

Here are the DOR 2019 survey results: 31 responses were received

Printed copies of survey for dancers to complete were available at DOR in the main hall. There was also a link on the RAF website and on the RAF Facebook page: Square Dancing Rochester.

1. How often do you come to Dance-O-Rama?

Annually	74%
Frequently	7%
First Time	19%

2. Levels of dancing preferred:

Combinations of Plus & Mainstream	87%
Other	13%

3. Venue- Perinton Rec Center

Favorable- Good to Excellent	87%
Neutral	6.5%
Unfavorable	6.5%

4. Anything we should change for next year:

Nothing or no response	58%
Location*	*26%
More mainstream	3%
Want callers outside local area	10%
Wooden floor for rounds	3%

**This past year, Jeff and Debbie Blood have looked at 20 alternative locations for DOR. All of them have been eliminated due to at least one of the following:*

- a. Date availability (RAF bylaws restrict to 1st Saturday in May)*
- b. Inability to lock in date in advance*
- c. Organization's first preference for use of space*
- d. Dance floor issues – need special flooring, can't dance on their floors or carpeting (Renting dance flooring is cost-prohibitive.)*
- e. Room acoustics for large halls not suitable for square or round dance calling*
- f. Rental cost too high*
- g. Long distance from Rochester Area*

Locations we have checked out and found are not available for DOR are listed below:

*Town of Greece Senior Center
Greece Central Schools
Pittsford Recreation Center
Henrietta Recreation Center
RMSC
RIT Inn Conference Center
Monroe Community College
Riversedge Party House
Charter School (formerly Greece Odyssey)
YMCA
Good Shepard- Henrietta
Arch Angel- Henrietta
St Judes- Spencerport
Father's House- Paul Rd*

*Gates Chili High School
Quality Inn- Gates- near airport
RIT Campus
Most Holy Trinity Church
Perinton Presbyterian Church*

*We found one location that could meet our needs: **Sweden Walker Rd Rec Center in Brockport**
However, it is no longer available for DOR on May 2, 2020. Major concern with this location is
the distance and route access for the majority of our membership. The majority of our clubs dance
on the East side of Rochester and in the Finger Lakes Area.*

***If anyone has suggestions for locations, please contact us at dfbjvhome@aol.com and we will provide
you the facilities requirements for DOR.***

5. Dinner Feedback

From those that ate the dinner:

Favorable	79%
Neutral	%
Unfavorable	7%

From those that did not eat the dinner:

11 people responded
9 responses were neutral
2 were unfavorable on the dinner: (1) cost and (1) food choice

Do you want dinner offered at future Dance-O-Ramas?

74% responded Yes

6. Parking

1 - 2 Passengers in car	64%
3 - 4 Passengers in car	13%
No response	23%

Written Comments from Survey:

1. We love the people, nicest on the planet
2. Publish videos; get signoffs
(DOR meeting interprets this to mean to get permission to make videos)
3. We had a great time, thank you
4. Shorter Daphne-Norma Award program
5. Didn't like type of food
6. Our callers are great, liked schedules handed out by greeters & raffle ticket with # on it
7. Chicken was dry
8. Had a great time; line dance caller not mentioned on flyer
9. Coats and boots taken. Would be better if just DOR, not community
10. Dinner was late, form buffet line immediately not serve salad
Dinner Hour calling very thin- may be think about it
Dinner being late might have had something to do with this
11. Great. Lots of fun
12. All Great
13. teach hex dancing- 6 couple per square
14. too much thru traffic with rec center, crowded. Dinner: need salt/pepper, serve own salad
didn't care for pasta sauce
15. Great job, fun day. Dinner: what your served was great!

16. Any way to use gym to eliminate the sound problem. 2 lines with 2 tables
(add additional serving line with 2 tables)
17. Don't like location, gym or larger rooms would be better.
Too crowded for graduation and awards, think people don't come too crowded
In previous years not enough food, didn't seem like food was a good value.
18. No credit given for line dancer on flyers or announcements
19. Anyone bending raffle tickets should be told their tickets will be pulled,
...unfair to rest of ticket holders
20. Dinner: back to Otto Tomato, prompt and better quality /selection of foods.
Great job with dance
21. Thanks for another great DOR
22. New comers didn't know what to expect, [put] info in FAQ on RAF website.

Verbal feedback on the sound and temperature in the Plus Hall B was very positive.
Extra speakers and more fans were added to the room this year.

Additional feedback received at 5/14/19 RAF meeting:

- Bring DOR closer to Genesee and Erie Counties
- Half Day Tickets. If you come for the second half of the dance, it consists of dinner hour, parade, announcements, a little dancing and clean up.
- Only the caller and one dancer in dance hall during supper hour.
She wanted to dance but there wasn't anyone to dance with.
- Square were consistently breaking down in both rooms.
Are the new dancers graduating before they are ready?
- Members from another club were not informed of the schedule by their club.
It wasn't until they arrived at the dance did they see a schedule.
They invited guests to watch them dance and it was the dinner hour.
I told them they need to talk to their club president.
(FYI The dance schedule was available on Facebook [Square Dancing Rochester] prior to DOR)

*The DOR 2020 Committee will review the survey results and discuss
the topic of evening tickets/ half day tickets at next DOR meeting in Sept.*

Square Dancing Rochester Facebook Page:

We are encouraging our members who use Facebook to join the RAF Facebook page: Square Dancing Rochester. Instructions for joining the RAF Facebook page are included in the RAF website guide that was sent to all recent graduates and club presidents. The RAF website includes a link to the RAF Facebook page as an additional way to keep members informed.

For announcements, photos and “late-breaking” news, you can ...

Follow us on Facebook: [Square Dancing Rochester](#)

and/or visit the RAF website: <http://www.squaredancingrochester.org>

We hope everyone had a great time at DOR 2019 and hope to see you next year at DOR 2020 on May 2.

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