



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Our September dance was a great way to kick off a new season. A total of 55 dancers in the hall, with 4 of our new students stopping in to visit. We will donate \$300 to the American Cancer Society. Our committee did a great job with the power point display and the "I dance for" name badges and appropriate ribbons. Everyone pitched in to set up and tear down and it was a success all the way around.

Daniel Iott got past his first surgery and is now recovering from shoulder and bicep surgery, which he had the 28th. Once he completes his therapy for this shoulder, he will move on to the other one. He's moving right along toward "bionic man" status. It was great to see him visit one of our lessons. I know he would appreciate your prayers and positive thoughts. Joe Luttrell is having some health challenges. He is currently in a facility and could use some cheering up. Our club has always been great about sending cards and I hope you will live up to your reputation in this case, as well. Cards can be sent to: Joseph Luttrell, c/o Riverbend Heights, 1221 MO 13, Room 48, Lexington, MO 64085. Cheryl Gray fell and broke her ankle and will be out of commission for several weeks. Cards can be sent to her at 9314 NE 109th Terr, Kansas City, MO, 64157.

We have a great start on our new set of lessons. We have 4 young couples and 1 single lady, as well as Kathy Bean learning the other part. They are learning very well, seem to be having a lot of fun (judging from the laughter and smiles during class) and they are very enthusiastic. We should get them graduated and out dancing before Christmas if everything continues as it is.

We had a great group at our picnic and even had some of our students drop in. As always, thanks to Carol Hershey for her hospitality.

Even though the number of dances greatly decreases during the summer months, our group managed to find lots of places to go. Many times you were in your club shirts and it's a great way to make our presence known.

There are a couple of things coming up in Topeka you may be interested in. I will be calling for the Friendship Squares on Saturday, September 16th from 2-4pm. This dance will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 4746 SW 21st St. If you have the afternoon free, I would love to see some of you on the dance floor. Then on the 24th, the Blue District will host their annual Fall Friendship Dance from 3-5pm at Croco Hall. If you've never been to Croco, I'll be happy to give you directions. It's easy to find, but the exit is poorly marked. This is a beautiful hall built by square dancers for square dancing and has a recycle shop that is open whenever there is a dance at the hall. It's run on the honor system so bring cash for the cash box.

The Peppy Promenaders are sponsoring their annual "Get Your Kicks on Route 36" dance the 15th and 16th. Flyers have been circulated and details can be found online. That's just next weekend.

The Missouri State Festival is coming up fast. Our district is hosting the festival this year so if you are asked to help, please say yes. Carol tells us she still needs someone to be in charge of the 50/50 drawing. You wouldn't need to be there all the time, just be sure to have someone scheduled to cover the desk. Everybody needs a break now and then, so if you would like to make a contribution, please give Carol a call. If you are planning to attend and haven't made a room reservation, you should do that as soon as possible. Also, if you want to participate in the smoked chicken dinner, reservations are due by September 30th.

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8510 Sandusky Ave
Kansas City, KS 66112Sa

Next Dance:

October 7th

(1st Saturday)

Place To Be In 2023

Happy Birthday and

Happy Anniversary

From your friends at

BNR Squares

TO:

You have been doing a great job with our visitation program and with getting the visitation cards signed. As clarification, in order to get the card signed for Heart of America, we have to have a minimum of 6 members in attendance. Kathy Bean and Leann Chapman have these cards and if they aren't able to visit, they make it a point to get it to someone who will be there. The "Friendship Visitation" program for the NW District allows us each to carry a card and get it signed, even if we are the only one in attendance. If there are several of you, only one person need get the card signed and then put the total number of members in attendance in the appropriate spot on the card. And speaking of the NW District Friendship Visitation program, congratulations to each and every one of you. We didn't just take 1st place this year, we totally blew away the competition. Keep up the good work and maybe we can keep the honor.

Past Visitations

8/04	St Joe Squares	15
8/12	NW District	19
8/14	KC Plus	7
8/15	Heartland Squares	11
8/19	Halfway Dance	5
	Big Creek Opry	22
8/20	Savannah Sashayers	9
8/25	Stewartville Cut Ups	14
8/27	Sunshine Special	9
8/28	KC Plus	7

Future Visitations

9/16 Friendship Squares Topeka (Lynn calling)
Crosstrailers
9/23 Docey Dancies—50s Dance
9/29 2 Caller Special—Evan Pauley & ?
10/07 **Our Dance—Place To Be In 2023**
10/13-15 MO State Festival—Sedalia, MO

Future Themes

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

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

9/15-16 Get Your Kicks On Rte 36
9/24 Fall Friendship Dance in Topeka
10/13-15 MO State Festival with Tim Tyl
4/19-20 HOA Fed Dance with Ken Burke

Our next dance will be our Place To Be In 2023 dance, supporting the upcoming state festival. If you have a state t-shirt, please wear it. Your usual finger foods will be great. Since it's October, you might think about autumn themed treats, such as apples or pump-

kin type snacks or maybe popcorn.

As always, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you do for me and for the club. I remain convinced we've got the best members around.

Lynn