

Light and Airy



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Important Dates

Dancing in 2025

Saturday, September 27 – Ceilidh Fundraiser for ALS Manitoba 7:30 at CPUC

Sunday, September 28 – Challenge Class 7:00

Monday, October 13 – no class. Thanksgiving Holiday Monday.

Sunday, October 26 – Challenge Class

Sunday, November 23 – Challenge Class

Monday, November 24 – St. Andrew's Social

Thursday, December 11 – last afternoon class of 2025

Monday, December 15 – last evening class of 2025

Note: all events are held at Churchill Park United Church (CPUC) 525 Beresford Ave. unless otherwise stated.

A Word from the Chair of COM

What a wonderful evening we had at the Open House on Monday September 8th. The gym at Churchill Park United Church was full of a variety of folk - dancers and watchers, friends and family. Thanks to the Graham brothers for setting up the chairs and tables. Thanks to Ellen and Claire for setting up the refreshment table so beautifully. And welcoming. A special thank you to Sheila for guiding us through dances for all levels and showing others what the experienced dancers can do. The evening finished with refreshments and visiting.

Classes have started and we welcome anyone interested in joining and learning and having fun. We dance on Monday evenings 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. and Thursday afternoons 1:30 -3:30 p.m.

The Committee of Management met the next day for our monthly meeting. Registration is due soon if you haven't sent it in.

Save the date! The Spring Workshop is April 18th, 2026. More information to follow.

We are the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and King Charles III is our patron. It is usual to have a photo of the patron and we were kindly presented with a framed picture of King Charles by Mr. Harley Shepherd. A thank you letter has been sent to Mr. Shepherd.

Heather Robbins

Next COM meeting – October 7

Have you heard?

Open House

It was a great evening of greeting old friends and meeting new ones at our Open House / Registration evening. Sheila guided the dancing, Ellen & Claire organized the food items provided by members of COM.

There was much fun and smiles and laughter.



Joyce Cormack



The Committee of Management and Winnipeg branch mourn the passing of dancing friend Joyce Cormack. Joyce had been a branch member for over 40 years, making many RSCDS friends and supporting branch events as a dancer and teacher.

Joyce's Scottish roots and love for dance took her to Scotland where she received her certification as an instructor in SCD at St. Andrews. She enjoyed teaching, dancing, and travelling for dance workshops. Dinners honouring Robbie Burns were a delight.

Joyce's daughter Katharine (left, with Deb Peters) came to our Open House on Sept. 8 to meet Joyce's dancing friends.



From the Classes ...

Classes are back!

Get your registration in, pick your favourite class, or come out to both!

Both classes began with around twenty dancers on the floor. That's a good number out with a number of regulars still to come. See you soon!

Challenge Class

The Challenge class starts on Sunday September 28th at 7 pm in the gym at Churchill Park United Church. The format will be the same as last year with a \$5 charge per person for each class. The list of dates is on the website and in the calendar in the newsletter.

I am looking forward to the new season.

Cheryl Durnin

Step Dance?

Are you interested in Step Dancing? Is this something you have wanted to try?

If so, contact Cheryl Durnin at durninch@gmail.com for more information. If there is enough interest I will organize a class starting late fall or early in the New Year. It would be a once-a-month venture for a start.

Cheryl Durnin

Fundraising Ceilidh for ALS Manitoba – September 27

Mark your calendars for September 27th at 7:30 for the annual ceilidh to raise funds for ALS Manitoba. There will be dancing, singing, other entertainment bits, door prize, silent auction items, 50/50 draw, and of course food.

This event is greatly appreciated by ALS Manitoba as the organization receives NO money from government grants and carries on wonderful work educating and assisting families affected by this debilitating disease.

Come out for fun in support of ALS Manitoba.



A Night of Dance, Music
& Scottish Cheer!

SCOTTISH CEILIDH

Saturday,
September 27th

Join us for the silent auction,
and light refreshments as well.
An all ages event that's fun for the
whole family!

Fundraiser in memory of Doreen Mennie
7:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Churchill Park United Church
525 Beresford Ave., Winnipeg
Admission by donation to the ALS Society of Manitoba
The event is wheelchair accessible.

St. Andrew's Society Dinner

The St. Andrew's Society of Manitoba is hosting their 145th St. Andrew's Dinner on Saturday November 22.

In preparation for this event, they are offering Scottish Country Dance lessons to their members. The four evenings are listed below. To that end I have been asked to lead these evenings of dance instruction and our branch members have been invited to come to assist with the dancing. If you would like to join in, please let me know prior to the evenings. It would be nice to have a few experienced dancers there to help.

The evenings are as follows:

Dance Practices (7:00 – 9:00 PM):

Thursday, October 30th

Thursday, November 6

Thursday, November 13

Thursday, November 20

Location: *Royal Canadian Legion #4 1755 Portage Avenue*

Thank you for considering,

Cheryl Durnin

COM Members

The Committee of Management for the RSCDS Winnipeg Branch has held several meetings to organize for the upcoming dance season. The COM members are:

Committee of Management 2025/26

Chair:	Heather Robbins	204-295-1542
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from the editor's desk ...

September 27 is the fundraising ceilidh for ALS Manitoba. The St. Andrew's Social is November 24 in the usual Monday class time slot.

Challenge classes are being offered for more experienced dancers. Not sure if this is for you? Ask your class teacher.

Be sure to keep the **Dancing Dates** handy to see what is happening in addition to the regular weekly classes.

Doug Durnin, Editor
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The PUN Corner:

Where do bad rainbows go?
To prism.
It's a light sentence, but gives them time to reflect.

Here and There...

Some Out of Town Events

February 7, 2026 – Toronto, ON – 60th Tartan Ball returning to the Royal York Hotel.

This is more than a ball... it's a celebration of tradition, dance, and community in one of Canada's most elegant venues.

Planning to travel? If you have an internet connection, browse for RSCDS & city for dancing where you are going. For instance, RSCDS Toronto hosts workshops and monthly dances and has links to dancing events all over the world. Almost every city in Canada has an RSCDS group. Many have a Facebook site as well.

Here are links to some branch sites:

[RSCDS Winnipeg Branch](#)

[RSCDS Saskatchewan Branch](#)

[RSCDS Calgary Branch](#)

[RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Branch](#)

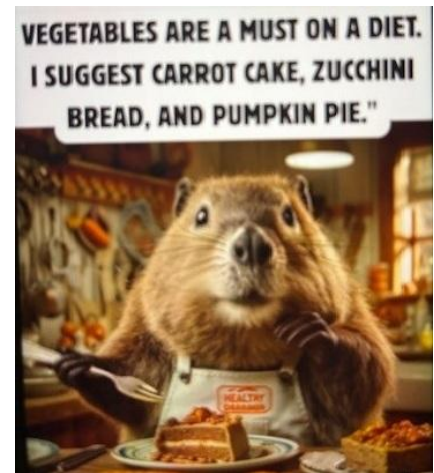
[RSCDS Medicine Hat Branch](#)

www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org

[RSCDS Vancouver](#)

[RSCDS Toronto Branch](#)

[RSCDS Ottawa](#)



L&A Submissions

Next L&A: November 2025 Deadline for submissions: October 23.

Members are encouraged to submit articles, pictures or information of interest to Branch members.

Submissions for the *Light and Airy* can be sent to the Branch e-mail address: info@rscdswinnipeg.ca or to the editor at Douglas.Durnin@umr.umanitoba.ca

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