



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Things seem to be looking up on the home front a bit. So far Dorothy is doing pretty well, although she fatigues easily, but that's to be expected. This weekend she is headed our west for a reunion and we hope she has a wonderful time visiting with family and friends. John is out of his hand brace and can begin lifting limited amounts of weight. Dennis dropped in to lessons once and it was great to see him. The other two "mauled caller haulers" as they were introduced at the MINKtacular, are even improving. So far Vern has been able to remain upright, even tho' health challenges sometimes make that difficult, and Eldon is going through therapy.

Planning for the Joe Saltel benefit is moving forward and we're hoping to be able to show Joe and Chris just how generous midwestern square dancers are. Plans are under way for a silent auction. If you could donate something, that would be wonderful. We don't want any white elephant types of things but gifts don't have to be expensive. Homemade baked goods, crafts, gift cards, etc. Anything would be appreciated. We'll be selling tickets and then you drop your ticket in a bag beside the gift and we'll draw one out at the end of the evening. You won't have to bid against anyone.

Our 2nd Annual MINK Ladies dance is in the books and we feel pretty good about it. We had 7 squares in attendance and danced 6 most of the afternoon. Maye dubbed it a MINKtacular and we like that so we decided to keep it. Of course, as with any other dance, there are things that can be improved and we're looking into ways to make things better, but we certainly had fun calling it and from the looks of things, the dancers in attendance seemed to have a good time, too. I want to thank the 12 members who gave up their Sunday afternoon to be with us. We even had one of our students in attendance. I can't tell you how much it means to me to see the support that I get when you show up at my dances. Not only are we well represented, we usually have some of the best dancers on the floor. A lot of that comes from frequent visitations. The more you do it, the better you get so keep up the good work

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.

Our first summer special is behind us. Mike Hogan called a wonderful dance, as usual. I would expect nothing less. Found out that his signature song, Pink Cadillac, is pretty much in his rear view mirror. It's a little more strenuous than he likes these days, but he did it for me. I hope you all enjoyed it. He is always an entertainer. We had a little more than 10 squares for Mike and these days, that's a festival. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way. On the 26th, we will have our 2nd and last summer special for this year when Lanny Weaklend calls for us. Lanny isn't as energetic as Mike but he always calls a good dance and uses music you don't usually hear in this area. I hope you will all be able to make it,

As I write this newsletter some of you are enjoying yourselves in Johnson, NE at Mike and Lanny's Summer Weekend Getaway. This is something I've done for many years and the club has joined me for approximately the past 10 years. It's always a good time and I'm sorry to have had to miss it. I know that the BNRs were well represented.

If you have never danced at Croco Hall in Topeka, you have missed out on a great dance floor. You will have an opportunity to rectify that situation when Mike Hogan calls at their annual Sunshine Special on August 4th. There are 2 sessions: 2-4:30pm and 7-9:30pm. Libby Gilbert will be providing dinner during the break. It's a ways over there so I suggest car pooling. Cost is \$8/session or \$15 for both. There is also a recycle shop in the hall so you can pick up a new outfit for not much money.

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 Dance:

July 26th

Summer Special

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 5 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, or you need to replace the one you have, please let me know as soon as possible.

You're doing a great job of getting the visitation cards signed. Keep up the good work. Right now we just have to keep our fingers crossed until August 10th when we find out if we get to keep bragging rights in the NW District. If you have questions about either the NW District or HOA visitation programs, don't hesitate to ask.

Past Visitations

06/23 Savannah Sashayers 9
06/24 KC Plus 3
07/05 St Joe Squares 10
07/07 Savannah Sashayers 11
07/08 KC Plus 7
07/14 MINK Ladies 12

Future Visitations

08/04 Sunshine Special-Topeka (Mike Hogan)
08/10 NW District Dance
08/11 Savannah Sashayers-(DeeDee Dougherty)
08/17 Ottawa Promenaders (Lynn Calling)
08/24 East Meets West (Brookfield, MO)
08/30 Joe Saltel Benefit Dance (Cameron,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 Π Dance (Pie Dance)
04/11 Night At The Movies
05/09 Hawaiian Dance

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

7/26 Lanny Weakland
8/10 NW MO District Dance & Meeting
8/24 East Meets West—Brookfield, MO
08/31 Blast Dance/2 sessions (not lessons)
10/18-20 MO State Festival Sedalia

Because the summer is so very busy, I haven't scheduled many visits. I have listed a couple extra special dances and I have selfishly listed those dances where I will be calling. I hope you will join me.

Have a wonderful summer. Stay safe and don't forget to save time for dancing. And always remember how much I appreciate your loyalty and support.

Lynn 