

NEWSNOTES

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK.

Hi Square Dancers,

What a fantastic summer of Square Dancing! Each special event needs to tell it's own story.

July 6th - Dancing at Buckingham Fountain during the TASTE OF THE CHICAGO (STATE) Despite the heat of a July day, dancers came from many clubs to participate in this special invitation to dance on the Lakefront. There were one or more squares dancing from noon till late afternoon when the thunderstorms came in, breaking the heat wave, but ending our dance afternoon. Special thanks are due to Ozzie Pearl who was initially contacted by the event, then helped get the square dance response that made our participation possible. Ozzie then lined up Sandra Bryant and Bobby Poyner to assist him in calling. All three were on top of their game, and the dancers drew onlookers all day. Lesson information were distributed.

July 25, 26, 27 - Dancing at the State Convention in MACOMB! Wonderful dancing on the wooden floor on the beautiful campus of Western Illinois University in the friendly city of Macomb. Macomb will again host the Illinois State Convention in 2004. Be sure to register and attend. Dancing again will be in the University Union building, along with the square dance vendors. We're registered for next year. What about You? Don't go alone, plan to come with as many others from your club as possible

August 19th - Dancing at the Museum of Science and Industry. The International Psycho-Geriatric Congress planned to meet in Chicago on this August day, the first time in 15 years within the boundaries of the United States. Hoping to display two typical types of American entertainment, they requested Square Dancing prior to their meal, and a rock-and-roll band for later. More than eighteen (18) squares showed up to dance. Again, dancers represented many clubs in MCASD. Exceptionally good calling was provided by Dave Sutton, with a guest tip called by Herschel Tolson. If you didn't get there, you really missed out. Many pictures and movies were taken by those from other lands, and our fame and skill are now internationally known.

Many thanks to the dancers who came out to support these special activities. Hopefully, we motivated some folks to join us in the squares, and they'll take lessons in September.

Welcome. Welcome! A special welcome is extended to McHenry B 'N' B on their affiliation with MCASD. Feel at home, you are with friends.

SPECIAL REQUEST - All MCASD clubs are urged to BRING their club banner to the GREAT PUMPKIN BALL - OCTOBERFEST - for display purposes. How about it, Presidents?

In these first few busy weeks serving as President of MCASD, VI and I looking forward to a "banner" Square Dance year. We hope your club is looking forward to a "banner" year, too.

Squarely,



**Jim and Vi Bailey
President, MCASD**

Vice- Presidents Message

**Tis the reason for the season.
Square Dancing, that is.
It's Hip to be Square.
Square Dancing, that is.**

New Dancer Time is here again, and we are presented with a great and wonderful opportunity to share our enjoyment with others. All Clubs are invited to help provide us with "New Dancers".

The "New Dancer Dance" schedule has been planned for your pleasure. There are at least 19 or 20 clubs providing lessons. Look at their information schedule.

But, first and foremost - **WE NEED NEW DANCERS**. Please do all you can to interest your friends in this wonderful form of recreation and the opportunity to meet new friends. NOW is the time to put our Dancing Feet where our mouths are and get out and support our activity.

If you have any questions regarding these dances, please contact:

Pat Semple 630-620-6740

John & Barb O'Connell 815-372-3765 or Email: Barbara1@westerncom.net

MCASD Co-Vice Presidents

SWEETHEART DANCE 2004 REPORT

Nearly all arrangements for the SWEETHEART DANCE 2004 are complete. Popular and capable callers and cuers - Ozzie Pearl and Jerry Hill and Ron Ashenden - are looking forward to one of the best dances in the state. Tickets will be given to club Delegates in December at the General Meeting.

Linda and Gary Marron

SWEETHEART DANCE CHAIRMEN

REPORT FROM SCISDA

The State Convention was held in Macomb this year. All dancing was under one roof, and there were wooden floors and great air conditioning. Next year's Convention will be in

Macomb, also. Make your reservations now!

The proposal to hold the 2005 and 2006 Conventions in DeKalb at Northern Illinois University was accepted. The set-up is very similar to that at Western Illinois. Bob and Donna Carpenter will look into camping facilities for the next meeting. Dee Dee Dougherty will be the featured caller at the 2004 Convention. Registration forms are now available.

Ozzie Pearl reported on the square dancing demo held at the Taste of Chicago. It was well attended by both dancers and observers. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend on the short notice we received. The callers were Ozzie, Sandra Bryant and Bobby Poyner.

Officers for 2003/2004 were elected. The presidents are Wayman and Mary Tripp, the northern region vice-presidents are Curtis and Maria Bremer (MCASD past presidents), the central vice-presidents are Larry and Ruth Wehmeier, and the southern vice-presidents are Harold and Delores Dannenberg. Recording secretary is Bill Birge, corresponding secretary is Linda Hiltabrand, and the treasurer is Joanne Hawkins.

MCASD Delegates to SCISDA

Linda and Gary Marron & Barry and Anita Johnson

ADDITIONAL SCISDA REPORT

At the 52nd National Convention in Oklahoma City, SCISDA announced its intention to bid for the National Convention in 2008. We also met with the NEC advisors for several hours to discuss the viability of a National Convention in the Chicago area with the result that they were excited and asked us to proceed with the idea. We need to meet with the Rosemont Convention Center to determine the feasibility of sharing the convention site with the Collectibles Convention the 4th week in June, 2008. We have also been contacted by the Woodfield Convention Bureau that is interested in hosting the National Convention at the center coming to Schaumburg, We will be meeting with both groups in the near future to determine the next steps.

Barry and Anita Johnson

1) CLUB PRESIDENTS

Remember that the TOYS FOR TOTS toy collection will be held at the MCASD General Meeting December 7th, 2003. Please encourage your members to contribute an unwrapped toy for a needy child. With the economy so shaky, and jobs hard to find, let's try to help needy families have a brighter Holiday Season, exemplified by our care and concern.

2) DATES TO REMEMBER 2003 - 2004

GENERAL MEETINGS - DECEMBER 7, 2003 - APRIL 18, 2004

SPECIAL MCASD DANCES

GREAT PUMPKIN BALL - OCTOBER 19, 2003 SWEETHEART DANCE - FEBRUARY 8, 2004

3) BE ON THE ALERT!

We have learned that some square dancers (or former dancers) are buying up all the square dance clothes they can, then asking permission to "bring some things" to resale night at a club. They literally show up with racks of clothes, and prevent anyone else from selling their relatively few items. ASK how many things they are bringing, and monitor what they bring in. You may save your club some embarrassment and prevent a difficult scene from developing by being alert.

4) CLARIFICATION

The insurance issued through MCASD is for ANY club activity. This means any activity where the club collects all the money, pays all the bills, (including rental of facility) callers, cuers and any other expenses incurred with putting on the event.

Our non-profit status means only that we are exempt from paying Federal Income tax on earnings less than \$25,000. NO club is exempt from paying state sales tax on any items purchased for the club (such as food, stationary supplies, etc.).

Jackie West - Past President

5) SUBMITTING FLYERS

November 14th IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FLYERS
for the December 7th, 2003 M.C.A.S.D. GENERAL MEETING

Clubs should submit flyers using this formula:

STAPLED - 35 PACKS OF 10 (OR FEWER) FOR EACH OF THE CLUBS
LOOSE - 80 INDIVIDUAL SHEETS FOR PRESIDENTS AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
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TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PACKETS -

ALL FLYERS MUST BE 8.5 X 11 INCHES IN SIZE

Remember to submit flyers to us by November 14th, 2003 for the
December 7th MCASD General Meeting.

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