

# **N**EWNOTES

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## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Our hearts go out to Mrs. Pat Sempie, one of our Co- Vice Presidents, on the sudden and unexpected loss of her husband, Bill. MCASD and square dancing have lost a very wonderful man. I'm sure that all the clubs have the same feeling.

I see by the crowds that we are having at our new dancer dances this year that we have a lot more new dancers - that sure is great! On a sad note, however, some clubs don't have any. My question is this: "How do you think you are going to maintain your club without new dancers?" there are a lot of people out there that want to try square dancing, but they have to be asked. Most will NOT come without being asked. I have talked with people that have come up with great ideas on how to get new dancers. I want to share a few ideas at our General Meeting on December 1, 2002.

Wherever Maria and I have gone to dance, there have been good crowds. I do believe square dancing is on the upswing.

Barry Johnson from Arlington Squares would like to share his ideas about hosting a National Square Dance Convention in Illinois. We all need to take a close look at this and do a lot of talking, listening and having an open mind on the possibility.

Again, our Great Pumpkin Ball was a success. Great to see so many there enjoying an afternoon of dancing, socializing and eating! Our next big dance is the Sweetheart Dance in February, 2003. Sell those tickets and be sure to attend yourself. It will be a great dance with great callers and cuers!

By the time you read this TOYS FOR TOTS will be underway. I'm sorry I forgot to say something about it at our September meeting. Our secretary did send a note reminding the clubs about TOYS FOR TOTS in the minutes of our last meeting.

Thanks to some very nice couples that came forward and said that they'd like to be on the Board of MCASD. Thanks a bunch! ANYONE ELSE? (see me - CB)

**Have a blessed holiday season**

Squarely,  
Curtis & Maria Bremer

**FROM THE DESKS OF THE CO - VICE-PRESIDENTS**

The "New Dancer Dances" have started and they have been very well attended. The clubs with students have come and given great support, in addition to the host clubs.

We hope to continue with enthusiasm, encouraging the New Dancers as they progress and become more skilled. It's all about having FUN and making new friends. We invite ALL dancers to join us when you are available.

Happy Dancing,

Pat Semple - 630-620-6740

Barb & John O'Connell - 815-372-3765

MCASD Co- Vice Presidents

**SCISDA REPORT**

**"COME SEE MACOMB IN 2003"  
IT'S NEW - IT'S DIFFERENT - IT'S THE PLACE TO BE  
JULY 25th - 27th, 2003**

Make plans to attend - Registration forms are available - see your Delegate.

**REMEMBER! YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS!**

Hopefully, everyone is planning to attend next year's STATE CONVENTION in MACOMB, ILLINOIS July 25, 26,27. Featured caller **RANDY DOUGHERTY** will make appearances and call in most, if not all the halls (and all the halls have WOOD floors!).

**HOWEVER** - If you haven't as yet made your hotel reservations, **BE SURE** to tell the hotel clerk that you are coming as a **SQUARE DANCER**. Many rooms have been set aside for our Convention, and others will have a hard time getting accommodations. Be sure to speak up and tell them you are a **SQUARE DANCER**. It would also be wise to make reservations immediately, before all of the choice locations are taken. The 2003 STATE CONVENTION should be one to remember. We are looking for many dancers from Iowa and Kentucky and other states joining in the fun. **SEE YOU THERE !!**

**Linda & Gary Marron**  
MCASD - SCISDA Rep's

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## **SWEETHEART DANCE, February 9, 2003**

Plans are just about complete for the upcoming SWEETHEART DANCE on February 9, 2003. Tickets will be given to the Delegates at today's meeting.

Encourage your members and visitors to attend this fun dance. Curt Braffet and Tom Manning will do the calling for the squares, and Larry Johnson cueing for the rounds.

Dancers have asked about places to eat that are within 5 to 10 minutes of Shepard High School. Several flyers listing nearby restaurants are included in this packet. Others will be available at the dance.

Assignments 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 which job 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.

**REMEMBER - MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SWEETHEART DANCE - FEB. 9, 2003 -  
SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL**

**BE THERE! and HAVE A BALL!**

**Jim & Vi Bailey - Linda & Gary Marron  
Sweetheart Dance Co-Chairpersons**

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### **1) SAVE MONEY WHEN HAVING FLYERS PRINTED!**

MCASD is fully aware that many clubs are in a financial bind. We hope to help. Beginning immediately clubs may submit flyers to Jim and Vi Bailey for printing - at a price lower than most printers will charge. Here is how it will work:

1. Mail your **BLACK AND WHITE** original flyer to the Bailey's along with the order form and a check made out to MCASD for \$22 if you want white paper, \$24 if you want a color paper.

2. The order will be printed as you requested and **MAILED** back to you **PRIORITY MAIL**, usually within 3 to 5 days **FROM THE DATE WE RECEIVE IT.**

3. You may request as many different flyers be printed as you wish. All orders will be charged on the basis of a full ream (500 sheets). This offer will be made available to all square dance related individuals and clubs.

This offer will be on a trial basis from December, 2002 until September, 2003. If it is successful, it may be extended.

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## **2) SUBMITTING FLYERS**

**APRIL 1st IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FLYERS FOR THE  
APRIL 27th, 2003 M.C.A.S.D. GENERAL MEETING**

**Clubs should submit flyers following this formula:**

- a. STAPLED - 35 PACKS OF 10 (OR FEWER) FOR EACH OF THE CLUBS**
- b. LOOSE - 75 INDIVIDUAL SHEETS FOR CLUB 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 1, 2003 for the  
April 27th MCASD General Meeting.**

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## **3 GREAT PUMPKIN BALL - 2002**

**HOORAY! HOORAY! HOORAY!**

**Thank you for the SUPER Great Pumpkin Ball of '02. there were about 440 in attendance with additional tickets sold. We had some great 'selling' out there by both clubs and individuals - It was truly appreciate. Hope next time you can actually use your ticket and join us taht day-much more fun when you are there.**

**Thanks to all the Board m embers who helped handle additional tasks with this event. For most of them it was just another work day of a sort. Those extra efforts showed and were Very Much Appreciated.**

**Again, hope everyone who attended enjoyed the day. Thanks for hepling MCASD - your organization.**

**Jeff ~~McLain~~ in ~~FWW~~ 2002 G.P.B.'02 Co-Chair**