



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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The past several weeks have been pretty eventful and not necessarily in a good way. A national caller from Texas took a terrible fall and has been in the hospital, mostly in ICU, since Memorial Day weekend. Joe Saltel is fairly well known in the area as he has called festivals here and many of us dance to him in the winter. He is unarguably one of the best callers in the business and a super nice guy. He has a very long and rocky road ahead of him and one fraught with many medical expenses. A benefit dance is being planned for him on August 30th at the Cameron United Methodist Church from 7-10pm. I know that's Labor Day weekend, but if you don't have any special plans, this would be a great way to spend a Friday evening. Joe is scheduled to call at the Kicks on Rte 36 dance in September and I would never say never, but this is looking less and less likely to occur. Joe just got the ball rolling as he fell on Sunday night and then Wednesday, Eldon Graham, caller hauler for Connie (1/3 of the MINK Ladies) fell and broke his hip on Wednesday. He had to have surgery for that but it went well and he is back on his feet working on building up his stamina. The next day, John totalled his car and landed himself in the hospital with 2 broken ribs, a blood clot in his lung, a bruise on that lung and a broken hand. He was there from Thursday until Sunday while they worked to dissolve the clot. He's home and doing well, although he still has quite a bit of pain in his rib area when he tries to do anything and not being able to use his hand frustrates him beyond measure. We think his best friend is just going to be time. Dorothy Claussen has decided to discontinue her chemo treatments and our prayers are with her as she transitions to this next phase of her healthcare. Dennis Trotter had a cardioversion on Wednesday and things went well. He will be on blood thinners for another 30 days but is able to work out moderately.

At our potluck on June 8th, we discussed possible club gatherings and trips. Denise Shelley and Kathy Bean were aware of a community theater production in Independence and Denise is going to look into group tickets for the Sept 7th performance. Several years ago we visited Warm Springs ranch where the Clydesdales are raised and there was interest in a return trip. Kelly will look into group tickets for that. We'll have more information at our next pot luck which will be held on September 8th since August is so busy.

We also discussed the fact that several other clubs in the area have increased their door donations and since the church has increased our rent, it might be time for us to do the same. It was decided that we would raise our donation for regular club dances to \$7 per person and for special dances to \$8 per person.

Don't forget our summer specials. This year we only have 2: Mike Hogan on July 12th and Lanny Weakland on July 26th. These are technically not club dances and everyone pays to attend. For those of you new to the club, our summer format is a bit different. We do Plus from 7:30-8:00 and then Mainstream from 8-10pm. All summer dances are casual and we don't do refreshments. We'll have water and coffee available and you're welcome to bring your own beverage in a covered container. I do appreciate if anyone can come early to help set up and anyone who stays to clean up.

For the past several years, some of us have attended the Summer Weekend Getaway in Johnson, NE., with Lanny Weakland and Mike Hogan. This year's dance will be July 19th-20th at the American Legion Hall. The air conditioning is second to none and it's always a good time. It's Mainstream with Plus tips. Friday's dance is 8-10:30pm. There's a casual workshop from 1:30-4pm Saturday afternoon and then dancing Saturday evening from 8-10:30pm. Each evening there is an after party which consists of a social hour where everyone brings snacks to share. There's no need to pre-register. Admission for the entire weekend is only \$50/couple. Some of us, for a variety of reasons, are only going to go for Saturday this year. It's really not a bad trip so you should join us.

August 10th from 7-10pm at Graceway Fellowship Hall in Raytown will be the NW District dance. As a member club, we will all be expected to take refreshments, as well as items for door prizes and the silent auction. Dorothy Claussen has generously volunteered to donate a skirt for the silent auction. For additional information go to: www.NWDance.SquareDanceMissouri.com. Our own Carol Hershey is district president so let's get behind this and show her how much we support and appreciate her. It would be wonderful to have a big turnout at our District dance and there will be several different callers to dance to,

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Next Dances:
July 12th, 26th
Summer Specials
Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary
From your friends at
BNR Squares

TO:

Some of our new dancers have asked to get club shirts, however, there is a 6 shirt minimum to order and so far I have only had 3 shirts ordered. For that reason, the order is on hold. I wish there was a way around it but I don't know what it would be. If we get these ordered, it should only be a couple weeks to delivery since they already have the artwork. If you would like to have a shirt and look like part of the group when we travel, please let me know as soon as possible.

Carol Hershey should have all of our NW District visitation cards for last season by now and all we can do is keep our fingers crossed until August 10th to see if we keep bragging rights. If you didn't get a new yellow card, be sure to get one either from her or from me.

Because the summer is so very busy, I'm not scheduling many visits but I have selfishly listed those dances where I will be calling and I hope you will join me.

Past Visitations

05/24 Stewartsville Kut Ups 12
05/25 Harmony Dancers 7
01/27 KC Plus 5
06/04 Heartland Squares 7
06/07 St Joe Squares 12
06/15 Crosstrailers 4
06/21 St Joe Squares 7

Future Visitations

06/23 Savannah Sashayers (Lynn Calling)
07/14 MINK Ladies (St Joe Eagles)
08/17 Ottawa Promenaders (Lynn Calling)
08/24 East Meets West (Brookfield, MO)

Future Themes

9/13 Are You Feelin' Lucky?
10/11 It's My Party (50s/60s)
11/08 Honor Vets Red, White & Blue
12/25 Christmas Night
01/10 Support Your Favorite Football Team
02/14 ValenTine's Dance
03/14 Pπ Dance (Pie Dance)
04/11 Night At The Movies
05/09 Hawaiian Dance

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

7/12 Mike Hogan
7/14 MINK Ladies—St Joseph, MO
7/19-20 Summer Weekend Getaway Johnson, NE
7/26 Lanny Weakland
8/10 NW MO District Dance & Meeting
8/24 East Meets West—Brookfield, MO
10/18-20 MO State Festival Sedalia

Have a wonderful summer. Enjoy your vacations and stay safe where ever you travel. We hope to see you all in many squares over the next several weeks. And remember how much I appreciate your loyalty and support.

Lynn