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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Yes, Maria and I agreed to another term as your president of MCASD. But we cannot do it alone. We need some of you great folks to step up to the plate and show that you can be a leader for this great activity called SQUARE DANCING! We as square dancers - are we going to let it die or are we going to go and get new dancers and be friends with them? Let's open our mouths and talk to them, if necessary join lessons with another club.

There will be six New Dancer Dances this year; the first one is November 14, 2009 in Mt. Prospect. Be there! See the Vice-Presidents Report for other dates and locations.

Let's not forget October 18th, 2009, our Oktoberfest and February 21st, 2010 our Sweetheart Dance. New Dancers are admitted free at the Sweetheart Dance, and there is a special place for them to dance. Please plan to personally attend these two MCASD dances, and encourage your club members to attend, also. ALL clubs should be represented at the dances. Attend, enjoy yourself, and spread the news about your club's activities.

To keep MCASD going we need dancers from every club. By it we get our insurance as reasonable as we do. You know anyone can come to our General Meetings and Executive Board meetings. If you attend, you will find out HOW and WHAT it takes to run MCASD.

So, till next time--
Keep Dancing

Curtis and Maria Bremer
MCASD President

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT

DANCE WITH OUR BEGINNERS - THEY ARE THE FUTURE MEMBERS OF YOUR SQUARE AND CLUB!

South Church

501 S. Emerson St.
Mt Prospect, IL
Sat. Nov. 14, 2009
Sat. Feb 20, 2010

Evergreen Park Rec. Ctr.

3450 W. 97th St.
Evergreen Park, IL
FRI. Dec. 11, 2009
FRI. Jan. 29, 2010

1st Presbyterian Church

4th St. & Fairview Ave.
Downers Grove, IL
Sat. Jan. 9, 2010
Sat. Mar.20, 2010

MCASD THE OCTOBERFEST COSTUME BALL

We look forward to a great day of dancing, eating and just plain having fun at THE OCTOBERFEST COSTUME BALL in October. There will be three halls for dancing, Plus, Advanced/DBD, and Rounds.

There will be many volunteer callers and cuers for your dancing enjoyment. The brats and hot dogs will be plentiful, as will be the desserts. As in the past, we'll also have sugar-free desserts for those on sugar-restricted diets. (Yes, we'll have catsup)

We sure hope you're planning on wearing a costume to this year's Octoberfest Costume Ball!! There will be prizes for various costume categories, raffles and "split-the-pot" as well.

Set aside Sunday, Oct. 18th from 1:30 to 5:30 for a great dance at Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle. Support MCASD by purchasing a ticket to each of it's two fundraising events. Every Club President has been given tickets to sell. Feel free to contact us with any questions, comments or suggestions.

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SCISDA REPORT

We are pleased and proud to announce that two members of MCASD were inducted into the SCISDA HALL OF FAME at the State Convention on August 1, 2009. They are Curtis and Maria Bremer. Following is the statement regarding their contributions to square dancing.

Curtis and Maria began square dancing in 1988 and have been active ever since. They are members of Woodstock Squares and have held several offices in their club and MCASD. They have been on the SCISDA Board for over 5 years and served as SCISDA President the last 2 years. They have attended and volunteered at 24 of the 25 Illinois

State Conventions, have been very active in the Showcase of Ideas at the National Conventions throughout the United States promoting Illinois by passing out the current year Lincoln Pennies to all attendees. They have attended many Association activities throughout the State, and have promoted Square Dancing throughout our State with their political connections. Curtis and Maria are hard working, dedicated, fun-filled square dancers and are great promoters of Square Dancing throughout the State of Illinois.

2010 ILLINOIS SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

It is not too early to think about next year's 27th Illinois State Square and Round Dance convention to be held in Springfield, Illinois. From what we have been told and from what we have seen it is going to be a really great time for fun and entertainment. Sign up now so you won't miss out. Convention dates are July 23, 24, 25 2010 - Featured callers are JASON RALEIGH & PAM COURTS.

Visiting the city of Springfield, Illinois is a rare and wonderful treat. History comes alive, and there is so much to see and learn it should be visited by all residents of Illinois to restore our faith in this Great State - the Land of Lincoln.

CONVENTION CHAIRMEN

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A New Way to Communicate

We now have a new way to communicate with other dancers. There are many things that we want to share with other dancers. We can call them on the telephone, write them an email, talk to them between tips at dances. Flyers and newsletters are great, but they are only as current as when they were printed. Then there are special circumstances that we want to tell everyone about immediately such as a dance cancellation due to severe weather or last minute change of dance location. Now we have a way to do this - YAHOO GROUPS.

YAHOO GROUPS is a website that caters to special interest groups. We have created one called "SQUAREDANCECHICAGO". Anyone can join after being approved by a moderator. Once a member, they can visit the website to see what information has been posted by members, and if necessary, send out notifications to those members that have elected to received them.

If you would like to participate, join the group and select the options of how you would

like to be notified of messages that get posted. To join, go to - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/squaredancechicago/> and click on "SIGN UP". They will ask you to get a Yahoo email id, but you can use your own email for messages. If you need to post a message, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/squaredancechicago/> and click on "POST" or send an email message to squaredancechicago@yahoogroups.com - and your message will be posted on the web site and/or sent to those that have selected to be notified by email. Email addresses can even be cell phones that have the email capability. To unsubscribe, send an email to squaredancechicagounsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

Please pass this information on to other club members and square dance friends. You don't have to be a member of an MCASD club to join - only have an interest in keeping current on what is happening in the square dance world.

CALLERLAB

We're on the move! The relocation and transition of CALLERLAB Home Office from it's previous location in Cocoa, Florida to it's new home in Topeka, Kansas is now complete and is now operational. Effective June 1, 2009 Dana Schirmer became the Executive Director working at the Topeka Home Office and Jerry Reed became the Assistant Executive Director. The new address and telephone are as follows:

CALLERLAB - 200 SW 30th Street, Suite 104, Topeka, Kansas 66611
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

1) Important Dates To Keep in Mind

October 18, 2009 - OCTOBERFEST COSTUME BALL -1:30 - 5:30 - Roselle

December 6, 2009 - December General Meeting

February 21, 2010 - Sweetheart Dance

59th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION -
JUNE 23 - 26, 2010 - LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

For details contact 59thnsdcinfo@bellsouth.net Check it out and make your plans EARLY. Louisville is right on our southern border. A great city and a very fascinating area to visit.

**27th SCISDA ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION - JULY 23, 24, 25, 2010 -
HILTON HOTEL - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

2) Help your club save money on flyer printing! With our new XEROX LASER COLOR PRINTING press we can print either color or black and white flyers for your club. Our prices are still the least costly around. CHECK AND SEE! at your local printers.

If you prefer a special color of paper, there will be an extra cost unless you supply the paper to us.

Contact Jim and Vi Bailey for details.

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REMINDER: November 15, 2009, is the Deadline for submitting Flyers for the December 6, 2009 General Meeting.

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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.

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CLUBS SHOULD SUBMIT FLYERS USING THIS FORMULA:

STAPLED - 24 packs of 10 (or fewer) for each of the clubs
LOOSE - 45 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 to us early, if possible.

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