

A Gala Evening



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Commemorates 75 Years

The mood was festive at the Midwest's annual fall dinner-dance, hosted by Brian and Pam Bossert on Saturday, October 20, at Bryn Mawr Country Club. (This dejected Northwestern alum feels compelled to add that the Penn Staters in attendance were particularly boisterous, relishing the Nittany Lions' emotional victory over the Wildcats to clinch Joe-Pa's tie with Bear Bryant for most career wins.)



Our new first lady and president: Debra and Luke Strojny.

Officially known as the MAGCS 75th Anniversary Gala, the 2001 dinner-dance (ironically) was attended by 75 members and spouses/dates. ("One of our members was spouseless for the evening," Brian explains.) The evening began with cocktails and appetizers (the miniature lamb chops really earned raves, and many thanks to Dave Nadler and Nadler Golf Car Sales for once again being so generous as to pick up the bar tab). A special display of historical memorabilia—old black-and-white photographs, early editions of *the Bull Sheet*, various plaques and trophies—attracted a lot of interest. Dinner itself began with a prayer and was a sumptuous feast, topped off with lively conversation and dancing to the "musical stylings" of the Mark Colby Orchestra. (Another aside: When it comes to skipping the light fandango, the older generations—Baby Boomers and beyond—can teach us 20- and 30-somethings a thing or two.)



A fine showing by some of MAGCS's past presidents: (L to R): Don Ferreri (2000), Paul Voykin (1972—had the same tie then), Tim Kelly (1993), Ed Fischer (1980), Peter Leuzinger (1983), Joel Purpur (1995), Dudley Smith (1967), Brian Bossert (2001), Mike Bavier (1975) and Jim Evans (1987).

Past presidents in attendance gathered for a photo and signed a special 75th anniversary golf flag. The parting gift—a fragrant rose for each lady, a bottle of wine bearing a commemorative 75th anniversary label for each gentleman—was a classy touch.

As a youngster, I remember my parents getting decked out in suit and evening gown for what I knew simply as "the dinner-dance." This was my first MAGCS dinner-dance, and it won't be my last. If you haven't attended in the recent past, or have never participated, consider joining in the festivities next year. The bread and circus rating for this event is 10+! Kudos to the Bosserts and the staff of Bryn Mawr for a magnificent evening.



Craig and Susie Joscelyn, Tim and Linda Anderson, Peter and DeeAnn Leuzinger, Julius and Vickie Albaugh, and Jim and Debra Evans.



Dan and Catherine Anderson, Jim McNair and Diane Dixon, John and Julie Gurke, Dave and Debbie Nadler, and Todd and Tina Schmitz.



Purpurs, Gurkes and Joscelyns stomp on each others' feet.



Cheryl and Kevin DeRoo with Joel and Debbie Purpur. Joel is sporting two slings, which were a result of an unfortunate Chicken Dance mishap.



Back row, (L to R): Paul Voykin flashes a "peace" sign to the photographer, with date Alice, Dudley and Marlene Smith, Tom Wilson and fiancée Maria. Front row, (L to R): Mr. and Mrs. Tivor Gomory, and Mike and Mary Bavier.



Back row, (L to R): Joel and Debbie Purpur, Cheryl and Kevin DeRoo (still inquiring as to the whereabouts of the notorious missing tomato), Phil and Cathy Ralston. Front row, (L to R): Jody Lee and Dan Sterr, and Don and Geri Ferreri.



Jan and Ed Fischer showing that the money spent at Bobby Rivers Dance Studios was well-spent.



Dan and Cath show their Halloween spirit while Dan does his famous Dizzy Gillespie impersonation.



The Gurkes shoulda gotta room . . .

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Phil and Naomi Zeinert, Tim Kelly, Fred and Nancy Behnke, Jim and Cindy Pedersen.



Curt and Sara Franklin, Keith and Beth Peterson, Rick and Karen Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Conrad, and hosts Brian and Pam Bossert.



Jan and Ed Fischer, Jim and Sandy Knulty, Al and Cindy Pondel, Randy and Christine Wahler, and Tim and Jean Davis.

Disclaimer

The photographer apologizes for not having pictures of everyone in attendance. His only excuse is that as the evening wore on, his photographic skills diminished proportionately . . .

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