



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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I'd say our "Black Light" dance was a success. By leaving the kitchen light on and putting the refreshment table there, we not only had more room to dance, but the back of the hall was dimly lit. It didn't effect the reflection of the black lights, but it did give those with sight problems in low light a place to dance with out a problem. We danced 4 squares all night. Dan called every other tip and even threw in some Easter tunes. Thanks, Dan.

At last report Jennifer was doing therapy and hoping to be able to angel at lessons since they haven't been able to dance. Carol Burch took a tumble at the library and banged up her knee and ribs but she says nothing serious. Probably time will take care of it. Dorothy is still being cautious but seems to be doing well. Bryant still has some weight restrictions but he's getting back to normal activities and we look forward to seeing them soon. Leann's brother lost his battle with cancer and we're sorry for her loss but glad he is finally at peace. We haven't seen the lotts yet but hope springs eternal. Lessons are coming up so maybe.....

Don't forget lessons start on Wednesday, April 24th at 7pm, I encourage all of our recent graduates to angel. It's a lot easier than the first time around because you've already been through it and are familiar with the terminology and formations. You will pick up things that you missed the first time around. I've had a couple of contacts involving some single ladies so I'm pretty sure we will need some extra fellas for angels. If you know of anyone that might be interested, please encourage them to come. There's no charge just to try it. Let me know if you can help so we can have enough angels to fill the squares. As an FYI, for the first time since I started calling in 1996, I am raising my lesson fee. This year it will be \$75 per person. Again, thanks to Cindy Nichol for getting us a location.

The Heart of America Federation Festival is in the books and our club had a great showing. The unofficial attendance figure was 106. On Friday night we had 13 and Saturday there were 15 of us. Thanks to Bev and Tom Leach for carrying our banner in the Parade of Clubs. Also, congratulations to Steve and Kathy Bean for being elected Vice President of the HOA Association.

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.

The MINK Ladies (Wilma Randall, Connie Graham and Lynn Nelson) had a dance in Humeston, IA on Sunday, April 21st. We had more fun than anyone has a right to have. You would have thought Reba McIntire was on stage with all the costumes and accessories we had. And we're just getting warmed up. July 14th we will have a special dance at the Eagles in St Joseph from 2-5pm. We would love it if you would all plan to join us. Then on August 24th, we will be in Brookfield, MO with 3 guys from the St Louis area who are known as SH3 (aka Shed House 3). The Shed House 3 is comprised of Dennis Mineau, Mike Richard and Tom Murray. We've dubbed that dance as East Meets West. You never know what will happen when we get together. The only thing I can be sure of, is it will be fun. It should be a great summer trip so please put it on your calendar.

Over the years, we have tried to take an annual "club trip". Sometimes these have involved square dancing, and sometimes not. Sometimes, I would be the caller and sometimes not. The pandemic put a stop to them. Last year we went to the Country Music Show in Pleasant Hill following dinner at Jumpin' Catfish. We would love to plan another trip for this year so bring some ideas to our picnic. It could be a day trip or a weekend trip. We like to do something when the majority of the club is available.

For those of you who remember Joe Luttrell, he has had a somewhat miraculous recovery and has been able to leave the nursing home. He is back in his home in Kansas City and as he says, now that he has his health back, he needs to get his strength back. He wanted me to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers and be sure to say hello to everyone. He's hopeful that once he builds up his stamina, he'll be able to get back to us.

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TO:

Next Dance:
May 10th
Hawaiian 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. Everyone bring a dish to share and your ideas for next year. We're always up for new ideas.

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 HOA, we have to have a minimum of 6 members in attendance. Kathy and Leann 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

03/15	St Joe Squares	5
	Wheathearts	4
03/16	Brookfield	2
	Crosstrailers	4
03/17	Savannah Sashayers	8
03/22	Ramblers	5
03/23	Harmony Dancers	2
04/05	St Joe Squares	6
04/06	Maysville Wranglers	3
04/14	Savannah Sashayers	4
04/22	KC Plus	5

Future Visitations

04/26	Stewartsville Kut Ups
05/04	Pistols 'n Petticoats
<i>05/10</i>	<i>Our Dance</i>
05/17	St Joe Squares

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

5/31-6/1	KSDA State Festival - Justin Russell
<i>7/12</i>	<i>Mike Hogan</i>
7/14	MINK Ladies—St Joseph, MO
<i>7/26</i>	<i>Lanny Weaklend</i>
<i>7/29</i>	<i>Nick Hartley</i>
10/18-20	MO State Festival Sedalia

Future Themes

5/10	Hawaiian Dance
6/08	Summer Pot Luck

Bring your ideas for next year's themes

Our next dance is May 10th. It will be our annual "Hawaiian Dance". Wear something colorful, cool and comfortable. Cool and refreshing refreshments should be the order of the day. As always, thank you for all you do for me and for the club.

Lynn