

# SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Let me start by saying THANK YOU to the Kansas Square Dance Callers Association for having scholarships available to the Kansas Callers so that we may take advantage of some great schools, seminars, conventions, etc.

I attended the CALLERLAB XXXVIII Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, held at the Riviera Hotel & Casino, from April 17-20, 2011. This was my second CALLERLAB Convention to attend and, just like the first one in Kansas City, Kansas in 2009, it was awesome. Tammy & I had a dance to call in Hesston on Saturday night so we did not arrive in Las Vegas until late Sunday night. I was disappointed to have missed the 1st Ozzies and the Marshall Flippo Roast held on Saturday night, but I did buy the DVD. We also missed out on the Social Get Together on Sunday evening.

Monday started early since we still needed to pick up our Registration Packet and figure out the game plan. With game plan in mind, I attended the General Assembly Welcome. The break-out sessions started after a short break and it was non-stop from there. This was Arden Hopkins (Voice Coach) final CALLERLAB Convention and so I was determined to attend his sessions on Voice. I had a one-on-one session with him in 2009 in Kansas City, but 20 minutes just doesn't seem like enough time to get anything out of it. After a long day and an enjoyable supper with good company (the Wichita entourage), we went to the First-Time Attendee Dance. The opportunity to call at a First-Time Attendee Dance was not available to me in 2009 since they had different dances planned (i.e., Lady Callers of CALLERLAB, Past Chairmen of the Board). However, I was given the chance to call with Tammy (at her request). WOW!! What an experience calling in front of those that have inspired me.

Tuesday was filled with more sessions. The sessions were so interesting and filled with so much information that it seemed to end way too soon. Tuesday night's dance consisted of "Games". Quite interesting and a lot of fun (if you have the quality dancers). Mike Seastrom asked me to dance with him for one of the "Game" tips. We danced inside a large rubberband. Talk about FUN!!!

We bypassed the General Session Meeting on Wednesday morning so that we could be "Tourists" for a day. All in all, CALLERLAB XXXVIII was filled with friendship, old & new, and fellowship.

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