

NEWSNOTES

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

TO ALL SQUARE DANCERS:

I WANT TO THANK ALL SQUARE DANCERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MCASD OKTOBERFEST/GREAT PUMPKIN BALL! ESPECIALLY TO THE CLUBS THAT FULFILLED THEIR COMMITMENT TO SERVE AND HELP MAKE THIS A GREAT DANCING EVENT.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ILLINOIS STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN PEORIA NEXT YEAR - JULY 26,27,28. THIS WILL BE OUR LAST YEAR IN PEORIA, SO . . . **WE NEED YOU IN 2002!** THIS YEAR OF 2001 WE HAD 300 MORE DANCERS THAN IN THE YEAR 2000. CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS FOR 2002 ARE OUR OWN RANDY & NANCY MOORE. SO LET'S TAKE IT UP[ON OURSELVES TO SAY WE ARE GOING TO THE STATE CONVENTION IN JULY SO THAT WE CAN HAVE 300 MORE IN 2002 THAN WE HAD IN 2001. THAT WOULD BE ABOUT 1200 DANCERS (REMEMBER WHEN WE HAD 2600 REGISTERED DANCERS AT THE CONVENTION?). AS PRESIDENT OF MCASD I AM HOPING WE CAN HAVE AT LEAST ONE SQUARE OR MORE FROM EVERY MCASD CLUB. SEE RANDY OR NANCY TO REGISTER AND YOU WILL GET YOUR RIBBONS RIGHT AWAY!

SPEAKING OF CONVENTIONS - THE 51ST NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION WILL BE RIGHT UP THE ROAD IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA NEXT JUNE. IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION - TRY IT - YOU JUST MIGHT LIKE IT!! (IT WILL BE A GREAT TUNE-UP FOR THE STATE CONVENTION, TOO)

LET'S GET OUT AND SUPPORT SQUARE DANCING!

HAVE A BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON

SEE YOU IN THE SQUARES,
CURTIS & MARIA BREMER

VICE-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

WE'VE HAD TWO SUCCESSFUL DANCES AS WE WRITE THIS. BOTH DANCES HAVE MADE MONEY AND THE DANCERS SEEMED TO ENJOY THEMSELVES. CLUB ANGELS HAVE BEEN A TERRIFIC HELP AT THESE DANCES, NOT TO MENTION THE HOST CLUBS THAT HAVE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB. SPECIAL THANKS TO PENNY AND JIM WHO LAST DANCE LET PENNY DANCE THE GUYS PART SO WE WOULD HAVE ENOUGH PARTNERS FOR EVERYONE.

WE WISH EVERYONE HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A GREAT TIME IN THE SQUARES.

WALLY AND JACKIE WEST

SCISDA REPORT

WE ATTENDED A MEETING OF SCISDA ON SEPTEMBER 22, 01. BOB ASP REPORTED THAT THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE OVER LAST YEAR - A TOTAL OF 915 DANCERS ATTENDED. THE BOARD THANKED BOB AND CINDA ASP AND TOM AND ELLA MANNING FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK.

SINCE THIS IS OUR LAST YEAR IN PEORIA, IT IS HOPED THAT THE 2002 CONVENTION WILL DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S NUMBERS - 135 HAVE PREREGISTERED SO FAR. WE NEED TO HAVE ALL OF OUR CLUBS ENCOURAGE THEIR DANCERS TO ATTEND. THE BOARD HAS APPROVED A FEATURE CALLER - TOM MILLER WILL BE BOOKED. HE WILL CALL IN EACH HALL DURING THE WEEKEND.

REMEMBER WE NEED YOU IN 2002 BID FAREWELL TO PEORIA

RANDY AND NANCY MOORE ARE CO-CHAIRING THE CONVENTION AND THEY HAVE FORMS AND BADGES - BE SURE TO REGISTER WITH THEM -THE EARLIER THE BETTER. LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST CONVENTION EVER.

LINDA & GARY MARRON
MCASD - SCISDA REP'S

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 DAVE SUTTON AND RICK ALLISON ON THE SQUARES, AND ROSALEE AND TOM CLARKE ON THE ROUNDS. SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL IN PALOS HEIGHTS WILL AGAIN BE THE SITE, DANCE IS FROM 2:00 TO 5:00 P.M. TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THIS (DECEMBER 2, 2001) MEETING. SWEETHEART COUPLES WILL BE HONORED THEN, SO MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND. ADMISSION IS \$4.00 PREPAID, \$5.00 AT THE DOOR.

BE THERE! AND HAVE A BALL!

RESPONSE TO A TRAGEDY

IT IS A REAL PLEASURE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE NOTEWORTHY ACTIVITIES OF THE SWING'N SUGAR SQUARES SQUARE DANCE CLUB OF EVERGREEN PARK, ILLINOIS, WHICH EXEMPLIFIES THE SPIRIT OF THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE IN SQUARE DANCING EVERYWHERE.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE CLUB DANCES EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT, BUT TWO DAYS AFTER THE TERRIBLE TRAGEDY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH, IT WAS TOO LATE TO GET OUT PUBLICITY AND NOTIFY DANCERS TO CANCEL THE REGULAR DANCE NIGHT. SO THE OFFICERS DECIDED TO DEDICATE THE EVENING TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO PERISHED IN THE ATTACK. TO THE FLUTTER OF AMERICAN FLAGS ON EACH SIDE OF THE CALLER'S TABLE, RICK ALLISON STARTED THE EVENING WITH A GRAND MARCH TOT HE PATRIOTIC STRAINS OF GOD BLESS AMERICA.. WHEN ALL HAD SQUARED UP, THE PASTOR FROM A LOCAL EVERGREEN PARK CHURCH, PASTOR TIM RAVEN OF BETHEL BIBLE CHURCH, GAVE A SHORT MEDITATION AND PRAYER TO BLESS OUR NATION. HE THEN ASKED HOW MANY IN THE HOUSE WERE VETERANS OF ANY WARS OR CONFLICTS, AND ALMOST ALL THE MEN PRESENT RAISED THEIR HANDS. HE GAVE THEM A SPECIAL CHALLENGE--TO GUIDE THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WOULD NOW FACE THE THREAT OF TERRORISM WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM THEY HAD LEARNED DURING THEIR TIME OF SERVICE.

A CAKE WALK HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TWO WEEKS LATER AS PART OF THE EVENING'S SQUARE DANCE. THIS TIME, CLUB PRESIDENT HENRY LEENSTRA ASKED THE DANCERS TO DIG A LITTLE DEEPER IN THEIR POCKETS THAN USUAL AS THEY MARCHED AROUND THE CIRCLE, BECAUSE THE PROCEEDS WOULD BE SENT TO THE DISASTER RELIEF FUND. WHAT AN OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT!

FOR THE CLUB OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION, DANCERS WERE ASKED TO BRING CANNED GOODS FOR THE EVERGREEN PARK FOOD PANTRY. SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 11TH DISASTER, THERE HAS BEEN INCREASED NEED FOR SUPPLIES FROM LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES FOR FAMILIES OUT OF WORK, AND THE SHELVES WERE BARE. ONCE AGAIN OUR SQUARE DANCERS OUTDID THEMSELVES WITH MANY CANNED GOODS AND MONEY FOR THE NEEDY.

WE SALUTE OUR SQUARE DANCERS FOR HELPING TO MEET SO MANY CONCERNS!

STEVE AND SUE HOROSINSKI
SWING'N SUGAR SQUARES

1) HELPI HELPI HELPI

LIKE THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, M.C.A.S.D. IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN TO SERVE ON THE BOARD! NEW IDEAS, NEW BLOOD, NEW ENTHUSIASM AND HARD WORKERS WILL BENEFIT ALL THE CLUBS OF THE ASSOCIATION. HOW ABOUT IT SQUARES DANCERS? JOIN US AND HAVE A BALL.

REMEMBER - WE NEED HELPI NOW!

2) CALLERLAB PROGRAM BIENNIAL REVIEWS

A. ADDITIONS TO THE MAINSTREAM PROGRAM: - NONE

REMOVAL FROM THE MAINSTREAM PROGRAM:

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REMOVAL FROM THE PLUS PROGRAM: NONE

3) SUBMITTING FLYERS

APRIL 2ND IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FLYERS FOR THE APRIL 21ST 2002 M.C.A.S.D. 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 APRIL 2, 2002 FOR THE
APRIL 21ST MCASD GENERAL MEETING.

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WE ARE AMERICA

As the soot and dirt and ash rained
down,
We became one color.

As we carried each other down the
stairs of the burning building,
We became one class.

As we lit candles of waiting and hope,
We became one generation.

As the firefighters and police officers
fought their way into the inferno,
We became one gender.

As we fell to our knees in prayer for
strength,
We became one faith.

As we whispered or shouted words of
encouragement,
We spoke one language.

As we gave our blood in lines a mile
long,
We became one body.

As we mourned together the great loss,
We became one soul.

As we retell with pride of the sacrifice
of heroes,
We became one people.

We are...

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One family

One soul

One people

We are The Power of One. One Nation,
Under God, Indivisible. We are
United.

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