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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We are very quickly approaching the end of another dance season. Please invite your New Dancers to any activities that your club may be having over the summer, and keep them dancing as much as possible.

This is our last year as Presidents, and we thank you for the opportunity of serving with such a fine board. They have been as dedicated to the idea of keeping square dancing alive and well as we could have asked for. We would like to thank them for all the help and assistance that they have given us these past two years. We couldn't have done anything without them.

We have also been taking care of the New Dancer Dances and have admired them as we watched or danced with them, to see how well they dance. Encourage them as much as you can. They will be welcome additions to your clubs.

We hope to again serve as Vice-Presidents next year. We enjoy working with the people that are keeping our activity alive. We need their new thoughts and ideas and energy to keep Square Dancing a worthwhile activity.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and a great season starting in the fall.

See you in the squares,

WALLY & JACKIE WEST
MCASD Presidents

SCISDA REPORT

The Executive Board meeting and the Board of Directors meetings were held in Peoria on Saturday, March 24, 2001.

TOUCH A QUARTER - Is a publication of SCISDA with information about the various state square dance associations. Information is needed both from the Associations and also the clubs. Pictures should be sent to them in digital format *.jpg - photos can be sent and if time permits they will be scanned for publication. The deadline for June 15 press date is May 15; for September 15 press date is August 15; for December 15 the date is November 15; and for March 15, 2002 the date is February 15, 2002. Send info to Bill/Mickey Birge: 506 S. Denver St.: Bloomington, IL 61701-5536.

IDEA BOOK - The Executive Officers and the Board of Directors names will be published in TOUCH A QUARTER - so please take this page out of TAQ and put it in the Idea Book.

2002 STATE CONVENTION co-chairpersons were announced: Randy and Nancy Moore and Ruth and Larry Wehmeler have volunteered to co-chair the 2002 State Convention in Peoria.

2001 CONVENTION REPORT - co-chair: Bob/Cinda Asp and Tom/Ella Manning.

As of March 20 there are 350 registered. To be eligible for the drawing for free room and registration you must register by April 15.

Please encourage everyone to attend the STATE CONVENTION! Donate a dollar and sign your name for the Well Wishers pages.

There will be a live band for dancing on Saturday night.

There will be line dancing in the Mainstream Hall between tips.

The Quilt will probably not be ready to part of the raffle this year.

The Trail End Dances: Thursday evening the BnB's will have a dance: admission is \$1.00 and food for charity. Call 309/305-2853.

Friday Night Trail End Dances will be held at the Holiday Inn City Centre.

The Peoria Chiefs Baseball Team will be playing at home on Friday evening and arrangements are being made to Square Dance on the ball field before the game. If interested in dancing please give Curtis Bremer a call at 815/305-2853.

Don't forget: bring your friends and JOIN THE FUN IN 2001!!

2003 STATE CONVENTION - Various sites have been considered and the most promising at the moment is Western Illinois University at Macomb. A committee will visit the site and at the next Executive Board meeting in June a member of the Macomb Convention and Visitors Bureau will address the Board.

Don't forget: bring your friends and JOIN THE FUN IN 2001!! - Peoria - July 27, 28 & 29.

Squarely,
Curtis/Maria Bremer
MCASD - SCISDA Rep.

SWEETHEART DANCE, 2001

The SWEETHEART DANCE, 2001 was a huge success. There were 631 Advance Tickets sold, and an additional 77 tickets sold at the door. Attendance totaled 536 dancers, or 67 squares. Many clubs sold ALL of their tickets: and many dancers purchased tickets as a sign of support for MCASD even though they could not attend the dance. Overall numbers were increased over the previous year's dance. THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE DANCE!

JIM & UI BAILEY

SWEETHEART DANCE, February 10, 2002

Mark your calendar for the **SECOND SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY, 2002** - when S.C.I.S.D.A. presents the 2002 SWEETHEART dance. Callers will be announced in the near future. SWEETHEART COUPLES will be honored then, so make plans to attend.

BE THERE! and HAVE A BALL!

SQUARE DANCE CONVENTIONS

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

40th Michigan Square & Round Dance Convention - August 17 & 18, 2001
Amway Grand Center, Grand Rapids, MI. Info: 517-339-5096 or fnwellman@home.com

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

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITORS

1) HELPI HELPI HELPI

The MCASD Board is IN NEED of volunteers. Illness and other considerations have reduced the number on the Board to a precious few. NEW BLOOD, NEW IDERS, NEW THOUGHTS are needed NOW! Please consider this request carefully before it is dismissed from your thoughts. WE NEED HELPI! Look at the membership of your club, and try to find several someones who could help MCASD at this time and in the future. We need several Directors, a Publicity person, and a Touch-A-Quarter representative. Assistance will be given to new folks who join up, and the experience will be quite rewarding. Call Curtis or Maria Bremer if you are a prospective Board member, or can suggest someone who might be interested.

REMEMBER - WE NEED HELPI NOW!

2) MCASD HANDBOOKS AND DELEGATE BADGES

As the dance year ends for us all, please do several things for me:

1) Keep track of your HANDBOOK and your DELEGATES BADGE. If you are NOT going to be a delegate next year, take the responsibility to HAND these two items to your replacement. Take some time to explain what is in the HANDBOOK, and what a DELEGATES responsibilities are (COMMUNICATION- REMEMBER?)

2) Communicate with your outgoing and incoming presidents. See that the new officer is also indoctrinated with the purpose of use of the HANDBOOK, and that he/she has a copy of the HANDBOOK. Contact BI or myself if the Presidents HANDBOOK cannot be located and we will try to provide a new HANDBOOK.

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3) 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.homepage.com>

4) SUBMITTING FLYER S

**AUGUST 17th IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FLYERS
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16th M.C.A.S.D. MEETING**

Clubs should submit flyers following this formula:

**STAPLED - 39 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 PACKETS -

ALL FLYERS MUST BE 8.5 X 11 INCHES IN SIZE

**Remember to submit flyers to us by August 17, 2001 for the
SEPTEMBER 16th MCASD General Meeting.**

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