



# Astro Notes

Official newsletter of *Houston, We Have a Promenade*

IAGSDC Convention 38 • Houston, Texas • July 2-4, 2021

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\*\*\* OFFICIAL BRIEFING SUMMARY \*\*\*

**Mission Name:** Houston, We Have a Promenade

**Mission Dates:** 2 July 2021 – 4 July 2021

**Spacecraft:** Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown

**Launching Pad:** 1200 Louisiana Street, Houston, TX 77002

**Scope of Mission:** Trail-In Dance, three days of top-flight square dancing from Mainstream through C4, Honky Tonk Queen Contest, Banquet, Brunch, Specialty Tips, Fun Badge Tour, Pre- and Post-Convention Tours.

**Mission Commander:** Rick (“Dicktator”) Hawes

**Registration & Finance:** Gordon (“Clochette Maternel”) Macaw

**Sound & Callers:** Seth (“La Petite Bete”) Levine

**Hotel & Travel:** John (“La Reine du Voyage”) Faulds

**Communications & Volunteers:** Allan (“Écume”) Hurst

\*\*\* END BRIEFING SUMMARY \*\*\*

## From the Chair

On behalf of **Heads to the Center** and **Convention Planners, Inc.**, please allow me to welcome you to the first newsletter for *Houston, We Have a Promenade*!

We’re working hard behind the scenes to stage a wonderful party for 1,000+ of our nearest and dearest friends!

Over the coming months, we’ll announce details regarding hotel room reservations, pre- and post-convention tours, the Fun Badge Tour, local attractions and dining, and special events such as the Honky Tonk Queen contest.



## Registration

Our website is up and running at <https://www.houprom.com>, and we’re accepting convention registrations online at <https://www.iagsdc.org>, under **Events / List Events**. You’ll need an IAGSDC website account to register.

*See our website for detailed registration instructions!*

## Fun Badge Tour

We still have some seats open for the Fun Badge Tour! Register at <https://www.iagsdc.org>, under Events / List Events!

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<https://www.houprom.com>

[info@houprom.com](mailto:info@houprom.com)

## Rates

**Dancer:** \$200 (through 12/31/2020), or \$225 (from 1/1/2021 onwards)

**New Dancer or First Convention:** 175.00 (through 6/25/2021)

**Non-Dancer:** \$100

## Mission Uniforms

As with all IAGSDC conventions, casual attire is welcome on every dance floor. Watch this space for official convention shirts, hats, and other regalia!

## Volunteer!

We're going to need volunteers for a number of activities, including *our most urgent current need*, which is folks to help us sell raffle ticket just before brunch and dinner during Denver's "Take A Peak" convention!

Once we all get to Houston, we're going to need hall monitors, information desk staffers, and green room monitors.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Allan Hurst, at [volunteers@houprom.com](mailto:volunteers@houprom.com) to ask what you can do for your mission!

## Our Host Hotel

Wikipedia is *such* a useful thing. Early on, we found out that the hotel was designed by architectural firm **JV III** (a joint venture between firms Caudill Rowlett Scott, Neuhaus & Taylor, and Koetter, Tharp & Cowell), and was opened to guests in 1972.

At 401 ft (122 m), the Hyatt Regency Houston is the city's tallest hotel, and is topped by a revolving restaurant known as "Spindletop".

The hotel's 29-story atrium, one of the highest in Texas, was featured as a set in the 1976 film *Logan's Run*. We'll see about including some movie stills in the next newsletter.

However, of far more import to most attendees, the hotel will feature **free wi-fi in guest rooms**.

**Standard Rate:** \$129/night (for up to four guests sharing). This rate is available from 6/29/2021 through 7/8/2021.

Our room block will open for reservations soon!

Hyatt Regency Houston offers valet and self-parking for all guests.

**Valet Parking:** 0-10 hours = \$25 + tax, 10-20 hours = \$40 + tax, Overnight = \$40/Night + Tax

**Self-Parking:** The parking garage is connected to the hotel and doesn't offer in/out privileges. \$20/daily.

We'll publish information on airport to hotel transportation options in a future newsletter.



## Astro Trivia

On July 29, 1958, President Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, establishing NASA.