

May 2025 Newsletter

Good Morning Dancers,

As the weather warms and brightens, we are moving towards the end of our winter season of square dancing. We had a successful AGM (Annual General Meeting) in which our new Executive team was approved, and they will be taking over in May. Our new President will be Lamar Mason, and she knows her way around the role since she was Meri Squares President before me, in 2020-2023.

Return to Dulude

We have confirmed with the City that Dulude Arena repairs are concluded and so our SSD dances will take place there on Tuesday April 22 and again on April 29. It will be good to be back to our regular venue.

Windup Party and SSD Graduation

Our season windup party is this week, on Thursday April 24 starting at 7:15pm at Westminster Church, 470 Roosevelt Avenue. All our dancers are invited and tips will alternate between SSD and Plus. At this event we will also recognize the achievement of our SSD students in working their way through all of the SSD calls, and an EOSARDA representative will be present to assist us in welcoming each of our graduates into the ranks of full SSD dancers. We will have a cake to celebrate the occasion, and both John and Wendy will be calling for us.

Plus Dancing

The regular season of Plus dancing will continue with makeup dances at Westminster Church throughout the month of May, due to the record number of weather cancellations that we had this year.

Summer Dances

We will continue our tradition of monthly summer dances this year. They will take place at Dulude Arena at 7pm on the third Tuesday of each month, i.e., on May 20, June 17, July 15 and August 19. Dancing will be mixed SSD and Plus.

The Maine Event

On Saturday May 17 there will be a special Plus dance featuring three callers from Maine, USA. Dancing will be at the church hall at 1606 Fisher Avenue starting at 7pm and admission will be \$15. See the flyer at <https://www.eodance.ca/flyers/250517MaineEvent.pdf>

EOSARDA AGM

The Eastern Ontario Square and Round Dance Association are holding their annual general meeting by zoom on Sunday April 27. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. The organization is seeking dancers to serve as Executive or committee members, so if this is of interest to you or you would just like to meet the people who run our regional dance association, go to the EOSARDA calendar at <https://www.eosarda.ca/calendar.php> for more information.

This will be my last newsletter as President of Meri Squares, and I would like to say that it has been a privilege to serve you in this role. Meri Squares is a positive and dynamic dance club and I look forward to seeing you all on the dance floor in years to come.

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