



60th NATIONAL
SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
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What Does The NCAA Know That The Square Dancers Need To Know? The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is very committed to the city of Detroit. They are planning not one, but two, very important events in Detroit within 4-5 blocks of Cobo Hall. What two events you might ask? Basketball's Final Four and ice hockey's Frozen Four. Both events will take place at Ford Field, home of the Lions, with the Final Four in 2009 and the Frozen Four in 2010. The Frozen Four will be just a couple weeks after our pre-convention. If Detroit is such a bad place to visit, why is the NCAA bringing their young people to Detroit? Detroit is not any worse than any other major U.S. city. Yes, they have crime, but not generally in the part of the city that the 60th NSDC will be taking place, the area bordered by the People Mover. I do not think the NCAA would be bringing 50,000+ people into Detroit if they thought it would be an unsafe situation.

The NCAA looked at two previous major events before they decided to hold their event in Detroit. One was the Super Bowl and the other was the World Series. These were sporting events, of course, but what is square dancing if not a sporting event? There were very few problems encountered at the Super Bowl, and even fewer at the World Series. If you look at Detroit and the major events that take place in the downtown area, they have very few problems overall. They host the Stanley Cup just about every year; the largest car show is in Detroit every year; and the Baptist Church will be holding their annual conference in Detroit in 2012. If these events can be held in Detroit without a problem, we can host the 60th NSDC there without a problem. The last year that the National Convention was held in Detroit was 1982. There are not many square dancers left that can remember working on that convention. The word in 1982 was that Detroit was not a good place to visit because of the crime and riots that had taken place there. That convention drew 18,060

people, and without a problem. I attended the 1982 convention and did not feel that Detroit warranted the comments the press made about the city. Bob, Nicki, Nancy and I have been in Detroit almost monthly in the area we will be using for our convention, sometimes walking from Greektown to Cobo to the Renaissance Center, and we have not encountered anything that looked like it would be a problem for our dancers. The bottom line is, Detroit is a safe place to hold our convention. There are some areas of Detroit that I would not go wandering through, but as with any other major city, the people attending our convention do not need to be in that area. I would not have wanted our convention held in Detroit if I thought it would be unsafe for my good friends, the square dancers.
Louis and Nancy Friedlander

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

STATE CONVENTION 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.

DID YOU KNOW? The oldest square dance club in the United States is right here in Michigan. The Quadrilles of Southfield will be celebrating their 80th anniversary May 15th.

Save Money, **Register Now** Free admission to Pre-Convention Dance March 27, 2010 Detroit.

WAYS & MEANS

Ways and Means Committee has been very busy. Watch for these items at your local dances or email Carol Bauer at squarekatz2@aol.com to order.