



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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What a nice welcome home we had. Danced 5 squares all night. Guest caller Larry Liebig and Kathy visited and the Savannah Sashayers retrieved their banner. Seems to me, judging from all the laughter in the room, that our Night At The Movies dance was a big success. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this dance a success from Casey and her decorating crew, Leann who borrowed her brother's popcorn machine, and everyone who helped with set up and tear down, not to mention everyone who made our visitors feel welcome.

With the change in the weather, everyone seems to be feeling better. It was great to see Cheryl Gray back on the dance floor at our dance. Daniel Iott is hoping to bring Nancy to lessons for a review since it's been so long since they danced. Dorothy Claussen is still going through treatment and it leaves her tired, but she does get out some. Carol Hershey defeated COVID and she's back dancing her heart away. Jennifer Widhalm had to have the meniscus of her knee removed because the tissue was too damaged to repair. She is home and going through therapy but it will be a while before she's back on the dance floor. Keep her in your prayers.

Thanks to Cindy Nichols, we have a wonderful lesson location. We'll be using the ReMax office at 2 Victory Dr in Liberty. We'll have to move a little furniture and put it back but that's not a big deal and it's not the first time. Lessons will start at 7pm on Wednesday, April 24th. There should be plenty of room for our recent graduates, as well as new students. If you know anyone who would like to exercise their mind, as well as their body, bring them along. Be sure to tell them what a wonderful way to meet new people and have the most fun of their life it is. We'll only do one class this year and we should finish lessons right around Labor Day so they can jump right in and dance a full season. Our club is one of the few clubs in the state of Missouri that is growing and with another nice class we can keep it that way.

I was disappointed to hear not many of our new dancers attended the Blast Class on the 2nd. It would have been a great way to smooth out some rough edges while dancing with others in the same situation. Remember, nobody comes out of lessons being proficient. That comes with experience. In lessons, you learn to execute the movements. If you want to learn to dance, you MUST go to dances.

There are some good dances coming up. Saturday, April 13th, from 2-4:30pm, is the Half Way dance sponsored by the Crosstrailers. It will be at the Graceway Fellowship Hall. I hope ALL of our new dancers will attend since this dance will be geared especially to you. On Sunday, April 14th, Mike Hogan will be at Minnie Cline School in Savannah, sponsored by the Sashayers. Then on the 19th and 20th, the Heart of America will have their annual Federation Festival. It will be held at Osage Trail Middle School in Independence. Friday night will feature local callers and Saturday all day, Ken Burke will be behind the mic. Ken is from Michigan and in the words of Tim Tyl, he's a "skinny as a rail, spikey haired, ear ring wearing caller". He's lots of fun and you won't want to miss him. In fact, he's calling at Savannah Sashayers on March 17th so you could get a preview.

It's not too soon to make plans to attend the KS State Festival in Salina. It will be May 31st and June 1st and Justin Russell will be the featured caller. Justin is a young guy and a great caller. Anyone who went on the cruise can verify that for you, as he was one of the best callers on staff. The headquarters hotel is the Country Inn and Suites. There is a special rate of \$84.00 per night if you mention the KSDA Festival and register before May 1st. All rooms include microwaves and refrigerators, free wifi and parking and a buffet breakfast is included. Dancing will be at the Salina Country Club.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for doing such a great job of visiting and keeping the club going while I was gone. I've always said, if you want visitors, you must visit and you guys sure deliver. Thanks to Dan Robinson for filling in and especially to Leann for being my "left hand". Since I'm left handed, that's much more important than being my right hand. Leann always does a great job of keeping me informed, running the club and keeping track of the visitations. We appreciate you responding to her when she announces each visitation. Even if your answer is "no", we know if we will have enough to count or not. That way, if there won't be enough, we can cancel and anyone who had committed will be able to go somewhere else if they choose.

I won't schedule any visits for Easter weekend. Have a blessed day with your families.

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TO:

Next Dance:

April 12th

Black Light Dance

Happy Birthday and

Happy Anniversary

From your friends at

BNR Squares

As you know, we usually have a pot luck in June and at that time we plan our themes for the next season. Carol and I have chosen Saturday, June 8th. More details will follow as the day gets closer but we want you to put it on your calendar and plan to join us.

As always, 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

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| 02/24 | Harmony Dancers | 12 |
| 02/26 | KC Plus | 10 |
| 03/01 | St Joe Squares | 6 |
| 03/02 | Blast Dance | 15 |
| | Pistols n Petticoats | 1 |
| 03/03 | Savannah Sashayers | 6 |
| 03/13 | KC Plus | 12 |

Future Visitations

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| 03/17 | Savannah Sashayers |
| 03/22 | Stewartsville Kut Ups |
| 04/06 | Maysville Wranglers—Lynn calling |
| 04/12 | <i>Our Dance</i> |

Future Themes

5/10 Hawaiian Dance
6/08 Summer Pot Luck
Bring your ideas for next year's themes

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

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| 4/19-20 | HOA Fed Dance - Ken Burke |
| 5/31-6/1 | KSDA State Festival - Justin Russell |
| 7/12 | Mike Hogan |
| 7/14 | MINK Ladies—St Joseph, MO |
| 7/26 | Lanny Weaklend |
| 7/29 | Nick Hartley |
| 10/18-20 | MO State Festival Sedalia |

Our next dance is April 12th. It will be our "Black Light" dance. Wear something white or a fluorescent color that will reflect. We will make a few changes this year to accommodate comments made after last year's dance. Your usual finger foods will be great.

Have a blessed Easter!

Lynn