

NEWSNOTES

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK.


Hi Square Dancers,

The Square Dance year seems to have barely started, yet the holiday season is rushing towards us at breakneck speed. WOW! We hope that everything is going well with your lessons, and with your regular club dances. Keep up the good work which has been seen by your officers and the MCASD Directors.

Thanks to you and to your club members for donating TOYS FOR TOTS, there will be many children who will have a smile on their face this holiday season. Representatives from the United States Marine Corps will be here today to accept the toys donated by MCASD clubs. Please send their thanks and ours to your club members for their gifts to children.

Reports from The Great Pumpkin Ball indicate that the many club banners brought to this MCASD dance helped the acoustics in the large gym, making the callers and the music easier to hear and understand. Great idea, Tim Caldwell, Barry Johnson, Jerry Hill, Dave Sutton and Randy Moore. (These men provided the acoustic idea, the sound systems and the expertise for the MCASD dance.)

Have a great holiday season.



Jim & Di Bailey
MCASD President

P.S. Be sure to read this edition of NEWSNOTES carefully. There is an important change in interpretation regarding our liability insurance. J & D

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

We are happy to report that the "New Dancer Dances" have been well attended. Two dances thus far at the Lions Recreational Center, Mt. Prospect and Kolmar School, Midlothian with an average attendance of 30 New Dancers and 34 Angels, not including the host clubs and MCASD members. That's a good start!

In order to maintain membership in our clubs we need square dancers to promote square dancing to new people, and encourage them to take lessons.

Our next dance, Saturday, November 22, 2003 will be at Wildwood Recreation Center, Villa Park. The schedule is on the inside front cover of the blue Greater Chicagoland Square Dance Directory . Check it out!

Look for flyers for the Re-Sale Shops to be held January 17th, 2004, February 7th, 2004 and March 6, 2004 at the three different "New Dancer Dance" locations. Angels and New Dancers are invited to shop before the dances start, and between tips. Happy Dancing.

Holiday Blessings to all,

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SWEETHEART DANCE 2004

All arrangements appear to have been made for a great SWEETHEART DANCE this coming February 8, 2004. Callers will be Ozzie Pearl and Jerry Hill, and Ron Ashenden will do the cueing. Get tickets early and save 20% of the admission price. Dave Sutton will be the M.C. for the New Dancers in their "hall" near the refreshment area. Latest fashions will be by The Coat Tree and Square & Circulate. Treat yourself to a new outfit in 2004.

Gary and Linda Marron

SCISDA REPORT

Plans are proceeding for the 2004 21st Illinois State Square and Round Dance Convention - July 30, 31, & August 1, 2004. Featured caller will be Dee Dee Dougherty - so be sure you have your dancing shoes with jets attached for the Convention when it convenes at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1) All MCASD club presidents were mailed an important letter on November 24, 2003 explaining the revised interpretation of our liability insurance thru SCISDA. Our insurance has always been, and remains, LIABILITY insurance. It covers guests at all our club dances and activities as stated in the Coverage Territory section of the explanation. This liability insurance is NOT primary insurance when a liability claim is filed, it only becomes active AFTER other insurances have been contacted, and they have paid whatever portion of the claim they are responsible for. Our insurance then must be contacted for the remainder of the medical expenses incurred by the injured person. Contact is to be made with MCASD Insurance liaison Ron McPherson.

Clubs must also follow MCASD guidelines detailed in Chapter 11, MCASD Insurance Program in the INFORMATION HANDBOOK should an accident happen. The Addendum to the Accident Report Form, located in Chapter 20 - Sample Forms, must also be completed and filed with our Insurance liaison person, who will process it to our SCISDA Insurance Coordinator.

Seems complicated, but you know from personal experience that that is the way it works when you deal with claims and insurance companies. NOT having liability coverage could be extremely more complicated and much more expensive to the club and the individuals of the club if an injury occurs.

2) Reminder about the ILLINOIS STATE FAIR - Square Dancing at the Illinois Fair will be held August 21, 2004 at the Fairgrounds in Springfield. Mark your calendar now. Details will be forthcoming, hopefully in the next edition of Newsnotes.

3) The NATIONAL CONVENTION, being held in Denver, Colorado 23rd thru June 26th, has added some NEW FACILITIES. In addition to the National Western Complex, the 8,100 seat Coliseum will host special events Friday evening, be the location of the Mainstream Square Dance Hall, and also be the site of the closing activities. If YOU haven't placed your reservation for the National Convention yet, do so soon. It promises to be a great time, and the location is marvelous.

4) Progress of Illinois hosting a National Convention - still being considered by the National Committee. When we hear, MCASD clubs will be advised.

5) Dates to Keep In Mind;

- * February 8, 2004 - Sweetheart Dance
- * April 21, 2004 - MCASD General Meeting
- * June 23/26 - 53rd National Convention
- * July 30/Aug. 1, 2004 - 21st Illinois State & Round Dance Convention
- * August 6/8, 2004 - Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention
- * August 21, 2004 - Square Dancing at the Illinois State Fair
- * September 19, 2004 - MCASD General Meeting
- * October 17, 2004 - Great Pumpkin Ball
- * December 5, 2004 General Meeting
- * February 13, 2005 - Sweetheart Dance

6) NEWSNOTES is always on the look-out for ideas and suggestions that will promote square dancing, be it recruiting, lessons or club dances and activities. Send them along to us and we will incorporate them in our next edition.

**REMINDER: APRIL 2, 2004 IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FLYERS
for the April 18th, 2004 M.C.A.S.D. GENERAL MEETING**

MAILING flyers to us is usually cheaper and quicker than hand delivery or trying to find someone to bring them to us. The regular Post Office has envelopes and boxes that will accommodate your flyers nicely.

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Clubs should submit flyers using this formula:

STAPLED - 35 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 2nd, 2004 for the
APRIL 18th MCASD General Meeting.**

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