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Where do I start? I've enjoyed various types of country dancing since a child, and over the years I participated from time to time in my sister's classes in Ontario, when visiting. However, I first became involved with Glenayre (and therefore RSCDS) in about January 2000. I have remained a committed Glenayre member since then, but was encouraged by Jean Wagstaff to branch into teaching as well. I have also been involved in many things at Branch level, being on the Board as Corresponding Secretary and Member at Large. This has included: organizing or helping with a few Burns Suppers; being on the Heather Ball Committee; working with Love to Dance; dancing with Highland Games Mass Demonstration; and other events.

I am a strong advocate of Scottish Country Dancing, as a healthy and friendly way to keep fit and make friends. In this I believe the work of the Vancouver Branch and the RSCDS parent organization is immensely important. This is why I have agreed to stand as Vice-President. Of course, when I was asked about this, we were anticipating a year of dancing! It is going to be interesting figuring out where we go from here when we can't actually dance, and how to keep alive everyone's interest so we can take up where we left off hopefully in the not too distant future. I look forward to serving the Branch.