

# **N**EWNOTES

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK.**

*First we want to say this has been a great experience for Maria and me as your president of M.C.A.S.D for the past two years. You all have treated us well. We know you will give your new president couple the support they need to continue the Association of M.C.A.S.D. I am sorry to say that we have lost a few clubs in the last two years. If you, as president of your club and all members of your club don't stop and look at yourself on what you are thinking and doing about getting more dancers, more clubs will go down the tube. The population in the Chicago area is increasing, so why can't we increase the number of clubs instead of decreasing them? Everyone of us knows lots of people, and whenever we get a chance we ought to be promoting square dancing. I know I do - I figure I know about 6000 people, and every chance I get I talk up square dancing.*

*On to other things. You, as the leader of your club, are you encouraging your members to go to the State Convention at Macomb? What about the National Convention in Oklahoma City? Does your club support the Great Pumpkin Ball and the Sweetheart Dance? One thing that does is help keep the insurance rates low - as a member of the Association the insurance fee is \$35. On your own it would probably cost around \$700.*

*Back to the start of his letter. I hope to give you some of these ideas on how to get new dancers at the next meeting, and we would like to hear your ideas on getting new dancers. Perhaps some of these ideas will help your club get new students. MCASD and the future of square dancing is in the hands of us all.*

*Squarely,,  
Curtis and Maria Bremer  
President, MCASD*

## **VICE- PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

**WE ARE PUTTING THE 2002-2003 "NEW DANCER" DANCES BEHIND. WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD FUN, ENJOYED IT AND MADE MANY NEW FRIENDS. WE KNOW WE HAVE. M.C.A.S.D. HOSTED 10 DANCES WITH THE HELP OF HOST CLUBS AND CALLERS. THE ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN GOOD.**

**AN ADDED FEATURE HAS BEEN THE OFFERING OF A RE/SALE SHOP FOR TWO OF THE DANCES. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND VERY WELL RECEIVED BY THE "NEW DANCERS" AND ANGELS. WE WILL HAVE IT AGAIN NEXT SEASON.**

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP UP THE SKILLS THE "NEW DANCERS" HAVE LEARNED, AND IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED THEY CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER SEASON WITH THE PLUS WORKSHOPS AND DANCES THAT ARE OFFERED. WE HOPE THEY WILL SPREAD THE WORD AND ENLIST NEW DANCERS FOR THE NEXT SEASON.**

**HAVE A VERY ENJOYABLE SUMMER DANCING WITH YOUR FRIENDS,  
PAT SEMPLE  
JOHN & BARB O'CONNELL 815-372-3765  
MCASD CO-VICE PRESIDENTS**

## SWEETHEART DANCE 2003 REPORT

GARY AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE THIS YEARS SWEETHEART DANCE A SUCCESS - ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS WHO HEADED THE DIFFERENT JOBS - THE CLUBS WHO WORKED - THE CALLERS AND CUER AND ESPECIALLY THE DANCERS - OLD AND NEW - WHO ATTENDED THE DANCE.- EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME..

WE WANT TO SAY A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JIM AND VI BAILEY WITHOUT WHO'S HELP WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET EVERYTHING DONE..

PLANS ARE ALREADY IN THE WORKS FOR NEXT YEARS DANCE, SO MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR THE SWEETHEART DANCE IN 2004 - FEBRUARY 8, 2004.

LINDA AND GARY MARRON - JIM AND VI BAILEY  
SWEETHEART DANCE CHAIRMEN

## REPORT FROM SCISDA

GET READY FOR THE 2003 ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION - JULY 25-26-27  
WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - MACOMB, ILLINOIS

THE HALLS ARE AIR-CONDITIONED, AND ALL THE HALLS HAVE HARD WOOD FLOORS.  
GYM SHOES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE DANCE FLOORS.

REGISTER NOW - LET'S MAKE OUR FIRST CONVENTION IN MACOMB THE BEST CONVENTION THEY HAVE EVER SEEN. (BE SURE TO TELL THE HOTEL YOU ARE A SQUARE DANCER WHEN YOU CALL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS. THEY HAVE RESERVED ROOMS FOR US.)

THE SCISDA BOARD VOTED TO HAVE BARRY JOHNSON ANNOUNCE OUR INTENTION TO BID FOR THE 2008 NATIONAL CONVENTION AT THE 2003 OKLAHOMA CONVENTION THIS JUNE - THIS IS THE FIRST STEP. BARRY JOHNSON HAS AGREED TO BE THE BID CHAIRMAN - IT WILL BE A BUSY YEAR PUTTING THE BID TOGETHER - BE A PART OF THE EXCITING PROCESS - VOLUNTEER!

MCASD DELEGATES TO SCISA  
LINDA AND GARY MARRON

## ADDITIONAL SCISDA REPORT

I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT ON MARCH 29TH, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE STATE COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATIONS AGREED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROCESS FOR BIDDING ON THE 2008 NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION.

BARRY AND ANITA JOHNSON WERE NAMED AS BID CHAIRMEN FOR THE EFFORT.

VERY SOON, THEY EXPECT TO RELEASE A "CALL FOR HELP" FOR ASSISTANCE WITH PREPARING THE BID OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS. THERE ARE MANY ISSUES THAT NEED RESOLUTION DURING THIS TIME, AND THEY'LL BE ASSEMBLING A "BID COMMITTEE" TO HANDLE THE FACILITIES AND SOUND TESTS, LODGING, CAMPING, LOCAL ATTRACTIONS, PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, THE BID PRESENTATION, CONVENTION STAFFING, CONVENTION PREPARATIONS, AND MORE.

LET'S BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT "CIRCULATING TO CHICAGO" IN 2008! FOLKS, WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO HAVING A NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ILLINOIS !!!

BARRY JOHNSON

1) **WHAT IS A REGISTERED AGENT?**

**WHAT IS A REGISTERED AGENT, AND WHY DOES EACH CLUB NEED ONE?**

THE REGISTERED AGENT FOR YOUR CLUB IS THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO WILL RELIEVE ALL OF YOUR CLUB'S MAIL FROM THE I.R.S. AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. THIS PERSON (OR PERSONS) SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB THAT IS PLANNING ON STAYING WITH YOUR GROUP FOR A LONG TIME.. THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT THIS ADDRESS TO CHANGE EVERY YEAR OR TWO, AS YOUR CLUB OFFICERS USUALLY DO. THEY SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF ALL THE FORMS TURNED IN TO THE I.R.S. AND THE STATE AT INCOME TAX TIME. IF YOUR CLUB IS INCORPORATED THEN A COPY OF YOUR INCORPORATION FEES SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO THEM EACH YEAR. THE REGISTERED AGENT SHOULD KEEP THEM IN A NOTEBOOK.. IF A QUESTION ARISES THE REGISTERED AGENT WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT QUICKLY.

JACQUELYN WEST

**### CLUB PRESIDENTS ###**

**PLEASE CHECK THE ENCLOSED LIST OF REGISTERED AGENTS FOR THE CORRECT NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF THE PERSON LISTED FOR YOUR CLUB.**

IF THE NAME OR INFORMATION OF THIS PERSON HAS CHANGED, YOU AND YOUR CLUB MUST UPDATE THE INFORMATION OR MUST SELECT A NEW PERSON. WHEN THIS IS DONE YOU MUST NOTIFY SECRETARY MARLENE NEURAUTER (630-495-1182) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2003 OF THE CHANGES THAT SHOULD BE MADE. .

IF THE PERSON WHO IS LISTED IS THE CORRECT PERSON YOU WANT LISTED, AND ALL THEIR INFORMATION IS CORRECT, YOU MUST NOTIFY SECRETARY MARLENE NEURAUTER (630-495-1182) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2003 OF THIS FACT.

**A CORRECTED LIST WILL BE SENT TO THE I.R.S. AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OVER THE SUMMER OF 2003.**

JIM BAILEY AND CURTIS BREMER

2) **DATES TO REMEMBER 2003 - 2004**

**GENERAL MEETINGS**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2003 - DECEMBER 7, 2003 - APRIL 18, 2004**

**SPECIAL MCASD DANCES**

**GREAT PUMPKIN BALL - OCTOBER 19, 2003**

**SWEETHEART DANCE - FEBRUARY 8, 2004**

### 3) SOMETHING SPECIAL

THE SWING'N SUGAR SQUARES SQUARE DANCE CLUB OF EVERGREEN PARK WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A GREETING OF THE PAST HOLIDAY SEASON WITH ALL FELLOW SQUARE DANCERS. OUR CLUB MEMBERS GATHERED AT THE LANDMARK RESTAURANT ON DECEMBER 12TH FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER-DANCE, ALONG WITH GUESTS FROM OTHER AREA CLUBS, FOR A FESTIVE EVENING OF DINING AND SQUARE DANCING TO THE CALLS OF RICK ALLISON. CLUB SECRETARY HELEN HAMILTON OPENED THE EVENING WITH THE FOLLOWING ORIGINAL INVOCATION:

FATHER, WE ASK THAT YOU KEEP US EVER SQUARED UP  
AS WE CIRCLE TO A LINE OF LIFE FOR YOU.  
WATCH THAT WE EVER TWIRL TO YOUR TUNE  
AS WE WEAVE THE RING OF EVERYDAY LIFE.  
MAKE OUR RIGHT AND LEFT THROUGH EVER ONE OF FRIENDSHIP  
AS WE PASS THROUGH THIS JOURNEY TO JOY.  
MAKE US EVER MINDFUL THAT OUR SPIN CHAIN AND EXCHANGE THE GEARS  
WITH OTHERS SHOULD ALWAYS BE EXECUTED WITH A COURTESY TURN.  
MAY YOU PUT SPRING IN OUR STEPS.  
BLESS THIS FOOD FOR THE GOOD OF PARTNERS AND CORNERS ALL.  
IN JESUS NAME. AMEN.

### 4) SUBMITTING FLYERS

AUGUST 29TH IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FLYERS  
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 21ST 2003 M.C.A.S.D. GENERAL MEETING

CLUBS SHOULD SUBMIT FLYERS FOLLOWING THIS FORMULA:

STAPLED - 36 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 29, 2003 FOR THE  
SEPTEMBER 21ST MCASD GENERAL MEETING.

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