



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Our October dance was a bit smaller than I had hoped for since we had so much to celebrate. Our own Carol Hershey was selected the 2022 Missouri State Square Dancer of the Year. We wanted to show everyone how proud we are to have her as a member of the club and how deserving we think she is. We presented Carol with a congratulatory cake and a tiara that designates her as queen of the club and she spent the evening practicing her "princess wave". If you weren't at state and didn't make it to our dance, be sure to congratulate her when you see her.

After a relatively long and healthy stretch, some of us have recently had some health challenges. There have been some mild COVID infections among us, Dennis had to have his pacemaker replaced, Steve Bean had a mild case of RSV and allergy symptoms have been exceptionally prevalent this season. Beth Zuhlke is finally back dancing after having foot surgery. Carol Hershey's leg is healing and she never let it slow her down much. Her latest challenge has been her sister, who during an outing with Carol, lost her balance and fell in a parking lot, hit her head and broke her hip. Joe Luttrell is still limited in his activity but recovering nicely. Joe's good news is he just became a grandpa for the 1st time. His son, who is in the military and stationed in Poland, was able to get furlough to be in TX with his wife for the birth of the baby. Proud grandpa has been enjoying face time and looking forward to meeting the new member of the family.

We received word today that Caller Evan Pauley, whose mother lives in Arizona, got a call letting him know his mom's home burned down with her inside. She has been moved to a burn center but her condition is unknown at this time. Evan has gone to Arizona to be with her and will be gone for an undetermined period of time. I'm sure he would appreciate your prayers.

Our students are coming right along. I'm hoping to have them graduated by the end of November, if not before. I'll let you all know as soon as a date is chosen for sure. In the mean time, we can always use angels and new dancers can always use encouragement.

What a great showing we had at the state festival. There were 13 of us on Friday and 14 on Saturday, plus our adopted member, Judy's mom. Everyone had a good time and it was great seeing people for the first time in a long time. And it was so nice to have such a big group there when Carol's name was announced. I was able to get a heads up in advance so we also had Carol's son, Chris, and his girlfriend there. To say she was surprised is a gigantic understatement.

Now that the 2022 Missouri State Festival is behind us, it's time to get started in earnest with finalizing plans for next year. Carol Hershey can use all the help she can get. 2023 T-shirts are available with printing either on the front or back. Contact Carol for size and availability. It's a great way to advertise our upcoming festival.

Dan Robinson has been working hard for several years to build his club, Dan's Dancers. As if it isn't hard enough to do in these times of declining membership, he's had to deal with the pandemic restrictions and personal health issues. With all of this to consider, Dan has decided that he can no longer handle the club alone. This coming Friday, October 28th, will be his last club dance. This will be a Halloween costume dance. Dan does a great job of choosing appropriate music to support his themes and it should be a fun time. Let's send him out with a bang and be there in force to support him.

We have been on the dance floor in our pretty, new, blue club shirts a couple times now. They look great and we have received lots of compliments. I will be placing one more order in the next week so if you would like to have another shirt, please email me as soon as possible so I have size information in writing.

Don't forget our Holiday pot luck at Carol Hershey's, December 4th, 2pm.

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TO:

Next Dance:

*November 11th
Veterans' Day*

*Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary
From your friends at
BNR Squares*

I have been made aware over recent months of the number of clubs in our area that are struggling. Some are hanging on by a thread and can't even put a square on the floor without the help of visitors. It reminds me how very lucky we are to have a club that is growing and thriving. That doesn't happen without a lot of hard work on the part of the members. Supporting the visitations, making our visitors feel welcome, encouraging our new dancers and making them feel like part of the club and of course, supporting lessons. Clubs that don't do lessons, don't survive. It's as simple as that. I can't thank you enough for all you do to make our club a success and to perpetuate the fun activity we all love.

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.

Past Visitations

9/30	2 caller special	8
10/1	Santa Fe Trailers	9
10/7-9	MO State Convention	13/14
10/10	Savannah Sashayers	4
10/21	St Joe Squares	11

Future Visitations

10/28	Dan's Dancers
11/05	Maysville Wranglers
11/11	<i>Our Dance</i>
11/18	St Joe Squares
11/25	Stewartsville Cut-Ups (new club)

Future Themes

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

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

4/21-22	HOA Federation Festival
6/2-3	KS State Convention Salina, KS
6/9	<i>Jerry Junck</i>
7/7	<i>Mike Hogan</i>
7/14-15	Summer Get-a-Way Johnson, NE
7/21	<i>Lanny Weaklend</i>
7/28-29	HASSDA Springdale, AR
8/5	KAMO Callers' Dance

Our next dance will be our Veterans' Day dance. We will be honoring all those who have served in the military. Nancy has some special plans for our members and visitors who have served. I encourage you to wear red, white and blue. Your regular finger foods will be great.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Lynn