



Be iN ouR Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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In November we honored all Veterans and their families. We had a nice group of veterans in attendance and a pretty good crowd. It was nice to have some of our students with us.

It's been an interesting month, healthwise. Daniel lott was able to join us at lessons so that's an improvement. Nancy lott and Carol Burch have both been experiencing health issues that have kept them home. Lynn had a surprise case of COVID. Dan Robinson is making strides toward getting healthy and was able to attend our dance and the state festival, but now is scheduled for another procedure on the 22nd. Cheryl Gray's fractured ankle is progressing nicely and she has transitioned from the knee scooter to a walking boot.. Bryant Cayton, one of our students, had shoulder surgery followed by complications and he's been relegated to observing and recording lessons the past few weeks.

Our lessons are progressing nicely and graduation will be the 13th. They have decided that they want to have finger foods and make it more of a party. Some of them have already been visiting with us and I look forward to seeing them all on the dance floor. They're a fun group and you should all make it a point to get to know them. This set of lessons has included as much giggling and laughter as it has learning. With this many students, we will need extra angels at graduation. (hint, hint) I hope you can make it.

Our Christmas gathering on December 2nd had a small crowd this year. Maybe it was too early in the month. We'll try to do better next time. Those of you who missed it, missed a good meal and some excellent company. Following the party, 8 of us went to Maysville to dance to Jay Krebs and the Maysville Wranglers.

Our own Denise Shelley was the star of the show when "The Wild Women of Winedale" debuted in Liberty on December 7th. She had her own fan club present with 19 of us in the front rows. Prior to that, 15 of us met for dinner at LaCosta Mexicana on the square to make it a full and completely enjoyable evening. The show was very entertaining and Denise was great. If you weren't there, you definitely missed out.

I would like to personally thank each of you for all the prayers you sent up for my daughter. They worked and we found out that she is in remission. There is a pill she is taking that has been very successful in preventing reoccurrences. God is good.

As has been our habit, in my absence Dan Robinson will take over the microphone in January and February. I know you will all give him the same support you give me. Don't forget he's having a procedure and won't be able to lift much so will need help setting up his equipment. If I know Dan, he won't want to bother anyone so won't ask for help. Our January dance is a "Hat Dance" so get creative and have fun with it.

If you have any questions, get in touch with Leann. We speak daily and she keeps me up to date on all the club happenings. She also is the contact with the church so will know if for some reason we lose the hall. Don't forget she will need your help at dances, too. She will be sending out the reminders for visitations and we request that you **please respond, whether you can go or not.** For those of you new to the club, the reason for letting us know if you **CAN'T** make it, is sometimes we have so many no's, that there aren't enough left to make a visit. In that case, we would cancel the visit and let those who replied in the affirmative know so they are free to do something else, if they choose.

I encourage our new dancers to dance often to lots of different callers and in the front of the hall. When the music starts, that's your cue to square up. If you aren't comfortable visiting alone, ask someone to join you. That's why we have Telegram.

Be in our Squares
8510 Sandusky Ave
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Next Dance:

December 25th

Merry Christmas

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. You're doing a great job with visitations. Keep up the good work and maybe we can keep 1st place in the NW District.

Past Visitations

10/20 Wheatheart Squares 3
St Joe Squares 8
10/21 Crosstrailers 11
10/23 KC Plus 7
10/28 Harmony Dancers 12
11/3 St Joe Squares 4
11/4 Ottawa Promenaders 6
11/17 St Joe Squares 12
11/27 KC Plus 5
12/1 St Joe Squares 5
12/2 Maysville Wranglers 8
12/9 Shooting Stars 10

Future Themes

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

12/15 Ramblers
12/25 Our Dance
Nothing scheduled over the holidays.
Have fun on your own, if you wish.
01/05 Live Wires
01/12 Our Dance - Hat Dance
01/20 Crosstrailers
01/28 Savannah Sashayers - Mike Hogan

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

12/31 St Joe Squares 3-6pm (Meal to Follow)
4/19-20 HOA Fed Dance with Ken Burke
10/18-20 MO State Festival Sedalia

Our next dance is Christmas Night. It will be all Christmas music. Finger foods, cookies, whatever you like for refreshments. This one is casual so just come ready to have fun. This will be my fond farewell before I head south so I hope to see many of you before I leave. If you are involved with family or other guests, we understand and you will be missed.

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Lynn