

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Marla and Curtis Bremer are your new presidents. Just to let you know a little bit about us: we belong to the Woodstock Squares Square Dance Club; have been dancing 12 years; held a number of different offices in the Club and try to dance once a week; we attend the State Square Dance Convention, and have attended several National Conventions.

It took our friends three years to get me (Curtis) to take lessons, and I wish I would have gotten in the first year! We have been married 43 years; have 3 sons and 7 grand kids. We are retired from the machine shop and the greenhouse nursery.

We are going to be asking for your help in keeping MCASD the best there is and growing in numbers. We all need to work together to accomplish this. We will try to visit every club during the year of our presidency. We are here to help you in whatever ways we can.

Remember to BRING your new dancers to the New Dancer Dances - schedules are included in this packet.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the GREAT PUMPKIN BALL on October 21st and the SWEETHEART DANCE on February 10th.

**Curtis/Maria Bremer
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MCASD Presidents**

From the Desk of the Vice-Presidents

We're all set for the New Dancer Dances starting October 20th. We are still looking for a caller for the February 2nd dance, so if you want to suggest anyone, be sure to give us a call. We are looking forward to a great year and lots of fun.

See you in the Squares,

**Wally & Jackie West
630.620.7993
MCASD Vice-Presidents**

State Council of Illinois Square Dancers Association REPORT

TOUCH A QUARTER editor requested that we keep club lists up to date - please send him any changes of officers and/or delegates. Would like to have special events publicized in TOUCH A QUARTER .

2001 CONVENTION IN PEORIA Report - The co-chairs - Tom Manning and Bob Asp - reported that there were 104 walk-in registrations on Friday. Total attendance at the Convention was 913 DANCERS.

2002 CONVENTION IN PEORIA - there was a long discussion about perhaps getting a National Caller for the 2002 State Convention. We are going to wait until the September meeting to make a decision. The chair people for the 2002 Convention want to see how the live band was received at this Convention and if we should consider a live band for next year. It was pointed out that most of the National Callers are most likely booked for next year.

The Carpenters (Bob and Donna) asked that we all come out next year for the State Convention in Peoria. Wouldn't it be great to have 3000 or more at our last (at least for now) convention in Peoria? It was noted that every club in the Southwest Region was represented at this convention. It would be great if EVERY CLUB IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS was represented at the 2002 State Convention. We have a year to free the dates of July 26, 27 and 28, 2002 to attend the State Convention. Registration forms are available. The Theme: WE NEED YOU IN 2002 - BID FAREWELL TO PEORIA. Larry and Ruth Wehmeler and our own Randy and Nancy Moore are the co-chairpersons for the 2002 Convention. We at MCASD will give them all the help that we can. The Moore's have registration forms, so let's sign up now and get a jump on next year.

NATIONAL CONVENTION - there were 13,000 at the National Convention in Anaheim, California this year. Next year it will be in St. Paul, Minnesota - only 6 hours away! Everyone should experience a National - one cannot explain what it is like - you just have to experience it for yourself. With 2002 on our doorstep, this is a great opportunity to enjoy a National Convention.

The 2003 Illinois State Convention will be held in Macomb (all dances will be on WOODEN floors.) Get ready to attend.

**Curtis/Maria Bremer
MCASD Delegates to SCISDA**

19th ILLINOIS SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION, 2002

It is not too early to sign up for the 2002 19th Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention. This Convention is being held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 26, 27, and 28 at the Peoria Civic Center. Your clubs have registration forms. Please stop by our tables at the GREAT PUMPKIN BALL for more information. Registration forms will also be available there, We can process your registration then and there, and give you your ribbon. (Also, you will save yourself \$0.34 postage .)

**WE NEED YOU IN 2002
BID FAREWELL TO PEORIA**

**Randy and Nancy Moore
2002 State Convention Co-Chairmen**

SWEETHEART DANCE, February 10, 2002

Mark your calendar for the SECOND SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY, 2002 - when M.C.A.S.D. presents the 2002 SWEETHEART dance. Callers will be DADE SUTTON AND RICK ALLISON, cuers will be ROSALEE AND TOM CLARK. SWEETHEART COUPLES will be honored then, so make plans to attend.

BE THERE! and HAVE A BALL!

JIM & DI BAILEY

Sweetheart Dance Chairmen

SQUARE DANCE CONVENTIONS

40th Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention - April 12 & 13 - 2002 Theme "SIOUXLAND FOR YOU IN 2002" Sioux City Convention Center, Sioux City, Iowa. Info: 712.255.7903

51st National Square Dance Convention - June 26, 27, 28, 29, 2002 - SAINT PAUL, MN - Theme "JOIN US FOR FUN IN 2001"

Illinois State Square & Round Dance Convention - July 26, 27, 28, 2002 Peoria Civic Center, Peoria, IL. - Theme We Need You in 2002 Bid Farewell to Peoria

40th Michigan Square & Round Dance Convention - August 17 & 18, 2002 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 River Centre, Saint Paul, Minnesota

5th Annual USA West Square Dance Convention - August 21, 22, 23, 24, 2002 - Boise, Idaho - Theme Twirl Your Date in the Potato State

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITORS

1) HELP! HELPI HELPI

The MCASD Board is STILL IN NEED of HELP. NEW BLOOD, NEW IDEAS, 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 someone 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

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.

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 FLYERS

November 20th IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FLYERS
FOR THE DECEMBER 2nd M.C.A.S.D. GENERAL MEETING

Clubs should submit flyers following this formula:

STAPLED - 38 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 November 20, 2001 for the
DECEMBER 2nd MCASD General Meeting.

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