

RSCDS, Chicago Branch

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Dancing after Thanksgiving: There will be Dancing at St. Josaphats on Nov 30th, the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Holiday Party: The Branch will hold a Holiday Party on Sunday, December 14th at St. Josaphats at 6:00 p.m. There will be dancing with treats after. Mark your calendars and please bring treats to share.

New Branch URL: You may have noticed in the masthead that the Branch now has a more-easily remembered website URL: **rscds-chicago.org**. This URL is forwarded, so it will automatically translate to the real location of the website, currently suedan.com/scd/branch.html. The midwestnet.com site is a no-longer updated version of the branch website that will probably go away; you should change your bookmarks to match the new URL so you are always accessing the current website.

2003 New Year's Ball: The 2004 New Year's Banquet and Ball is scheduled for Saturday, January 10th, 2004 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center starting at 6:00 p.m.; the Tea Dance is scheduled for Sunday, January 11th, 2004 at the Irish-American Cultural Center, starting at 10:30 a.m. Musicians for the weekend are Barbara McOwen on fiddle, Beth Murray on piano, and Anne Hooper on fiddle. Contact Jeanne Millin at (847) 446-6591 (scotfarquhar@comcast.net) or Gwen or Sven Leyffer at (630) 963-8126 (g.leyffer@comcast.net) for more information. Dance programs, instructions, and a weekend registration form are available on the Branch website; the programs are also listed in this newsletter. The Loch Mich class on January 4th, 2004 will be a Ball walkthrough.

Glass Slipper Project: Ladies-RSCDS Chicago Branch would like to make a donation this spring (2004) to the Chicago Glass Slipper Project. This charitable group collects gently used ball gowns and formal accessories and has 'boutiques' for lower income high school girls to 'shop' for a prom dress. Most of us who have been dancing for a while have a gown or two that we can no longer wear (perhaps too big or too small), that may not 'dance well', or that we feel we can't wear yet again to a dance event. The Glass Slipper Project is a way to find a good home for those gowns, evening bags, and the like. We will have a collection point for these items at the New Years Ball, so this is a chance to clear your closet (leaving room for new gowns, of course) and help a worthy cause at the same time. If you need more information about the project, you can check their website: www.glassslipperproject.org or call Noel Chávez at 708-848-9218.

Loch Mich Special Classes: As part of the on-going program of special classes offered this year, Melissa Whitson will offer the following special topic classes: January 18: "Not Strictly Scottish" and February 15: "Dances I Hope You Don't Know But Will Enjoy." Remember the new format is: the second Sunday of each month, the session will be a social and the third Sunday of every month will be a special topics evening.

RSCDS Chicago Branch 2003-2004 Schedule	
Silk & Thistle class meets American Legion, Geneva	Every Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
A Weekend with Terry Glasspool, Madison, WI	December 13-14, 2003
Chicago Branch Holiday Party, St. Josaphats	Sunday, 12/14 6:00 p.m.
NY Ball Walkthrough, St. Josaphats	Sunday, 1/4 6:00 p.m.
2003 New Year's Ball	Saturday, 1/10/04
2003 Tea Dance	Sunday, 1/11/04
<i>Iowa Ball</i>	Saturday – Sunday, 5/7-5/9

2001-2002 Committee of Management: Mike Millin, Honorary Chair; Ree Grisham, Honorary Secretary; Carlyn Bromann, Honorary Treasurer; Doug Jensen, Jeanne Millin, and Noel Chávez - Members at Large.

New Year's Ball Program		
My Wife's A Winsome Wee Thing	32J3	The Pinewoods Collection Vol. 2
The Whistling Wind	32R3	Book 36, No. 5
Miss Milligan's Strathspey	32S3	RSCDS Leaflet, No. 20
The Kelloholm Jig	32J3	RSCDS Leaflet 32
Culla Bay	32S4 Square	Book 41, No. 2
Wind That Shakes the Barley	32R3	Duthie: 8 Scottish Country Dances
Interval		
Luckenbooth Brooch	32J3	Glendarroch Scottish Dance Sheets
Corn Rigs	32R2	Book 4, No. 12
Strathcare	32S3	The Skye Collection
Mrs Stewart's Jig	32J3	Book 35, No. 1
Arthur's Seat	32R3	SCD's of the 18th Century
Interval		
Belfast Hornpipe	32H3 Set	Clindinning Leaflet
Delvine Side	32S3	Book 2, No. 9
The Duke of Atholl's Reel	32J2	Book 16, No. 3
The Birks of Invermay	32S3	Book 16, No. 2
The Mason's Apron	32R3	Border Book

Tea Dance Program		
Hooper's Jig	32J3	MMM II
West's Hornpipe	32H4 Set	Five Traditional Dances
Seann Truibhas Willichan	32S2	Book 27, No. 9
Joie de Vivre	32J3	Book 39
Cherry Bank Gardens	32S3	Drewry: Bankhead 1
The Reel of the Royal Scots	32R3	Leaflet #7
Interval		
Stern Polka	48R Circle	Collins SCD
Johnnie Walker	64S+64J Square	Guisborough
EH3 7AF	32J3	Book 40, No. 6
Wisp of Thistle	32S3	Book 37
Haste to the Wedding	32J2	Book 25
Mairi's Wedding	40R3	Cosh: 22 SCD