

NEWSLETTER

DETROIT BRANCH

MAY 2011



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15th. Annual Border Cities Workshop a success!

The same venue for a workshop, two years in a row, must be a good omen judging from the activities going on at First United Methodist Church of Troy starting on Friday evening and then at the actual Workshop on Saturday, March 26 and the Afterglow following.

Signup started out slowly then gradually gathered momentum as the actual time approached. This always leaves a feeling of consternation in the organizing committees followed by a sigh of relief as details eventually fall into place and the event becomes a success. The same feelings and anxieties will repeat themselves again the next year as the baton gets passed, hopefully to others who will form the new committees. This year's Committee Chairs were Isobel Hunter from Windsor and Rachael Harrer from Detroit.

Instruction for the Workshop was provided by Elaine Brunken, from Maryland, who dances and teaches with the D.C. Branch and Lee Fuell, from Ohio, who teaches and dances with the Cincinnati Branch. Music for both the Friday practice and the Saturday Workshop was provided by Fred Moyes. The evening dance program was developed by Laurel Paterson with June Dey providing the instruction for the Friday evening practice.

Following the formal instruction part of the day, a lovely spread of soup, sandwiches, and desserts were enjoyed by the attendees along with the chance to rest some weary bones prior to evening's program.

"MacLellan's Brook", (16-bar Strathspey, Reel Medley) and "Molly MacLay of Kilfinnan", (32-bar Strathspey) were taught by Elaine and Lee as part of the evening's dance program. To provide a little additional downtime during the mid-program interval, a drawing for an array of door prizes, donated by the many supporters of SCD, was conducted by Don & Linda Johnston.

Afterglow hospitality was provided by Don & Margaret Sarna at their home with lively entertainment by Fred and his accordion. After a little food and refreshment, some of our members found the renewed energy to engage in the singing of many old and familiar songs.

Workshop (cont'd)

We thank our many guests from both near and far for attending to help make the workshop a successful event. Those who were unable to make it maybe NEXT year.

Don Johnston



This year the Detroit Windsor Border Cities workshop welcomed their youngest participant yet. Derek Simmons, son of veteran dancer Heather Simmons, joined us and frankly kept us older dancers on our toes. Derek is a wonderful addition to our RSCD family and has the potential to grow into an excellent dancer. His enthusiasm always keeps us smiling. In addition to dancing and participating in classes, Derek lent a hand at the registration desk and in the kitchen preparing morning snacks and our dinner.

Diane Cliff



Derek with teachers Lee Fuell and Elaine Brunken

Photo by Don Sarna

THE WORKSHOP



A Big Fifteen Years Thanks, Rebecca



Chairman's Conference



Desserts YAA!

*FRED,
ELAINE,
& LEE*



Door Prizes



"WHY WE ARE HERE"



More Desserts!



These breaks sure are short...



More door prizes



Last minute study time



Workshop Photos by Don Johnston



Kickin' back to rest some really weary feet at the afterglow.

THE AFTERGLOW



*A little liquid refreshment and we will be good to go
Griff seems to be making his point!*



Fred serenading Isobel, while Margaret & Rachael carry on a serious discussion and Sue is checking out the fruit to make sure it's OK



A sing along



The "Energizer Accordion" of Fred Moyes

A TUESDAY CLASS IN FEBRUARY....

Fred and Christine keep surprising us with visits and we are delighted to have them. Fred offered to play for our Roseville class and we couldn't refuse. Christine taught two dances, "Haste to the Wedding" and "The Earl of Mansfield" which were fun as well as challenging. Laurel, again tried "Bo Fiddle Medley" with us as well as Burlington Bay, Lovers' Knot, and "Clatterin' Brig". What a fun evening doing some dances we have not done before.

*Thanks, Laurel, Fred and Christine
Linda Johnston*

Afterglow Photos by Don Sarna



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 26, 2011

First United Methodist Church of Troy
6363 Livernois, Troy, MI 48098



6:30 PM – Potluck Dinner

7:30 PM – Meeting

The nominating committee (Mary Low, Margaret Sarna, Rachael Harrer) has proposed the following slate of elected Officers for 2011-2012:

Chairperson:

Vice Chairperson:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Membership:

Members at Large:

*Nominating Committee is still hard at work.
Results unavailable at press time.*

Ed.

Additional nominations will be accepted by the nominating committee in writing or E-mail to:
Rachael Harrer at rharrer2@aol.com up to 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Only paid-up members of the Detroit Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society are eligible to make, amend, or second motions, or to vote on the slate of officers.

AGENDA

Call to Order 7:30 PM

Minutes of Previous Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairperson

REPORTS:

Secretary's

Treasurer's

Membership

Teacher

Demonstration Comm

Publicity

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Appointment of Auditor

Open Discussion

Next Year's Meeting Date Thursday, May 24, 2012

ADJOURN



Comments from the Chair

Since January, the Branch has made some adjustments getting acquainted with our new location in Troy. I myself see the change as very positive. The facilities coordinator of the First United Methodist Church of Troy, Lisa Head, has rolled out the red carpet for our group. For some of our dancers carpooling to our new location has been helpful. Since January we've had two or three sets every week.

We welcomed several new dancers to our group this season:

Peggy Garrigues started attending classes after moving to the area from Ann Arbor. She not only danced for years with the Ann Arbor Tartan & Thistle group but often played the fiddle at their functions.

Bruce Campbell started dancing with Ann Arbor's Tartan & Thistle and now makes weekly trips to both Ann Arbor and Troy. We've also enjoyed his piping talents.

Maureen Lipovsky & Alicia Duncan both started classes in January. They attended our Border Cities Workshop and are learning very fast.

We welcomed back Rhett Herberling, who danced with the Branch in the past.

During the summer months we will have several opportunities to dance in Troy: June 30, July 28, August 11 & August 25. (The hall is air-conditioned.) There is also a possibility of a July 14 class, but this has not been confirmed yet. The times are the same, 7 - 9:30.

And in August we should know the date and details of our "Dance Scottish Week" event in September.

I hope to be back dancing in August after recuperating from my total knee replacement scheduled for the end of May.

**Happy Dancing,
Sue Scott Boczek**



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM (2011-2012) Royal Scottish Country Dance Society – Detroit Branch

Name _____ Phone _____
Home / Work

E-mail _____

Address _____
number & street city state zip

Type of Membership: _____ **Annual/Branch** (\$30.00 per year and includes Society membership; may be prorated semiannually for new members; \$20.00 per year for members under age 30).

_____ **Mailing/Associate** (\$10.00 per year to cover branch expenses and mailing costs).

Please complete this form and mail with payment (checks payable to RSCDS – Detroit Branch) to the Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 931, Royal Oak, MI 48068-0931

Upcoming Events 2011



- Saturday, May 14th. **ANN ARBOR BALL**
(check their website for info)
- Thursday , May 26 **DETROIT BRANCH - AGM**
(Notice included page 4)
- May 28, 29, & 30 **ALMA HIGHLAND FESTIVAL**
(Alma , MI)

Summer Sessions at FUMC of Troy

6/30, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25 7 to 9:30 PM

- July 2 & 3 **SCOTTISH FESTIVAL**
Canterbury Village
- July 9 **SALINE CELTIC FESTIVAL**
Saline, MI
- August 5 & 6 **ST. ANDREWS HIGHLAND GAMES**
Greenmead - Livonia, MI
- Saturday, October 29 **WINDSOR BALL**



SCOTTISH HUMOR

Old Tam, who had lost all his teeth, had a visit from the minister who noted that Tam had a bowl of almonds. "My brother gave me those, but I don't want them, you can have them" said Old Tam. The minister tucked into them and the said "That was a funny present to give a man with no teeth." To which Old Tam replied "Not really, they had chocolate on them....."

(Just filling space!....Ed.)

REMEMBER:

Talk to Bonnie Cook, Membership Chair, to renew or sign up for your **RSCDS Detroit Branch** membership. New membership cost is prorated after January.



Executive Committee

Chairperson: Sue Boczek (248) 398-2921
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Class Contacts

Detroit Branch

Thursday PM 7:00 - Basic
 7:30 - 8:30 Combined
 8:30 - 9:30 Experienced

First United Methodist Church of Troy
 6363 Livernois
 Troy, MI 48098

Laurel Paterson (586) 294-4329
 Linda Johnston (586) 228-7370

Roseville - "Red Hackles"

Tuesday PM 7:30 - 9:30 Experienced

Erin Presbyterian Church
 Gratiot at Common Rd. (12 1/2 Mile)
 Roseville, MI

Laurel Paterson (586) 294-4329

Ann Arbor - "Tartan and Thistle"

Monday PM 6:30 - 7:30 Basic
 7:30 - 8:30 Combined
 8:30 - 9:30 Experienced

Gretchen's Barn
 2625 Traver Rd. Ann Arbor, MI

Joan Hellman (734) 769-1052
 Mary Wessel Walker (734) 996-0129

Windsor Branch - Ontario

Wednesday 8:00 - 10:00 PM

June Dey (519) 974-1363