

NEWSNOTES

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

We're well into the new Square Dance season. MCASD lessons are a little on the light side as far as students go, but we're hoping to pick up a few more at the second set. We're all concerned with this problem, and sure hope several clubs in an area can combine under MCASD next year to make the most out of a quadrant.

OCTOBERFEST has come and gone, and a great time was had by all who attended. A large THANK YOU to the Callers, Cuers, Line Dance Instructors, and all who helped with all the work. You are outstanding!!! A Large Hug to all those dancers who attended and made the dance a special success. Thank You one and all. Couldn't be done without each and everyone of you.

We are still in our learning mode, so if you think we've not done something that should be attended to, please give us a call and talk it over. We've had a couple of people approach us about marketing Square Dancing and are trying to figure out what can be done.

Please support the upcoming SWEETHEART DANCE. If every couple or single bought a ticket we can keep our organization in the black for a long time to come, and it will help sponsor lessons in several areas next year.

We wish to take this time to wish everyone a Joyous Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

See you in the squares,

Wally & Jackie Neat

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENTS DESK

On October 23rd a New Dancer dance was held at York Township Hall with Lottie Buckbee calling the squares. Eleven squares were on the floor - and it appeared everyone was having a great time.

Please don't SEND your new dancers to the New Dancer dances, GO WITH THEM! What better way to show them you really care about them - they need the encouragement, just as we did when we were learning to square dance.

Watch for NEW FLYERS announcing the New Dancer Dances - there is a change in the February date.

See you in the Squares,

Curtis/Maria BREMER
Vice-Presidents
815/385/2853

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 MILLENIUM**

SCISDA REPORT

Although attendance was down from last year, the State Convention was able to show a small profit. This was partly due to the donation of sound systems by several of the callers for use in the various halls.

I cannot stress enough that we need more support for our State Convention - whether in attendance and/or in placing ads in the Program Book.

With the start of the new Millenium let's get off to a fresh start and keep SQUARE DANCING - VIABLE, VISIBLE and a VERY GOOD THING TO DO.

Squarely,

Clarence Thomas
MCASD - SCISDA Representative

OCTOBERFEST, 1999

The M.C.A.S.D. Oktoberfest is now history, but what a wonderful day it was! There were 422 dancers, plus callers, cuers, line dance callers, their partners, and the members of the MCASD Board of Directors. There were 154 people who bought tickets but didn't attend (thanks for supporting your Association), and 36 tickets were sold at the door.

Ten clubs were not represented, nor did they sell any tickets: two clubs were in attendance but have yet to turn in money or unsold tickets.

We thank all the callers that supported the MCASD by volunteering their time so that we could all have a great time dancing - we need each other! Letters were sent to 44 callers with a stamped, addressed envelope asking if they would like to be part of the Oktoberfest. Twenty-eight callers responded with a yes or no, 16 did not bother to call or send back their response in the envelope provided.

Thank you letters were sent to the 16 callers that were there, and also to Jullann Hill for organizing the rounds cuers.

Curtis/Maria BREMER
OCTOBERFEST Chair-couple
815/385/2853

Any comments/suggestions about OCTOBERFEST? Please send them to us at:
5414 Shorehill Dr., McHenry, IL. 60050 or e-mail marlabremer@juno.com

SWEETHEART DANCE

Plans are just about complete for the upcoming SWEETHEART DANCE scheduled for February 6th, 2000. Tickets will be given to Delegates at the meeting Dec. 5, 1999. Encourage your members and visitors to attend this **DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE FUN** dance. **THE SPROSTY TWINS** and **JERRY HILL** will call the the squares, with **JULIANN HILL** cueing the rounds.

Enclosed within this packet is a flyer listing **nearby restaurants**; in the past some dancers have commented they didn't know a good place to eat after the dance, so there is quite a listing of places within a five to ten minute drive from Shepard High School. Have fun dancing, work up a good appetite, then enjoy great dining in the area.

Assignment will be made in the near future for the clubs that will be assisting. If your club is scheduled, and you have a preference as to what you prefer to do, **SEE ME TODAY!**

Your Delegate will also receive instructions for selecting the Sweetheart Couple for your club. Please follow the directions carefully, especially in regards to the submission date of the names.

Jim and UI Bailey
Sweetheart Chairpersons

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITORS

1) SUBMITTING FLYERS

APRIL 1st IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FLYERS
FOR THE APRIL 16th, 2000 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
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

2) Put-Together Party (Collating Session)

The Put-Together Party for the APRIL 16th M.C.A.S.D. General Meeting will be held on Sunday, **APRIL 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.

Remember to submit the flyers to us by APRIL 1st for the
APRIL 16TH, 2000 General Meeting.

3) **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.

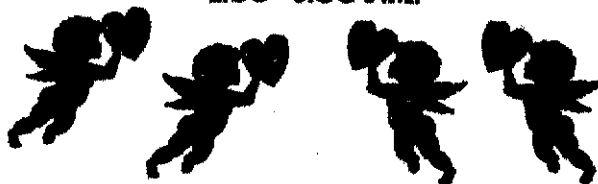
Thanks:

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**MCASD
SWEETHEART DANCE
FEB. 6, 2000**

2:00 - 5:00 P.M.



CALLERS:

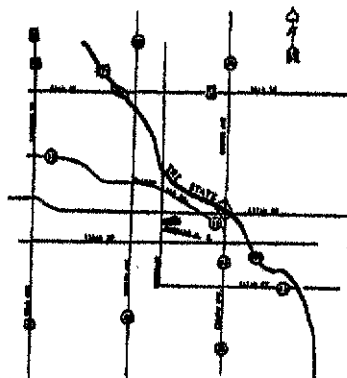
**DON SPROSTY
DOUG SPROSTY
JERRY HILL**

CUER:

JULIANN HILL

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PALOS HEIGHTS, IL.**

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