



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Summer is behind us and we have kicked off a new season. Our crowd was small due to conflicting with the Kicks on 36 special up north, but everyone seemed to have a great time. Sometimes smaller crowds can just be more fun. Denise and her crew did a fabulous job with the theme. If you weren't there, you sure missed out. There were all kinds of superstitions represented on the wall behind the refreshment table and black cats with glowing eyes all over the room. And you could choose a fortune from a bowl—I really like mine. "You are sexy but you're a square dancer so you can't help it." Thanks to everyone for all your help. And it didn't go unnoticed that you made sure our partnerless visitors all danced.

I'm sorry to say that Dorothy Claussen passed away this month. She will surely be missed. Dennis has been fighting his A-Fib so his attendance has been spotty. We hope he gets that under control soon. John has finally decided not to fight it anymore and he will have left hip replacement on September 24th. Hopefully we'll get him back on the dance floor soon. If I missed anyone, I apologize.

Only 5 were able to make it to our East Meets West dance in Brookfield, but I thank you for making the effort. I hope you had as much fun as we did. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the support the members of this club give me.

The benefit dance for Joe Saltel is behind us and it exceeded all hopes and expectations. Thank you to anyone who played a part in its success, be it donations of cash or gifts for the silent auction, or your attendance. We had dancers and callers from 3 states. 11 callers donated their time and talents and when all was said and done, the Liebigs were able to send a whopping \$5,300 to Joe and Chris Saltel. The Saltels are overwhelmed with gratitude!

On September 7th, 21 of us met at the Sermon Center in Independence and enjoyed the play, "Noises Off". It was a lot of fun and our club shirts drew a lot of attention and interest in our activity. Thanks, Denise, for spearheading this outing.

On September 11th we held graduation. It was so much fun. Sometimes the same old stuff seems new because of the response you get and our new dancers were laughing and smiling all evening. If you haven't had a chance to meet them yet, you are missing out. Congratulations, Russell and Kelley Huff; Dana Norton; DJ Sermon; and our "retreads", Carl and Gina Scholdberg. Welcome to our club.

Our pot luck on September 8th was well attended and we not only enjoyed some good fellowship and great food, we made some decisions that will effect the club. 1st, let me once again thank our hostess with the most-ess, Carol Hershey, for her generous hospitality. During our discussion, it was decided that in the future, door prizes will only be given to visitors. Also, the cost of door prizes is limited to \$5. Leann made a list of each dance and its theme and we would like to ask 1 or 2 couples to "host" each dance. This just means that you decide if you want decorations or not, and if so, how much. We would like to have tablecloths for the sign-in, refreshment and callers' tables, as well as a centerpiece for the sign-in and callers table. Beyond that, it's up to you. We would like to have greeters at each dance to welcome our visitors and thank them as they leave. This would also be the responsibility of the hosts. Our new dancer, Dana, has volunteered to be a permanent greeter, however she will not be able to attend our October dance. Other responsibilities, i.e. set up, tear down, and kitchen will be shared as we have in the past. We still have 3 months that have not been chosen so please contact Leann and step up. They also decided that future club shirts will not be personalized, in order to make it easier to share if there's an issue with size. We won't be ordering shirts again until next summer but we got that discussion out of the way. LOL

Carol and I chose the day for our next pot luck. It will be Saturday, December 7th, so get it on your schedule now.

I want to thank everyone who got their membership form into me on time. We lost several members but we gained 6 so when all was said and done, we ended up with 31 names on our roster. If you paid for Fed Facts, I will be holding that fee until the HOA decides if they are going to increase the subscription fee or fold the magazine. At this time, they don't have an editor. If it's something you would like to do, contact the Beans.

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TO:

Next Dance:
September 13
Are You Feeling Lucky

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

Don't forget the MO State Festival is coming up in Sedalia, October 18-20th. Ken Burke will be the featured caller and he is tons of fun. Daytime is always casual, but in the evening they request square dance attire. Let's wear our club shirts during the day.

You have continued to do a wonderful job with the visitation program so keep up the good work. If we want visitors, we must visit and it's always fun to have a full house.

Past Visitations

08/24 East Meets West 5
08/26 KC Plus 3
08/30 Benefit Dance 8
08/31 NW District Blast 4
09/06 Ramblers 4
09/07 Play—"Noises Off" 17
09/09 KC Plus 9

Future Visitations

09/20 Ramblers
09/28 Docey Dandies
10/04 Live Wires
10/11 **Our Dance**
10/18-20 **MO State Festival**

Future Themes

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

10/18-20 MO State Festival Sedalia
03/28-29 HOA Fed Dance
06/6-7 KS State Festival Wichita
07/13 MINK Ladies
07/26 NW District
08/08-09 HASSDA Emporia, KS

Our next dance will be October 11th, and you've chosen "It's My Party" as your theme. We'll be using music from the 50s and 60s. Tom and Bev have agreed to be our hosts. Dig out your poodle skirts and bobby socks and fellas get the Brylcreem. Or wear your jeans rolled up and "penney loafers". I've got "saddle shoes" which I wouldn't be caught dead in as a kid. Should be a fun time. Normal finger foods will be great.

Since I have an extra line, I would like to invite you to come to Eudora KS on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. I conduct a workshop and anyone is welcome. Heeses and Scholdbergs have been coming and I say the more the merrier.

As always, I want to thank one and all for everything you do for me and the club. I feel so blessed to have this group of dancers. The love and support you show me is appreciated more than I can say.

Lynn