## News from THE 49'ers SQUARE DANCE CLUB South Milwaukee, WI January 1, 2003

Hard work and perseverance has paid off for the 49'ers Square Dance Club of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There are 24 new dancers in their 2002-03 class. Their promotional efforts started in 1999 after not having any new dancers in 1997 or 1998. Their promotional efforts were as follows:

- 1) Events calendar of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinal* (Circulation 250,000+). The information was submitted every week so it would run for 5 weeks.
- 2) Events calendar in 23 local newspapers owned by the *Journal Sentinal*. The calendar covers the 7 southern suburbs of Milwaukee. This was submitted every week so it would run for 5 weeks.
- 3) On-line calendars: Listed on Milwaukee.com and Wisconsin.com for five weeks.
- 4) The information submitted was: Beginner Square Dance Lessons; 7:00-9:00 p.m. every Thursday starting September 12; Grobschmidt Center,  $2424\ 15\text{th}$  Ave., South Milwaukee. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. First lesson free, \$3.00 for each following. Sponsored by the 49ers Square Dance Club. For information, please call (414) xxx-xxxx or (414) xxx-xxxx.
- 5) Flyers (with an envelope of free passes) were posted in all the City Halls, public libraries, several Senior Centers and community Centers of surrounding communities. Flyers were also posted in businesses with public bulletin boards.
- 6) Demonstration at the Racine County Fair. Flyers were passed out.
- 7) McDonalds Place Mats. There are nine McDonalds Restaurants in the area that are locally owned. They have a free service listing local activities. Information was listed on the August and September place mats. Information had to be submitted at least six weeks in advance.
- 8) Flyers were distributed door to door on two streets.
- 9) New graduates and current members were encouraged to invite friends and coworkers. Approximately 175 flyers and 200 free passes were distributed.

The 49ers Square Dance Club starts their new dancer program the second week of September and runs through early April, with time off during holidays. Mainstream in the destination program. The club has 85 members.

In January 2003, the club had not surveyed the new dancers to learn where they found out about their new dancer session. In previous years, no one activity was prominent.