

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Welcome to another Square Dancing Season. As you will see by the Membership list, we've lost a few more clubs, and our member club list has again become shorter. Please, if you are what we call "The independent dancer", won't you consider becoming a member of a club to carry on with the spirit of square dancing? Some clubs would like to charge extra money for non-affiliated dancers as the clubs consider that you take from the activity but do not put in any effort to keep it going.

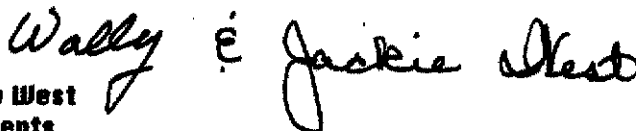
IS YOUR DELEGATE getting the information from M.C.A.S.D. back to your members? The reason we ask this question is that the Board gets a lot of phone calls asking the same questions that we answered for delegates at a general meeting. Please make room for a report from your delegate at your next general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

Several of us have had extreme family losses these past few months, so if all is not up to par, please forgive us, but we're working under a very heavy load.

Please try to register early for the 2001 State Convention. This year the number of dancers has dropped again, and this will eventually mean the end of the State Convention. They (SCISDA) are also looking for volunteers to help with the preparation and carrying out of duties for this event next year. Won't you please spare them some time when the Convention takes place next year?

M.C.A.S.D. will not be sponsoring lessons this year. IF, after the first ten weeks, your club cannot continue to have lessons, let us know. If there is enough interest in your area, we will try to get lessons set-up for the last 20 lessons.

Happy Dancing, and see you in the squares,



Wally and Jackie West
M.C.A.S.D. Presidents

SQUARE DANCE CONVENTIONS

11th Annual Indiana Square Dance Convention - October 20, 21, & 22, 2000 - Horizon Convention Center and Radisson Hotel Roberts, Muncie, Indiana

39th Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention April 20, 21, 2001 Waterloo, Iowa. Theme SMILES AND FUN IN 2001 - Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center

50th National Square Dance Convention - June 27, 28, 29, 30, 2001 - Anaheim, California - Theme "JOIN US FOR FUN IN 2001"

**18th Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention-July 27,
28, 29, 2001 Peoria, Illinois - Theme JOIN THE FUN IN 2001**

**51st National Square Dance Convention - June 26, 27, 28, 29, 2002 Saint
Paul RiverCentre, Saint Paul, Minnesota**

SCISDA REPORT

**On July 29th, I attended a meeting in Peoria. At that time I introduced MCASD's
new SCISDA Directors, Bill and Pat Semple.**

**We were informed that because of previous contractual agreements, Peoria will
be the site of the next two (2) State Conventions. (Trying to break the contracts and
selecting a different site calls for a heavy penalty, so we will stay there for now.) ed.**

**As attendance was only in the 600's for the 2000 Convention, , we should all
work to improve it to at least a minimum of 1,000 or more. Some of the problems of
this year were due to the lack of communication with the Convention Bureau. These
are being corrected.**

**The Chairpersons for 2001 (TOM & ELLA MANNING and BOB & CINDA ASP) are off
to a good start with over 200 on-site pre-registrations. Ribbons were given and checks
will clear promptly,**

**As with MCASD and your own clubs, advance planning is necessary to provide for
halls, callers, cuers, vedors and special events. We ask you to support the State
Convention by making an effort to attend and "Pre-Registering" early. Forms are
available to each club, or call your MCASD Director.**

**It has been an enlightening experience to be MCASD-SCISDA Director these past
few years, and I hope to see many more of you at the 2001 State Convention**

Squarely Yours,

**Clarence Thomas
MCASD - SCISDA Rep. (Retired)**

OCTOBERFEST, 2000 - October 15, 2000

"GREAT PUMPKIN BALL"

POPULAR CALLERS AND CUERS

FOOD COURT: BBQ, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Yummy Pumpkin Desserts

Beverages: coffee, pop, cider

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

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SWEETHEART DANCE, February 4, 2001

Mark your calendar for the FIRST SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY, 2001 - when S.C.I.S.D.A. presents the 2001 SWEETHEART dance. Callers will be Ozzie Pearl and Herb Oesterle on the squares, and Al and Jane Krol on the rounds. Details will follow.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SQUARE DANCERS from the United Square Dancers of America Handbook

1. Thou shalt square dance only for the fun which thee will find in it.
2. Thou shalt not be a snob, considering thyself too good to dance with any and all, sitting out the mixers, or leaving a square lest thou be required to dance with those whom thou deemest unworthy of thy talents, for the gods of retribution are zealous gods, and will visit mischief upon thee, and thou will be the one to goof the square.
3. Thou shalt not forget that thou wert once a beginner.
4. Thou shalt be exuberant, but shall act thy age. Do not offend others by thy high flung legs and out-flared skirts.
5. Thou shalt go abroad and dance with other callers so that thy opinions expressed as to the merit of this one and that one are based on fact.
6. That shalt not let the stranger in thy midst sit on the sidelines and cool his heels, nor fail to speak to him.
7. Thou shalt bathe diligently so that the sweet aroma of soap and not too much shaving lotion or fragrance assail the nostrils of thy associates.
8. Thou shalt take care that the words of thy mouth are not scented with garlic or beer.
9. Thou shalt honor thy club and give it loyalty, for if thou canst not do this, it is better to separate thyself from it and join thyself to another whose methods, members and caller are more to thy liking.
10. Thou shalt not kill thy club with bickering and fault-finding.

ANGEL POLICY - SUGGESTIONS FOR ANGELS TO HELP NEW STUDENTS COURTESY OF N. IL. REGION B 'n' B

1. Club badge should be worn.
2. You should know the 69 Basics and the 10 Mainstream calls; if you don't, you are invited to take the lessons.
3. Rotate among the Class. Avoid asking the same student each time. Get into the square at the beginning and advise all students to do so.
4. Observe the number of "Angels" in your square. If there are more than two (1 Head and 1 Side), check the squares around you. A Class Committee member may ask you to trade with a couple in a square which has no Angel. If it is all possible, there should be Angels in each square.
5. LEAVE THE TEACHING TO THE CALLER! If the Class members are confused and request instruction during the break, advise them that everything is repeated. Otherwise, consult the Caller, and he will assist them or advise you.
6. If your square is having a lot of trouble, ask the Caller if your square may change places with a square in front.
7. Advise the students to listen to the Caller; to observe and listen, even if they are sitting out. Much can be learned this way.

8. Stay "with" the Class. Do the basics as they are taught. Twirling and swinging, before it is taught, adds more confusion to the students.
9. Angels should not be dancing if students are sitting out of the lessons. An Angel may be asked, by the Class Committee members, to step out for a student who hesitates or is late.
10. Respect the Caller! Discontinue your conversation when he starts instruction. This applies to Angels, students, and other observers. Observers should keep needed conversations low.
11. If your square breaks down, keep moving or square your set---but DON'T attempt to re-teach.
12. Any all-women squares at lessons should be composed of experienced dancers only, as it is too confusing to others.
13. YOU ARE NEEDED! The more Angels we have, the more progressive our Class will be. Angel badges will be awarded to those who qualify. Attendance will be taken according to Chapter or Club policy. Attend as regularly as possible.

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITORS

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

NOW is the time to start making plans to attend the 18th Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention--July 28, 29, 30, 2001, Peoria, Illinois - featuring the theme JOIN THE FUN IN 2001. 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. Let's try to increase the number of MCASD members in attendance at the SCISDA Convention in 2001.

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 are asked to send the names and e-mail addresses of these folks to Linda Culp during September, 2000. Member clubs will also be receiving information about the MCASD web page, which will be available soon. **LOOK FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT!**

3) CLUBS HAVING STUDENT LESSONS FOR 2000 -2001

The following clubs have indicated they are having lessons. If your club has new students wanting lessons but for whatever reason your club cannot continue to have lessons, please please call the clubs listed below and take your students to lessons.

SUNDAY	Bataula B 'n B	630-584-1343	
	Fox Valley Mixers	630-584-1194	
	Lockport Family Squares	630-739-5022	
MONDAY	Flossmor B"N"B	708-748-4909	
	Chi-Horseshoe Squares	773-747-6815	
	Diamond Squares	708-331-1605	
	Downers Grove Square Thrus	630-416-9353	
	Joliet Squares	815-436-4144	
TUESDAY	Arlington Squares	847-705-6602	
	Chi-Town Squares	773-561-5691	& Thursday
	Diamond Circulators	773-747-6815	Advanced
	Happy Swingers	708-946-8932	
	Midlothian Squares	708-957-4557	
	Swing 'n Sugar Squares	773-585-6956	
	T-Squares	773-747-6802	
	Yellowrockers	630-736-8722	
WEDNESDAY	Naper Squares	630-961-8717	
	Woodstock Squares	815-385-6638	
THURSDAY	Country Bumpkins	815-469-9863	
	Oceanwaves	630-279-9547	
	Square Spares	847-886-9839	

4) Square Dancers Credit Card Program

United Square Dancers of America is sponsoring a Square Dancers Credit Card program. With every account that is opened, or you use your USDA Visa card to make a purchase, MBNA America Bank will make a contribution to the United Square Dancers of America at no additional cost to you. See flyers on the BACK TABLE at this meeting.

5) SUBMITTING FLYERS

November 13th IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FLYERS
FOR THE DECEMBER 3rd M.C.A.S.D. MEETING

Clubs should submit flyers following this formula:

STAPLED - 40 PACKS OF 10 (OR FEWER) FOR EACH OF THE CLUBS
LOOSE - 80 INDIVIDUAL SHEETS FOR PRESIDENTS AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PACKETETS -

ALL FLYERS MUST BE 8.5 X 11 INCHES IN SIZE

6) **CALLERLAB is Moving**

New address for **CALLERLAB**
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Cocoa, Florida 32922.
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Visit them on the Web - www.CALLERLAB.org

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8) **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 November 13th for the
December 3rd MCASD General Meeting.**

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