



A Message from the President

Season's greetings to all,

First off I want to take this opportunity to thank Rod Anderson, our past president, for all of his hard work in keeping the club going this past year. It has not always been easy, particularly with his schedule, but I want him to know how much we appreciate all he has done.

This is my first time holding office for the Finest City Squares, and I want to thank all of the club members for your confidence in electing me. Of course, it may well be more like "Whew... at least someone wants to do it and it isn't ME." Sometimes that's how it works in organizations like ours. In any event, I hope to live up all of your expectations.

If you have comments or suggestions about the club, don't hesitate to let me know, either in person or via email. My email address is on the FCS website homepage, so you can just click there to drop me a line. Be forewarned, however, that if you are commenting on some way that you think the club could be improved, you might just be made the committee chairperson in charge of seeing your suggestion through to completion.

There are several things that I, personally, would like to see done over the next year. Some of these include:

- an updated members' gallery with optional email addresses on our website
- a new FCS directory for those members who want to allow others to get in touch with them
- a questionnaire to determine what members and students would like to see as far as club/class evening format. This would include what to do during the breaks, what kind of refreshments people want, how much plus vs. advanced dancing there should be, would members be interested in and support another club night
- a decision on whether to hold a Pass The Sea Fly-In for 2008
- loosely organized club visitations (both gay and straight) and more FCS participation in 3rd Saturday roundup.

I'm very excited about the upcoming year, and hope that my excitement is contagious! See you at a dance soon.

Richard Bass
FCS President.

Election Results

In November, a new board of directors was elected. Meet the folks who have kindly accepted the officer positions for Finest City Squares for the coming year.

President

Richard Bass



Co-Vice Presidents

David Spence (L)
Jim Blair (R)



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Diana Barrows



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Mike Neiheisel



Class Representative

Rob Leahy



Assistant Treasurer

Terri O'Barski



Feel free to contact them if you have any questions, concerns, or compliments you'd like to express regarding the club.

A special thanks to Rod Anderson for his services as President this past year.



Christmas Dance

Finest City Squares' Christmas Dance is this coming Saturday, December 9th. Michael Kellogg is the featured caller. Michael's energy and choreography are not to be missed, so join the fun. Mainstream/Plus/Advanced dancing from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Church at 4773 Marlborough Drive. Donation: \$6.

There is also a special afternoon A2-C1 dance the same day from 1:00 to 4:15 p.m. Michael Kellogg is the caller for this dance too! Donation: \$6.



Anniversary Dance



ROARING GAY 20'S

Caller: Andy Allemao

Place: War Memorial Building

Date: Saturday, January 13th 2007

Donation: \$4.00 presale, \$5.00 at the door

Levels: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced

No Rounds

Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Convention Talk

The 24th Annual IAGSDC Convention, “Red Rocks & Purple Mountains,” will be held in Denver, Colorado over Memorial Day weekend, May 25, 2007 through May 28, 2007.



Class members will be able to dance in the Mainstream hall, and there is even a reduced rate for them. Register now to ensure you don't miss out on the fun. Visit the official website below to register on line.

<http://www.denver2007.com/registrationInfo.html>

If you prefer to mail in your registration, we also have printed registration forms at our Wednesday night club dances.

The host hotel is the Hyatt – Denver Convention Center. Rates are \$120 for a single or a double and \$140 for a triple or quad. Call **888-421-1442** to make reservations or make them on line at:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=31012

Carpoolers Wanted For Trip To Convention

Our co-treasurer, Terri O'Barski, is planning on driving out to Denver for the convention and is looking for people who would like to carpool. Terri says, “I plan on leaving Tuesday or Wednesday, stopping at Capitol Reef National Park and Arches National Park near Moab, Utah and returning by Tuesday after convention. Any and all are welcome.” If you're interested, talk to Terri next time you see her at the dance.

Member Spotlight

By Diana Barrows



This issue our Member Spotlight is on the male couple of Tim Gahagan and Bob Martynec. Tim was born in LA and grew up in Orange County. He has four siblings (who are *dreadful*, according to Bob!) He got his M.S. in Computer Science at Cal State Fullerton in 1983.

Bob was born in Morristown, New Jersey. He has three brothers (even more dreadful). Bob's Mom lives in Carlsbad and is extremely active in PFLAG [think Sharon Gless in *Queer as Folk*]. He has the same major as

Tim, from the same school. They met in a leather bar during college in Orange County in 1980; they got together shortly after.

Tim and Bob were living in Orange County and they wanted to move someplace far away and different...so they moved to San Diego. Go Figure? They have lived here for 22 years.

Tim works at UCSD, department of neurosciences, doing computer work for medical researchers. Bob works seasonally doing taxes.

They started square dancing in 2005, Class of 2006. Why? They “bumped into” Richard Bass at Ralphs and he *made* them (just joking.) They both dance at PLUS level. Tim's favorite call is Weave the Ring; Bob's is Relay the Deucey.

Bob enjoys computer games, especially Civilization and World of Warcraft. He is proud that he has been able to “put up” with Tim for 26 years. Tim's main goal is to “not screw up at square dancing.”

Tim and Bob own a home in Hillcrest on a corner lot. It has a spectacular yard with mature trees. It is an oasis in the middle of condos. The neighbors use their yard as a park. They also own several rentals, whose upkeep, especially gardening, keeps them both busy.

Please welcome Tim and Bob to Finest City Squares. Happy Dancing!

Callers Graduated

Three Finest City Members graduated from John Marus's Caller School this past October. Jim Blair and Bill Grimm completed the beginning level class and Richard Bass completed the intermediate level class. If you'd like to help these guys get some further calling practice, show up at 6:00 on Wednesdays before the regular club dance.



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