



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Our annual Hawaiian dance was the perfect way to wrap up another successful dance season. I want to thank everyone who has come early each month to help set up and stayed late to put things away; those who manned the treasurer's table; those who worked in the kitchen and kept the refreshment table supplied. I also want to thank everyone who has supported our visitation program. If we want visitors, we must visit. I can't say that enough. Most of all, I want to thank Leann for always being there and filling in for me when I'm gone and for being the liaison for the visitation program. It goes without saying, that I thank John for supporting me in everything I try to accomplish.

Dan Robinson is finally on the road to recovery. He's getting stronger all the time and has even been to a few dances. He called his Dan's Dancers dance in July so I guess we can remove him from the list of the walking wounded. Dorothy Claussen is still undergoing some treatments but seems to be tolerating them well, for the most part. Beth Zuhlke is having foot surgery on August 8th so she will be laid up for a few weeks. We hope her recovery is rapid and uneventful. Daniel Iott is battling a shoulder injury, John Charles is overcoming foot ulcers and several of us have had and recovered from COVID.

On June 22nd we graduated 5 very enthusiastic new dancers. They have been out dancing, not only with the club, but on their own. How exciting is that?!? On July 13th we started a new set of lessons. We have 7 learning Plus and 8 learning Mainstream. They are sailing right thru the list and the biggest problem we have is there's so much fun and laughter, it's hard to stay on task. I'll take that problem any day of the week. This set of lessons is being held at Beth and Steve Zuhlke's and we thank them for their hospitality. With summer activities and medical issues, we can always use angels.

We've had a busy summer. We started by heading to Salina for the KS State convention. 7 of us actually made the trip and very much enjoyed the calling of Mike Bramlett. Then in July, 16 of us went to Johnson, NE to the weekend with Lanny Weakland and Mike Hogan. The end of the month, 6 members went to the HASSDA Festival in St Joseph. On August 6th there were 12 members at the KAMO Callers, Cuers and Partners dance and I thank you for your support. In between all that, we've been out and about visiting other clubs, as well as hosting some special dances of our own.

August 13th, the NW District of the Missouri Federation will be having their annual festival. I will be filling in as MC since Bill Reynolds had to relinquish his responsibilities due to family illness. The district asks that we all provide pre-wrapped refreshments. If you have something you would like to donate for a door prize, please take it to the dance. Be sure that it's something you would be happy to take home. No white elephants, please. Our own Dan Pearson will start the program with pre-rounds and then the squares will be called by District callers. There will be 3 plus tips over the evening and we will try to schedule them on the half hour. Square dance attire is admired but not required.

Carol Hershey has again offered her home for our pot luck on August 28th at 5pm. The club will provide the meat and we ask you all to bring either a vegetable, salad or dessert. We will mostly just visit but maybe we can plan a club trip. I have missed doing those. If you have any ideas, please bring them.

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TO:

*Next Dance:
September 9th
Teddy Bear Dance
Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary
From your friends at
BNR Squares*

Below are our scheduled visitations. Please let Leann know if you will be able to join us on our visits **or not**. Even if the answer is no, she needs to hear from you. In order for a visitation to count for the Heart of America Federation, we need 6 members to visit. If we are retrieving our banner, we need 8. I want to thank you all for supporting our visitation schedule - and for getting the NW District visitation card signed when you venture out on your own. Without all of you, we couldn't have the successful program we have. If you don't have the current visitation card for NW District, please let me or Carol Hershey know and we'll see that you get one.

It won't be long and Labor Day will be here. That's not just the "official" end of summer and the beginning of a new dance season, but also a day to honor those who fought and sacrificed to eliminate sweat shops and give American workers a 5 day work week with 8 hour days. When you enjoy your holiday weekend, please take a moment to think about all those who worked so hard to get it for you.

Past Visitations

4/22-23	HOA Fed Dance	7/9
5/6	St Joe Squares	8
5/21	Crosstrailers	7

Future Themes

9/9 Teddy Bear Dance
10/14 Oktoberfest
11/11 Veterans' Day
12/25 Christmas Night
1/13 Rubber Ducky
2/10 Umbrella Dance
3/10 Rodeo Dance
4/14 Black Light Dance
5/12 Hawaiian Dance

Future Visitations

9/9	<i>Our Dance</i>
9/23	Stewartsville Cut Ups
10/14	<i>Our Dance</i>
10/21	St Joe Squares

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

9/30 2 Caller Special with dinner
(Evan Pauley/Tim Tyl)
10/7-9 MO State Convention Sedalia, MO

Our next dance will be a Teddy Bear dance. We will be collecting teddy bears to donate to EMS personnel to give to traumatized children. Please bring new bears of a moderate size so as not to require a lot of storage space. Due to the extreme temperatures we've been enduring, I think casual attire would be in order and if you can think of something cool and refreshing for the snack table, that would be a good thing, too.

Have a safe Labor Day

Lynn