

NEWSNOTES

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

May 1, 2000. That is the deadline for getting in membership dues and insurance fees. This year the amount is \$55.00., that breaks down to \$20 membership dues plus \$35 insurance fees - a total of \$55. We need this information to get it all distributed to S.C.I.S.D.A. so they can get their lists made for insurance certificates to get out in time for the next dance season. Please do not be late. If you do not know who will be your officers for the coming season, put in the current ones and send in an information form later.

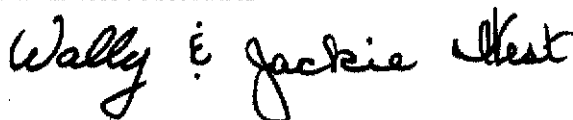
IS YOUR DELEGATE getting the information from M.C.A.S.D. back to your members? The reason we ask this question is that the Board gets a lot of phone calls asking the same questions that we answered for delegates at a General Meeting. Please make room for a report from your delegate at your next general club meeting.

We've had a few requests for information on "Touch-A-Quarter", the publication put out by S.C.I.S.D.A. , so ask your club President to give you a copy of the application form. A lot of things are put out to inform all dancers about what goes on at a State Council level. National also publishes a booklet four times a year to keep you informed. The address for that is National Squares-- 1924 Lunenburg Drive, St. Peters, MO 63376. Send a check made out to them for \$7.00 for 4 issues per year.

As this season draws to a close, we wish to thank all of you who have supported the New Dancer Dances, Oktoberfest and the Sweetheart Dance. If every club helps push the sale of tickets for the two fund-raising events, we might be able to give a discount on insurance fees again next year. PLEASE, PLEASE SUPPORT US so we can support all the clubs.

Have a great summer - attend the summer dances - and we'll see you in the squares.

M.C.A.S.D. Presidents



Wally and Jackie West

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENTS DESK

At the writing of this report on March 28, we have had nine new dancer dances. Each dance was well-attended by new dancers and angels. Except one, we had a profit at each dance. We would like to see more angels coming to these dances with their New Dancers, and we'd also like to have more MCASD Directors at these dances. It is in the works to have eleven dances again next season.

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There is one thing I would like to ask of all Clubs - If you are going to have a New Dancer Dance as part of your regular club dance schedule, PLEASE let us know when and where so we can notify the rest of the clubs. Go to the New Dancer Dances WITH your students - they are our future and we need to support them as much as possible.

Thank you, and let's back our new dancers!

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SQUARE DANCE CONVENTIONS

49th National Square Dance Convention - June 21, 22, 23, 24, 2000
Baltimore, Maryland - Theme -SET YOUR SAILS AND SQUARE UP - 4 - FOR BALTIMORE 2000

17th Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention-July 28, 29, 30, 2000
Peoria, Illinois - Theme MULTIPLY IN THE MILLENNIUM

SCISDA REPORT

President Bill Birge read a letter of resignation from Bill Fogel - Insurance. He suggested it would work well for a replacement to come from the Northern Area of the state., it would facilitate dealing with the West Agency. MCASD will investigate the possibility of finding such a person.

President Birge wants to form an Advisory Group or Committee to have input for future State Conventions. Basic requirements for being a member - 1) an interest in improving the state convention, and 2) must have an e-mail address. It is assumed that the only meetings would be on e-mail. If interested refer to Bill Birge's e-mail address in this issue of Newsnotes.

At the recent meeting of SCISDA in Peoria, we were asked by President Bill Birge to return home and promote the State Convention, July 28-30. With pre-registration down from previous years, the future of the Convention, as we know it, does not look good. At past MCASD General Meetings I have stressed the importance of attendance, plus the purchasing of a page in the Convention Program Book for clubs, and an ad in the Well Wishers book for individuals (for only \$1.00). Any profits from the Program Book help SCISDA provide the many services they do for MCASD and individual clubs. SO! Register NOW. Preregistration enables those in charge to have the information they need for planning and reserving hotels, rooms, space at the Convention Center, etc. THIS YEAR ALL DANCING WILL BE ON ONE LEVEL.

Bring your Club Banner, sign up for the fashion show, come early for the Trail End Dances and/or stay late for the After Party Dances. COME AND ENJOY.

Squarely Yours,

Clarence Thomas
MCASD - SCISDA Rep.

OCTOBERFEST, 2000 - October 15, 2000

NEW FORMAT - NEW THEME - NEW CHAIRPERSONS - STILL A GREAT DANCE. TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

SWEETHEART DANCE, 2000

What a WONDERFUL time was had by all the dancers who attended the SWEETHEART DANCE, 2000. Everything seemed to fall into place so everyone could enjoy a special day - the weather was great, the callers and cuer were wonderful, and LOTS of DANCERS showed up expecting a great day. NO ONE WAS DISAPPOINTED.

Diolet and I would like to express our appreciation for the hard work and dedication shown by all those working with us in staging the Sweetheart Dance. Kudos to the assisting clubs, the officers and members of the MCASD Executive Board, the vendors, and those who just volunteered to help. Needless to say, it couldn't have happened without your help. THANKS!!

SWEETHEART DANCE, 2001

Preliminary plans are underway for the upcoming SWEETHEART DANCE 2001 scheduled for February 4, 2001. Flyers will be distributed in September, and tickets will be made available in December.

HOWEVER, now is the time to plan the best way to promote the SWEETHEART DANCE 2001 with your club. The BEST way is tell all your members of the great time you had at SWEETHEART DANCE 2000, and how you plan to attend SWEETHEART DANCE 2001. Some additional suggestions would be to give away tickets as door prizes at your dances - one ticket to a visitor and one ticket to a member - (don't wait till December and January, start now by giving "rain checks" redeemable at a later dance). Other tickets could be raffle prizes at Christmas Dances, or even given as an extra bonus if you have a large 50/50 split the pot.

Art Stephans and John & Barb O'Connell have volunteered to be co-chairs with us for the SWEETHEART DANCE, 2001. Welcome Aboard!

Details about Callers and cuers will be forthcoming.

Jim and UI Balley
Sweetheart Chairpersons 2001

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITORS

1) Hey! Hey! State Convention's On The Way!

Now is the time to start making plans to attend the 17th Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention-July 28, 29, 30, 2000, Peoria, Illinois - featuring the theme MULTIPLY IN THE MILLENNIUM. Dancing in air-conditioned comfort is a special treat in mid-summer. If you haven't EVER attended a State Convention, or haven't attended RECENTLY, here is your chance. Some of the best callers, cuers and line dance leaders meet at the convention, and dancing is really great.

Encourage as many members of your club as possible to register for this fine event. The hotels will try to place club members rooms as close as possible if registrations are sent in as a group. Try to MULTIPLY IN THE MILLENNIUM the number of MCASD members in attendance.

Look for registration blanks and flyers in the delegates and presidents packets.

We'll look for you there. Maybe we can square up together.

2) CLUB CONTACT PERSONS NEEDED!

MCASD is asking that each member club locate one or two responsible members with e-mail addresses to be available as a contact person beginning in September, 2000. Not everyone is the proud possessor of a computer (or has the ability to master e-mail, on-line shopping, etc.), so hopefully each club will select one or two computer literate persons to serve as contacts for MCASD.

Members clubs will be asked for the names and e-mail addresses of these folks for September, 2000. Member clubs will also be receiving information about the MCASD web page, which will be available soon. LOOK FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT!

3) Spring Quarter 2000 Round Dance Selections

Phs II	Sh-Boom/Parker Mercury 872-812 & Coll 4234
Phs III	Any Dream Foxtrot/Pinks Star 115
Phs IV	Sexy Eyes/Drake Capitol 4831
Tie	Singing in the Rain/Martin, G&J Ch 1010
Phs V	Help Me Rhonda/McGee Coll 6035/Beach Boys
Tie	Patricia Cha/Worlock S.P.
Phs VI	In the Mood/Goss Roper 167

submitted by: Jayne & George Sheldon

4) Put-Together Party (Collating Session)

The Put-Together Party for the September 17th M.C.A.S.D. General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 9th, at the Bailey home, starting at 1:00. A pot-luck luncheon will follow completion of the work. If you are coming, call for directions and suggestions of what kind of food to bring.

5) SUBMITTING FLYERS

AUGUST 21st IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FLYERS
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 17th M.C.A.S.D. MEETING

Clubs should submit flyers following this formula:

STAPLED - 42 PACKS OF 10 (OR FEWER) FOR EACH OF THE CLUBS
UNSTAPLED - 75 INDIVIDUAL SHEETS FOR PRESIDENTS AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PACKETS -

ALL FLYERS MUST BE 8.5 X 11 INCHES IN SIZE

6) FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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7) CALL THE HOT LINE!

Are all the members of your square dance club aware that there is an M.C.A.S.D. HOTLINE phone number? They can call the HOTLINE if they need information, or want to provide information for other clubs. The HOTLINE is maintained by M.C.A.S.D. members. The number to call is (847) 437-5270.

Be especially sure that your Banner Chairman is aware of this number for last minute changes in dance location or callers.

Remember to submit flyers to us by August 21st for the
September 17th MCASD General Meeting.

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