



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Summer is progressing and you are all staying active. That's a great thing. Thank you for all the visiting you are doing. You represent the club very well.

Several of you came back from Johnson with COVID and I'm really sorry for that. I'm glad that most of you are back on your feet. I'm afraid COVID is going to be a permanent part of our lives now, just like the flu. And the older we get, the more susceptible we are to all these bugs that float around. You never know where you will encounter one of these invisible enemies - it could be while you are grocery shopping. We just have to be diligent with hand washing and other preventive methods and try to stay as healthy as we can. Dorothy is struggling a bit now. Her fatigue is increasing and she doesn't always feel stable on her feet so we may not see much of her. Please keep her in your prayers. I heard from Dennis that he fell and injured his knee. He checked with Dr Google and it said that he could walk on it but it would take 3-4 months to heal so we probably won't see him in a square until late fall. To the best of my knowledge, everyone else is doing OK. If I missed anyone, I apologize.

Planning for the Joe Saltel benefit on August 30th 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. If you have something you would like to donate, you can bring it to me or if you want to bring it to the dance, just let Penny Byers know so they can plan. Her email is: PByers@live.com.

Now that the MINK Ladies MINKtacular is over, we're looking forward to squaring off with the guys from St Louis, the SH3 (Dennis Mineau, Mike Richard and Tom Murray). This is coming up fast as it will be Saturday, August 24th in Brookfield, MO. I know it's a bit of a drive but it's a Saturday afternoon and the weather is beautiful. If you can come, I'd really appreciate it and I guarantee it will be fun.

Denise Shelley is taking reservations for those who would like to attend "Noises Off" at the Independence Community Theater on September 7th. Tickets are only \$10 each and are payable at the door. She just needs to know how many seats to reserve. Let's wear our club shirts that night. It makes a great impression when we're out in public.

August 10th was the NW District Dance and we did a great job of supporting our district. 13 BNRs attended and we once again took home 1st place in the Friendship Visitation competition. I didn't catch the exact percentage, but we blew away the competition. You guys are the bomb. I guess you've all figured out the more you do it, the more fun you have. Thank you all for your participation.

Our next pot luck is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th. Yes, I know we usually hold these in August, but August was just too busy this year. Once again, Carol Hershey has graciously agreed to host this for us. What would we do without her? We will have pork, anyway she wants to fix it, paid for by the club, and we ask all of you to bring either a veggie, salad or dessert. We will gather about 1:30pm and plan to eat at 2pm. This is a great time to get to visit and enjoy each other's company. Sometimes there just isn't time at a dance. Please let Carol know if you will be able to attend or not so she knows how many to plan for.

Lessons are moving right along and it looks like we are on track to have graduation either the 11th or 18th of September. I'll let you know by Telegram when the date is firmed up.

Club shirts have been ordered for those who didn't have one or needed a different size. They are supposed to be delivered to me August 27th so I will have them at lessons on the 29th. There will be 7 new members wearing our brilliant blue at dances and functions so we will surely stand out. Final cost with tax \$31.25

Many of you have already submitted your membership forms to me and I appreciate that. If you haven't, please get them to me no later than our club dance, as I have to have everything filled out and submitted to both HOA and NW District by the end of the month. If you have decided not to join us this coming year, you will be missed. Please let me know tho' so I won't be waiting for a form that isn't coming.

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Next Dance:

September 13

Are You Feeling Lucky

TO:

*Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary
From your friends at
BNR Squares*

You're doing a great job of getting the visitation cards signed. Keep up the good work. Remember, even if you are the only one there, you can get the Friendship Visitation card signed for NW District so you should all be carrying one with you. If there are several of you, only one need get it signed but put the total number on the card. It takes 6 to get the HOA card signed and several of us have those so there should always be one available. If you have questions about either the NW District or HOA visitation programs, don't hesitate to ask.

Past Visitations

7/19-20 Weekend Getaway 10
07/22 KC Plus 6
7/26-27 HASSDA 10
08/02 St Joe Squares 4
08/10 NW District 13
08/11 Savannah Sashayers 6
08/12 KC Plus 7
08/17 Ottawa Promenaders 5

Future Visitations

08/24 East Meets West (Brookfield, MO)
08/30 Joe Saltel Benefit Dance (Cameron, MO)
09/07 "Noises Off"
09/08 Club Pot Luck
09/13 Our Dance
09/20 Ramblers

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)

08/24 East Meets West—Brookfield, MO
08/31 Blast Dance/2 sessions (not lessons)
10/18-20 MO State Festival Sedalia

Our next dance will be September 13, and you've chosen "Are You Feelin' Lucky?" as your theme. I anticipate all kinds of superstitions being in evidence and I bet Denise and her crew will have some I haven't thought about. Your usual finger foods will be fine.

I want to thank everyone who has traveled to support me during the summer season and also for everything you do for me and the club. It does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. *Lynn*