



60th NATIONAL
SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
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NATIONAL CONVENTION Amazingly, the National Square Dance Convention in Long Beach, California has come and gone already. It was a good convention with 4,927 people attending, including dancers from all over the world - Japan, Sweden, Germany, Taiwan ROC, China, Canada, Belgium, Denmark, the Philippines, Finland, United Kingdom, and Saudi Arabia. Long Beach had good vendors, great tours and fun after parties. We are looking forward to next year's National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky June 23-26, 2010. Please register now if you have not yet done so. Registration forms can be found at WWW.59nsdc.com

STATE CONVENTION I hope you are all planning to attend our 48th Michigan State Square and Round Dance Convention on August 21-22, 2009 at the Ramada Plaza (previously Troy Hilton), 5500 Crooks Rd., Troy, Michigan. You can visit the Michigan Council website, www.squaredancing.com/michigancouncil, and click on 2009 Michigan Convention on the left side of the page for additional information, or call Lloyd and Linda Catey at 517-645-7417.

If you are not registered for the 48th Michigan Square and Round Dance Convention, now is the time to do so. Do not miss this fun-filled weekend, August 21-22, 2009 in Troy, MI.

NEW DANCERS Even as we enjoy the summer weather, I want to remind everyone that we need to be thinking about inviting other people to take square dance lessons this fall so they will be able to dance at our National Convention in Detroit in 2011. Why not invite them to watch some summer dances or drop by our State Convention and see how much fun a convention can be.

The Petoskey Stone The Petoskey stone is the state stone of Michigan. It is found abundantly in gravels from Grand Traverse Bay to Little Traverse Bay and 30 miles inland. This stone is named after Chief Petoskey. In the Ottawa Indian language, "Be-Dos-E-Gay" means "Rising Sun" or "Rays of Dawn." It is a calcite gemstone and a Devonian age fossilized colony coral called, "Hexagonaria percarinata sloss."

CAMPING Our camping will be at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. They have over 125 sites with electrical and water hookups and over 45 sites for tent camping. It is about 20 miles from Cobo Center where the Convention will take place. We will have busing for our campers.

DID YOU KNOW? Henry Ford brought square dancing to Michigan. We all know what Henry Ford's influence was to the State of Michigan, but did you know that he was instrumental in the history of square dancing?

Save Money, **Register Now** www.60nsdc.com
And get free admission to the Pre-Convention Dance March 27, 2010 Detroit, MI

Ways and Means Committee has been very busy. Watch for these items at your local dances or email Carol Bauer at waysandmeans@60nsdc.com

PASSPORTS If you are planning to go to Canada either before, after or during the convention-*you must have a passport.*

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