

NEWNOTES

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Yes, it is that time of year when we start thinking about another year of fun - SQUARE DANCING! You, your club banner chairman and club delegates are the main ones to get your club enthused and going out to visit other clubs: and yes, to STEAL some BANNERS!

I hope that you had some representation from your club at our last State Convention in Peoria, and perhaps some of you were in St. Paul for the National Convention in late June. About 9000 dancers were there. Maria and I were there and did see some familiar faces, and we had a great time, danced to lots of good callers. We were also part of the 6000 who danced on the bridge to get into the Guinness Book of Records for the most dancers dancing on a bridge that crossed a big river - it was a hot time of day but we survived!

A bit of sad news - we are down to 35 clubs in MCASD. Wouldn't it be wonderful if EVERY club had lessons this year, or to at least have new dancers going to a club having lessons. So if you are not having lessons find out who is and TAKE your prospective new dancers there and angel them. If we like to dance then we have to tell others and get them to join us in this healthy kind of fun.

President, be aware that when your delegates attend the General Meetings they get lots of information. Be sure you see them right away to get your material and discuss events of the meeting. Each club president MUST keep in touch with the delegates to know what is going on in MCASD, and then to pass it on to club members.

Speaking of what is going on - your tickets for the GREAT PUMPKIN BALL will either be coming to you shortly, or you may already have them. A member of the Board of Directors will be contacting you soon to ask for your help at the dance. The date of the GREAT PUMPKIN BALL is Sunday, October 20 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle. We have heard that there is a club that purchases tickets for all their club members. Can your club support MCASD by doing such a thing? MCASD has only two fund raisers a year - The SWEETHEART DANCE in February and the GREAT PUMPKIN BALL in October. Your energetic support of these events is greatly appreciated and needed.

Special thanks to all clubs in MCASD - every club had it's insurance payment on time.

Squarely,

**Curtis/Maria Bremer
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MCASD Presidents**

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From the Desk of the Co-Ulce-Presidents

The schedule for the NEW DANCER DANCES is made. We begin October 26, 2002. Let's "SELL" Square Dancing as an activity with many benefits: HEALTHWISE AND FUNWISE. We must be movers and shakers to get new students. Let's have a great year together- we will with everyone's help.

Happy Dancing,

Bill & Pat Semple - 630-620-6740 - fax 630-620-2648

John & Barb O'Connell - 815-372-3765
MCASD Co-Ulce-Presidents

State Council of Illinois Square Dancers Association REPORT

STATE CONVENTION - The theme of this year's convention - "*We Need You in 2002 - Bid Farewell to Peoria*" was a success. Approximately 792 square dancers attended, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Now on to our NEW LOCATION!

The 2003 Illinois State Convention will be held in Macomb, Illinois, home of Western Illinois University. The theme will be, "*Come See Macomb In2003*" and dancing should be more enjoyable because all dances will be on WOODEN FLOORS! Get ready to attend. Registration forms are available - see your Delegate.

MCASD Delegates to SCISDA
GARY & LINDA MARRON

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M.C.A.S.D.

GREAT PUMPKIN BALL, '02

PLANS ARE IN PROGRESS
TIME IS DRAWING NEAR
NO TIME TO REGRESS
JUST GET IT IN GEAR

OCTOBER 20, 2002 1-5 P.M.
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROSELLE
GREAT CALLERS, CUERS, CW LEADERS, VENDORS

Looking Forward to Seeing EVERYONE That Day - be sure to say "Hi!"

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SWEETHEART DANCE. February 9, 2003

Mark your calendar for the **SECOND SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY, 2003** - when M.C.A.S.D. presents the 2003 SWEETHEART Dance. Callers will be CURT BRAFFET and TOM MANNING , cuer will be LARRY JOHNSON. SWEETHEART COUPLES will be honored at the dance, so make plans to attend.

BE THERE! HAVE A BALL!

JIM & DI BAILEY - GARY & LINDA MARRON
Sweetheart Dance Co-Chairmen

SQUARE DANCE CONVENTIONS

41st Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention - March 21 & 22-200. Theme **"DANCING SPREE IN 2003"** Iowa State University Memorial Union, Ames, Iowa. Info: Bob & Shirley Hale, 1516-43rd St., Des Moines, IA 50311 515-255-6841:e-mail: cj777@qwest.com

51st Minn. State Square and Round Dance Convention June 13, 14, & 15, 2003 **"Dance With Friends Where the River Bends"** Midwest Wireless Clulc Center, Mankato, MN. Info: Di & John Guderian, 8209 Beard Rd., Bloomington, MN 55431-1025. 952-831-6816

52nd National Square Dance Convention - June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2003 - Oklahoma City, OK - Theme "The Heartland of Oklahoma - The Place to be in 2003"

Illinois State Square & Round Dance Convention - July 25, 26, 27, 2003 University Union, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL. - Theme **Come See Macomb in 2003.** Featured Caller: Randy Dougherty www.52ndnati.com

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITORS

1) The Passing of a Comrade.

On June 22 the Happy Swingers of Chicago Heights, MCASD, and the entire Square Dance Community suffered the loss of a friend, BILL KILLEY. Bill and Margaret were our callers, leaders and teachers for thirteen years. Before coming to the Happy Swingers, the Cloverleafs of Country Club Hills, the Guys and Dolls of Park Forest, and the Single River Rockers of Chicago had all availed themselves of Bill's calling and teaching skills.

Bill and Margaret have always exemplified what square dancing is all about - friendly people having fun in a musical setting, and caring for and about each other. We will all miss Bill's friendly smile and his individual greeting of everyone, whether he was calling or not.

Bill and Margaret represented the Happy Swingers at MCASD for three seasons, 1997-2000. Margaret is at home in Richton Park. We hope we will have her with us for a long time.

Gene Bunte, President, Happy Swingers
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2) **HELP, SQUARE DANCERS! HELPI HELPI**

OUR ACTIVITY IS IN SAD, SAD SHAPE. YOU CAN BE AS OPTIMISTIC AS YOU WANT, BUT UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE SOON WE CAN KISS IT GOODBYE. THAT IS NOT AN EXAGGERATION, JUST PLAIN COMMON SENSE. WE, I'M TALKING NATIONALLY NOT JUST LOCALLY, HAVE TALKED ABOUT OUR PROBLEMS FOR 20+ YEARS, BUT THAT IS ALL WE HAVE DONE - TALK. SOME EXCELLENT SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED, BUT ONE HAS PUT ALL THESE TOGETHER AND IMPLEMENTED ANY ACTION. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS ON HOW IT CAN BE DONE, (IT WILL REQUIRE WORK AND COOPERATION), I AM ASKING FOR ANY DANCERS, CALLERS, OR CUERS THAT ARE SERIOUS ABOUT DOING SOMETHING TO CONTACT ME SO WE CAN SET UP A TRUE SEMINAR THAT WILL DISCUSS OUR PROBLEMS, OFFER SOME POSITIVE SOLUTIONS, AND IMPLEMENT THOSE SOLUTIONS **NOW!**

ENOUGH TALK, IT'S TIME FOR SOME ACTION. CALL ME @ (847.421.6189 OR E-MAIL ME AT JULIANN@PEOPLEPC.COM WITH ANY IDEAS THAT YOU MAY HAVE AND A TIME WHEN AN ACTION GROUP CAN BE FORMED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

JERRY HILL

3) **MCASD HANDBOOKS AND DELEGATE BADGES**

Delegates are reminded to wear their badges to all MCASD General Meetings. If you do not have one, contact your PREVIOUS Delegates and track it down.

ALL DELEGATES AND ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED to have in their possession AN M.C.A.S.D. HANDBOOK, and hopefully to refer to it frequently, or as the need arises. Please see Jim or UI Bailey immediately if you do not have access to one.

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, 2001. 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 Secretary Bill and Marlene Neurauter. The MCASD web page address is as follows:

<http://squaredancechicago.homespage.com>

4) **SUBMITTING FLYERS**

November 15th IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FLYERS FOR THE DECEMBER 1st M.C.A.S.D. GENERAL MEETING

Clubs should submit flyers following this formula:

STAPLED - 35 PACKS OF 10 (OR FEWER) FOR EACH OF THE CLUBS
LOOSE - 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

Remember to submit fliers to us by November 15, 2002 for the
DECEMBER 1st MCASD General Meeting.

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20th Illinois Square & Round Convention

Presented by SCISDA

Come See Macomb in
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Mesa, Arizona



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