

34th Annual IAGSDC Convention
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Palm Springs California

NEWSLETTER



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OUR NEWSLETTER TO BE PUBLISHED QUARTERLY

The Palm Springs Swing & Mix committee plans to publish this informative newsletter each quarter to keep everyone aware of plans for the 2017 IAGSDC square dance convention.

This newsletter will be distributed electronically to all current registrants, using the e-mail address provided at time of registration.

This newsletter will also be sent complimentary to any others who subscribe – just send an e-mail request to info@palmsprings2017.org and ask to be added.

We encourage you to send us story ideas and questions; any with a wide interest will be published (with answers, too!) in future issues.

PS2017 FACTOID: As of 01/01/2016 the percentages for PS2017 registrations are 77% men and 23% women.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL BEGIN AFTER JUNE 2016

The Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel is located at 888 Tahquitz Avenue, Palm Springs, CA 92262. It is our Convention Headquarters. The hotel will begin taking reservations on June 30 in two ways, by telephone and on the Internet. Call 888-682-1238. Identify yourself and use the "PS2017" reservation code or go to www.RenaissancePalmSpringsHotel.com and make sure to include the above code in your

reservation. Make sure to PRINT your confirmation information. We can't wait to see you in 2017!

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF PS2017 MAJOR EVENTS

The convention's official dates are Friday June 30 through Monday July 3, 2017.

- **GCA school Tuesday June 27-Thursday, June 29 (Graduation dance on Friday, June 30).**
- **Trail-In Dance: Friday evening, June 30**
- **IAGSDC Delegates Meeting and AJH Meetings: Friday, June 30**
- **Dinner Banquet: Sunday, July 2**
- **Brunch Banquet: Monday, July 3**

RENAISSANCE HOTEL ADJOINS THE P.S. CONVENTION CENTER

Both structures are under one air-conditioned roof; there's no need to access the heat of the outdoors. We will use the hotel space for non-dancing activities and we will use the Palm Springs Convention Center for dancing. See both websites for diagrams and layouts: (www.RenaissancePalmSpringsHotel.com) and (www.PalmSprings.CC.com).

PS2017 FACTOID: TOP 3 CLUBS FOR REGISTRATIONS as of 01/01/2016

- Boots in Squares, Palm Springs 27**
- El Camino Reelers, Palo Alto 21**
- Times Squares, New York City 21**

RENAISSANCE HOTEL HAS FREE AIRPORT SHUTTLE

The Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel provides a FREE airport shuttle from the Palm Springs Airport – PSP – to the hotel. The vans are available across from airport baggage claim, in the shuttle area. The vans all say 'Renaissance Palm Springs' on the doors.

PLEASE SELECT SUNDAY BANQUET ENTREE IN ADVANCE

Four main course choices are available for the Sunday banquet: BEEF, CHICKEN, FISH, or VEGETARIAN.

If you have not already indicated your choice, or wish to update your selection, please sign in to www.iagsdc.org and review your Palm Springs event registration.

PROCESS STEPS:

- Sign in (need your user-ID and password).
- Select “My Event Registrations”
- Locate “Palm Springs Swing & Mix 2017” and select “MEALS”. Make your choice.
- To finish, select “Change Meal Selection”.

PS2017 FACTOID: “SWING AND MIX” IS A CALL ON CALLERLAB “Advanced 2” LIST.

FIRST EIGHT CALLERS SIGNED FOR PS2017 DANCE PROGRAM

The first eight full-session callers have been contracted for the Palm Springs Convention. A majority have appeared at other IAGSDC conventions in prior years.

Alphabetically, they are:

- Sandra Bryant (Chicago, IL)
- Vic Ceder (Los Olivos, CA)
- Barry Clasper (Toronto, Ont)
- Randy Daugherty (Pharr, TX)
- Bill Eyler (Albuquerque, NM)
- Hunter Keller (Menifee, CA)

- Gary Monday (Seattle WA)
- Anne Uebelacker (Vancouver, BC)

A brief biography and photograph of each of the callers appears in our official website.

Additional calling staff will be announced at a later date; obviously, staffing needs are directly related to dancer registration levels. Everybody benefits by your early registration!

“FIRST-TIME” CONVENTION DANCERS GET SPECIAL RATE

Dancers who have never attended any IAGSDC convention in the past are entitled to a special discounted rate. That rate is \$185 for the complete event including the four days of dancing and the special Sunday and Monday midday meals. The discount rate is subsidized by the All Joins Hands Foundation. You can learn more about the AJH Foundation at their website: www.AllJoinHands.org.

OFFER YOUR HELP TO YOUR FELLOW VOLUNTEERS

The Palm Springs “Swing & Mix” convention, like other IAGSDC conventions, is planned and managed by your fellow dancers – all unpaid volunteers. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to assist this effort. Even if you are not from the geographic area of an upcoming event, there are always opportunities to assist.

In particular, the PS2017 committee needs energetic volunteers to assist selling raffle tickets in Toronto this summer and needs friendly people to assist at the counter with pre-registration activity. To help, contact Mike Dougan (MichaelD@PalmSprings2017.org) or call (415) 516-8404. We hope you will join our energetic team!

PS2017 FACTOID: PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PSP) IS SERVED BY 11 AIRLINES.

On Facebook? - Keep up with us on Facebook - search “Palm Springs Swing & Mix 2017”.