



# Be iN ouR Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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What a great summer we're having. Our summer activities have been well attended and the group that went to Johnson, NE was fantastic. There were 16 of us and 2 tag alongs. Judy came from Kirksville, MO and brought her mom and we stopped in Topeka and brought Linda Grindol along for a total of 18 fun dancers in our group. Steve and Beth stayed nearby with Steve's mom and his brother and Beth's niece brought Steve's mom down to watch both nights.

Congratulations to Dan Robinson, who has become our "official" Co-Caller. Dan has been a member for a number of years and has helped with lessons and called for us in my absence. It's just time we made it official.

Daniel Iott got past his first surgery and is now recovering from shoulder and bicep surgery, which he had the 28th. He's moving right along toward "bionic man" status. I know he would appreciate your prayers and positive thoughts. To the best of my knowledge, the rest of us have been pretty healthy.

We held graduation for our new dancers on July 31st. We lost 2 of them in mid-July when they had to go to California to be with their son, but we were able to welcome 6 new members to our club. Our next class will start on August 16th at Zuhke's and run from 6:30-9pm. We should have time to get them graduated before Christmas if all goes well. If you have a prospective student, please get them to the 1st lesson if at all possible. We will accept students for 3 weeks, as usual, but it would be very helpful if we could just move along.

**Our next picnic is scheduled for August 26th.** Same place. What would we do without Carol Hershey and her hospitality? I hope we have an even larger group this time. Be sure and let Carol know whether or not to plan on you so she knows how many tables we'll need and we'll know how many burgers to provide. We ask you all to bring a salad, veggie or dessert to share. We'll gather at 1pm and plan to eat at 2pm.

At our September dance, we will be promoting Cancer Awareness—for all kinds of cancer. Kathy Bean and Dorothy Claussen are going to create "Cancer Ribbons" that say "I dance for" and pens for them to fill in a name. We will also be collecting donations for the American Cancer Society. Steve Bean would like to make it a more positive experience by providing a power point presentation of pictures of Cancer Warriors and Survivors. While they go through treatment, they are considered Warriors. Once they are declared in remission, they are called survivors. If you or someone you love is a warrior or survivor, please share that picture with Steve at [Stephen.M.Bean@gmail.com](mailto:Stephen.M.Bean@gmail.com) so he can get as many pictures uploaded in advance as possible. He won't be able to add pictures at the dance as he originally planned. He's going to try to make the background of the picture represent the cancer color.

During the summer there are fewer clubs dancing, however there are still some good dances. We do our best to find them for you and get the word out. If you want to go but don't want to go alone, call someone to go along with you. Our new dancers are happy to visit but really like to carpool. Telegram is a great tool for this.

I am putting together an order for club shirts. If you would like me to order one for you, I must know that no later than August 10th. I want to submit the order so we can get our new members in our pretty blue shirts when we travel so they feel more like part of the group.

Be in our Squares  
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*Next Dance:*

*September 8th  
Cancer Awareness*

TO:

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

The MO State Convention will be here before you know it. If you haven't gotten your room, better do it now. Be sure to mention that you are with the square dance convention. Even if all the rooms in the block are gone, if they have rooms available, they may give you the convention rate. And don't forget that our district is the convention sponsor so please volunteer to help wherever you can.

Two full squares had a great time at the Summer Weekend Get-A-Way in Johnson, NE the middle of July. If you weren't part of the group, you should plan to join us next year.

At our picnic, we agreed that we will all go to dinner and attend the Big Creek Country Show in Pleasant Hill, MO, on August 19th. We will meet at 54th Street Grill in Lees' Summit before the show but we will need to know how many of you will be attending so we can make reservations.

Don't forget to get your visitation card signed when you go dancing. If you don't have a new card, please be sure to get one from Carol Hershey.

#### Past Visitations

5/20	Harmony Dancers	4
	Crosstrailers	2
5/21	Savannah Sashayers	5
5/26	Stewartsville Kut-Ups	4
6/2-3	KS State Convention	6/6
6/20	Heartland Squares	cancelled
7/1	Maysville Wranglers	7
7/30	Savannah Sashayer	7

#### Future Themes

9/08	Cancer Awareness
10/07	The Place To Be in '23
11/10	Honor Veterans
12/25	Christmas Night
1/12	Hat Dance—Dan Robinson
2/09	Elvis Dance—Dan Robinson
3/08	A Night At the Movies
4/12	Black Light Dance
5/10	Hawaiian Dance

#### Future Visitations

8/04	St Joe Squares
8/12	NW MO District Dance
8/13	Savannah Sashayers-DeeDee Dougherty
8/15	Heartland Squares (we owe them)
8/19	Halfway Dance (sponsored by Crosstrailers)
8/19	Big Creek Country Show
8/25	Stewartsville Cut-ups
9/08	<i>Our Dance—Cancer Society Donations</i>
9/16	Friendship Squares Topeka (Lynn calling)

#### Special Dances

*(those in blue sponsored by us)*

8/12	NW District Dance 7-10
8/27	Mike Hogan in Topeka (see flyer)
9/24	Fall Friendship Dance in Topeka
10/13-15	MO State Festival with Tim Tyl
4/19-20	Heart of America Fed Dance with Ken Burke

Our next dance will be our Cancer Awareness dance. This one will be casual and your usual finger foods will be wonderful. Bring extra cash for the donation to the American Cancer Society. Enjoy the summer activities but stay safe. Hope to see you in many squares.

*Lynn*