

## May 2017 News

This month there will be a dance event almost every weekend. There are also two AGMs to attend and this always presents an opportunity to see how we have done over the past year and to ask questions of the board members of both the St. Andrew-Caledonian Society and the Calgary Branch of the RSCDS. Please plan to attend as your views and input are valuable.

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

### Highlights:

- Volunteering Opportunities
  - AGM May 27<sup>th</sup> – setup and decorations
  - July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada 150 Celebration – dancers needed
  - Highland Games – manning the tents
- Calgary Class news
  - Last class information
- Upcoming workshops, events in or outside of Calgary:
  - St. Andrew-Caledonian AGM and dance – May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Farewell to 49 dance – May 20th
  - RSCDS AGM and dance on May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Bannockburn BBQ - June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Details:

#### 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). Here's what's coming up:

  - AGM May 27<sup>th</sup> – please contact Penny Chase at [chasepen@hotmail.com](mailto:chasepen@hotmail.com) to help with decorations and set-up
  - July 1st Canada 150 – Demo Dancing at Genesis Centre – looking for dancers. Please contact Debby Henderson at [debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca](mailto:debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca) if you are available.
  - Highland Games – RSCDS Calgary Branch will have tents at both Calgary and Canmore Highland games and needs volunteers to man the tents. Calgary Games are September 2nd starting at 9am; Canmore Games are September 2nd (evening) and 3rd. Please contact Debby Henderson at [debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca](mailto:debbyhenderson@yahoo.ca) if you are available to volunteer.

#### Upcoming Calgary & Area events

- **St. Andrew-Caledonian Society AGM – May 6<sup>th</sup>**
  - The Society's 133<sup>rd</sup> AGM will be held at 7:30 pm, Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre – 2212 – 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW
  - The 2016 AGM minutes, the audited financial statements for 2016, and Annual report for 2016 will be presented for review. There will be a slate of Directors for voting.
  - Following the meeting, there will be a light buffet and entertainment from Mercat Cross. The list of dances can be found on the St. Andrew-Caledonian website.

- **Farewell to 49 – May 20th**
  - Our very own Ann Vanderwal will be turning 50 and she is having a party to celebrate and everyone is invited. It will be held at the Airdrie United Church Hall – 212 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NE, Airdrie from 7-10pm. Light refreshments will be provided. No gifts please. Please RSVP to [annvanderwal@shaw.ca](mailto:annvanderwal@shaw.ca). Dance program [www.airdriescottishdancers.org/events](http://www.airdriescottishdancers.org/events)
- **RSCDS Calgary AGM and Dance – May 27th**
  - The RSCDS Calgary Branch AGM will held at 7:30pm on Saturday May 27th at the Mount Pleasant Community Centre – 602 22 Ave NW.
  - After the AGM, join us for a dance. The dance is free to all members who attend the AGM. Non-members or members who do not attend the AGM may join in the dance for \$10. There will be cash bar and a light buffet.
  - The 2016 AGM minutes, the audited financial statements for 2016, and Annual report for 2016 will be presented for review.
- **Bannockburn BBQ – June 24<sup>th</sup>**
  - The annual Bannockburn BBQ and dance will be held on Saturday, June 24th at 4pm. The BBQ is free to all St. Andrew-Caledonian members. The society will provide burgers and hot dogs. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert. A cash bar will also be available. Please bring a lawn chair.
  - The dance portion of the evening will begin at 6:30 and music will be provided by GlenMorin. Dance program coming soon.
  - The location will be the Capitol Hill Community Centre – 1531 21 Ave. NW

### Calgary Class news

- **Weekly classes.** As mentioned above, we are coming to the end of the dance year, with classes ending either at the end of April or in May. If the date of the last class is not listed below, please speak with the instructors of the individual classes.
  - Monday - St. Giles SCD club – 7:30pm – Final class on May 15th
  - *Monday - Airdrie kids (5-12 yrs) class – no class for the winter. Will be re-offered again in September 2017*
  - Monday - RSCDS Beginner's class – 7:30pm – Final class on May 15th
  - Tuesday - Cross & Thistle – 8:15pm – Final class on May 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Tuesday - St. Andrews Confed Park – 7:30pm –
  - Wednesday - Grace – 7:30pm
  - Wednesday - Airdrie Youth (12-24 yrs) Class – 4:30pm Final class May 17th
  - Thursday - Confederation Park SCD Club – 7:00pm
  - Thursday – St. Barnabas – finished until September
  - Saturday - Airdrie adult class – 7:00pm – Final class May 20th
- Cross and Thistle's Skills class will begin on Tuesday May 23 until July 18<sup>th</sup>. Classes will run for 9 weeks from 8:15 until 10:00pm.
- Summer dancing will be held on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 at Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre starting June 5th. Come and enjoy a wonderful variety of teachers throughout the summer. Schedule coming soon.

### Upcoming workshops and events:

- **The Scots Gathering in Canmore – October 6-9, 2017**

- Come and join us in the beautiful Rocky Mountains for the Scots gathering. Information on the event and online registration (now active) available at <http://www.calgaryscots.org/>

**Workshop reimbursement:** 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/or accommodation costs. Please see 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 at your earliest convenience 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 or any corrections needed. Thanks.

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Happy Dancing!!

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