

## Sponsorships, Dancer Donations Sought to Offset Dance Flooring Costs at 2025 ILSDC

You asked, and we delivered! Get ready for amazing hard dance flooring at this year's convention, provided by Solid Gold. We'd love your help in making this happen. Both clubs and individual dancers can help offset the \$4,000 price by contributing to the flooring fund.

**Clubs** can sponsor a specific dance hall or make a general donation (watch for the form soon). Sponsoring clubs will be recognized before and during the convention.

**Individuals** can contribute an amount of their own choosing on the convention's home page - look for "Make a donation." Any donation of \$25 or more will be specifically recognized. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### First Time Attendee?

If is your first state convention, we're offering a First Time Attendee event to jumpstart your experience. Stop by the Round Dance Hall (Chicago I) on Friday, July 18, at 4 pm to have your questions answered about the Illinois Square Dance convention and for quick tips. Even returning attendees might still want to drop by for a refresher.



Your donation will be used to offset the cost of providing flooring, such as what was used at the ILSDC in July, 2016 in Itasca.

## Pre-Convention Warm Up Dancing

A popular feature of the 2024 convention was our Friday afternoon "pre-convention warm up dance." So again for 2025, three additional hours of dance time have been added to the Illinois Square Dance Convention. The bonus square dance hours will be offered on Friday, July 18, from 2 pm to 5 pm, ahead of opening night.

The Friday afternoon dance time provides a less intensive setting for new dancers, first-time attendees, or those who have not danced in a while,

while giving callers a chance to warm up for the busy weekend ahead. For anyone already in town for the convention, this extra dance time promises a fun-filled way to spend the afternoon before the official start on Friday evening.



Thank you to the 100+ dancers who attended the Birds of a Feather Fundraiser dance in February featuring Patty Greene. Thanks to those who donated to the Silent Auction and the Flooring donation fund.



### Yes, Parking Is Free!

Although the Sheraton's hotel booking site indicates otherwise, YES, parking is FREE to all ILSDC attendees. In early July registered attendees will receive the QR code needed to enter the parking gates.

### Avoid Downtown Chicago Traffic:

If you're driving to Rosemont, Illinois, from the east (Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, etc.), plan your route to take you AROUND the city using the I-294 Tollway. Rosemont can be found next to O'Hare Int'l. Airport.

### Vendor Corner:

Braffet Berry Farm and Two Tough Cookies: We're tickled to have two new and delightful vendors. On Friday, enjoy delicious donuts & apple cider from Braffet Berry Farm (yes!, as in Curt Braffet). On Saturday, enjoy delectable cookies from Two Tough Cookies.

### Who's At the Mic?

As of mid-March, the ILSDC dance leader line-up - in addition to featured caller Patty Greene from North Carolina - includes callers from across Illinois as well as from Texas, Delaware, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin and more.

[ilsdc.dance/dance-leaders](http://ilsdc.dance/dance-leaders)

### Riddle Me This

Eight dancers meet, To move their feet, To a caller's beat. What's the treat?

### Early Bird Discount Ends March 31

### Hurry! Time is Running Out...

Register NOW to get our Early Bird special before it expires on March 31. Register at the Spring Fling dance on Sunday, March 30, or on our website, [ilsdc.dance](http://ilsdc.dance). You still have time, but... not much!

