

RSCDS, Chicago Branch

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Mike Millin, Chair – *pro tem*

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2004 Semi-Annual General Meeting: This is official notice, pursuant to the Constitution and by-laws of the Chicago Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, that the Semi-Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2004. The meeting will be held in the parish hall at St. Josaphat's Church, Belden and Southport, Chicago, Illinois, starting at 6:00 p.m. The main item on the agenda will be review and approval of the treasurer's report. You must be a member of the Chicago Branch to vote at the meeting, but all are welcome to attend, and there will be dancing after the meeting.

New Year's Ball 2005: Just a reminder that this year's New Year's Ball is a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Branch. Musicians for the Ball are Calum MacKinnon and Muriel Johnstone. The Ball is Saturday, January 8, 2005 at International House (just south of downtown Chicago), and the Tea Dance is Sunday, January 9, 2005 at the River Forest Women's Center (*note: the changed location!*). Muriel and Calum will also present a concert of Scottish music on Friday, January 7, 2005 at International House. The Ball committee is still very interested in obtaining Branch historical information. If you have any such information, please contact one of the committee members: Mady Newfield, Laurie Walter, Gwen Leyffer, or Sue McKinnell. Watch your mailboxes for the flyer, which should arrive soon, and mark your calendars for this festive and historic event. The Ball and brunch dance programs are available on the Branch website and also included in this newsletter. Cheat sheets should be available on the website and at classes soon.

Holiday Party: The Branch will hold a Holiday Party on Sunday, December 19th at St. Josaphat's at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars!

Special Dance Classes: Mel Whitson has planned some special dance classes for January and February (the scheduled December one has been cancelled because of all the competing December activities). The special dances she has planned are: January 23 - "A Little Bit About Selected Scottish Musicians and Composers" and February 20 - "Dances by Bob Campbell." And don't forget Tom Senior's special class November 21 - "More Welsh English/Scottish country dances."

RSCDS Chicago Branch 2004/2005 Calendar	
Semi-Annual General Meeting	Sunday, 11/7 6:00 p.m.
Special class: More Welsh English/Scottish country dances	Sunday, 11/21 6:00 p.m.
Holiday Party	Sunday, 12/19 6:00 p.m.
NO DANCING (Loch Mich)	Sunday, 12/26
Ball Walkthrough	Sunday, 1/2/2005 6:00 p.m.
Scottish Music Concert at International House	Friday, 1/7
New Years Ball	Saturday, 1/8
Tea Dance	Sunday, 1/9
Special class	Sunday, 1/23 6:00 p.m.
Special class	Sunday, 2/20 6:00 p.m.
Spring Dance/Tartan Day Celebration	Sunday, 4/3
Annual General Meeting	Sunday, 5/8 6:00 p.m.
Last Loch Mich class	Sunday, 5/15 6:00 p.m.
Weekend Workshop Dance Walkthrough	Sunday, 5/22 6:00 p.m.

2004-2005 Committee of Management: Mike Millin, Honorary Chair *pro tem*; Ree Grisham, Honorary Secretary; Greg Canfield, Honorary Treasurer; Noel Chávez, Doug Jensen, and Mady Newfield - Members at Large.

New Year's Ball 2005 Program		
Opening Waltz		
Kendall's Hornpipe	32J2	Graded Book #22
The Saint John River	32S4 Set	Centennial Collection
The Loch Michigan Rant	40R3	Chicago 10th
The Nurseryman	32J3	37 #7
The Earl of Northampton	32S2	Celebrate 50 Years with the Boston Branch
The Montgomeries' Rant	32R3	10 #1
Interval		
Shiftin' Bobbins	32R3	Ormskirk 6 #1
Follow Me Home	32J3	38 #3
Culla Bay	32S4 Square	41 #2
Quarries' Jig	32J3	36 #3
The Sauchie Haugh	32S2	RSCDS Leaflet #12
Irish Rover	32R3	Cosh: 22 SCD
Interval		
Joie de Vivre	32J3	39 #2
It All Started in DeKalb	32M3	McKinnell: Leaflet
The Last of the Lairds	32J3	22 #5
Flowers of Edinburgh	32R3	1 #6
The Braes of Breadalbane	32S3	21 #7
The Reel of the Royal Scots	32R3	RSCDS Leaflet #7
Closing Waltz		

Tea Dance 2005 Program		
Opening Waltz		
The Frisky	32J3	26 #10
Bobby Brown's Canadian Breakdown	32R4 Square	Millar: Leaflet
Sugar Candie	32S3	26 #9
Hooper's Jig	32J3	MMM II
Neidpath Castle	32S3 Set	22 #9
Mrs Macleod	32R3	6 #11
Interval		
The White Heather Jig	40J4 Set	Cosh: 22 SCD
The Birks of Invermay	32S3	16 #2
The Blooms of Bon Accord	32R4 Set	Drewry: Deeside 2
Fair Donald	32S3	29 #4
The De'il Among the Tailors	32R3	14 #7
Closing Waltz		