

## **January 2018 NEWS**

Happy New year and all the best for 2018 to everyone. As I write this, the cold snap is letting up somewhat. Hopefully this will inspire everyone to get out in the evenings now that weekly classes will be resuming

Just a reminder that the newsletter will be on the website, which if you are reading this, you will already know. However, if anyone complains that the newsletter was not emailed to them, just remind them to look on the website listed below, and all will be revealed.

For information on the events listed below (and more) please visit our website at <http://www.rscdscalgary.org/events-2>

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Membership Opinion sought
- Volunteering Opportunities
  - Help with events in general
- Membership renewal
- Calgary Class news
  - Class information
- Confed Park Robbie Burns Night on January 19<sup>th</sup>
- St. Andrews-Caledonian Burns' Night on January 27
- Workshops in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer

### **DETAILS:**

#### **Opinion**

- Every year there are more and more books of dances published, including the annual compilations from RSCDS Headquarters. The question has come up as to the continued purchase of books and whether we should continue buying books every year, or every couple of years. If anyone has an opinion on the purchase of materials, please let Debby Henderson know, (email listed below).

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- **Helping out at events**  
Please remember that the events do not set up and clean up themselves. There is always a need for people to help. If you are coming to any of our events, please consider helping before and/or after the event. If you need specifics on time and what you could do, please contact [debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca](mailto:debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca).

#### **Membership Renewal**

If you need to renew your membership in RSCDS Calgary or would like to join as a new member, please click on the link to download at membership form - [RSCDS-Calgary-Branch-Membership-registration-form-2017-2018.pdf](#)

#### **Calgary Class News**

- **Weekly classes**

- Classes
  - Monday – St Giles SDC club @ 7:30pm
  - Monday – Beginners class at Capital Hill 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm
  - Tuesday – St. Andrews at Confed Park @ 7:30pm
  - Tuesday – Cross and Thistle @ 8:15pm
  - Wednesday – Grace SDC @ 7:30
  - Wednesday – Airdrie Youth class @ 4:30
  - Thursday – Confederation Park SDC @ 6:30pm
  - Thursday – St. Barnabas class – Sept 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm
  - Saturday – Airdrie Adult class – Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm
- Complete information for locations of the classes can be found on the RSCDS Calgary website listed above.

### **Upcoming RSCDS Calgary events**

RSCDS Annual General Meeting, May 2018

- Date, time and location will be announced in an upcoming newsletter.

### **Upcoming Non RSCDS Scottish dance events in Calgary**

Confederation Park Seniors Activity, Scottish country Dance Group Robbie Burns Night

- Date: Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>
- Time: 5:30 to 11:00pm
- Location – Confederation Park Activity Center (2212 13 St NW, Calgary)
- Price: Confed park members \$35, Non-members \$45
- Tickets: please contact [janyn\\_bertram@hotmail.com](mailto:janyn_bertram@hotmail.com) or at the Confed Park office at [ed@yycseniors.com](mailto:ed@yycseniors.com)

St Andrew-Caledonian Society Burns' Night Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

- Location – Polish Canadian Club (3015 15 St NE)
- Time: 5:30pm Doors open, program begins at 6 pm sharp
- Cost; \$60
- Tickets: online <http://standrewcaledonian.ca/upcoming-events-2/>
- Or contact [Annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto:Annvanderwal@shaw.ca)

St. Giles Scottish Country Dance Club 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop

(Fri Mar 9- Sun Mar 11)

- This year's teachers are Richard Bennett (BC), Fiona Miller (AB), and Bernadette Thill (AB)
- Music by Ron Krug and Dennis Orr
- Early bird rates until February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- Registration details and brochure available on [rscdscalgary.org](http://rscdscalgary.org) or contact [Janyn\\_bertram@hotmail.com](mailto:Janyn_bertram@hotmail.com)
- \*\*As this is a special anniversary for this workshop, we are asking anyone who may have pictures of anyone who has danced with the St. Giles group over the years to please forward directly to [me.fisher@shaw.ca](mailto:me.fisher@shaw.ca)

## Upcoming Events Outside of Calgary

Edmonton Workshop (Fri. Feb. 16 – Sat. Feb 18, 2018)

- Location: Chateau Lacombe Hotel
- For complete information on the workshop see the website [www.rscdsedmonton.com/annual-workshop-ball.html](http://www.rscdsedmonton.com/annual-workshop-ball.html)

Red Deer Workshop (Apr. 6-8, 2018)

- Save the date! More information coming soon. Check out the website:
- <https://reddeerscottishcountrydancers.weebly.com/workshop-save-the-date.html>

- **Workshop reimbursement:** As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, changes are coming to the workshop reimbursement program.
- It still holds that if you are attending an out of town workshop within Alberta, you may be eligible for up to \$200.00 to cover the cost of the workshop itself and accommodation. However, given the need for fiscal prudence, all RSCDS Calgary Branch members may submit twice within a year, (\$400.00 per year). If you wish to attend more than 2 workshops in the same year, you are encouraged to send in the required paperwork and if there are sufficient funds leftover, reimbursement may be made. The changes will be updated on the RSCDS Calgary website under Member Support for more information on applying for reimbursement.
- Please remember that while there is no specific deadline for reimbursement, please consider filing for the funds as soon as possible after the event.

Feedback is welcome - please let me know if this information is useful to you and/or if there is anything you would like to see added or any corrections needed. Thanks.

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Happy Dancing!!

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