



# Be iN ouR Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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What a great "party" we had at our October dance. 54 dancers in the hall and we danced 6 squares several times and 5 squares most of the night. Bev and Tom did a great job with decorations but sadly weren't able to join us. They were fighting some kind of bug and decided it would be wiser to stay home. In true BNR fashion, you all stepped up and filled in for them. We're sorry they had to miss, but thanks to everyone who stepped up when needed.

The Harmony Dancers and Live Wires repaid our visits and the Heartland Squares visited us with 7 members so I have scheduled a repay for next month. It pays to visit. It sure makes our dance floor look good on club night.

I know not all of you are going to Sedalia for the Missouri State Festival, but several of us will be, so I didn't schedule an official club visitation that weekend. Go wherever you want to go, and don't hesitate to put it on Telegram. Maybe you'll get a group to go with you. After all, the more the merrier. Just remember to get the card signed.

Cheryl Gray had surgery and will be undergoing additional treatment for the next couple months. She would appreciate your prayers. John's total hip replacement was successful and he's now gotten his driving privileges back and no longer has to use a walker, but won't be on the dance floor for at least another month. Off and on, we've had some members who have fought seasonal ills but so far, no other serious illnesses that I'm aware of. Please be vigilant as flu and COVID season ramps up so we can all stay healthy.

Carol and I chose the day for our next pot luck. It will be Saturday, December 7th, so get it on your schedule now. Our December pot luck always kind of kicks off the Christmas season and is usually fairly festive. Something I have done over the years, is bring my Christmas cards and passed them out. Saves postage and these days, that's quite a saving. It's not required, but just something I have done so if you think it's something you would like to do, feel free.

I'm still holding your money for Fed Facts, as they have not notified me, as yet, regarding either a new subscription fee or the demise of the magazine. If they decide to fold the magazine, we will still be able to get all the information we need from the website, however, not everyone uses the internet. I know. In this day and age, that seems incomprehensible to some of us, but it's a fact. Another fact, is Dan Wheeler, webmaster extraordinaire, will not be around forever and should there come a time when he is no longer able to handle the website, if no one steps up, we could be in a world of hurt regarding the dissemination of dance information. Please think about filling the Editor's position. My late husband and I did it for 5 years and we really enjoyed it. It gave us a chance to get to know people we otherwise would have only seen in passing at a dance. When we did it, we had 96 clubs in the HOA and the magazine was printed every month with an average of between 120-124 pages in each magazine. Back then it was only partially computerized so there was a lot of cutting out the chatter and fitting it on the pages like a jigsaw puzzle. Now, the book only goes out quarterly and you only have a dozen or fewer clubs to deal with. All things considered, it shouldn't be a huge job and if you have any computer skills at all, it shouldn't be difficult.

If you remember back to your graduation ceremony, you'll remember the flame of duty. BNRs have always been a club that takes that seriously. I don't know what's happening within our activity, but I know that there have only been a handful of people statewide, that have been willing to step into leadership positions. Just this fall they have finally found someone to take Dave Shafer's place as ad manager for the Doins after so many years that I don't remember ever working with anyone else. Edythe Weber has been doing double duty with the Doins editor and insurance coordinator for several years and our own Carol Hershey has been President of the NW District for at least 3 years. Maybe longer. I lose track of time. The HOA is still missing a couple of officers and half their Fed Facts staff. Kudos to Marvin and Joyce Schemmer who have served in one capacity or another on the HOA staff since before I started dancing in 1989. I bet they would like to have a break so they could just dance and enjoy themselves. Please, give it some thought.

We usually choose some type of charitable activity for our December pot luck and it didn't get discussed. If you have any ideas, please let me know and we'll see if we can get a consensus from the club. Of course, we could always just do something fun among ourselves if you wish. I await your ideas.

Be in our Squares  
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TO:

*Next Dance:*  
**November 8**  
**Honor Our Veterans**

*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 on Saturday.

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

09/16 Savannah Sashayers 12  
09/20 Ramblers 13  
09/21 Crosstrailers 6  
09/23 KC Plus 3  
09/27 Stewarsville Cut ups 4  
09/28 Harmony Dancers 9  
Peppy Promenaders 2  
10/04 Live Wires 6

#### Future Visitations

10/18-20 MO State Festival  
10/25 Stewartville Cut-Ups  
11/01 St Joe Squares  
11/08 Our Dance  
11/19 Heartland Squares

#### Future Themes

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 Pi 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 November 8th, and you've chosen to honor our veterans. We'll be using patriotic music and we encourage you to wear your red, white and blue. Heeses and Nichols will be our hosts. Should be a fun time. Normal finger foods will be great.

As always, I want to thank one and all for everything you do for me and the club. So many clubs have a small nucleus of dancers who do everything while the rest show up for a good time and leave. You guys all work together to "git er done" and when someone can't do something they promised to do for whatever reason, you all step up to fill in. I feel so blessed to have this group of dancers. And when you look at the list of leadership in subordinate organizations, BNR Squares has the majority of names on the list. To me, that speaks volumes about our club. It makes me so proud to be a part of it. On top of that, the love and support you show me is appreciated more than I can say.

*Lynn*