

# Newsnotes

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## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

### Hi Club Presidents and Club Delegates,

This is the first time we have done a President's letter, so I hope that you will bear with us as we become used to doing this.

This has been a busy summer for us. It is hard to believe that it is almost fall. We hope that you have had a busy and healthy summer. Did you get to attend any state conventions? We attended the convention in Iowa, and of course our state convention in DeKalb. Twelve hundred and one (1201) dancers attended this year, and it was great. We would like to thank Anita and Barry Johnson - this year's chairman - for all their hard work and enthusiasm. We served as Reservations chairman this year and we really enjoyed being involved. If you have NOT BEEN to a state convention lately, plan on attending the 2006 Illinois State Square and Round Dance Convention in DeKalb, IL on the campus of Northern Illinois State University. Tim and Donna Cardwell, Treasurers of MCASD, are Chairing the event, and it should be tremendous. We need your help, and the help of all your club members to make next July a spectacular event.

If you haven't registered as yet, do so ASAP and enjoy the best three days of square dancing and fun activities that you, your club members, and your recent graduates can experience. We would also suggest that you volunteer an hour of time at the convention so you can meet great dancers from all over the Midwest.

REMEMBER - we have been asked to do a Square Dance Demo for an event at Navy Pier on Friday, September 30, 2005. This is a fantastic chance to show everyone how great square dancing can be. Rick Allison will be calling, so it should be a great dance. We would like to see 50 or more dancers come out in their most colorful clothes. Parking will be paid for those who carpool (3 or more per car). If your club plans to do this, call US so we can arrange parking arrangements. Navy Pier is a great place to visit. We will be part of a super event, similar to a County Fair. Dancing will begin about 8:15, so we have to be there at least by 7:30. Then you can explore and enjoy activities of Navy Pier.

If you recall, Club Delegates indicated at the April 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting your club's preference participating in this coming year's MCASD activities (sponsoring a Student Dance, working at the Great Pumpkin Ball or the Sweetheart Dance or a combination of these activities. During the years the number of clubs has decreased, so it is really important to step in and volunteer for at least one activity. These MCASD activities us all.

Squarely Yours,

Linda and Gary Marron  
President, MCASD  
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## GREAT PUMPKIN BALL

It looks like the Illinois and surrounding states dancers had a great state convention in DeKalb. Now it's your turn to show how the Chicagoland Dancers can support MCASD by attending the Great Pumpkin Ball on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

While our co-chair Dave Sutton is undergoing some medical treatment, he and Chris have opted to take a break from this year's GPB. With great pride we thank Jerry and Juliann Hill for stepping up to the plate to assist us by scheduling all of the callers and cuers.

There will be \$1 tickets sold for various gifts that have been donated. If you frequent a restaurant after your dances, perhaps you could solicit a gift certificate to be included in the selections. Either call us or email me with the information. It's wonderful advertisement for businesses.

We have chosen to serve beverages, cakes and pies instead of hot dogs, etc., as done in previous years. We will be compiling a list of several area restaurants after the dance. We look forward to great dancing and fun!

**Bill and Marlene Neurauter**  
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## SWEETHEART DANCE

Mark your calendars - Sunday, February 12, 2006. MCASD presents the SWEETHEART DANCE. Callers and Cuers are being booked and plans are moving forward for a great dance. Sweetheart Couples will be honored - there will be a hall for the new student dancers. Ticket prices are \$6.00 ahead of time, \$7.00 at the door. Buy yours early and save \$\$\$\$.

Make plans to attend. Tickets and job assignments will be given to the Club Delegates in December, at the General Meeting.

**Allan and Shanna Preikschat, Sweetheart General Chairman**  
**Linda and Gary Marron, Sweetheart Co-Chairman**

## SCISDA REPORT

The 2005 Illinois State Square Dance Convention has come and gone. This has been a year of hard work, but a lot of fun, too. To everyone who did anything to make it a success we say THANKS! Thanks to all the clubs that had so many of their members there.

Our attendance was just over 1200 dancers. Yes, there were a few things that did not go right, but these problems were dealt with and we'll do better next year.

We know that Tim and Donna Cardwell (MCASD-Arlington Squares) will do a great job as Chair for 2006, and will have the help and support of all the dancers. So, we'll see you again in DeKalb July 28 - 30, 2006.

Remember: "DEKALB HAS THE MIX IN 2006".

**Curtis and Maria Bremer (Curt and Maria are Chair of the 2007 Convention)**

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## **2002 ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION REPORT**

### **'EAR YE 'EAR YE!**

These words echoed throughout Illinois and the surrounding states this past year as the 2005 Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention was planned and promoted.

The 2005 Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention was held in DeKalb, IL on July 29,30 and 31. There were more than 1200 dancers in attendance. There were dozens of dance leaders working to provide dancing opportunities to all who came. The dancers were able to shop conveniently at the vendors located around the perimeter of the plus hall. Despite a last minute panic, the "combining" of Princess Corn Silk with the man of her dreams did happen, to the relief of her parents, King Cobb and Queen Ethanol, and to the great enjoyment of the audience. The wedding, the fashion show and the exhibitions provided entertainment for the dancers when they were seeking a rest. The dance program was terrific and provided many opportunities for dancers to try or observe other forms of dance.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our committee who worked so hard this past year to plan and promote the Convention for your dancing pleasure. The Convention would not have happened without all their efforts.

We would like to thank the dance leaders who came to provide the music for your dancing pleasure. Without the callers, cuers, line dance leaders, contra prompters the weekend would not have been possible. They donate their time to promote the activity we all enjoy.

Most importantly, we would like to thank the dancers who came to enjoy the weekend. Without the dancers, there would be no Convention and we would not have had an opportunity to share our activity with so many friends, old and new. We thank you for your support and we hope you had as enjoyable weekend of dancing as we did.

Already the 2006 General Chairmen and their committee are planning for the next Convention. We hope that you will support them in their endeavors as you have supported us in ours. They will take the lessons learned by those who have gone before them, and will strive to provide an even greater dancing experience in 2006.

**Barry and Anita Johnson  
2005 General Chairmen**

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

1) Remember that the TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM, sponsored by the Marine Corps, will collect unwrapped toys at the December General Meeting. This PROGRAM has proven to be of great benefit to underprivileged children during the holiday season. REMIND YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO REMEMBER THE CHILDREN!! Bring unwrapped gifts in December.

2) What is the SCISDA TRAVELLERS BADGE?  
See Curtis Bremer for details on how you and your club members can earn one.

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3) **Dates To Keep in Mind**

September 30, 2005 - Special MCASD Demo at Navy Pier  
October 16, 2005 - Great Pumpkin Ball  
November 10, 2005 - Flyers due for December General Meeting  
December 4, 2005 - December General Meeting  
February 12, 2006 - Sweetheart Dance  
July 28-30, 2006 - SCISDA STATE CONVENTION - DeKalb, IL

**REMINDER:** November 10, 2005 is the Deadline for submitting Flyers for the December, 4, 2005 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 United States Post office has FREE envelopes and boxes that will accommodate your Flyers nicely.

**CLUBS SHOULD SUBMIT FLYERS USING THIS FORMULA:**

**STAPLED** - 29 packs of 10 (or fewer) for each of the clubs  
**LOOSE** - 65 individual sheets for Club Presidents and Executive Board Members

**TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PACKETS -  
ALL FLYERS MUST BE 8.5 x 11 INCHES IN SIZE.**

Submit your flyers early, if possible



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