



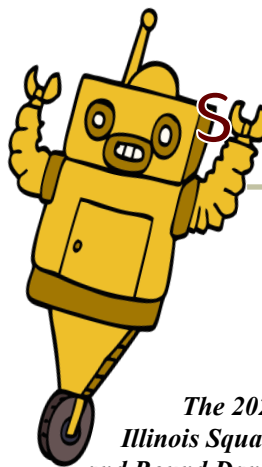
Conventional Patter

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**MARCH
2024**

**Registration
Roundup**

**165
Registered**



So Much News To Use!

The 2024 Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention is just a few months away! There are some important deadlines approaching, and we also have some breaking news and helpful information to share. Here are some great highlights, wrapped up in one, tidy Grand Square...

Chi-Town Squares Fundraiser for ILSDC a Success

Thank you to all who attended and supported Chi-Town Squares' Shamrock Fundraiser on Sunday, March 17. Some 80 dancers squared up for Caller Ett McAtee from Baltimore. Chi-Town showed us all how to run a Split the Pot, while the ILSDC added to the show with raffle baskets, in-person convention registration and a Steampunk jewelry sale. High energy, lots of green, and smiles all around. Heartfelt thanks to our friends at Chi-Town Squares for making it all possible.



Early Bird rates expire soon: March 31 is the deadline for discounted registration. Hurry over to ILSDC.dance to register online or download the fillable form. Just a few days left for Early Bird rates.

More hotel rooms: If you have not yet reserved your room at the Sheraton, good news: additional rooms were just added to our block. You'll appreciate the convenience of a place to rest during the day, and not having to drive elsewhere after a busy day of dancing. AND... your booking will also count toward waiving the fees for the dance halls/ballroom. It's a win/win! Reserve today at ILSDC.dance.

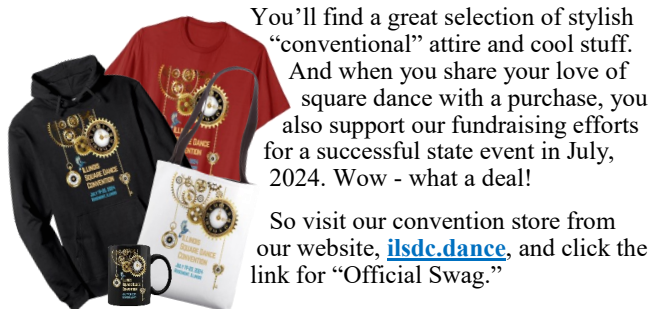
New/Newish dancers: Welcome! The convention will feature an all-SSD hall where you can dance your heart out, all day, every day. What a great way to meet others new to square dancing, and at a level where you can just relax and enjoy.

Friday "Matinee Dance": If you were wondering what to do with your Friday, July 19th afternoon before the evening start of the convention, we've added a pre-dance from 2pm until 5 pm to get warmed up and ready in a gentler, less crowded setting. The dance is included in your registration at no additional charge.

First Time Attendee Session: If this will be your first state convention, we're offering a First Time Attendee event to jump-start your experience. Stop by on Friday, July 19, at 4 p.m. to have your questions answered about the Illinois Square Dance convention and for quick tips. Even if you're not a first-time attendee, you might still want to drop by for a refresher—it's been awhile since the last one. Be sure to watch for a special "What you need to know" flyer/page at ILSDC.dance, coming soon.

Snag Your Swag and Look Sharp at the ILSDC Convention!

For all the swag that screams, "I'm a square dancer," Check out our merch for the 2024 Illinois State Square Dance Convention at amazon.com.



You'll find a great selection of stylish "conventional" attire and cool stuff. And when you share your love of square dance with a purchase, you also support our fundraising efforts for a successful state event in July, 2024. Wow - what a deal!

So visit our convention store from our website, ilsdc.dance, and click the link for "Official Swag."

Scan These QR Codes for Easy Access to Convention Resources

**Main Website
Illinois Square Dance
Convention**



**Online or
Paper form
Registration**



**Room Reservations
at the Sheraton
Suites Hotel**



Wishing Us Well

Support the 2024 ILSDC and square dancing in Illinois through the Wellwishers Fundraiser. You can donate thru May 20th at one of the many club dances in the Chicago area. The suggested amount is \$5 and you can give it to the club's treasurer. Wellwisher donations can also be made as part of your online convention registration at ILSDC.dance.