



The Foghorn

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Special Points of Interest:

- ♦ **Plus Class** completion on May 31st at the SF Friends School, 7:30-9:30PM
- ♦ **Dance Schedule Changes**—Same callers, different dates (see Page 3)
- ♦ **Pre-Pride/Pre-Convention Dance** on Saturday, June 18th (see Page 4)
- ♦ **Special Square Dance Evenings in June** (see Page 5)

Spring Dance/Silent Auction Report

Traditionally, Foggy City's California Twirl into Spring Dance and Silent Auction is one of our best attended events. This year was no exception! Combine the calling of the always popular Anne Uebelacker with an assortment of nearly 50 auction items and you end up with a very busy evening. Anne was in excellent form. Her calling kept the dancers moving with as many as 8 squares filling the dance floor (and lots of folks observing from the sidelines!). She demonstrated once again why she is one of the best callers in the square dancing universe.

of the hall nearly to overflowing with a wide variety of items to bid on, many of which were one-of-a-kind selections. This year's selection included everything from paintings to party events for you and your friends to baskets filled with wine and cheese. Of particular note this year was a bit of Foggy City history. Donated by Steve Browning, uniforms from the club's Performance Team got a lot of attention. A video tape of the Team in action displayed the team's expertise and their devotion to the art of square dancing.

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The auction tables filled one side

Foggy City Goes 501(c)(3)!!



As some of you may know, Foggy City Dancer's organizational structure was created with an eye at becoming a recognized charitable organization in California. However, doing so is not a simple process. After many delays, Foggy City Dancers is about to achieve this long-desired goal!

What does this mean to you, a member of Foggy City? Let's take a look at some basic questions and answers:

What's a 501(c)(3)?

In non-technical terms, it's the section of the federal tax regulations that defines a not-for-profit organization.

Why become a 501(c)(3)?

For Foggy City Dancers, The main benefits include:

- Tax free income - Income earned by the organization is deemed tax- free.
- Postage - Lower postage rates on corporate mailings.
- Limited liability – Limited liability for the directors and officers of the organization

How will this benefit me as a Foggy City member?

When you pay your annual dues, make a donation, etc., these are considered charitable donations. When you file your tax return, the donations are tax deductible.

Most significantly, the reduction in operating costs keeps the costs of running the club down.

Otherwise, you'll see no changes!

When is this going to happen?

The current Foggy City Board has engaged an attorney

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The next newsletter
deadline is

June 15th!

Foggy City Goes 501(c)(3)!!

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specializing in 501(c)(3) conversions and we anticipate that we'll achieve our goal in the next several months (exact timing is based in part on State/Federal approvals).

What's all this going to cost?

There are, no surprise, some filing fees and there's a fee for the attorney. However, we anticipate that we will be able to claim reimbursement of past paid taxes and have zero net cost to the club.

What are the downsides?

Darn few as it turns out. The Board needs to maintain complete records and annually file the appropriate paperwork (we do much of this work already). When we receive money for any purpose, we must consider it a donation. Otherwise, we'll function much as we do now.

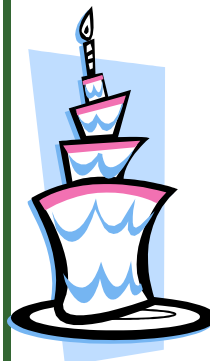


We know that you'll agree that this is a wonderful step for your club to take! We'll be providing updates and answer your questions in the next few months.

Happy Birthday to our Foggy Citizens

May

Fen Tamanaha	5/5
Joseph Huff	5/9
Robert Miller	5/15
Gary Young	5/30
Steve Zink	5/30



June

John Benet	6/8
Ari Cruise	6/13
Kelly Kay	6/14
Jay Clements	6/15
Mark Olson	6/21

**Plus Class
Completion!!!
May 31st
SF Friends School
7:30-9:30PM**

Foggy City Dance Schedule Changes

You know what they say about best laid plans? Yep, they can go awry. And such is what happened with our scheduling of callers for this year's upcoming dances. But the good news is that you'll still have an opportunity to dance to all of the callers we'd planned but they'll be on different dates. Here's the new line up:

Pre-Pride/Pre-Convention Dance	June 18 th	Tony Oxendine
Harvest Dance (with Midnight Squares)	September 10	Mike DeSisto
Anniversary Dance	November 5	Bill Eyler

We hope you'll come at dance to all of these great callers!

Upcoming Fly-Ins and Events

May 27-29	Scout Across the Border Toronto, Ontario, Canada	T. Crawford, N. Martellacci	See Triangle Squares website
June 15-18	Academy of Advanced and Challenge Enthusiasts V (Straight), Louisville, KY	Multiple Callers	Call Sparky Sparks at (502) 241-6438 or email
June 22-25	54th National Square Dance Convention (Straight),	Multiple Callers	Jim & Kay Rogers at (503) 556 0202 or email
June 28-30	17th GCA Caller School, IAGSDC Convention, Santa Clara, CA	M. Jacobs, B. Wise	Nick Martellacci at (718) 624 5665 or email
July 1-4	Star Thru the Silicon Galaxy, IAGSDC Convention, Santa Clara, CA	Multiple Callers	Paul Asente at (650) 747 0622 or email registration@SiliconGalaxy.org



Saturday, June 18th

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

*Mainstream/Plus/
Advanced "Star" Tips*

*\$8 FLD Members/
\$10 Non-members*

featuring

Tony Oxendine

*Fbenezer Lutheran Church
678 Portola Drive
(across from Jower Market)
San Francisco*



Star Thru the Silicon Galaxy Wants YOU!

Ever wonder what it's like to put on an event like the 22nd Annual IAGSDC Square Dance Convention? Not surprisingly, it takes a tremendous amount of work by the organizers.

But what isn't as obvious is that it takes a little bit of time during the convention that's donated by folks just like you! Typical tasks include manning the registration table, setting up for events, helping ensure that events like

the Grand March run smoothly, and the selling and distributing merchandise.

How much time are we talking about? An hour or two (unless you'd like to do more!) is all that's being requested. That's easy, no?

Why should you volunteer? Well, that's simple. You'll be helping make this year's convention a major success, one that you and your fellow square

dancers will remember.

To volunteer, all you need to do is contact convention organizers:

Tom Steele
(tom4ecr@sbcglobal.net)

Cameron Robb
(cartoo@speakeasy.net).

Want more information? Check out this website:

<http://silicongalaxy.org/ecr/>

Spring Dance/Silent Auction Report, *continued*

When all the bids were tallied, a total of \$2,000 was collected! The generosity of our square dance community is much appreciated and will help us keep membership dues and class fees down. We thank you!

A special recognition must be made to the spectacular balloon garden donated by Paul Gonyea. Thanks Paul! Your work added a much needed

sparkle to our dance venue.

And finally, if you missed this year's dance, be sure to come next year. You won't regret it!



Thank YOU!

**A Special
Thank You
to everyone who
donated to this
year's Silent Auction**

Don't Miss These Square Dance Evenings!

June 7

Gender Confusion
Dancing to Calls from the Opposite Gender Position

June 9

Strange Brew
Doing the Calls You Know from Unusual Starting Positions

June 14

7 Out of 8 Isn't Bad
Dancing in a Square with Only 7 Dancers

June 21

Doing It In Style
Exploring Some of the Variations in Call Styling

June 23

Take No Prisoners!!
REALLY Tough Mainstream and Plus Dancing

June 28

Last Minute Tune-Up
Re-Learn Those Calls You're Finding Difficult

May 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <i>Plus Class</i> 7:30-9:30PM SFFS	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <i>Plus Class</i> 7:30-9:30PM SFFS	11	12 <i>Club Night</i> 7:30-9:30PM SFFS	13	14
15	16	17 <i>Plus Class</i> 7:30-9:30PM SFFS	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <i>Plus Ends!</i> 7:30-9:30PM SFFS	25	26 <i>Club Night</i> 7:30-9:30PM SFFS	27	28
29	30	31				

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ELC - Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 678 Portola Dr., San Francisco

June 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>DD 13th Anniversary Dance</i>
5 <i>MNS Graduation Dance</i>	6	7 <i>Gender Confusion! 7:30-9:30PM SFFS</i>	8	9 <i>Strange Brew 7:30-9:30PM SFFS</i>	10	11
12	13	14 <i>7 out of 8 Isn't Bad! 7:30-9:30PM SFFS</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>FCD Pre-Pride/Pre-Convention Dance</i>
19	20	21 <i>Doing It In Style 7:30-9:30PM SFFS</i>	22	23 <i>Take No Prisoners! 7:30-9:30PM SFFS</i>	24	25 <i>WSD Pride Dance</i>
26 <i>SF Pride Parade</i>	27	28 <i>Last Minute Tune-Up 7:30-9:30PM SFFS</i>	29	30		

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FCD—Foggy City Dancers

DD—Diablo Dancers

MNS—Midnight Squares

WSD—Western Star Dancers



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**July 1-4, 2005
Santa Clara, California
in the heart of Silicon Valley**

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at the Santa Clara Marriott, they're
going fast!**

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