

40th Dance-A-Rama
Celebratin' America's Dance by the Nation's Capital
September 2-5, 2010
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA

Ya'll Come for "Celebratin' America's Dance by the Nations Capital" at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA, September 2-5, 2010.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center has 496 Deluxe Guestrooms and 45,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. We will have more than enough space for all the dance halls, vendor rooms, meeting space, etc. Complimentary parking is provided for overnight guests. Parking at the hotel's main garage is provided at \$5 per day with in/out privileges for attendees not staying at the hotel and the 40th DAR is also paying for Street Parking around the Hotel because we anticipate we will have a lot of local dancers attending the 40th DAR. We will be putting down flooring in the five halls (Round Dance, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced/Challenge & Lines/CW) that we will be dancing in.

Plan to spend several days in Alexandria—the Hotel will honor the special rate for 3 days before and after the DAR! Begin enjoying the area by arriving on Monday, August 31, 2010. Fly in to the Ronald Regan Washington National Airport and catch the hotel shuttle from the airport to the Hilton Alexandria so you will be ready to start touring. The first tour starts early (8:00 am- 2:30) on Tuesday morning for the Cathedral, Shrine & Monastery (lunch is included).

Additionally on Tuesday the two-day Pre-Convention Callers Seminar will begin at 9 am led by Ken Ritucci, Tom Miller, Mike Callahan, and Butch Adams. If anyone knows of any new callers be sure to let them know that there is an opportunity for them to get some first class instruction!

On Wednesday, Sep 1, 2010, a great tour will take place from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm to two of the Smithsonian Museums. On Wednesday evening we have arranged for folks to attend "Sheer Madness" at the Kennedy Center from 7-11 pm.

We will spend Thursday, Sep 2, touring George Washington's Mt Vernon home from 8:30 am to 2:30

pm. Besides seeing the wonderful grounds and Museums, Martha Washington will join you for an engaging 30-minute presentation before lunch! We have also scheduled an Alexandria City Tour from 1-5 pm which gives you more than enough time to have dinner and get ready to attend the Trail End Dance that evening with Tom Miller calling. Dom and Joan Filardo will be cueing that evening.

The Washington DC City Tour can be taken on Friday from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm or on Saturday from 1:30-5:30 pm where you will enjoy one of the city's finest tour guides who will introduce you to the history, architecture and grandeur of Washington, D.C.

For variety we have scheduled a River Cruise-Spirit of Washington on Friday, Sep 3, 11am-3 pm. You will be entertained with a fascinating narrated tour of DC's historic harbor easily seen from huge panoramic windows and you will also have a Grande Buffet lunch, a singing wait staff who will dazzle you with impressive renditions of your favorite tunes, and rock till you dock to DJ music of Top-40 hits.

On our 2nd tour on Saturday, Sep 4, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, you will experience a docent tour of the fabulous Kennedy Center, take a leisurely stroll through Georgetown and drive down Embassy Row.

On Sunday, Sep 5, 8:00 am - 1 pm, we will have a dangle dance tour in the Greater DC area visiting historical sites. Locations cannot be printed so they will be a mystery until you actually get on the buses!

The callers, cuers and line dance instructor for the 40th Dance-A-Rama are outstanding. See the complete listing on the front page of the flyer at www.dar2010.ssdusa.org.

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