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GREAT LAKES—GREAT DANCING 60th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION® DETROIT, MI JUNE 22-25, 2011

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We have just returned from the 59th National Square Dance Convention® in Louisville, Kentucky. The 6,295 dancers in attendance, from all over the world, were treated to a great convention. A big “THANK YOU” to all the dancers from Kentucky and Indiana that worked so diligently on the convention and for the wonderful hospitality that was on display. Thanks also to the dancers from other states and countries that pitched in to assist the 59th NSDC when they asked for help.

Now it is on to Detroit in 2011 and for everything they have in store for all the dancers. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

The Michigan square dancers are thrilled to be hosting the National Square Dance Convention in Detroit, Michigan, June 22-25, 2011. They are busy with all the details and are looking forward to showing you their city and state.

The convention center, Cobo Hall, is located on the beautiful Detroit River in the center of the renovated RiverWalk. The host hotel, the breath-taking Marriott Renaissance Center (they affectionately call it the Ren Cen), is just a few blocks north, also along the river. Michigan is blessed with warm, beautiful summers, bright, sunny days and cool nights. The average high and low in late June are 80°F and 60°F respectively. You can stroll along the RiverWalk to and from Cobo Hall or hop on the People Mover. The station is right in front of the Ren Cen. The People Mover drops you off just inside Cobo Hall.

Nestled on the Detroit River between Lake Erie and Lake Huron, Detroit has a rich history in the Native American culture. This includes the Mound Builders and the Iroquois. There was a time

that it was a French settlement and fort, that later became a British fort. Most know its history as an industrial leader and the birthplace of mass production of automobiles. Perhaps, they did not know Detroit was the home of Henry Ford, it was where Thomas Edison lived and worked as a boy and where the first traffic light was ever placed at an intersection. Today, it is a vacation destination because of the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village and Ford Rouge Factory located in Dearborn just outside of Detroit.

Stroll along the rows of beautiful antique automobiles, tractors, and locomotives at the museum. Ride through Greenfield Village in a Model T and interact with a blacksmith, a glassblower, and a potter as they share life in Early America. Marvel at Michigan's ingenuity on our Ford Rouge Factory tour. Detroit was also blessed by the wonderful musical sound of Motown. Sway with the music at the Motown Historical Museum. Enjoy the stories and music of the Supremes, the Temptations, Stevie Wonder, and Gladys Knight, just to name a few.

But there is so much more to Detroit than its history. Enjoy dinner and entertainment in Greek Town. Savor the delicious flavors of lamb moussaka and spanakopitas. Drop by the Motor City Casino for the music of Motown.

For the sports fans the Detroit Tigers stadium, Comerica Park, is a short walk or ride on the People Mover from the Ren Cen. This beautiful, modern stadium provides great seats to cheer on those "Hard Hitting Tigers" to victory. Did you know that the NCAA chose Detroit to host basketball's "Final Four" in 2009 and hockey's "Frozen Four" in 2010 at the Lions' Ford Field? Take a tour of Ford Field on our "60th NSDC Tour!"

Detroit's cultural events and neighborhoods add to the rich traditions of the city. Enjoy an evening at with the Detroit Symphony. Take in a play at the breath-taking Fox, Masonic, and the Gem Theaters. These beautiful, renovated theaters of the past provide wonderful seats, excellent acoustics, and exciting shows. Or enjoy a restful tour up the Detroit River, viewing the homes of Grosse Pointe and our sister city, Windsor, Ontario.

Whether you choose to tour the beautiful state of Michigan or just enjoy our fun-filled convention, the Michigan square dancers are excited to be your hosts!

Michigan State Motto: Si Quaeris Peninsulam Amoenam Circumspice

(If you seek a beautiful peninsula, look about you!)"

The Upper Peninsula - U.P. Coming from the north and west, you can drive through the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan. You will enjoy sugar sand beaches, quiet wilderness, small towns, villages and the magnificent Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron.

Porcupine Mountains: Visit or camp at the Porcupine Mountains in the Western U. P. Climb Government Peak, wade in the Lake of the Clouds, and stroll along the woodland trails.

Copper Mine: Visit an abandon copper mine near Mohawk, MI. You will travel with a guide down into the mine and see the tools that miners used during the turn of the century.

Pictured Rocks: Stop by the town of Munising in the north central U. P. and catch a ferry to view Pictured Rocks. The boat travels along the Lake Superior coastline, viewing the breath-taking out crop of limestone and sandstone cliffs that rise up from the shore. The ferry even pulls into a small berth in the rocks.

Tahquamenon Falls: Located in the eastern U. P., the Tahquamenon Falls consist of two sets of falls. The Upper Falls has a sheer drop, while the Lower Falls folds gently down the stone shelves like steps on a staircase. Enjoy a rowboat ride at the Lower Falls; you will have to paddle. Camping is available here also.

Two Sault Ste. Maries: In the northeast corner of the U. P. are the twin cities of Sault Ste. Marie (Soo St. Marie) of Michigan and Ontario, Canada. At “The Soo,” enjoy a tour of a Great Lakes freighter, marvel of the Soo Locks on a tour boat as you rise from the lower level of the St. Marys River and Lake Huron to the higher level of Lake Superior. Feast at the Antlers Restaurant or cross the International Bridge into Canada to enjoy its beauty and nightlife. (Remember to bring your passport.)

Straits of Mackinac: Dividing the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan and Lakes Michigan and Huron are the Straits of Mackinac. (Mac in naw.) On the north side of the “Straits” is the town of St. Ignace. Stroll St. Ignace’s downtown along Lake Huron, dine in cafes and restaurants and take in a boat or car show.

Cross the Mackinac Bridge (We affectionately call it the “Mighty Mac” or “The Bridge.”), a five mile suspension bridge into Mackinaw City. Tour the Colonial “Michilimackinac Fort and Village, gaze at the Mighty Mac as you wade in Lake Huron, and graze on Michigan’s delicious fudge.

The third jewel of the Straits of Mackinac is Mackinac Island. Take a ferry from St. Ignace or Mackinaw City to get to the island. You won’t need your car because motorized vehicles are not allowed. Tour the island on horseback, in a horse-drawn carriage or rent a bike. You can rest your feet while rocking on the longest porch in the world at the Grand Hotel, which on a sunny day can be seen from the Mackinac Bridge.



The picture above shows the Detroit skyline as seen from across the Detroit River in Windsor, Canada. From Detroit you actually look South into Canada. Detroit is the only US city that is North of the Canadian border.

The tall structure on the very right is the Marriott Renaissance Hotel. It is 73 stories high and is nestled among the office buildings that make up the General Motors World Headquarters. The Marriott Renaissance Hotel is the Headquarters Hotel for the 60th National Square Dance Convention®. The daily rate is \$119.00 and is a great place to stay for the convention. They have plenty of rooms available so pick this hotel if you want to be near the convention center and all the action of the convention.

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

The 60th National Square Dance Convention® in Detroit will have Ken Ritucci as the Keynote Speaker at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 24th. Ken will be addressing the “Challenging Changes” in our activity. He has been interested in education all through his professional career. He is a CALLERLAB Caller-Coach, receiving his accreditation in 1991. He is the owner and operator of his own caller school.

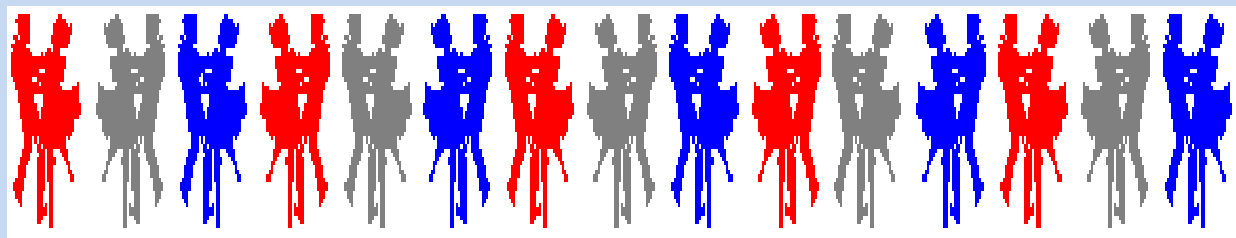
The Round Table will be held at 9:00 AM, Saturday, June 25th and will be a discussion follow-up of the same topic as the Keynote Speech. The Round Table will be moderated by Louis Friedlander, General Chairman of the 60th NSDC. The panel will consist of National Convention Chairman from different geographical areas of the country, CALLERLAB, ROUNDALAB, and USDA.

The clinics will be sessions where leaders will identify what the focus of the specific session, followed by audience participation to learn and understand the theme of the session. Some sessions will be held in the dance hall where that type of dancing is happening, while others that are more specialized will be held in a hall for dance clinics.

The panels will be held on the second floor of COBO Hall, right above the entrance from the street. These panel discussions will be led by a moderator and have approximately four panelists as participants. The subjects will vary, but many will be focused on club leadership subjects. Your club leadership certificate can be acquired by attending many of these sessions.

The seminars will also be on the second floor, in the same general area as the panels. The seminars will be sessions where one individual will be presenting a subject. Many of the seminar presenters will be from CALLERLAB, ROUNDALAB and USDA. The subjects will be of interest to Callers, Cuers, Leaders, and dancers interested in maintaining our dance activity.

The Sew and Save activities will also be in the same area as the panels and seminars. The work room is one large room that will provide the opportunity to trace patterns, observe a sewing demonstration, view handmade articles, and place your entry tickets in a container for your selected item for subsequent drawing. Various demonstrations and seminars focused on sewing and crafts will also be available.



REGISTRATION & HOUSING INFORMATION

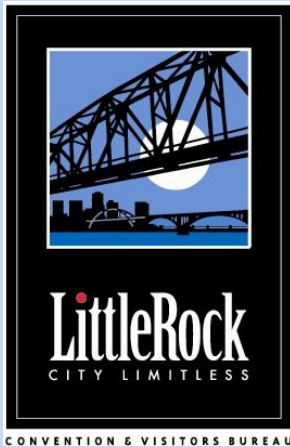
You can download a registration form by visiting 60thnsdc.com and click on registration or by contacting Lloyd and Linda Catey, 60th NSDC, 3462 Doane Hwy., Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Please note that if you are planning on traveling to Canada a passport is required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE 60th NSDC, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:
60thnsdc.com.

SEE YOU IN JUNE, 2011 AND REMEMBER:

**THERE'S NO PARTY LIKE A DETROIT PARTY BECAUSE A DETROIT
PARTY DOESN'T STOP**



LITTLE ROCK IN 2014

At the conclusion of the Saturday night Ceremonies of the 59th National Square Dance Convention® in Louisville the National Executive Committee awarded the 63rd National Square Dance Convention® to Little Rock, Arkansas. The convention will be held June 25-28, 2014.

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