there was a great one there on the last Sunday in October. Dancers traveled from many American states and from Ontario, Canada to join in the celebration. The afternoon concluded with dinner where new friendships were made and old ones renewed. This grand occasion concluded yet another chapter in Michigan's very rich dance heritage.

Editor's note: Ford's employees' attendence was compulsory—first for Ford's executives, and then when they "began 'to get it right,' so was attendance for all at Ford's Friday evening dances." (Dance Magazine, 1997: "Henry Ford and the Revival of Country Dancing")

Congratulations to Lovett Hall on its seventy-fifth anniversary, and thanks to the Michigan folks—the many enthusiastic and talented people who have kept the traditions alive over the years.



Clara and Henry Ford (right foreground), dancing at the dedication of Lovett Hall on October $26,\,1937.$



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A Lesson from Scottish Country Dancing

by Jamie Tanner

When we dance as a group and you give me your hand, It doesn't matter if your skin is dark or light If you are old or young If you are gay or straight If you are a man or woman If you are Christian or Atheist If you are Democrat or Republican None of that matters as we dance I care that your grip is firm That you support me as I support you That you help me when I forget a step and I'm ready to help you if you need it That we work together with all the people in our set To make the dance happen, to make it work That you smile at me when I smile at you That set of dancers is our little world for a few minutes One made up of different people getting along and making something wonderful happen For that short time we dance together in harmony With smiles and laughter If only we could remember this when we exit the dance floor and leave the hall And try to dance through Life With all these diverse and wonderful people With smiles and laughter

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