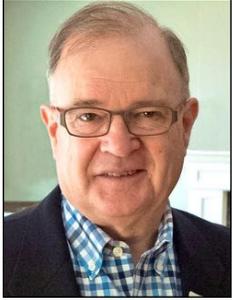


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From the Chair...



Paul Barber

In 2019 I had my first opportunity to attend the RSCDS Summer School in St. Andrews. I enrolled in what was called the Duke's class, for older, advanced dancers. Early on in the week, as we partnered up for the next dance, our teacher Jane Rose announced that the next dance honoured a member of the

class: it was titled [Elma McCausland MBE](#). By chance my partner for the dance was Elma. (A quick survey established that there were two other MBEs in the room.) She had been awarded the MBE two years previously for her contributions to Scottish country dancing. Elma proceeded to tell me and others that when she went to Buckingham Palace to receive her honour it was bestowed by Prince Charles, now King Charles III. As he greeted Elma, Charles' comment on Scottish country dancing was, "I just love it!"

That comment perhaps provides some small consolation for RSCDS members who are grieving the death of Queen Elizabeth II, who as Princess became the Society's patron in 1946. Elma's story suggests the RSCDS can look forward to royal support in the future.

As we return to dancing in social groups, and monthly dances in a new location at Havergal College Junior School (which should be more transit-friendly than Crescent), we do need to remain cautious about COVID-19. We should respect the protocols of our social groups and the Toronto Association so that we all remain healthy and safe. There is hope we can escape from these measures at some point in the future. A website I have been following from the pandemic's beginning [for information on the coronavirus](#) reports new cases have declined by 21% over the previous week as I write this column.

I want to thank everyone who has renewed their membership; the renewal campaign is progressing well. If you haven't renewed yet, please remember to do so. It is essential to the future of Scottish country dancing in Toronto. The good news is that in these inflationary times there is no fee increase, so Scottish country dancing remains a bargain.

... Paul Barber

Queen Elizabeth II



Queen Elizabeth II dancing at the Jubilee Ball in 1973.

It was with great sadness that we learned the news of the death of our Royal Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

The Royal connection with the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society dates back to 1932, and the Society's Archive contains correspondence between HM Queen Mary and Ysobel Stewart of Fasnacloich, and Lord James Murray, which relate to the publications of the Society.

In 1946, the Scottish Country Dance Society petitioned HRH The Princess Elizabeth to become the Society's Patron. The Petition was acceded on December 20, 1946. In November 1951, HM King George VI granted permission to the Society to add "Royal" to its name, and from then on the Society has been known as the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Following the death of the King and her accession to the throne in 1952, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was pleased to grant her Royal Patronage to the Society.

She had a life-long and committed association with Scottish country dancing, inherited no doubt from her mother, the late Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who was also an enthusiastic supporter of the work of the Society. This enthusiasm for Scottish country dancing continued and grew through the years of Royal Patronage, and Her Majesty attended many functions connected with the Society, including a visit to the Society's Headquarters in Coates Crescent in 1961 and dancing at the Jubilee Ball in 1973.

Over the years, many dances have been composed in Her Majesty's honour and to celebrate Royal events. For example, in 2003 the Society published *Book 43*, filled with dances to mark the occasion of the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002.

We remember with affection and gratitude the service given by Her Majesty.

... This article and photo were adapted from the [RSCDS Blog](#)

October Monthly Dance

This year's programme was devised by Pat Coyle.



Saturday, October 22

Havergal College **Junior** School, 460 Rosewell Ave. [<map>](#)
(Parking and entrance is off Rosewell, 1 block east of
Avenue Rd., south of Lawrence.)

Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Dancing 8-10 p.m.

Music by Scotch Mist

If possible, in order to reduce paper use, please
print your own crib sheets from this website address.

[October Monthly Dance Programme](#)

Covid policy in effect

COVID Policy

As we welcome everyone to a new dancing season, the following
protocols will be in effect.

1. Social groups are responsible for masking and any
other protocols they may wish to adopt, or are
requirements of the space they rent.
2. For RSCDS Toronto Association programs the following
public health protocols will be:
 - (a) Masks are required for indoor events.
 - (b) Vaccination is mandatory.
 - (c) Hand sanitizer must be provided.
 - (d) Attestation forms must be filled out by
participants. **See page 6.**
3. COVID-19 policies and protocols will be continuously
reviewed and updated by RSCDS Toronto Association as
required.

Erin Mills 50th Anniversary Celebration

Date: Saturday October 15

Place: Cookville United Church,
Mimosa Row, Mississauga

Time: Doors open at 7 p.m. Dancing starts at 7:30

Music: Laird Brown and Don Wood.

Dancing and Social event, open to everybody. Several former
dancers are attending, so come join them for a chat and to see
photos and old videos. Further details and the dance
programme are on the RSCDS TA web site under
<http://www.dancescottish.ca/Whats-On-Near.html>

Admission is FREE but donations are welcome to help cover
costs. There will be a cake!

Please let Deirdre know if you plan to come to help us manage
numbers. barkd@rogers.com 905-822-1707

Please recognize that we are following COVID precautions,
so we request that you are vaccinated and wear a mask.

Come and join us.

... Keith and Deirdre

November Monthly Dance

This year's programme was devised by Pat Coyle.



Saturday, November 19

Havergal College **Junior** School, 460 Rosewell Ave. [<map>](#)
(Parking and entrance is off Rosewell, 1 block east of
Avenue Rd., south of Lawrence.)

Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Dancing 8-10 p.m.

Music: Don Bartlett & The Scottish Heirs

If possible, in order to reduce paper use, please
print your own crib sheets from this website address.

[November Monthly Dance Programme](#)

Covid Policy in effect

TB Tartan Ball (aspirational; not certain)

Machine Without Horses	8 x 32J	RSCDS Book 12
The Gentleman TB	8 x 32S	RSCDS Book 35
The White Cockade	8 x 32R	RSCDS Book 5
Collichur	8 x 32J	RSCDS Book 30
Balquidder Strathspey TB	8 x 32S	RSCDS Book 24
The College Hornpipe	8 x 32R	RSCDS Book 20
The Happy Meeting TB	6 x 32J	RSCDS Book 29
Wisp of Thistle	8 x 32S	RSCDS Book 37
Ladies' Fancy	6 x 32J	RSCDS Book 13
The Lass of Richmond Hill TB	8 x 32R	RSCDS 2nd Graded Book
The Dundee Whaler	4 x 32S	Clowes, Ormskirk 1
Catch the Wind	8 x 32R	RSCDS Book 45

Extra

Lady Catherine Bruce's Reel 6 x 32J RSCDS Book of Graded SCDs

Members: \$27; non-Members: \$32; Young Adult Member (18-34): \$10;
Youth Associate Member (<18) and Spectators: \$5

Monthly Dances are SCENT FREE.

Social Groups Are Back



As the new dancing
season begins, we
welcome social groups
coming on to the dance
floor. Check our website
dancescottish.ca for
details.

We all look forward to a
happy and healthy
dancing season.

Association Classes



All dancers must be members of RSCDS Toronto
(beginners are excused until their 2nd term).

The ten-week sessions are \$100.

Please make cheques payable to "RSCDS Toronto."

Classes Convenor: [Anne Bishop](#)

COVID related policy in place



COUNTDOWN TO
SPRING FLING
2023
TORONTO:
A MOMENT
TO PAUSE

Level 1 Beginner Classes: Dancers learn the five basic steps of Scottish country dance and a variety of formations. These elements are combined in learning simple dances that incorporate some of the various steps and formations taught.

Mondays at St. Leonard's Anglican Church* [<map>](#)

[Pre-register](#) and bring a [COVID ATTESTATION](#) to class.

Dates: Sept. 19 - Dec. 5 (Excluding Oct. 10, Thanksgiving, Oct. 24, Election Day)

Teacher: David Booz

Class Rep: [Cheryl Catt](#)

Mondays at Alderwood Community Centre, Etobicoke * [<map>](#)

(Meeting Room, Lots of free parking)

[Pre-register](#) and bring a [COVID ATTESTATION](#) to class.

Dates: Sept. 26 - Dec. 12 (Excluding Oct. 10, Thanksgiving, Oct. 24, Election Day)

Teacher: Alma Smith

Email contact: [Alex Sutton](#) 416-915-1417

New West End Location!

Thursdays at Eastminster United Church* [<map>](#)

(Gymnasium - enter east side doors, go downstairs and follow signs.)

[Pre-register](#) and bring a [COVID ATTESTATION](#) to class.

Dates: Sept. 22 - Nov. 24

Teacher: Keith Bark

Class Rep: [Anne Bishop](#)

Level 2 Intermediate Classes: These classes build on steps and formations learned at the beginner level and introduce more complex formations. Dancers become more confident in their skills and abilities and enjoy the challenge of more complex dances.

Thursdays at Eastminster United Church* [<map>](#)

(Hurndale Room - enter east side door, go downstairs and follow signs)

[Pre-register](#) and bring a [COVID ATTESTATION](#) to class.

Dates: Sept. 22 - Nov. 24

Teacher: Deirdre MacCuish Bark

Class Rep: [Anne Bishop](#)

* Location Addresses:

St Leonard's Anglican Church Hall, 25 Wanless Avenue
(2 minutes north from Lawrence and Yonge subway station, east side)

Alderwood Community Centre, 2 Orianna Dr., Etobicoke, near Brown's Line and Horner Ave.

Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Avenue
(2 minutes west from Chester subway station)

Last month, when I invited you to consider sponsoring Spring Fling 2023 Toronto, I decided I would write a monthly column to provide updates on teachers, musicians, venues, and activities that will be part of this global event leading up to the centenary of the RSCDS.

This month, however, it behooves me to take a moment to pause and remember HM Queen Elizabeth II, who, on the 8th of September, passed on to the realm of angels. With this passing, the world loses a much-loved Queen, while the RSCDS loses its Royal Patron. In 1946, it was a young princess that The Scottish Country Dance Society petitioned to become the Society's Patron, a petition that was acceded on the 20th of December, 1946.

By the time of the centenary year, let's hope there will be a new Royal Patron with whom the RSCDS will step into its second century, to energize dancers, and to inspire young dancers in particular.

We continue our countdown to Spring Fling/Spring Fringe Toronto. As we fall into October and the first full month of autumn, we have 237 days to go! Please look for our next update next month.

... Halyna Sydorenko



Classes for young adults (age 18-40)

When: Thursday evenings, Sept 15 - Dec 1 (except Sept 29)

Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Where: St Thomas's Anglican Church,
383 Huron St., M5S 2G5 [<map link>](#)

Cost: \$100 for 11 classes at sign-up, or \$10 per class

Info: erica.degannes@gmail.com

These classes will prepare you for dancing Scottish anywhere around the world, but especially at the Spring Fling 2023 to be held in Toronto May 26 - 28 (details TBA).

Covid protocols as recommended by Public Health will be followed.

Link to video of Paris Spring Fling 2019

<http://www.dancescottish.ca/youngadults.html>

It's time to... ReMEMBER

Dust off your Dancing Shoes...

Membership is about maintaining a vibrant community of Scottish country dancers, especially under current circumstances. The Society is doing great things to keep dancers educated, trained, and connected worldwide. The Toronto Board is monitoring developments and preparing for the 2022/23 season.



This is the season we go back to dancing. Fun, fitness, and friendship will once again prevail — and won't we be HAPPY to embrace new dance opportunities with music and friends!

Membership Period: October 1 — September 30

We have three easy ways to RENEW your membership and/or to join us in this worldwide community.

We recommend fast and easy Interac e-Transfer. It's convenient, and it avoids transaction fees.

Membership Categories: (other options on Membership Forms)

- Single Adult Membership: \$68
- Joint Membership: \$126
- Young Adult Membership (18-34 yrs): \$43
- Under 18 yrs and Life Members: \$0

Payment options

1. **Interac e-Transfer**

Easy, if you do online banking. Transactions are usually free, and it avoids a 3% fee for TA.

Sign in to your on-line bank account and, if you are a new user, register for Interac e-Transfer.

Add RSCDSTA@gmail.com as a recipient, and complete the payment.

2. **PayPal**

PayPal also accepts VISA & MasterCard. There is a 3% transaction fee to RSCDS Toronto.

3. **[Membership-form-paper.pdf](#)**

Print, and complete.

New Members applying for the first time: Use any of the 3 payment options. You will be warmly welcomed!

• **Privacy Policy:** Your personal data will only be used for RSCDS Toronto Association and RSCDS (the Society) purposes and will not be shared with other organizations

• **Images:** Notice will be posted at events where photos and/or video may be taken. Please inform the event convenor if you do not wish your image to be used.

Giving Her Wings to Fly...

A paraphrased quote from the Dalai Lama advises us to have wings to fly, roots to come back to, and reasons to stay. Although he was not referring to SCD or membership in the TA, I think it is appropriate as we return to a more normal dancing season.

Here is one former dancer's reason to continue supporting RSCDS TA through full membership, which over the years gave her wings, roots, and reasons to stay. Morag MacIntosh wrote:

"The fact is that I have been a member in good standing of the RSCDS Toronto branch for 27 years. Although it is 10 years since I had to stop dancing, membership to me means still being part of the group. Reading Set and Link and related dance news keeps me up to date and informed. I enjoy reading about current 'happenings' plus hearing and seeing the many people I danced with over the years.

"To me, \$68 is an amount I can still afford to pay for this privilege. Annually there are other donations that are important to me, but membership in the RSCDS will always remain a special donation because I receive so much in return."

... Submitted by Arlene Koteff, Vice Chair

Congratulations



Congratulations go out to Bill and Christy Barber, who celebrated their golden anniversary on August 12. It was a subdued occasion, as both of them, plus their daughter, were recovering from COVID. Their son's

three young children were also sick at the time, so dinner with everyone had to be cancelled. Christy decided to take the golden-themed meal (corn, turmeric spiced rice, lemon chicken, and lemon mousse cake) to her son's house for them to enjoy, along with yellow water balloons and rice-filled punching balloons. A creative way to celebrate from a distance! For 15 years Bill and Christy have been keen Scottish country dancers; they are looking forward to getting back on the dance floor sometime in the not too distant future.



Thank you

Barbara Taylor sends a note of thanks to all her dancing friends for the many cards of sympathy and encouragement she has received during a difficult time.

Upcoming Events: NEAR

Oct. 15 – Erin Mills 50th Anniversary Social & Dance~
At Cooksville United Church, 2500 Mimosa Row, Mississauga. <
[map](#)>. Doors open at 7 p.m. Dance begins at 7:30 p.m. Music by
Laird Brown and Donny Wood. Dance is free but donations are
welcomed. Everyone welcome.

Oct. 22– October Monthly Dance~ at Havergal College Junior
School, 460 Rosewell Avenue, Toronto. Parking is off Rosewell Ave.
Enter door from parking lot and take stairs on the left.

Oct. 30– Shiftn' Bobbins (not-affiliated with RSCDS Toronto --
for Intermediate and Advanced dancers) with Moira Korus. Contact
[Tristan Gerrie](#) or shiftnbobbins@gmail.com or [Jon Allen-Friend](#)

Nov. 19– November Monthly Dance~ at Havergal College Junior
School, 460 Rosewell Avenue, Toronto. Parking is off Rosewell Ave.
Enter door from parking lot and take stairs on the left.

May 26-28, 2023 – Spring Fling 2023 ~ This young-adult-oriented
event is definitely a go! More information to follow.

For up-to-date info on events near and far, visit
dancescottish.ca

Grace Notes



Margaret Birnie

October 13, 1924- July 8, 2022

Margaret Birnie was a founder of the Calvin social group in 1957, and danced there for years. Seeking adventure she joined the WRENS in 1943 at the age of eighteen. As a WREN she trained as a wireless telegraphist to detect enemy U-boat traffic. She was awarded a Bletchley Park commemorative badge for her work. Margaret had a remarkable life, which is described in her [Obit](#). We extend our condolences to her nephew and niece.



Check this link to the Scottish website for info about the
centenary of RSCDS:

<https://www.rscds.org/bloq/rscds-centenary>

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Upcoming Events: FAR

Oct. 1 – RSCDS Hamilton Branch~ Welcome Back Dance, 8 –
11 p.m. at Delta United Church, 47 Ottawa St S, Hamilton, \$15
dancers, \$5 non-dancers. Music by Laird Brown and Warren
Beasley.

Nov 4-6 – Asilomar Workshop Weekend ~ Rustic elegance on
the beautiful Monterey Peninsula, hosted by RSCSD San
Francisco. Teachers: Jeff Corrigan, Arthur McNair, Jennifer
Reiner, Helen Russell, Katherine Shearman. Features music by
Tartan Ties (Ian Muir, Judi Nicolson, Kathy & Fred Collins) Info:
asilomar.rscds-sf.org

**Nov 4-6 – The Autumn Gathering and AGM, Glasgow,
Scotland**~ The Autumn Gathering allows dancers to gather over
a weekend in Scotland. Dancers from the UK, North America
and continental Europe take part in classes, discussion forums
and workshops. Whether attending as delegates or spectators,
all enjoy the social events which surround the business of the
AGM. Dance with us on the Friday ahead of Saturday evening's
grand ball.

Info: <https://www.rscds.org/events/autumn-gathering-2021>

Nov 5 – Kitchener-Waterloo Blair Ball ~ Celebrating 100 years
of dancing in Waterloo Region. This celebratory Ball is co-
sponsored by RSCDS Kitchener-Waterloo Branch (established
1960), and Blair Scottish Country Dancers (established 1980).
Combine those legacies and we can celebrate 100 years of
dancing. Come join us, and dance to the music of Don Bartlett &
The Scottish Heirs on a sprung wood floor at the Alpine Club in
Kitchener. Info: [Kathryn Lecocq](mailto:Kathryn.Lecocq@519.572.2741) 519.572-2741
[Brochure & programme](#)

Feb 19-24, 2023 – Winter School 2023, Pitlochry, Scotland~
Info & updates: <https://www.rscds.org/events/winter-school-2023>

For other away events, visit:

dancescottish.ca/Whats-On-Far.html

Please send submissions
to *Set & Link* by the
10th of each month.
Send to Sheena Gilks
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**TA's 65th
Anniversary**
RSCDS Toronto
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1957.

Scheduled Dates of
Board Meetings
2022-2023 season
Oct. 5 Nov. 7 Dec. 5
Jan. 4 Feb. 6 Mar. 8
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COVID-19 Attestation

I will not come to any Toronto Association events if I have any of the following symptoms. Neither will I come to any Toronto Association events if anyone in my household has the following symptoms:

- ▶ fever or chills (fever of 38 degrees Celsius or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher)
- ▶ cough
- ▶ trouble breathing
- ▶ sore throat or trouble swallowing
- ▶ runny or stuffy nose
- ▶ decrease in sense of smell or taste
- ▶ nausea or vomiting
- ▶ pink eye
- ▶ headache
- ▶ very sore or tired muscles or joints

If I or a member of my household has been notified within 7 days of a Toronto Association event, that we are a contact of someone testing positive for COVID-19, I will not attend the event.

Even when precautionary measures are taken, participating in Scottish Country dancing, which necessarily requires close contact with other persons, involves risk of physical injury and/or exposure to communicable diseases, including COVID-19. Members should be aware that the risk of severe illness may be higher if you have a weakened immune system.

When choosing to attend SCD events participants acknowledge and accept that risk.

I will not attend any Toronto Association events if I am not vaccinated.

Signed: _____

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

September 2022

Download the [Covid-19 Attestation Form](#)