinner and Future Convention Presentations:** Sunday evening
- **Brunch, IAGSDC Meeting, Toronto 2016 Presentation:** Monday
- **Fun Badge Tour:** Monday (immediately following **brunch**)
- **Closing Ceremonies:** Monday evening

\*Who are we kidding? No matter what time we publish it'll start at least 30 minutes later.

However, all of those WORDS WORDS WORDS are a bit difficult to digest, so below is a graphic that should be easier to read:

Tuesday May 19, 2015	Wednesday May 20, 2015	Thursday May 21, 2015	Friday May 22, 2015	Saturday May 23, 2015	Sunday May 24, 2015	Monday May 25, 2015
<b>Registration</b>						
GCA Caller School			GCA Dance!	Opening Ceremonies	Dancing!	Brunch & IAGSDC Meeting
			IAGSDC Delegates Meeting	Dancing!		Fun Badge Tour
			GCA Annual Meeting	Hoe Down!	Banquet & Presentations	Dancing!
			Trail In Dance!	HTQ Contest	Country & Line Dancing!	Closing Ceremonies



## Gateway Squares: 2003-2014

By Aaron Wells

As a long-time member of Gateway Squares, I want to publicly announce that as of the end of 2014, the club has folded due to dwindling membership. We've had 11 years of fantastic fun, friendships and dancing.

You may wonder if this decision impacts the convention. Know that the IAGSDC is built upon the strengths of our collective members, and is not dependent on any one club or individual.

**All of the same (now former) Gateway Squares members are continuing with their Convention related commitments, all striving to ensure that Swing Me In St. Louis goes off without a hitch!**

We are also working with dancers from the fabulous Midwest circuit (Chicago, Grand Rapids, and Kansas City) to stage a terrific weekend for IAGSDC members from all over the world!

As Vice Chair of the IAGSDC, I have kept the board up to speed on the situation. You'll find a note from the IAGSDC Chair immediately following this article.

As one of the founding members of Gateway Squares (along with Trevor Slom and Mike Schwartz, who got the whole shebang rolling in the first place), **I wish to thank all of our members over the years who have made a huge positive impact, creating and raising a positive awareness of square dancing in St. Louis.**

## Note from the IAGSDC Chair

The bulletin boards and rumor mills have been working overtime. Time for some facts: The IAGSDC Officers have received notice that the members of Gateway Squares elected to dissolve their square dance club in St. Louis.

This action will have only a minimal effect on the convention, with dancers from Chicago, Grand Rapids and Kansas City stepping up to assist the organizing committee as needed. Every convention needs volunteers so be sure to sign up for a Swing Me task today!

**The Swing Me in St. Louis organizing committee already has all contracts, venues, scheduling and tours in place for a well-run Convention.** Aaron Wells and his team have been in regular contact with the IAGSDC Officers during the four years of planning this event has taken.

The St. Louis Convention organization and the Gateway Squares are independent entities. The success of the first is not dependent on the disbanding of the latter. The dedicated members of the organizing committee are committed to hosting an exciting event. As with any convention, they just need your support. That's what families do.

So if you encounter questions, doubts, opinions or conjecture suggesting that St. Louis might be any less enjoyable than originally proposed, check out the convention yourself. Remember, our Convention is what you make it.

### Phil Davis

(Madame) Chair  
IAGSDC, an LGBTQ\* Organization



Get into the spirit of Convention with this beautiful wallpaper featuring a panoramic shot of St. Louis, at <http://www.wall-pix.net/landscapes-city/00025180.jpg.html>





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## Issue 5: April 2015

FROM THE TOWN THAT FELT VELVEETA WAS TOO SPICY, SO WE CREATED PROVEL CHEESE.

IN THIS ISSUE

## 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 yourself 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>!

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](mailto: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.

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

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	<b>GCA Caller School with Betsy Gotta!</b>
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	<b>GCA Caller School Dance!</b>
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>IAGSDC Delegates' Meeting</b> ( <i>Lunch will be provided.</i> )
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	<b>Gay Callers' Association Meeting</b>
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	<b>Trail-In Dance</b> <i>Darren Gallina</i>

## Saturday 5/23/15

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

Please note that these schedules are subject to change.

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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	<b>Intro to Calling</b> Bill Eyler
11:00 AM	Dayle	Deborah	Mike	Sandie	C3B: Barry	<b>Magic Underpants</b> Darren Gallina
12:00 PM	Barry	Bill	Sandie	Anne	C3A: Vic	<b>Women's Tip</b> Betsy & Deborah
1:00 PM	Betsy	Mike	Gary	Dayle	C3A: Anne	<b>Bear Tip</b> Bill & Darren
2:00 PM	Gary	Barry	Darren	Mike	C2: Dayle	<b>C4: Vic</b>
3:00 PM	Anne	Gary	Deborah	Betsy	C2: Vic	<b>C4: Sandie</b>
4:00 PM	Deborah	Dayle	Gary	Barry	C2: Mike	<b>Finally Legal! Tip</b> 4:00: 4:30 PM Michael
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	<b>Banquet</b>					
8:00 PM	Mike	Vic	Bill	Sandie	C3B: Anne	<b>Medallion Tip</b> 8:00: 8:30 PM Caller TBA
9:00 PM	Deborah	Twins	Betsy	Bill	C3A: Barry	
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM	<b>Country &amp; Western Dance</b>			<b>Moonshine</b>		
11:00 PM - 1:00 AM						

Monday 5/25/15						
	MS	Plus	Advanced	C1	C2/C3A/C3B	
9:00 AM - 11:30 PM	<b>Brunch</b>					
11:30 AM						<b>Fun Badge Tour</b> 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	<b>Closing Ceremonies</b>					



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## Post-Convention Issue: June 2015

BECAUSE LACLEDE HAD NO IDEA WHAT HE WAS GETTING INTO WHEN HE LANDED HERE.

### OK, We Lied!

We said that the previous issue was the last issue; we should have said it was the last *pre-convention* issue. *This* is the last issue of *Arch Comments*, wrapping up all the news that's unfit to print from *Swing Me In St. Louis!*

### Hotel Happenings!

We filled all but 20 rooms of the St. Louis Union Station Doubletree for our convention! If you saw any folks shrinking back into the corner of the elevator after the leather or bear tips, they were probably one of the very small number of folks *not* from our group.

Even though the non-IAGSDC guess from the two wedding events held in the lobby had all the free booze they could drink at their party, for some reason **several wedding guests chose to pay for drinks and sit with us in our public bar area.**

So there's a new slogan for IAGSDC square dancing that should probably never be used: *We're a lot more fun than a boring wedding reception for someone you can't stand.*

### Fun Badge Tour

We had a great time on the Fun Badge Tour, dancing at the **Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour Center and Biergarten, City Museum**

(where a number of brave IAGSDC'ers went down a two-story slide!), and in the middle of the closed-off street at **LaClede's Landing!**

Our callers were **Aaron Wells and Sandie Bryant**, and they did a fabulous job!

### Registration!

We had **829 registered attendees** in St. Louis this year! Thaaaaank you!

### Virgins!

We're still compiling the numbers, but it appears that **22 first-time dancers took advantage of the "greenhorn" rate!** We were (and are) so proud to have been those dancers' first IAGSDC convention!

### HTQ Scandal!

Despite our beloved **Olive de Bottom's** frenzied and furious attempts to hold onto her crown ("I was elected last July! I have *four more months* of ruling time coming to me!), **a new Honky Tonk Queen was chosen anyway.**

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## Chairman's Message

My voice is still only up to about 50%, but my heart is 100% full of the love, warmth, and happiness that can only result from a weekend reunion spent with one's chosen family.

**THANK YOU** for making our Convention weekend such a success!

**Also, THANK YOU** to the IAGSDC, All Join Hands, and the Gay Callers Association!

As you unpack your bags and share your stories and photos on our Facebook web page (all three of them!), please join me in looking forward to our next gathering in Toronto, Canada, for *Maple Leafs Regroup*, to be held 14 long months away in July 1-4, 2016!

(As a now former convention chair, I betcha the Toronto committee, is probably saying "14 short months" away.)

*Aaron*

## Convention Planners Meeting Notes

Are you on a future convention committee?

The **Convention Planners Meeting** notes are available from **Justin Crawshaw-Lopton**.

Please email him at [jacrawshaw@gmail.com](mailto:jacrawshaw@gmail.com) for a copy.

Justin can also provide access to the Convention Planners' section of the IAGSDC website.

## Photo Dish!

Our fabulous convention photographer was **Carrie Meyer** of **Insomniac Studios** in St. Louis.

Carrie and Aaron have known each other for *years*. In fact, as seen at right, Carrie was Aaron's high school prom date! (Or perhaps Aaron was Carrie's date; neither one is quite sure who was leading at the dance.)

Carrie has made all of our convention photographs available as either prints or in digital format.

It's not too late to order print or digital copies of any of the group photos from Carrie's website.

(Sorry, prints of the prom photo are *not* included in this offer.)



Above is Carrie with her husband Jeff, as she appears today. To order prints or digital copies of any group photo, go to: <http://www.insomniacstudios.net/> and click on the **Events link** for *Swing Me In St. Louis*.

As of May 28th, all orders have been sent, either via email or mail. Prints should arrive by next week.

You can order the Full Convention & Group photos online now at: <http://goo.gl/3iNH6P> (goes to <http://insomniacstudiosdancersey.smugmug.com/Swing-Me-In-St-Louis-2015>)

A number of more casual shots are available as well. See them at <http://goo.gl/CRBpYF> (goes to <http://insomniacstudiosdancersey.smugmug.com/Swing-Me-In-St-Louis-2015/Around-The-Convention-Photos/>)

Photo order questions or want to order some of the casual shots? Please email Carrie directly at: [carrie@insomniacstudios.net](mailto:carrie@insomniacstudios.net).

## 2015 Honky Tonk Queen Contest

The 2015 HTQ Contest was arranged by 2014 HTQ **Olive de Bottom**, and featured a tasteful (or not) Wizard of Oz storyline, right down to Ruby Stiletto Slippers.

As seen at right, a stupefying number of Old Queens participated (including a brief appearance by Iona Doublewide).

A video of the contest has been posted online at: [https://youtu.be/PXd8p\\_s6C4w](https://youtu.be/PXd8p_s6C4w) (or search YouTube for "2015 Honky Tonk Queen Contest").

The contestants this year were Horny Boo Boo, Freeda Everyone, and the winner, **Mary Juana** (accompanied by the Hunky Trunk Boys), who performed a live song called *All About That Bud*, sung to the tune of *All About That Bass*.

**Congratulations, Mary Juana!**



Photos by courtesy of Kelly Shortandqueer.

## New IAGSDC Club!

One of the most exciting moments at Convention this year was the induction of **Knot So Squares**, from Kansas City, MO, into the IAGSDC as a full member club!

In July of 2012, two of the club's members visiting the GALA Festival in Denver, Colorado discovered a square dance class hosted by the IAGSDC with caller Bear Miller...and they got hooked.

By September of 2012, Knot So Squares had formed a GLBT-friendly club and hired a straight caller—Wade Morrow, well known as the former office manager of the CALL-ERLAB Home Office!—to teach them.

Wade's first-time adventures in GLBT calling were published in the GCA Call Sheet, and the club has worked very hard to recruit new members and fulfill the requirements for IAGSDC membership.

**Welcome to the family, Knot So Squares!**

<http://knotsosquares.com/>



Photo courtesy of Bob Jackson of Knot So Squares.



Photo of Mandi and John courtesy of Ross Lopton-Crawshaw.

## New Faces!

As mentioned earlier, we had 22 attendees take advantage of the Greenhorn (first-time convention-goer) rate...though when we asked first-timers to stand up, everyone could have sworn it was over 20 people!

At right are **Mandi Griffin and John Wang from Temple Squares in Salt Lake City**, showing off the club's snazzy new uniform of black leather vests over rainbow tie-dyed anything!

Thank you,  
and yellow  
rocks to...



## 2015 Golden Boot Award

IAGSDC Chair **Phil Davis**, who was the 2014 Golden Boot Award winner, presented the 2015 Golden Boot to **John O'Grady and Leo Champagne of Suncoast Squares**.

Unfortunately, John and Leo couldn't attend convention this year, so the award was made via phone...a first for the Golden Boot Award!

The full text of Phil Davis' award speech may be found on the IAGSDC History Wiki at:

[http://www.iagsdchistory.org/historywiki/index.php?title=Golden\\_Boot\\_2015](http://www.iagsdchistory.org/historywiki/index.php?title=Golden_Boot_2015)

Congratulations, John and Leo!



Source for photo of Bob Hazen and Phil Davis unknown.



Photo by JR St. Jean of Take Pride Photography, <http://www.jrstjeanphotography.com>

## GCA Caller School

The Gay Callers Association staged their annual caller school at Swing Me In St. Louis. 11 brave souls attended the school, which was taught by CALLERLAB Certified Caller Coach **Betsy Gotta**, assisted by **Ken Sale**.



Photo courtesy of Bill Eyler.

## Convention Group Photo

Here's a low-res version of our group photo. Go to <http://www.insomniacstudios.com> to purchase a high-res version without the huge watermark:



## Next Year in Toronto!

Sadly, this really *is* the last newsletter from *Swing Me In St. Louis*. It's been a blast getting y'all to Convention and back, and we thank you again for the best square dance family reunion ever!

Now it's time to get those passports ready and stay tuned for newsletters from *next year's* convention hosts, Triangle Squares, as they invite you to *Maple Leafs Regroup* in beautiful Toronto, Ontario!

Get more information on *Maple Leafs Regroup* at <http://toronto2016.com/>

## MAPLE LEAFS REGROUP



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