



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Our annual Hawaiian dance was a big success and a great end to a successful year. There were 68 dancers present and everyone was dressed for the theme. So many pretty colorful outfits. Nancy and Jordan did a fantastic job, as usual, and all their helpers were much appreciated. We had 4 guest callers present including Peery Lindsey and our own Dan Robinson who declined to call. Dan was able to dance one tip and do one line dance. We're encouraged that he will be back to his old self soon.

I can't believe another season is behind us. It has been a very successful year for us. We've had good attendance at our dances and good classes. We've gone from 18 members in November of '21 to 36 members now and 8 more prospective members in our current class. In a climate where our activity is struggling, our club is thriving and that is due to our wonderful membership. The way you all pitch in at dances and participate in the visitation program is key to our success. And the fact that you make our visitors feel welcome and try to make sure everyone gets to dance is huge in making sure they come back. I can't thank you all enough for all that you do for the success of the club.

We have added a few members to Telegram but there are still a few hold outs. Telegram is an instant message program so we don't have to worry about you missing a last minute email. If you can text, you can use Telegram. It is free, however there is a premium version. Since we aren't using the premium version, if it asks for a payment source, you can just bypass that. Again, if you haven't signed up for Telegram, please do.

We had a great turn out at the HOA Federation Festival. There were 11 of us Friday night, 9 Saturday afternoon and 12 on Saturday night. The local callers did a nice job of entertaining the dancers on Friday night and Noah Siegmann, who brought his entire family with him, did not disappoint on Saturday. His singing calls were pleasant and unusual, since the harmonies in the background were sung by his brothers, and his choreography was interesting and smooth. Those of you who missed him, missed a great experience.

Our new dancers are coming along. They remain enthusiastic, smiling throughout lessons. They aren't afraid to ask questions and that's a good thing. It hastens the learning experience. Last Monday, one of our new dancers blurted out the formation they were in and I was so excited. Recognizing the formation and where you are in it is so important. That shows growth and that they're really paying attention.

Don't forget our club picnic is coming up Saturday, June 10th. 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. The 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. Maybe we can get some new ideas and share the responsibility of being in charge of each theme.

We won't schedule any visitation over the holiday weekend so that you can all enjoy time with your families. Please remember that this holiday is more than a time for picnics and families. It started out as "Decoration Day", when families decorated the graves of the fallen from wars past. If you have the opportunity to attend a memorial service, you might find it a moving experience. Regardless, please take a moment to say a prayer for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms, as well as their families who have also sacrificed greatly.

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TO:

Next Dance:

*June 9th
Special 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. My reservation is at Days Inn for \$84 plus tax per night. Phone: 785/823-9791. They have a breakfast included and it's just off the highway as you come into town. It's a straight shot to the convention center.

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.

Thank you for supporting 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. Our challenge is 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

4/28	Stewartsville Cut-Ups	7
5/05	St Joe Squares	8
5/06	Santa Fe Trailers	8
5/07	Savannah Sashayers	6
4/01	Maysville Wranglers	9

Future Themes

Put on your thinking caps. It's time to come up with next year's themes.

Future Visitations

5/19	Ramblers
6/11	M.I.N.K. Ladies—Leavenworth
6/16	St Joe Squares
6/20	Heartland Squares (we owe them)
7/01	Maysville Wranglers ice cream dnc

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

6/2-3	KS State Convention Salina, KS
6/9	Jerry Junck
7/7	Mike Hogan
7/14-15	Summer Weekend Get-A-Way
7/21	Lanny Weaklend
7/28-29	HASSDA Springdale, AR
8/12	Platte Cty Steam Show Free Dance 3-5

Our summer dances are casual if you wish. The format is a little different. We have plus from 7:30-8 and MS from 8-10pm. We don't do refreshments but will have coffee and water. There will be some visitations but we encourage you to find others on your own. Don't forget we'll be starting another set of lessons, probably in July. Pass the word so we have another nice class.

Enjoy the summer activities but stay safe. Hope to see you in many squares.

Lynn