



Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association Inc.

JANUARY 2021 Newsletter

Greetings to all our dancers! We all hope for better things in 2021 and a return to regular club dancing this year.

Some news from our Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation meeting: The Canadian Square & Round Dance Society has not yet decided if the Canadian National Convention will go ahead this summer. It is hoped that by the end of February we will hear further.

This is the time of year that clubs should consider if they have members they would like to nominate for either the **Trillium Merit Award** or **Trillium Long Service Award**. The Federation is in the process of updating the guidelines and nomination form and the final product should be available on the Federation webpage by mid-February. Go to <https://squaredance.on.ca/trillium-awards/trillium-awards-information-and-guidelines/>. A change to note is that the requirement for the long service award has been changed from 25 years of participation to 20.

If you wish to submit a nomination, please send it to the T&D Association president@td-dance.ca. Or mail it to T&D, c/o Lander, 5109 Tower Manor Rd, Hamilton Township, K0L 1E0. This should reach the Association by **April 15** so that it can be reviewed and then forwarded to the Federation by their deadline of April 30. If you have any questions about this nomination procedure, please email me at the above email address.

Following an initiative started in the Ottawa area by EOSARDA, we are planning to have **face masks for sale** with the square dance logo. We will be wearing masks for many months ahead and feel this is a small way each of us can do our part in promoting our activity.

We have found a Canadian face mask manufacturer (Barrie, ON) who will add our **Live Lively** logo and a couple of words to the left side of the mask. By wearing this mask, we can all help raise awareness, interest, and hopefully, participation in our activity and stay safe at the same time!



Masks

- will have the **Live Lively** logo and either “Modern Square Dancing” or “Round Dancing” in white lettering on the left-hand side
- are three-ply, 100% woven cotton (as recommended by health authorities)
- have a nose piece for a fog-free fit
- have adjustable ear loops and a special “toggle” design so it fastens around the head to save your ears, or it can be used to hang the mask around your neck when not in use.

The fitted masks are **\$14** (tax included).

On the attached **ORDER FORM**, there is an option to have masks in more than one colour, but it is dependent upon how many we order. Indicate your preference by 1, 2, or 3. However, your colour preference is NOT guaranteed.

The procedure we plan is as follows:

- Each club lets their members know about this initiative and encourages participation. The club takes orders and collects the money from members, then sends **one cheque** to Bob Beck, T&D Treasurer: 62 Tupper Drive, Thorold, ON L2V 4C8.
- Clubs will notify me of the number/colours of masks required. Once the order is received, the masks will be delivered to the clubs, who will organize the distribution.
- If your club is unable to take orders and you wish to buy a mask, please contact me at president@td-dance.ca.

Order forms are also available on the [T&D webpage](#).

DEADLINE to order masks is February 25, 2021.

When thinking of people who have done a lot for your club, don't forget that T&D has our own **Recognition Merit Award**. Please see this link for guidelines and forms: http://www.td-dance.ca/flyers/Recognition%20Merit%20Award%20Guidelines-NominationForm_revApr7.19.pdf. The deadline to submit is **May 15**. Please bring this to the attention of your club members. Remember those people who work hard to keep the clubs running smoothly, those who are always willing to lend a hand, and those who add those extra events for everyone's enjoyment.

Dave Williamson is putting together the schedule of **joint dances** for the 2021/22 season. We sincerely hope we can all get together to celebrate dancing again.

Don't forget **virtual dancing**. There is such a lot going on. Go to <https://squaredance.on.ca/events-3/> for information. Try it – it is a lot of fun and it is great to see and talk to all the other dancers.

And finally, mark your calendar for the **Federation AGM** – Saturday, **April 17** at 1:30pm. If you wish to attend, please email Dan Roy dan.roy1950@gmail.com to receive the link.

Howard and Jean Lander
Presidents, T&D