



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all celebrated successfully and have stayed healthy. I know there is so much going around and none of you really need it. My wish for you is that 2023 will be your best year ever and that you and yours will be healthy and happy.

Our Christmas dance had 2 full squares, at least for a short time. I was disappointed that some of you who had planned to come were unable to be there at the last minute but it was good to see those who came and we had some from other clubs who had never joined us before. It was great to see Clay and Winona Gasswint back in our squares. They have been absent since the beginning of the pandemic and were certainly missed.

To the best of my knowledge, none of us has tested positive for COVID. Let's hope it stays that way. Sadly, not everyone has managed to stay healthy. Kathy Bean got some kind of bug that hung on for more than a week and even tho' she and Steve tried to keep a floor between them, Steve eventually fell victim to it as well. It's good to know they are both feeling better. Denise Shelley had her knee replacement and is doing well. Hopefully she will be released soon to at least dance half a tip. Carol Burch has struggled off and on with a variety of issues and we hope she'll be back active soon.

I'm so thrilled that our new dancers have been not only attending our scheduled visits, but instigating visits on their own. Thanks to Steve Bean for setting up the Telegram messaging program. This makes it really easy to put the word out at the last minute that you're going somewhere if someone wants to join you. If you haven't downloaded Telegram yet, please do. If it asks for a payment card, you can bypass that. That is for the premium version and we're not using that. It would be wonderful if we could get everyone on the platform. It works better across android and apple than regular messenger.

Our trip to Texas was fairly uneventful. We got a little earlier start than we planned, which was a good thing, and were making great time until we got just south of Ottawa. There must have been some black ice and a strong cross wind out of the west because between there and Emporia we saw at least 3 cars and 12 semis in the median or far ditch. We didn't have any trouble, but I drove between 40-45 mph until we got to the turnpike at Emporia. From there on it was dry pavement and smooth sailing until we got to just north of Temple, TX. At that point, traffic was pretty much stop and go or very slow for about an hour. Once we got past Temple, we sailed on down to the valley and arrived about 11pm. The next morning we were up and at it and we've been going non-stop ever since. We square dance 3 times a week and have friends in for cards once a week and non card playing friends on other days. My lessons will start Tuesday and Wednesday and my dances start Thursday morning so we have settled into a routine.

It's not too soon to plan to attend the Heart of America Federation dance. It will be April 21-22. Friday night will be local callers and Saturday will be a young guy from Wisconsin that you won't want to miss. Noah Siegmann is top notch and a joy to dance to.

Don't forget to share your love of the activity with everyone you run into. We'll be starting a new class when I return. Even if you asked before, ask again. Situations change.

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Next Dance:

February 10th

Umbrella Dance

Happy Birthday and

Happy Anniversary

From your friends at

BNR Squares

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to keeping the club running in my absence, especially Leann, who is my left arm (that's more important than the right one since I'm left handed) and Dan Robinson who has taken on the calling responsibilities. I really struggle in cold weather and the older I get, the worse it is. South Texas is a Godsend for me but I couldn't come if you guys didn't step up to the plate for me and I greatly appreciate it.

Thanks to everyone who supports the visitation schedule. As I've said many times, the more you dance the easier it gets and the more fun you have. Also, if you want visitors, you must visit and you guys are doing a great job with the visitation program. Thank you for responding to Leann and making her job a little easier when it comes to visitation. We have even had a couple visits that weren't on the schedule. On November 26th, 6 went to Harmony Dancers and on January 6th, 4 were at St Joe Squares. Way to go! Don't forget to get your visitation cards signed.

The caller the Savannah Sashayers are having is coming out of retirement and has always been a ton of fun to dance to. I know some of you go there regularly anyway so this would be a great time to visit.

Past Visitations

11/25	Stewartsville Cut-ups	11
12/02	Live Wires	12
12/10	Shooting Stars	11
12/16	Ramblers	6
1/03	Heartland Squares	6
1/07	Santa Fe Trailers	8

Future Visitations

01/13 Our Dance
01/21 Crosstrailers
01/29 Savannah Sashayers

Future Themes

2/10 Umbrella Dance
3/10 Rodeo Dance
4/14 Black Light Dance
5/12 Hawaiian Dance

Club Outings

I didn't get a great response when I asked where you wanted to go for our 1st club trip so we decided that we would go to the opry in Pleasant Hill. I will get more information and try to schedule it this spring.

Our next dance is our "Umbrella Dance" on February 10th. I'm sure Leann would appreciate anyone who could come early to help with set up. If you have an umbrella, bring it along. I think the plan is to have them setting around the hall. Your normal finger foods will be great, I'm sure.

Happy Valentine's Day! Give your sweetheart a yellow rock from me.

Lynn