

# RSCDS SET & LINK

TORONTO ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2006



## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

The March Beginners' night at Crescent School was another wonderful night of super dances and great music. We had 191 attendees and a good number of them were beginners and youth. Judging by the comments afterwards, a good time was had by all. The decision to demonstrate and dedicate Ann Campbell's dance to our good friend and long-time member of the Association, Barbara McNutt, at the Beginners' Night was in my opinion an appropriate one. After all, she is heading to Vancouver Island to "begin" a new life. We all wish the happy couple well.

The West End Workshop held another very successful event on Saturday, March 18. Unfortunately, Norine Gilkinson from Bright's Grove, ON, fell during the second morning class and fractured her hip. She will apparently be out of commission for about six weeks, but according to her doctors, and Norine herself, she will be fine.

I hope, of course, to see you all at the April Monthly Dance. I ask you to make a special effort to attend our AGM on Saturday, April 22. The Board Reports will be presented and the three motions posted on page 2 of this issue will be put before you for consideration. We would especially like you to meet the recipients of the Association's "Volunteer Recognition Awards".

Finally, the Youth Ball Committee is looking for volunteers for the Youth Ball on Saturday, May 6. If you have some spare time on that day, please call Fiona Philip 905-785-8983; thephilipclan@sympatico.ca.

## Remembering Betty Thompson

by Kathleen Kynoch

**B**orn in Clydebank in 1921, Betty spent her early days in the south-west area of Scotland. During World War II, she met and married a Canadian soldier from Saskatchewan. Sadly, he was fatally wounded soon after the D-Day landings in France in 1944. In 1945, she moved out to Saskatchewan to live with her late husband's parents.

She returned to Scotland a few years later and met up with her schoolboy sweetheart, Tom Thompson. They were married in 1948. Tom and Betty emigrated to Canada in the early 1950's.

Betty gained her teaching certificate in the late 60's. Soon after, she started adult and children's classes at Newtonbrook United Church. They became known as the Newtonbrook Scottish Country Dancers. She worked very diligently with her classes and built up a happy and loyal following. Due to failing health, she retired several years ago. The class is still active.

Along with the late Bob Blackie, she initiated the T.A.C. Summer School. We all know how successful and enduring this has been.

Betty taught extensively in Canada and the US. She was very popular at these weekend affairs, she was never shy to sally forth with her recitations and poems. Scottish Country Dancing played a big part in her life. She will be sadly missed.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### MEMORABILIA AND PEOPLE FROM 50 YEARS OF TORONTO SCD

We are looking for memorabilia from the 50 years of SCD in Toronto. Please submit photos, clippings and anecdotes to Isabelle MacPherson: 29 Belcourt Rd, Toronto ON M4S 2T8; 416-489-0988; memorabilia@rscdstoronto.org. Originals will be returned.

We also want to reconnect with former members. If you know of any, please give their contact information to either Grace Harris: 33 Carslake Cres, Scarborough ON M1J 2A8; 416-431-9653; grace\_colin50@hotmail.com OR Jean Noble: 32 Northey Dr, Toronto ON M2L 2S9; 416-449-8070; jean@charteredaccountants.ca.

### DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR CREATIONS

Signature Dance must be submitted by April 22, 2006.

50th Anniversary Logo must be submitted by September 30, 2006.

Submit creations to:

Jane Robinson 14 Dearbourne Ave, Toronto ON M4K 1M7;  
janer1@sympatico.ca OR please give any paper entries to Jean Noble.

### CRESCENT SCHOOL HAS A STRICT NO-NUT POLICY.

This is a reminder to all the host groups who so kindly provide those wonderful baked goods for the monthly dances.

## 2006 Annual General Meeting of the RSCDS Toronto Association

April 22, 2006

It will start at approximately 9:00 p.m. (The interval between dances) at Crescent School, 2365 Bayview Avenue, Toronto ON

The purpose of the meeting shall be to:

- Review the affairs of the RSCDS Toronto Association for the year ended March 31, 2006.
- Elect the Directors of the Corporation, in compliance with Article III of By-law No. 1.
- Vote on Motions under consideration.
- Discuss any other business put forward by the attending membership.

All Full Members of the RSCDS Toronto Association, as defined in Article 3, sub-section 3.2.1 of the Procedures Manual, are urged to attend and are requested to bring their membership cards.

### Motions under consideration:

- Notice of motion to donate archives to York University. (*See the article on page 4 in the March issue of SET&LINK*)
- Notice of motion to change the head office to Toronto.  
BYLAW #1  
1. The Head Office of the Corporation shall be in the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, and at such place therein as the Board of Directors (the Board) may from time to time determine.
- Notice of motion that any subscription increase decided upon by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Scotland, will automatically be passed on to the affected RSCDS Toronto Association member at the going conversion rate in the year instituted.

## AGM Dance

**Date:** Saturday, April 22, 2006  
**Time:** 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
**Place:** Crescent School  
**Music:** Don Bartlett and the Scottish Heirs  
**Hosts:** Bloorlea, Trinity, RSCDS Toronto Association Executive  
*Please note that Crescent School has a no-nut policy*

Duke of Atholl's Reel	6x32J	(16-3)
Happy Returns	8x32R	(MMM2-11)
From Scotia's Shores we're noo awa	8x32S	(lft)
Triumph	4x24R	(1-2)
The White Cockade	8x32R	(5-11)
The Frisky	8x32J	(26-10)
Sandy O'er the Lea	6x32S	(MMM2-34)
The Duke of Perth	8x32R	(1-8)
<b>EXTRAS</b>		
Hooper's Jig	8x32J	(MMM2-12)
General Stuart's Reel	8x32R	(10-3)



*This photograph was taken at the last beginner's class at Swansea with David Booz and Suzanne Dubeau whose class has completed their two year tour of duty!  
Thanks to Carole Bell for submitting the picture.*

*Many thanks to all the Scottish Country Dancers and especially to the Scarborough Group and the RSCDS Executive and Tartan Ball Committee for the tremendous evening of tributes and accolades bestowed upon me at the Tartan Ball. It was a wonderful evening.*

*-John Christie*

# Upcoming Events

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APRIL 8, 2006, Toronto Association Children's Festival, Crescent School, 2365 Bayview Ave., Doors open at 12:30 p.m., dancing starts at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 per spectator and all children are free. Contact your teacher or Colin and Fiona Philip 905-785-8983.

APRIL 22, 2006, Ottawa Branch's 40th Anniversary Ruby Ball. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Contact Lynda Pearson 613-526-5913; lynda.pearson@sympatico.ca or visit www.rscdsottawa.ca.

APRIL 29, 2006, West Acres Social Group's Spring Party, 65 Hinton Road, Rexdale. Music by The Reel Thing. Tickets are \$12.00. Contact Jim Archibald 905-792-4383 or Nora Sutherland 905-276-2602; nora.sutherland@sympatico.ca.

MAY 5, 2006, 7:30 p.m., South Simcoe Scottish Country Dancers' Alliston Spring Dance, at Knox Church, Alliston. Music by Fred Moyes. Tickets \$15 in advance or \$17 at the door (light supper included). Contact David Wilson 705-435-2361 or Grace Graham 705-435-3689.

MAY 5 - 7, 2006, Boston Highland Ball. Contact Joan Hill 617-868-4578 or Ron MacDougald 781-259-0883; Hillwalden@aol.com.

MAY 6, 2006, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Toronto Association's Youth Ball, Newtonbrook United Church, 53 Cummer Av. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained from any of the teachers of Children's Classes or Deirdre McCuish Bark 905-822-1707, barkd@rogers.com.

MAY 6, 2006, St. Catharines Spring Dance. Music by Don Bartlett. Contact Jere Brubaker brubakerjpl@aol.com.

MAY 10, 2006, 8:00 p.m., Glenview SCD Spring Dance, Lawrence Park Community Church, 2180 Bayview Ave., Music by Fred Moyes. \$10 at the door. Contact Brenda Nunes 416-691-1764.

MAY 13, 2006, The Thistle Ball in Victoria, BC. Contact Kathryn Taylor 250-598-3490; kathryntaylor@shaw.ca.

MAY 13, 2006, West Toronto Ball, Ramses Temple. Reception, dinner and dancing. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish

Accent. Some term this event "The Beginner's Ball", but there is also lots of challenge for experienced dancers. For tickets, contact Anna Rielly 519-927-5502; t.rielly@rogers.com.

MAY 19 - 21, 2006, Pawling Weekend, Circle Lodge, Hopewell Junction, NY. Musicians are Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent and Jim Stevenson-Mathews. Teachers are Robert McOwen, MA; Elinor Vandergrift, Washington; Les Lambert, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Contact Sheila Wilson 212-849-8282 or visit www.rscdsnewyork.org.

MAY 23, 2006, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m., The Hillcrest Group's 30th Anniversary Dance at Crescent School. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Dancing 8:00 - 10:00 p.m., refreshments 10:00 - 11:00 p.m. Tickets \$25. Contact Jean Noble 416-449-8070.

MAY 26 - 28, 2006, Peterborough Scottish Country Dance Society's May Weekend Workshop, Stoney Lake. Teacher is Anne Harrison. Music by Fred Moyes. Contact Colin Campbell 705-652-3576; neoblivis@sympatico.ca or visit www.pscds-on.org.

MAY 26 - 28, 2006, 4th Annual Youth Weekend West in Victoria, BC. Cost is \$98 for accommodation and all events. Teachers are Mairi Hand, Boise, ID; Fred DeMarse, San Francisco, CA; Ruth Jappy, Delta, BC. Musicians are Muriel Johnstone, Alex Jappy, Mary Ross & UVic's Ad Hoc Ceilidh Band. Contact Frankie Chao 250-381-4756; tuba\_frank@hotmail.com or visit www.youthweekendwest.com.

JUNE 10, 2006, Orillia Scottish Country Dance Group's Banks O' Couchiching Scottish Ball. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Tickets are \$35 including a light buffet. Contact Gary Maidlow edmund@idirect.com; after April 9, 2006 at 705-756-2067.

JULY 3 - 7, 2006, Haliburton Summer School at Sir Sandford Fleming College. Instructors are Maggie and Duncan Keppie, NS. Call 1-866-353-6464 or visit www.haliburtonsch oolofhearts.ca.

JULY 3 - 7, 2006, English-Scottish Pinewoods Session, Pinewoods Camp, near Plymouth, MA. Contact Marianne Taylor 603-463-7771.

JULY 16 - AUGUST 13, 2006, RSCDS Summer School at University Hall, Kennedy Gardens, St. Andrews, Scotland. Scholarship application forms are available from Brenda Hurst brenhurst@hotmail.com or by the Society's Bulletin or www.rscds.org.

JULY 29, 2006, Highlands of Durham's White Heather Ball, Scugog Community & Recreation Centre, Reach St., Port Perry. Music by Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent. Guest speaker is Moira Kerr. Tickets are \$60 for dinner, entertainment and dancing. Contact Marjorie Mason 905-649-3532.

AUGUST 6 - 13, 2006, T.A.C. Summer School, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON. The T.A.C. welcomes dancers from all levels from Basic to Advanced. Teachers are Ruth Jappy, Robert McOwen, and Rebecca Blackhall-Peters. Musicians are Bobby and Laird Brown, Mara Shea and Jim Stevenson-Mathews. Contact Ian or Pat Souter 905-578-0289; isouter@cogeco.ca or visit www.tac-rscds.org and click on "Summer School" to download the Brochure and Registration Form.

AUGUST 12 - 25, 2006, The Highland & Islands of Scotland Tour led by Marjorie Mason and Stewart Bennett of the Highlands of Durham Group. Contact Lorna Bates, Carlson Wagonlit Travel 905-683-8411; lbates@on.aibn.com.

NOVEMBER 11, 2006, 9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Toronto Association Annual Workshop. Teachers: John Wilkinson - Berwickshire, Scotland, Carol Howe - Grimsby & Georgina Finlay - Weston. Musicians: Bobby Brown, Laird Brown and Don Bartlett. Contact Theresa Malek 416-535-4447; theresamalek@rogers.com.

JULY 25 - 29, 2007, International Scottish Country Dance School, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS. Teachers are Mary Murray, BC; Robert McOwen, MA; Joe Wallin, NS; Duncan & Maggie Keppie, NS; Merrill Huebach, NS. Music by Tullochgorum, MA and The Macadians, NS. Contact Lydia Hedge 902-827-2033.

*Please send all submissions for SET & LINK and website to the Communications Director, Christine Bowers.  
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# Children's Festival

Saturday April 8, 2006

The RSCDS Toronto Association presents 2006 Children's Festival on Saturday, April 8th, 2006.

An afternoon of demonstration by the children of Toronto and surrounding area with observations and adjudication.

Program:

- Warm up dance
- Junior Teams perform and receive commentary from Adjudicators. (Juniors may leave at this time)
- Social Dance
- Intermediate and Senior teams perform and receive commentary from Adjudicators
- Social Dance
- Presentation of Awards

Date: Saturday April 8, 2006

Time: Dancing Starts at 1:30 p.m.  
(Doors open at 12:30 p.m.)

Place: Crescent School  
2365 Bayview Avenue  
Toronto ON M2L 1A2

Cost: \$4 per spectator,  
ALL CHILDREN ARE FREE

For more information, please contact your teacher or Colin and Fiona Philip at 905-785-8983.

## Extension Classes for Newer Dancers

Please plan to join Association class teachers Vicki Zeltins, David Booz and Kathleen Kynoch for a fun series of classes this spring. You will practise many of the dances on the Dancing in the Park program and have the added pleasure of dancing to Bobby Brown on accordion. At \$8 per night that's a real deal!

PLACE: Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Ave., close to Chester Subway Station

DATES: Eight Thursdays starting April 6

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

COST: \$64 (including GST)

If you have any questions, please contact Carole Bell 416-221-1201 or carolewbell@sympatico.ca

## Celtic Fire in the Music April 21, 2006

You are invited to join the members of the Erin Mills Group on Friday, April 21, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. for the launch of Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent's double CD titled "Celtic Fire in the Music". Come and enjoy an evening of dancing to the music from this newly released collection. Contact Carole Skinner 416-386-1620; CaroleBSkinner@aol.com or Barbara Taylor 905-271-1598; taylorbarbara@sympatico.ca.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Ball Saturday, May 6, 2006

Last year was the 1st Annual Youth Ball. It was so successful that we are going to do it again! Youth aged 10 to 20ish from all over the GTA, and some from farther afield, will meet to dine and dance, and make new friends. It will be held from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Newtonbrook United Church, 53 Cummer Ave. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained from any of the teachers of Children's Classes or from Deirdre Bark 905-822-1707; barkd@rogers.com.

The Youth Ball Committee needs volunteers to help to set up tables, serve food and clear tables from approximately 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Contact Fiona Philip 905-785-8983; thephilipclan@sympatico.ca

## Mark Your Calendars

Dancing in the Park starts Tuesday May 30 and runs every Tuesday in the month of June from 7 p.m. until dusk. See next month's SET & LINK for details.

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Connie Ross of Calvin and Peggy Ramsay of Scarborough. We extend our condolences to their family and friends.



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## don't forget...

- Children's Festival April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Deadline for May Newsletter is April 20<sup>th</sup>
- 2006 AGM April 22<sup>nd</sup>

EDITOR'S NOTES...

AND NOW TO JINX MYSELF.

PROUD TO SAY, 4 ISSUES WITH NO CORRECTIONS! THANKS TO MY PROOFREADER.