



# Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Our "Black Light" dance was a huge success. There were 68 dancers present and everyone was dressed to reflect. Some of you went over the top and it was so much fun to see the creativity. Nancy and Jordan did a fantastic job, as usual, and all their helpers were much appreciated. The hall looked fantastic and guests and members alike are still talking about it and how much fun they had. We did have one thing that could possibly have caused a serious problem. Some of the glow sticks didn't stay where you put them and fell off during dancing, creating a fall risk. One dancer did step on one, but didn't fall and after that several others were picked up. If we do this again next year, and I hope we will, we will have to rethink the glow sticks. I especially want to thank everyone who brought light fixtures so all I had to do was buy 4 regular bulbs (in black) and especially Jordan who not only painted our backdrop, but brought several black light bars which we set around the room.

Dan Robinson had a setback and had to have an additional surgery. He's back at home and recovering slowly. He hopes to be able to visit with us soon, even if he isn't strong enough to dance and we hope he can, too. It takes a long time to get your strength back. Keep the cards coming so he knows we're thinking of him.

We have added a few members to Telegram but there are still a few hold outs. If you haven't signed up, you are missing out on being "in the loop". It makes communication among the members so much easier. Again, if you haven't signed up for Telegram, please do. The app is free and easy to use.

It's not too soon to plan to attend the **Heart of America Federation dance**. It will be **April 21-22** at The Point in Raytown, MO. 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. In my opinion, there is one drawback. The cost for Saturday is \$15. There are no split sessions, so if you go just Saturday evening, it will still be \$15. I just want everyone to be aware of that so there are no surprises.

We have ended up with 3 couples, 2 single ladies, and a couple from the Live Wires doing Mainstream lessons, as well as Jordan learning the man's part. That's a total of 11 students and I am thrilled. Some of them are struggling a bit but they just keep smiling so I'm encouraged. Some of them even came to the dance on Friday just to see us dance and it seemed to encourage them. Maybe next month we can get them on the dance floor a few times.

Since Sundays in June were so busy, Carol and I chose Saturday, June 10th, for our next club picnic. Of course, it will be held at Carol Hershey's as usual. We appreciate her generous hospitality. We decided that we would gather at 1pm. Club will provide hamburgers and we ask you to bring a side dish. Picnic foods will be great. Please R.S.V.P. to Carol so she knows how many tables we'll need. This is also when we plan themes for next year so bring your ideas. If you have an idea for a unique theme, please share it, and your ideas of how we could carry it out. One club has chosen a different decade for each dance so that their themes have continuity throughout the season. Our's have always been random each month. It's your club, just remember, the more extravagant we get, the more work there is to be done and we all have to take part in that. Of course, you're all great about doing that so I guess that's not a concern. Please also bring your ideas for a club trip to the picnic. We haven't taken one for a while and I'm anxious to get back to it.

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TO:

*Next Dance:*

*March 10th*

*Rodeo Dance*

*Happy Birthday and*

*Happy Anniversary*

*From your friends at*

*BNR Squares*

The KS State Convention is in Salina 6/2-3 and there will be another convention in town at the same time. They are recommending that you make your room reservations early - like now. Headquarters is Country Inn and Suites, 785/827-1271. Mention KSDA for a special rate of \$89 per night.

Don't forget that our district is hosting the MO State Convention this year in Sedalia, October 13th - 15th. If you haven't already contacted Carol Hershey to volunteer to help, please do. There are a lot of little things that go into sponsoring a big function and she can use all the help she can get.

You've been doing a fantastic job of visiting, as scheduled and on your own, as shown in the box below. Keep it up! Thanks to everyone who supports the visitation schedule. As I've said many times, if you want visitors, you must visit. **Thank you for responding to Leann and making her job a little easier when it comes to visitation.** Don't forget to get your visitation cards signed. It's a challenge to get back to 1st place in our District. We took 1st place the first 2 years of the program and we want it back!! The last day to get your cards signed is May 31st and then we get a new card. We need to get them all to Carol Hershey as close to the first of June as possible.

#### Past Visitations

3/18 Brookfield 4  
3/19 Savannah 9  
3/25 Harmony Dancers 15  
4/01 Maysville Wranglers 9  
4/7 Live Wires 6  
4/08 Docey Dandies 8

#### Future Themes

5/12 Hawaiian Dance  
Put on your thinking caps. It's almost time to come up with next year's themes.

#### Future Visitations

4/28 Stewartsville Cut-Ups  
5/06 Santa Fe Trailers  
5/12 **Our Dance**  
5/19 St Joe Squares

#### Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

4/21-22 HOA Federation Festival  
6/2-3 State Convention Salina, KS  
6/9 **Jerry Junck**  
7/7 **Mike Hogan**  
7/14-15 Summer Weekend Get-A-Way  
7/21 **Lanny Weaklend**

Our next dance is our annual "Hawaiian Dance". Wear something cool and colorful. Cool, refreshing finger foods are always the order of the day for this one. May is the month where we remember the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice so thank a Gold Star family if you know one.

*Lynn*