



30TH ILLINOIS SD CONVENTION NEWS

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Welcome, earlybird, to the official 30th Illinois Square & Round Dance Convention News source. The Pearl Promenade will have you dancing with the fishes--but not literally. You can expect oceans of fun in July 2013.

AT A GLANCE

Illinois 30th Annual SD Convention

Friday, July 26 –
Sunday, July 28, 2013

Featured Caller
Tom Miller

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Illinois SD Convention Square Dancers Line Up

Plans for the Pearl Promenade— Illinois' 30th Annual SD Convention—are picking up. As of April, more than 500 people have pre-registered for this year's Illinois State Square & Round Dance Convention.

Registration Head Pat Takir reports that dancers from 11 states have registered. "The top three states are Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin," Pat says. "The top three Illinois cities so far are Chicago, Elgin and Downers Grove."

Guiding the dances will be 46 square dance callers led by national caller Tom Miller, plus 15 round dance cuers and 4 line dance leaders.

Host hotel Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort is nearly sold out of the block of rooms reserved for square dancers. But area hotels are poised to host attendees.

If you haven't registered yet—but want to join the 500 dancers already sporting turquoise Convention ribbons on their name badges—registration forms can be found online at Illinois30.com.



Caller Tom Miller To Rock 'Illinois 30'

Preparing to rock the Pearl Promenade, a.k.a. Illinois' 30th Annual SD

Convention, is nationally acclaimed caller Tom Miller. Tom calls the Callerlab list, Mainstream through C-1. Tom has traveled throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe, averaging 50,000 miles per year.

One of only about 40 instructors to be accredited by Callerlab, Tom will be leading a daylong Caller Workshop on Friday, July 26, before the Illinois SD Convention.

Tom has recorded for Lou Mac Records,

Kalox Records, Eureka Records, Hi Hat records, and is currently recording with ESP records.

When at home in Pennsylvania, Tom calls for four clubs: the Killbuck Squares of Patton, an A-2/C-1 club in State College, Thinking Caps DBD group in Altoona and T Squares in his hometown of Chest Springs.

When he's not calling square dances, you'll find Tom out outdoors hunting, fishing or camping, or spending time with his two daughters.



Chicago Tours—Square Dance Style



Chicago Safari

Friday, July 26, 2013

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$70/person

This tour takes you into Chicago's Loop and by boat onto Lake Michigan. The tour begins with a behind-scenes look at the Chicago Board of Trade. Next will be a visit to the Chicago Cultural Center and its beautiful architecture, followed by a stroll through Macy's – formerly Marshall Field's. The day's highlight will be a boat cruise on Lake Michigan, where you can enjoy breathtaking skyline views from huge panoramic windows. Last stop will be the State of Illinois building. Lunch at the State of Illinois building's Great State Fare Food Court.

No Chicago-area square dance convention would be complete without a tour of the Windy City. Choose from three bus tours that will let you and your square dance friends enjoy Chicago's beauty—minus the hassles of traffic and parking.

Chicago Special

Thursday, July 25, 2013

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$67/person

This tour explores Chicago's lesser known South Side, with stops at the Japanese Gardens, created for the 1893 World Columbian Exposition; the Rockefeller Chapel on the University of Chicago campus; the South Shore Country Club, now restored to its former glory; and Latin Street Dancing, where a professional instructor will teach your group Latin dance basics. Lunch will be at the Water Tower Place Food Court.



Chicago Mosaic

Sunday, July 28, 2013

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

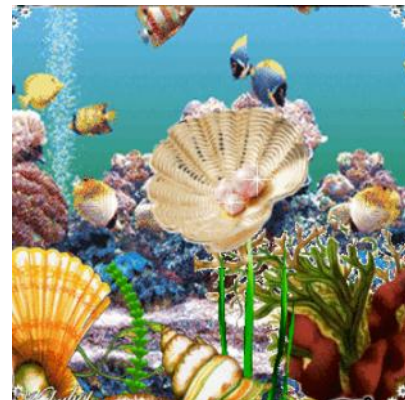
\$73/person

Start with a walk-through at the Chicago History Museum. Then head over to Willis Tower (formerly known as Sears) to take in the view from 1,353 feet up. Next you'll enjoy Millennium Park, with its Cloud Gate sculpture (a.k.a. The Bean) and the music pavilion. From there head over to the Elks National Memorial. Last stop will be Navy Pier's boardwalk and gardens. Lunch at Navy Pier.



NOTE: Prices are based on groups of 35 or more; lunch not included. All tours will start and end at Oak Brook Hills Marriott. To sign up, contact Frankie Terry at 773-568-0916, frankietravel@att.net.

Illinois30.com/html/chicago_tours



PEARL PROMENADE SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 25, 2013

'Chicago Special' Bus Tour
9 a.m.—4 p.m.

SCISDA Open Golf Tournament
12 p.m., Location TBD

Trail-In Dance
7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Oak Brook Hills Marriott

Friday, July 26, 2013

'Chicago Safari' Bus Tour
9 a.m.—4 p.m.

ISDCA Caller's Seminar
Led by Tom Miller
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Oak Brook Hills Marriott

Convention Welcome Ceremonies
Dancing, 7:30 p.m.-11 p.m.
Vendor Sales

Saturday, July 27, 2013

Opening Ceremonies
Dancing, 10 a.m.—11 p.m.
Interest Sessions
Vendor Sales

King Neptune's Ball
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Sunday, July 28, 2013

'Chicago Mosaic' Bus Tour
9 a.m.—4 p.m.

'Solid Ground' Bluegrass—
Live music by the Siegmann
Family and Dan Marquardt
9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Marquis Room

Dancing, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Vendor Sales
Closing Ceremonies

'Illinois 30' Team Seeks Volunteers



Putting together a party the size and scope of the 30th Illinois Square & Round Dance Convention, which will welcome some 1,000 dancers over three days, takes the work of many to pull it off. Yes, we need volunteers—and lots of 'em!

People who volunteer at the SD Convention earn thanks from other volunteers and dancers. As a side benefit, your feet may enjoy a bit

of time off as you spend an hour staffing this table or that.

Pat Semple of Oceanwaves is setting up the master list of volunteers. Please talk to your club and make a list of names of members willing to donate a few hours time before, during or after the Convention. Then email their names and contact info to Pat: patricia.stefanski@sbcglobal.net

Raffle Baskets—What's Your Idea?

Ready to show off your club members' creativity and support the Illinois SD Convention at the same time? Raffle baskets are just the ticket. The Convention team hopes that every club and association participating will prepare a basket for the cause. Themes can be anything—ocean, beach time, summer picnic, golf, garden, sports, dining, etc. They can also be as

simple as a decorative (and generous) arrangement of dollar bills. The sky's the limit!

Raffle coordinator June Goerg asks that baskets be dropped off at the SD Convention information booth by the deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday, July 26. If you have questions, email June at junegoerg@gmail.com.

