

## NEWSLETTER \* SEPTEMBER 2022

We've had a great start to a new season. Not only did we have 6 squares at our Teddy Bear dance, we had a table full of bears to donate. Jordan Ohl did a wonderful job on the "selfie sheet" that graced our entryway and Nancy lott spearheaded it all. Nancy is full of ideas and we're just gonna let her run with them so if you want to help, give her a call. I'm sure she'd be glad to hear from you.

Healthwise, it's been a bit of a mixed bag. Dan Robinson is finally gaining strength and even a little weight and has been out and about and even calling his dances. Beth Zuhlke is healing well and is even back in a "real" shoe now. Carol Hershey tried to run a tree limb through her leg while mowing the yard and has a lovely hole in her leg and some very sore muscles but while being painful and ugly, it hasn't slowed her down very much and it's slowly healing. Dennis Trotter is scheduled to have his pacemaker replaced. Dorothy Claussen is still battling a low immune system so is being very cautious when going out into a group. Joe Luttrell had a car accident and while his bruises and abrasions are healing nicely, his neck injury is going to keep him sidelined for quite a while. He gets to wear one of those lovely neck braces 24/7 and tires easily so we won't be seeing him for a while. Drop him a note and let him know we're thinking of him. John Charles healed the ulcers on one foot only to get them on the other one so he is "grounded" again. If I missed anyone, I apologize. If you know of anyone who is under the weather, please pass it along. I don't always get the word.

Now that our Plus people have completed their lessons, we have extended the Mainstream class to 7-9pm. This will give us a little more time for review each week. The more calls they learn, the more review they will need. With everything we have going on, we can always use angels. Besides, it's a good opportunity to get to know our new dancers.

August 13th, the NW District of the Missouri Federation had a successful district dance and 14 of you contributed to that success. Thank you for your participation. Speaking of the NW District, our district will be hosting the MO State Square Dance Convention in 2023. There is always plenty of work to be shared and I'm sure Carol would love to hear from you. She already needs volunteers to man the t-shirt and registration tables at this year's convention, which will only be open the final hour of the convention on Saturday night. Jordan has taken on the responsibility of chairman of the decorating committee so if you are creative, or like to be around people who are, let her know you're willing to help.

Our pot luck on August 28th was a HUGE success with 28 of you in attendance. There was more food than a body could enjoy and lots of fellowship and exchange of ideas. Thanks go to Carol Hershey for her exceptional hospitality. She is definitely the hostess with the mostess. That day they chose December 4th at 2pm for our holiday get together. Please put it on your calendar so you can join us.

In the past, I have tried to schedule a club visitation each week. The more you visit, the more visitors you are liable to get. Since the number of area clubs has diminished so much, I didn't do that last month and you showed me by finding dances on your own that it is something that you want. Message received. You will see more scheduled visitations in the future.

TO:

Next Dance: October 14th Octoberfest Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary From your friends at BNR Squares

The MO State Convention in Sedalia is less than 2 weeks away. If you haven't made plans to go, I hope you will do so. Not only is it a lot of fun, it's a chance to get to know dancers from all over the state, as well as from other states. There is continuous dancing, not only to the featured caller, but also state callers you won't often get the chance to dance to. Who knows, you may find a new favorite. And it will be a good chance to see how things work so you won't be working blind when you help with our own convention next year.

Below are our scheduled visitations. <u>Please let Leann know if you will be able to join us on our visits</u> <u>or not</u>. 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.

## **Past Visitations**

- 8/13 NW District Dance 14
  8/14 Savannah Sashayers 13
  8/20 Ray's Rockers 9
  8/26 Dan's Dancers 13
- 9/23 Stewartsville cancelled

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9/23 Dan's Dancers

## **Future Themes**

- 10/14 Octoberfest11/11 Veterans' Day12/25 Christmas Night1/13 Rubber Ducky2/10 Umbrella Dance
- 3/10 Rodeo Dance
- 4/14 Black Light Dance
- 5/12 Hawaiian Dance

## **Future Visitations**

	9/30	2 caller special (includes dinner)
	10/1	Santa Fe Trailers
	10/7-9	MO State Convention - Sedalia
	10/14	Our Dance
	10/21	St Joe Squares (continuous
		dancing alternating MS/P)
Special Dances		
(those in blue sponsored by us)		
10/7-9	MO	State Convention Sedalia, MO
4/21-22	HOA	Federation Festival
6/2-3	KS S	state Convention Salina, KS
6/9	Jerry	Junck
7/7	Mike	Hogan
7/14-15	Sum	mer Get-a-Way Johnson, NE
7/21	Lanr	y Weaklend
7/28-29	HAS	SDA Springdale, AR
8/5	KAM	O Callers' Dance

Our next dance is our Octoberfest. Wear fall colors and bring treats that make you think autumn i.e. apples or pumpkin spice. I know whatever you bring will be great. Thanks for all you do to support the club and me.