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Not The President's Corner: Two or Three Things I Know About Her

There is a fine art to being an angel. Oh, I don't mean those celestial beings often found in the afterlife. I mean those experienced square dancers who deftly guide new dancers around the dance floor. There are times when I feel I am a really good angel, graceful and fluid. You can ask the many students I have whisked around the dance floor. There are times when I feel inspired and I can rotate four people, all facing the wrong way, in an ocean wave, without drawing too much notice from the caller. And I personally know that callers love this type of intervention. It allows them to focus on a lesser square. Oops, I know, there are no lesser squares.

My favorite squares are the one's that form in the back of the room. Not close enough to hear the caller, backroom square dancers usually engage in a form of interpretive dance. They are usually close to the food table so that they can dine before the other squares make it home. Sometimes, there is enough time to order "take out."

I remember one evening when I was pushing Jim Padula across the dance floor, Jim looked at me quizzically, was this the

sort of strong arming done by experienced dancers. I explained to Jim that it was for his own good if done by me. Not so good if done by others. I think that was a good explanation. I left with a warm feeling.

Square dancing however, is not just about angeling. There is so much more to square dancing. Now, when I was a child I learned of great inventors, statesmen, scientists, people who really made a difference. The Times Squares is no different. Some of our members have earned their place in the sun by a special skill or talent or by just sticking around.

While I write this article I imagine Pauline Plummer is fast asleep and dreaming of big musical numbers, sequins and center stage. Pauline Plummer was "Honky Tonk Queen" for one day, many years ago. Don't ask how this came to be (seriously, don't ask). While the rest of us imagine performing in front of our peers, this babe is actually in production, complete with choreographer, back up dancers and a gown to wow. When I say back up dancer I mean "stand in the back" up dancer. To misquote that fine piece of literature, *Valley of the*

Dolls, the only hit that comes out of a Pauline Plummer number is Pauline Plummer. If you go to convention, attend the Honky Tonk Queen contest and cheer for Pauline. Even though she is not officially a contestant in the contest, there have been two other Honky Tonk queens so honored even though they were not officially entered in the contest. I think after all these years Pauline should be Honky Tonk queen.

I imagine that if you met Emad Heikal on the street and asked him for a pie, he would open up a bag and pull one out. Or a chocolate cake. Or a pastry. Turkey with dressing. A kilt. (I don't suppose you have something in that bag for me, wizard.) Emad is the kind of man who can make a party anywhere. If you knock on his door at any convention or fly in you will usually see the usual array of kid-friendly and square dance-friendly fare—Little Debbie Cakes, Cheese Doritos, Dunkin Donuts and even the odd apple or banana. Emad is more than the President of the Times Squares. He is the ultimate *matre d.* For God sakes, the man square dances in suits. This year Emad threw a wonderful 25th Anniversary Party for the Times Squares. I believe that this event was conceived by Andrew J. Meyer. With Emad behind the party it became a memorable event.

I have saved the best for last. You don't have to be a gay man to be a gay man, you

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Good Bye and Welcome

We would like to welcome Lizzie Brown to the Board of Times Squares. Lizzie is filling the position left by Andrew J. Meyer, who is leaving us due to a move to Columbia, Missouri.

Andrew, a member of times Squares since 2000, has served as a board member for the past two years, and the contributions

he has made to the club have been valued and appreciated. We wish you the best in your new endeavors, Andrew!

Lizzie has also served on the board previously, during 1999 and 2001, having been a club member since 1998. We are fortunate to have her bright spirit and experienced background on the Board.

— Emad Heikal

On the Web at www.TimesSquares.org

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March Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 3, 2009

Meeting called to order by Emad Heikal at about 7:30 pm.

Board members present: Phil Benoit, Joe Chodash, Michael Coan, Emad Heikal, David Kampel, and Andrew J. Meyer.

Board member absent: Alan Willemsen

Non-Board members present: Richard Sands and Lizzie Brown (arrived later)

1. Board Change – Emad recognized Andrew for an announcement. Andrew announced his resignation from the Board as he was moving to the midwest. Emad discussed with the Board a replacement. Lizzie Brown was chosen for her years of dedication to Times Squares and the membership. It was unanimously agreed to invite her onto the Board, at which time she was offered the position and accepted.

2. Financial Report – The financial report was presented and accepted by the Board by a vote of 7 to 0. A \$500 anonymous

donation was given to Times Squares and the funds will be matched and sent to the IAGSDC as a contribution of \$1,000. Phil will also pay the membership fee to IAGSDC before the convention.

3. Fundraiser: Big Apple Ranch – Joe said the Big Apple Ranch fundraiser for Times Squares is set for Saturday, June 27. For more details, please contact Joe.

4. GLBT Center Event – David said that the event is booked and Betsy will be calling. For more details, please contact David.

5. Next Board Meeting - The next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at PS3. Members should check the web site for changes to the next scheduled Board meeting in the event of changes. As always, members are welcome to come to the Board meetings. Emad thanked the attendees and adjourned the meeting at about 10:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Papa Alan R. Willemsen, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

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Submission Deadline for May Issue: April 20th

We welcome your input. Write an article, make an announcement, express your opinion, advertise your business or event, publish your Aunt Martha's prize-winning pumpkin pie recipe. All submissions may be subject to editing for space — never content.

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA E-MAIL. Call if you have questions about format. Send all materials for the newsletter to:

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Telephone: 973-984-2564



April

04/02 Kevin Gallagher
04/04 Naveen Richard Thacker
04/07 Barbara Lesko
04/20 Kenneth J. Notto
04/24 Mary Anne Carletta
04/25 Emad Heikal
04/26 Daniel Savitt

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can be a pretty woman with a wonderful imagination and a vixenish personality.

Esther Sands. My new role model for being an angel, Esther knows how to hold and release. Esther will take hold of your hand when she needs to and with sleight of hand, be gone when you need to move on. Esther has good manners on the dance floor. You will rarely see frustration on Esther's face when squares break down. Schooled in the Chris Evert school of restraint, in moments of extreme frustration, you may see one of Esther's eyebrows raised slightly.

Esther not only shows restraint on the dance floor, she also shows restraint on the line at the buffet table. She will admire the chocolate brownies but you will be the one who eats the brownies. You are the dove being sent into the coal mine. You will weight 300 lbs. and Esther will not gain an ounce.

Esther often says she comes to square dance to laugh. Not a bad philosophy.

Right now the trio helming Peel the Pumpkin 2009 are Emad, Esther and Craig Lemley. Through hard work and an eye for detail, Esther has managed to move from basket making to one of three chairs for Peel the Pumpkin. Incidentally, Richard met Esther when he bought one of her baskets in the tropics back in the 70s. Esther has never forgotten her humble beginnings even as she scales the heights of Times Squares society.

What have we learned here? Pauline, Emad and Esther have clawed their way to the top, stepping on anyone in their midst. Well, the top of the Times Squares anyway. What next—Michael Coan finally succumbs and becomes President of the Times Squares?

But wait, what about me? What will I do? How will I make my mark? Maybe it's time for me to bake a pie or decorate something. After all, I am a gay man and "tomorrow is another day."

Respectfully submitted by
Dave Kampel, Board Member

Gay Pride March: Dancers Wanted

I don't know about you, but I liked wearing a kilt at last year's Gay Pride March. On occasion I still put it on. But that's just me.

This year I will be working with Gay Pride caller Howard Richman to put on a great dancing show on the fourth Sunday in June. We would love to have two squares, maybe even three. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. This year we will

probably work in practice sessions to insure that our dancing thrills.

It is an amazing experience to dance down Fifth Avenue. If you would like to join us "in the dance," please contact me at 646-457-0524 or drop me an e-mail at davekampel@aol.com.

— David Kampel

Times Squares
Proudly Presents:
PASS THE OCEAN
(Near the Boardwalk)
Mainstream
Prom & Dance 2009!
(Dancing At All Levels)



Saturday, May 16, 2009

6:30 – 10:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$12 in Advance / \$15 at the Door

P.S. 3 – 490 Hudson Street

Refreshments will be served

Suggested attire: beachwear, shorts, t-shirts, Hawaiian shirts, sneakers, sandals, sunglasses.....suggested attire not required, but fun! Just come, dance and have a blast!

+ Plus Workshops +

April 6, 20, 27 + PS3 - 490 Hudson St.
7:30 pm

Spring Fling Combo Dance

Saturday

April 18, 2009

PS 3 * 490 HUDSON STREET



4:00-6:30 A2/C2

6:30-7:30 POTLUCK

7:30-10:00 MS/PLUS



\$10 EACH SESSION

\$15 FOR BOTH

CALLER:
Dayle Hodge

Potluck

Assignments by First Name

A - H:

MAIN DISH

I - M:

SALAD OR VEGETABLE DISH

N - S:

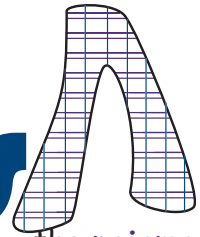
NON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

T - Z:

DESSERT

Peel the Pumpkin 2009 *presents*

FLIP the mattress



The pajama party of 2009



October 23 - 25, 2009

The Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel, Asbury Park, NJ

Times Squares "Peel the Pumpkin" 2009 Registration

Name: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Highest Level Danced (circle one): M P A1 A2 C1 C2 C3A C3B C4

I am a GCA Caller and would like to perform at PTP 2009 (circle one): Yes No

Mail completed form to:
Peel the Pumpkin 2009
c/o Emad Heikal
17 Floyd Street, 1st Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Visit us on the web at www.timessquares.org!

Registration Fee Schedule

\$80 until 1/31/2009

\$95 until 8/31/2009

\$100 until 10/16/2009

\$110 after 10/16/2009

(at the door)



Upcoming Fly-Ins

More information about these flyins can be found on the IAGSDC website:

www.iagsdc.org

03-05-Apr

West Coast Queer Contra Dance Camp
Non-affiliated (gay). Callers: Carol Ormand (contras), The Figments (band), others TBA., SF Queer Contra, Aptos, CA

06-08-Apr

2009 CALLERLAB Convention
Straight. Callers: CALLERLAB
Kansas City, MO

09-12-Apr

DC Diamond Circulate
26th Annual IAGSDC Convention
Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Sandie Bryant, Dayle Hodge, Ett McAtee, Betsy Gotta, John Marshall, Lynette Bellini, Mike Jacobs, Tim Crawford, Tom Miller, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Barry Clasper
DC Lambda Squares, Washington, DC

01-03-May

Pass the Ocean, Hon! 2009
Callers: Bill Eyler, Todd Felleggy, Dayle Hodge, Khris Jensen
Chesapeake Squares, Rehoboth Beach, DE

17-20-Jun

AACE - Academy of Advanced and Challenge Enthusiasts
Non-affiliated (gay-friendly). Callers: Sandie Bryant, Vic Ceder, Barry Clasper, Ross Howell, Mike Jacobs, Lee Kopman, Anne Uebelacker, John Marshall
Milwaukee, WI

07-09-Aug

Geoduck Festival: Forbidden Island
Callers: Puddletown Squares, Seattle, WA

04-07-Sep

The Great Chicago Crossfire XX
Callers: TBA Chi-Town Squares,
Chicago, IL

18-20-Sep

Square Dance Women
Callers: Kris Jensen, Anne Uebelacker
Silver Falls, Sublimity, Oregon

Dancing Around

Motiv8ors – A2/C1*

VFW Hall, 6 Veterans Place (behind Firehouse) in Elmwood Park, NJ 07407
Sundays: C1 6:30-7:30 / A2 7:30-9:30

April 19th – Ken Ritucci, MA
April 26th – Roy Leber, PA
May 17th – Mike Jacobs, NJ
June 14th – Mike Jacobs, NJ
June 28th – Todd Felleggy, CT

**Singles Welcome * Computer Squares
Square Dance Attire Optional**

\$6 per person members • \$7 non-members

\$2 extra per person for C1 hour

Fred: 201-797-3421 / Roberta: 201-262-1570

charartist@aol.com

http://motiv8ors.njnsda.org/

24-27-Sep

2009 Colorado Mountain Mix
Callers: Anne Uebelacker, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Charlie Robertson, Bear Miller
Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus, Denver, CO

26-Sep - 03-Oct

Ripple the Wave IV
Special Event. Callers: Darren Gallina
Desert Valley Squares Mexico

09-11-Oct

Peel Off in Palm Springs - 2009
Callers: Darren Gallina and others
Palm Spring, CA

16-18-Oct

Spin Chain The Plains 4
Saundra Bryant and Kevin Oneslager
Sho-Me Squares, MCC-Kansas City, MO

16-18-Oct

Change Lanes To Route 66!
A/C Weekend - West Coast. Callers:
Barry Clasper, Del Powell, Mike Jacobs,
and more
A & C group, Albuquerque, NM

30-Oct - 01-Nov

Scares 'n Squares - 2009
Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones & TBA
Rosetown Ramblers Portland, OR

2010

15-17-Jan

Swing Thru Arizona - 2010
Callers: TBA
Desert Valley Squares Phoenix, AZ

Hi Taws – C1/C2

Tuesdays – C2 7-8pm / C1 8-10pm

Air Conditioned - Wood Floor

PARAMUS SENIOR CENTER

93 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652

Info: Bernie / Sandy @ 201-447-0538

Fred @ (201) 797-3421

Email: bbeck123@aol.com

DIRECTIONS: From Rt. 17 in Paramus go east on Century Rd to first light; turn right onto Farview Ave; 100 yards on right — parking in back.

Acey Deuceys – A2/C1

Mondays C-1 7-8 PM / A-2 8-10 PM

Air Conditioned Hall

Russian Orthodox Church

Sandcreek Road, Colonie, NY

For Information: Ken Ritucci,
413-734-0591 or KenRitucci@aol.com
kenritucci@aol.com \$7 pp / \$14/cpl

Todd Felleggy – C1/C2/C3

Saturday Afternoons

Katonah Methodist Church, Katonah NY

Session #1 12:45 to 2:45 p.m.

Session #2 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Mixed Sessions: \$18 per Session / \$35 Both Sessions
C3B Double Session: \$35 – All Prices are per Couple

DIRECTIONS: From 684, Take Exit 6, Head WEST on Rt. 35. Turn LEFT at the light (Wood Bridge Rd). Church is on RIGHT, 1/4 mile down on Edgemont Road. Hall is in back.
203-634-3078 • www.toddfelleggy.com

Mike Jacobs – A2/C1,2,3A

Carl Kumpf School – Clark, NJ – 8-10pm

A2 (2nd & 4th Mondays)

C1 (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

C2 (1st & 3rd Mondays)

For information and/or directions contact
mikejacobs@optonline.net / 609-888-0153

H. Richman – MS, Plus

For full calling schedule go to

www.CateringCowboy.com

**Calendar for Northeast Gay Square Dance Clubs:
www.iagsdc.org/timesquares/NortheastCalendar.html**

**Check out
www.TimesSquares.org
for the latest scheduling
information available**

Times Squares Calendar


April / May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 29	March 30 Final Plus Class Howard Richman 7:30 – PS3 C1 Class Betsy Gotta	March 31 MS Class 7:30 – PS3 Nick Martellacci	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4
April 5	April 6 Plus W/S Howard Richman 7:30 – PS3 C1 Class Betsy Gotta	April 7 MS Class 7:30 – PS3 Nick Martellacci	April 8	April 9 IAGSDC Convention DC Diamond Circulate	April 10 IAGSDC Convention DC Diamond Circulate	April 11 IAGSDC Convention DC Diamond Circulate
April 12 IAGSDC Convention DC Diamond Circulate	April 13 No Classes	April 14 MS Class 7:30 – PS3 Nick Martellacci	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18 Spring Fling Combo Dance PS3 Dayle Hodge
April 19	April 20 Plus W/S Howard Richman 7:30 – PS3 C1 Class Betsy Gotta	April 21 MS Class 7:30 – PS3 Nick Martellacci	April 22	April 23	April 24 A/C Dance 7:30 – CS Todd Felleggy	April 25
April 26	April 27 Plus W/S Howard Richman 7:30 – PS3 C1 Class Betsy Gotta	April 28 Final MS Class 7:30 – PS3 Nick Martellacci	April 29	April 30	May 1 Pass the Ocean, Hon! Rehoboth Beach	May 2 Pass the Ocean, Hon! Rehoboth Beach
May 3 Pass the Ocean, Hon! Rehoboth Beach	May 4 7:30 – PS3 C1 Class Betsy Gotta	May 5  Club Night 7:30 – PS3 Nick Martellacci	May 6	May 7	May 8 A/C Dance 7:30 – CS Roy Leber	May 9
May 10 	May 11 7:30 – PS3 C1 Class Betsy Gotta	May 12 Graduation Dance 7:30 – PS3 Nick Martellacci Betsy Gotta	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16 MS Prom 7:30 – PS3 Nick Martellacci
May 17	May 18 7:30 – PS3 Final C1 Class Betsy Gotta	May 19 Club Night 7:30 – PS3 Rick Gittleman	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23
May 24	May 25 	May 26 Club Night 7:30 – PS3 Daryl Murphy	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30

PS 3 — Public School No. 3, 490 Hudson Street, between Christopher and Grove Streets
 Center — The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street
 FIT — Dubinsky Student Center, 27th Street at 8th Avenue, Basement
 CS — Chelsea Studios, 151 West 26 Street, Studio #608.
 CC — City Center, 130 West 56th Street bet. 6th & 7th Aves. Studio #5.

Times Squares Hotline
212-749-4291

Class Teaching Schedules

MS (Tuesdays)		C1 (Mondays)	
04/07/09	Alamo Style Turn Thru	WEEK 24- 04/06/09 (Sub Needed) Flip Back Split Square Chain the Top	WEEK 27 - 05/04/09 Single Rotates/Reverse Single Rotates Split Dixie Diamond
04/14/09	Back Track Wheel Around Centers In	Cross By Wheel and (Anything)	Step and Flip Belles and Beaus
04/21/09	Roll Away (Break)	04/13/09 Spring Break - No Class	WEEK 28 - 05/11/09 (sub needed) (Anything) and Weave Triple Cross Cross Your Neighbor
04/28/09	REVIEW VI	WEEK 25 - 04/20/09 Jay Walk (Anything) Chain Thru Review	WEEK 29 - 05/18/09 Switch the Line Reverse Explode Regroup
 <p>Fluff Up Your Wings, Polish Your Halo and Angel a Class</p>		WEEK 26 - 04/27/09 Rotates/Reverse Rotates Split Dixie Style to a Wave Substitute Reverse Cross and Turn	WEEK 30 - 05/25/09? -if class members want it Review

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