

# Belles Run



## The Towne Crier

The latest news from  
Belles Run Philadelphia 2019



### Belle

Hi {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

*It's me again, Belle, you know your favorite mascot for the 2019 IAGSDC Convention, Belles Run, being held this summer, right here in Center City Philadelphia. I'm just getting so excited because I can't wait to show you a good time in my hometown.*

*I've been meeting so many of youse guys in my travels around the country and, I got to tell you, I've been having a blast. I just love my job being the ambassador of goodwill for Belles Run. And they got me running all over the place this winter. But I don't mind since I missed a lot of snow and cold weather back in Philly. First off, I was back in pretty Palm Springs, hanging with two of my beaux, Bill Eyler and Mike Kellogg.*

*I just got back from Flip the Flamingo in Florida and I think I might have overdone it because I been seeing these pictures all over Facebook of me with more cocktails than I remember and one pic of me in a compromising position. Luckily, somebody decided to protect my reputation and had them removed. I must have had fun... just wish I could remember. I do remember my time with the Super Heroes. They promised not to tell but we all look happy. Thanks to Boots In Squares and Suncoast Squares for a Fabulous Time!*

*Come and give ME a squeeze and take a pic with me at my home town club's, [Independence Squares](#), [Philadelphia Freedom Fly In](#) coming up at the end of the month, March, 29-31.*

*And remember, hon, don't forget to sign up for the dinner and square dancing cruise on the Delaware River, Sunday, July 7, just after the closing ceremonies. Space is limited and that boat is filling up fast. You can sign up for the cruise and all the fabulous Philly tours on our [convention tours page](#). While there don't forget to sign up for a [meal deal](#). I wouldn't want you to miss a second of dancing because you were out hunting for food.*

*Congratulations to my girl, Tonja Ducrest from DC Lambda Squares, for winning the free suite upgrade. I'll be up for my gin and tonic!*

*Yellow Rocks to All,*

*Love Ya,*

## Full Day of Dancing July 3

While our convention doesn't officially open until July 4, we'll actually be dancing **ALL DAY on Wednesday, July 3**. Come early and don't miss a tip.

Wednesday morning come to support the new graduates of the GCA Callers School as they hone their skills.

In the afternoon the GCA will host a **Welcome Dance** on Wednesday. It will feature three hours of dancing in three halls. Dancing with Mainstream through Challenge and will be earmarked as a fundraiser for the GCA to go toward scholarships and support of the future GCA Callers School.

We'll wrap up the day with the traditional Trails End Dance. Mark your calendars, book your flights, and reserve your hotel rooms accordingly. Join Belle and the gang and plan to be there to start dancing on Wednesday morning.



### Hotel Block Filling Fast

If you get told that there are no rooms available in the block don't panic. Some days in our block are full. However, until May 5 as long as there are rooms available in the hotel, we can get them moved into the block. Make your reservation, send us your confirmation, and we'll get it worked out. Send your confirmation to [danceforindependence@gmail.com](mailto:danceforindependence@gmail.com). Include anything that needs to be adjusted and we'll get right on it.

[Hotel Reservations](#)

## Museums

Our host hotel is just steps away from the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, dotted with fountains, strips of greenery and sculptures, and an assortment of some of the finest museums in the country. Many of Philadelphia's cultural institutions are located either directly on the Parkway or located just off of it. You will find the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, the Museum of Natural History, the Franklin Institute, the Philadelphia Free Library, the Barnes Foundation, the Rodin Museum and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. These are all in easy walking distance of the hotel.

The three museums you really must see when visiting Philly:

### The Barnes Foundation



The newest of the museums on the Parkway. The collection consists of some of the finest Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, and early Modernist paintings. Dr. Albert Barnes, a very wealthy chemist, began amassing his collection in the '20s with works by Renoir, Cezanne, Picasso, Modigliani, and Van Gogh, to name a few. Dr. Barnes had a very unique vision as to how his collection should be displayed. He did not see eye to eye with the Philadelphia art community and housed his collection in a specially built mansion outside of the city. After a prolonged court battle breaking Dr. Barnes' will, the collection was eventually rehoused in a new museum on the

Parkway. To find out more about this fascinating case, watch the 2009 documentary 'The Art of the Steal' which follows the twisted path that brought the Foundation to where it is today. On a side note, the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Center used to be at this location. Ask Belle about her time there!

[The Barnes](#)

## Rodin Museum

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Next to the Barnes you will find one of Philly's secret gems, the Rodin Museum, a taste of Paris on the Parkway. Housed in a magnificent jewel of a building and surrounded by lovely gardens, you will find the second largest collection of Rodin's sculptures in the world. The huge, bronze 'Gates of Hell' allows entrance into the museum.

Highly recommended and the suggested entry fee is only \$10.00 but you can pay what you wish.

[The Rodin Museum](#)

## Philadelphia Museum of Art

### The Philadelphia Museum of Art

This magnificent recreation of a Greek temple sits atop the 'Rocky' stairs. It houses a vast and varied collection, everything from a recreated ancient Hindu temple to medieval armor to a wide array of paintings, ranging from the Renaissance to the present. You will only be able to see a small portion of the works in one visit. Don't miss the impressive bronze statue of 'Diana' at the main entrance.

Wednesday evenings from 5 to 8:45 PM and the first Sunday of the month, (July 7) you pay what you wish.

While you're there and after you've taken your picture standing like Rocky at the top of the stairs, you may as well join the throngs of tourists waiting to have their picture taken with the statue of Rocky at the base.

[Philadelphia Museum](#)

## Vendors & Program Book Ads

We're getting ready to put together our program book for Belles Run. It will include the usual array of advertising options. We're also seeking out vendors who are interested in joining us in Philly this July. If you're interested in placing an ad in our program book or becoming a vendor at Belles Run please [email us](#) and we'll send you all the information.

[Vendors and Program Book Info](#)

# American Airlines



## Official Airline of Belles Run

American Airlines has been selected as the official airlines for Belles Run. Visit [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com) and use promotional code **6769BY** and save 5% on most American Airlines and American Eagle flights (excluding basic economy and

non-discountable fares). You can also make your reservation through our Travel Agent, John Faulds of [TravelDestinationsInc.com](http://TravelDestinationsInc.com) at [john@traveldestinationsinc.com](mailto:john@traveldestinationsinc.com) or 800-443-4644.

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### Calling All Queens

The divine Miss Jayne Dawn DeLion would like potential Honky Tonk Queen contestants to register before we get to Philadelphia. For additional details, contact David a.k.a. Jayne Dawn DeLion by writing [htq2019@gmail.com](mailto:htq2019@gmail.com).

**Jayne Dawn DeLion**



### Just a Peek at Some of My Travels...



#### Superheros

Taking a break with my superhero friends at Flip the Flamingo in Florida.



#### In Palm Springs

Looking forward to seeing my buddy Michael Kellogg again in Philly in July.



#### PA Farm Show

Some of my Independence Square peeps were in the square dance competition.

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