

Newsnotes & Clearinghouse

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Happy September!

It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are ready to start another new dance season. We look forward to seeing our friends around the squares as the dancing gets into full swing.

A frequently heard comment is "If you want something done, ask a busy person." I believe that could be said of every square dancer. We are busy persons. It is for us, too. We are looking for a great year of square dancing, on all levels - local club, State Convention and National Convention.

Perhaps you could help us on the Association Board by becoming a Director or a Board member. Let us know what talents you have and we will try to fit you to a corresponding task. Don't be bashful about using your talents. Call us!

We're looking forward to seeing you in a square!

Barry & Anita Johnson
President, MCASD

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

There will be seven New Dancer Dances in the 2008 - 2009 square dance season. Please note the locations, as they may have changed from previous years.

Lions Rec. Center
411 S. Maple
Mt Prospect, IL

Sat. Nov. 15, 2008
Sat. Feb 21, 2009

St. Stephens's L.C.
4500 W. 147th St
Midlothian, IL

Sat. Dec. 13, 2008
Sat. Jan. 31, 2009

1st Presbyterian Church
4th St. & Fairview Ave.
Downers Grove, IL

Sat. Oct. 11, 2008
Sat. Jan. 10, 2009
Sat. Mar.21, 2009

Will your club be having any New Dancer Dances this year? If the answer is yes, please contact us and we will make the particulars known to dancers attending the New Dancer Dances. Please DO NOT list dances which conflict with the MCASD New Dancer Dance dates. Send information to Jim and Vi Bailey, MCASD Newsnotes editors.

GREAT PUMPKIN BALL

This is an MCASD sponsored fund-raiser and we are all going to do our best to make it a huge, successful event! The date is Sunday, October 19th from 1:30 -

5:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle.

Curtis and Maria Bremer are your Great Pumpkin Ball chairmen, and we are asking for everyone's help to make it a success - The Directors are to notify the clubs that are assigned to help at the event.

It is the start of a new dance season - is every club going to have lessons for new dancers? Square Dance numbers are down, but we that love the activity are the ones that can bring it back! with the help of our good Lord pray asking Him to give us the strength to talk to people about square dancing, then with God's help we will have new dancers.

Curtis and Maria Bremer
General Chairman
~~Sweetheart Council Chairman~~
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CALLERLAB NEWS

Mainstream Emphasis Call for 2008 - **WHEEL AROUND**

THE SWEETHEART DANCE

The 2009 Sweetheart Dance will be held at Downers Grove South High School, 63rd and Dunham in Downers Grove. Date for the dance is FEBRUARY 15, 2009. from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. **Mark your calendars** - Sunday, February 15, 2009. Callers and Cuers are being booked and plans are moving forward for a great dance. Sweetheart Couples will be honored - Ticket prices are \$6.00 ahead of time, \$7.00 at the door. Buy tickets early and save \$\$\$\$.

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

SCISDA REPORT

2009 ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION REPORT

Hello Fellow Square Dancers!

It is not too early to think about next year's 26th Illinois State Square and Round Dance convention to be held in Davenport, Iowa. From what we have been told and from what we have seen it is going to be a real great time for fun and entertainment. Sign up now so you won't miss out. Convention dates are July 31, August 1 and August 2.

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2010 ILLINOIS STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

It is not too early to think about the Illinois State Square Dance Convention TWO YEARS from now to be held in Springfield, Illinois. From what we have been told and from what we have seen it is going to be a real great time for fun and entertainment. Chairmen for this great event are WORKING hard to make this 2010 Extra Special. Trips and events are being checked out, and there is SO much to see in our Sate Capitol.

How about that!!

Curtis and Maria Bremer are your State Council Illinois Square Dance Association presidents. If you would like to be on the Board in any way please talk with us about what you would like to do. We can give suggestions if you cannot decide how you can contribute to Square Dancing in Illinois.

**Curt & Maria Bremer
2007 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. Bring unwrapped gifts to the General Meeting in December.

REMIND YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO REMEMBER THE CHILDREN!!

2) Dates To Keep in Mind

**October 19, 2008 - Great Pumpkin Ball - 1:30 - 5:30 -Roselle
November 10, 2008 - Flyers due for December General Meeting
December 7, 2008 - December General Meeting
February 15, 2009 - Sweetheart Dance - 2:00 - 5:00 -Downers Grove
July 27-29, 2008 - SCISDA STATE CONVENTION - Davenport, IA**

**3) 58TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION - JUNE 24-27, 2009
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

Refer to the enclosed information sheets for more details of the upcoming National Convention. There is also information for obtaining a registration form via email at www.58nsdc.org. Side trips and things to do in the area sound **OUTSTANDING! Check out the details.**

Enclosed in this packet is information about the 2009 National Convention to be held in Long Beach, California. A small quantity of Events fliers are enclosed, and also of registration forms. If you need additional copies go to the website

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5) Help your club save money on flyer printing! See the flyer in this packet, or call Jim and Vi Bailey for details.

REMINDER: November 10, 2008 is the Deadline for submitting Flyers for the December 7, 2008 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 - 25 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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INTERESTING ARTICLE FROM THE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

WHAT WILL THE CAR THIEVES THINK OF NEXT?

The car thieves peer through the windshield of your car or truck, write down the VIN# from the label on the dash, go to the local car dealership, and request a duplicate key based on the VIN#.

I didn't believe this e-mail, so I called Chrysler-Dodge and pretended that I had lost my keys. They told me to just bring in the VIN #, and they would cut me one on the spot and I could order the keyless device if I wanted.

The Car Dealer's Parts department will make a duplicate key from the VIN #, and collect payment from the thief who will return to your car. He doesn't have to break in, do any damage to the vehicle, or draw attention to himself. All he has to do is walk up to your car, insert the key and off he goes to a local "chop shop" with your vehicle. You don't believe it? It IS that easy.

To prevent this happening to you, simply put some tape (electrical tape, duct tape, or medical tape) across the VIN metal Label located on the dash board. By law, you cannot remove the VIN, but you CAN cover it so it can't be viewed through the windshield by a car thief. Even easier, simply tape a 3 X 5 card over the VIN #.