

Newsnotes

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Hi Club Presidents and Club Delegates,

This has been a busy summer for us. It is hard to believe that it is almost fall. We hope that you have had a busy and healthy summer. Did you get to attend any conventions? We attended the National Convention in Texas, and of course our State Convention in DeKalb. Twelve hundred fourteen (1214) dancers attended this year, and it was wonderful. We would like to thank Tim and Donna Cardwell- this year's chairman - for all their hard work and enthusiasm. The 2007 Convention is "DEKALB IS HEAVEN IN 2007" If you have NOT BEEN to a state convention lately, plan on attending the 2007 Illinois State Square and Round Dance Convention in DeKalb, IL on the campus of Northern Illinois State University. Curtis and Maria Bremer, Past President of MCASD, are Chairing the event, and it should be heavenly. We look forward to seeing you, and all your club members at this spectacular event.

If you haven't registered as yet, do so ASAP and enjoy the best three days of square dancing and fun activities that you, your club members, and your recent graduates can experience. We would also suggest that you volunteer an hour of time at the convention so you can meet great dancers from all over the Midwest. Being involved really makes the Convention more exciting. **REMEMBER WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION TO TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE A SQUARE DANCER. HOTELS HAVE ROOMS RESERVED FOR US.**

If you recall, Club Delegates indicated at the April 23rd General Meeting your club's preference participating in this coming year's MCASD activities (sponsoring a Student Dance, working at the Great Pumpkin Ball or the Sweetheart Dance or a combination of these activities. During the years the number of clubs has decreased, so it is really important to step in and volunteer for at least one activity. These MCASD activities help us all. Remember to encourage all of your members and visitors to attend the two special dances sponsored by MCASD - the Great Pumpkin Ball October 15, 2006 and the Sweetheart Dance February 11, 2007.

On the matter of the New Student Dances that are sponsored by MCASD, I would encourage all of the clubs that have students to promote these dances. They are held for the NEW DANCERS to experience dancing with as many different callers as possible during lessons. Your chances of retaining the students as members will increase, and they will be better dancers when they become members of your club. A WIN-WIN situation.

TOYS FOR TOTS - Again this year we are asking MCASD clubs to support the Toys for Tots program sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps. Please ask your club members to donate NEW, UNWRAPPED toys for children - infants to early teens. Many children would not have any type of gift during the holidays if not for this program. **PLEASE ASK YOUR DELEGATE TO BRING THE TOYS TO THE DECEMBER 3rd GENERAL MEETING.**

Squarely Yours,

Linda and Gary Marron
President, MCASD
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VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report.

GREAT PUMPKIN BALL

It looks like the Illinois and surrounding states dancers had a great State Convention in DeKalb. Now it's your turn to show how the Chicagoland Dancers can support MCASD by attending the Great Pumpkin Ball on October 15th. Hours have been extended to 1:30 - 5:30 P.M. (Please try to arrive no earlier than 1:30, so the church services can conclude and MCASD can get set up for the dance.) THANKS.

BY POPULAR DEMAND THE HOT DOGS AND CHIPS ARE BACK! ALSO: DRINKS AND DESSERTS - (SOME SUGAR FREE)

We look forward to great dancing and fun!

Bill and Marlene Neurauter

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SWEETHEART DANCE

Mark your calendars - Sunday, February 11, 2007. MCASD presents the SWEETHEART DANCE. Callers and Cuers are being booked and plans are moving forward for a great dance. Sweetheart Couples will be honored - Ticket prices are \$6.00 ahead of time, \$7.00 at the door. Buy tickets early and save \$\$\$\$.

Make plans to attend. Tickets and job assignments will be given to the Club Delegates in December, at the General Meeting.

Allan and Shanna Preikschat, Sweetheart General Chairman

Linda and Gary Marron, Sweetheart Co-Chairman

SCISDA REPORT

All Roads Lead to...

DEKALB... Heaven in 2007

DeKalb had the Mix in 2006 and a great time was had by all! Many dancers stayed till the very last tip on Sunday afternoon!! AMAZING!

The torch for the 24th Illinois State Square and Round Dance Convention has been passed to us, Curtis & Maria Bremer, and plans are in the making for another outstanding square dance convention. Lots of dancing, food, ice cream, fashion show, ceremonies, and educational seminars.

Registration forms have been give to all clubs, so be sure to mark your calendar, fill out the form, send it along with your check to the Registration Chair. Be sure to make your hotel reservations, too. When you call to make the reservations, BE SURE to tell them you are a square dancer and ARE attending the Illinois State Square Dance Convention - they have rooms set aside for us.

Participants are needed for the Fashion Show - you'll have lots of fun modeling your "special outfit". Models are not just a chosen few - so check the box on the registration form and you will be contacted. If you have questions please call Maria (815-385-2853) email: mariabremer@juno.com; Cheri (815-385-6638) email: cmoehling@juno.com, or Barbara (815-385-4503) email:dbzam@sbcglobal.net.

2007 Convention Chair Curtis & Maria Bremer

2006 ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION REPORT

Hello Fellow Square Dancers!

Thank you all so much for attending this year's Illinois State Square and Round Dance Convention! Indeed, "DeKalb Had the Mix in 2006". ONE THOUSAND FOURTEEN square dancers came from all over Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

Northern Illinois University kept the heat "outside" the dance halls, and fed us wonderful food and lots and lots of terrific ice cream.

Thank you all so very much for coming, and to all of those dancers who helped with the production of the weekend, a very special "THANK YOU", for without all of you participating in the weekend, it would simply not take place. The entire Convention relies on "volunteers" and with all of your help, enthusiasm, creativity, and hard work, we were, once again, able to bring the Illinois State Convention to life, where everyone could enjoy the friendship, fellowship, and comrade ship with fellow dancers from all over the Midwest.

We hope that you had as much fun as we did this year, and will remember all of the different forms of dance that were offered (hopefully you even tried some), for DeKalb surely had the "Mix an 2006".

See you in a square!
TIM AND DONNA CARDWELL
2006 General Chairmen

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1) Remember that the TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM, sponsored by the Marine Corps, will collect unwrapped toys at the December General Meeting. This PROGRAM has proven to be of great benefit to underprivileged children during the holiday season. REMIND YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO REMEMBER THE CHILDREN!! Bring unwrapped gifts in December.

2) What is the SCISDA TRAVELLERS BADGE?

See Curtis Bremer for details on how you and your club members can earn one.

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3) Dates To Keep in Mind

October 15, 2006 - Great Pumpkin Ball - 1:30 - 5:30

November 10, 2006 - Flyers due for December General Meeting

December 3, 2006 - December General Meeting

February 11, 2007 - Sweetheart Dance - 2:00 - 5:00

July 27-29, 2007 - SCISDA STATE CONVENTION - DeKalb, IL

4) Help your club save money on flyer printing! See the flyer in this packet, or call Jim and Vi Bailey for details.

REMINDER: November 10, 2006 is the Deadline for submitting Flyers for the December 3, 2006 General Meeting

Mailing Flyers to us is usually cheaper and quicker than hand delivery or trying to find someone to bring them to us. The regular united States Post office has FREE envelopes and boxes that will accommodate your Flyers nicely.

CLUBS SHOULD SUBMIT FLYERS USING THIS FORMULA:

STAPLED - 27 packs of 10 (or fewer) for each of the clubs

LOOSE - 65 individual sheets for Club Presidents and Executive Board Members

**TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PACKETS -
ALL FLYERS MUST BE 8.5 x 11 INCHES IN SIZE.**

Submit your flyers early, if possible

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PRESS RELEASE

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PRESS RELEASE

**PERIODIC SELECTION
SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF**

Doren McBroom, Chairman of the Periodic Selection Committee is pleased to announce the selection of SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF as the next Periodic Selection.

SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF

Starting Formation: Ocean wave or Alamo

Ending Formation: Same as starting formation

Definition: those who can, turn by the right one half, then those who can turn by the left one half, then those who can turn by the right one half

Timing: 8

Examples:

Heads Square Thru, Slide Thru, Pass The Ocean, SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF, Recycle, Pass To The Center, Centers Square Thru Three, Allemande Left, Promenade Home

Four Ladies Chain, Allemande Left Alamo Style, SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF, Boys Run, Circle Left

Heads Square Thru, Slide Thru, Pass The Ocean, SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF, Girls Run, Wheel And Deal, Box The Gnat, Change Hands, Allemande Left, Promenade Home

Heads Pass The Ocean And SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF, Extend, SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF, All 8 Circulate, Recycle, Star Thru, Pass Thru, Wheel And Deal, Centers Square Thru Three, Pass Thru, Allemande Left, Promenade Home

Heads Star Thru and Spread, Pass the Ocean, SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF, Boys Run, Right and Left Thru, Ladies Lead Dixie Style, (Boys start) SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF, Girls Run, Bend The Line, Slide Thru, Pass To The Center, Centers Square Thru Three, Allemande Left, Promenade Home

Heads Square Thru, Slide Thru, Right and Left Thru, Ladies Lead Dixie Style, (boys start) SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF, Boys Circulate, Girls Run, Bend The Line, Flutter Wheel, Star Thru And Pass Thru Allemande Left Promenade Home

Singing Examples:

Heads Square Thru, Dosado To A Wave, Girls Trade, SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF, Girls Run, Tag The Line Right, Ferris Wheel, Centers Veer Left And Veer Right, All Veer Right, Short Promenade Home

Heads Square Thru, Dosado to a wave, Circulate, Scoot Back, SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF, Boy Run, All 8 Circulate, Half Tag the Line, Swing Corner, Promenade

Heads promenade Half, Pass the Ocean, Extend, SWING THRU ONCE AND A HALF, Girls run, Ferris Wheel, Pass Thru, Touch Quarter, Split Circulate Twice, Swing, Promenade

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We thank you for the coverage you have given us in the past and for your continued support in the future.

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