



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

Another year has passed and our club has seen a lot of success and happiness and a few trials and tribulations. We have gained some wonderful new members and sadly, we have lost some. Some of our members have lost loved ones, as well. Some of our members have faced serious health challenges and we're happy to say, most of them have emerged victorious. Our club once again came out in first place in the Friendship Visitation program with the NW Missouri District. Over and over again, our membership has stepped up and made me proud by filling positions in subordinate organizations and by the way you represent yourselves and our club in other functions within our activity. I can only look forward to 2025 with anticipation as I know with this group, things will just get better.

Our November dance to Honor Our Veterans could certainly be called a success. 50 dancers in the hall and we danced 4 or 5 squares all evening. When we took our break, we invited the vets in attendance, as well as widows of vets, to join us at the front of the hall and Leann presented each a flag pin as a token of our appreciation for their service. Music included all songs that represented our country and our patriotism. The Nichols and Heeses did a great job with decorations and the table covers were super nice. I'd never seen them before. We moved the selfie station into the hall and I think it worked out better for dancers trying to take advantage of it between tips. And we had so many refreshments, we thought we were going to have to add a table. Thanks to everyone who contributed to our success. If you couldn't make it, you were definitely missed.

Our December dance was a little smaller than in recent years with just under 4 squares in attendance but we kept 3 squares on the floor all evening. Our crowd this year included visitors from as far away as Manhattan, KS and Stewartsville, MO. Thanks to the Burches for being our hosts this month. I know that it's a busy time of year so I understand that some of you couldn't attend, but you were missed.

Cheryl Gray has successfully completed her treatment and we look forward to seeing her back in a square. Kathy Bean had been sidelined by complications from her knee surgery but she's back in a square. I guess you just can't keep a good woman down. We no more than got John back on the dance floor and he took a fall down the stairs on Christmas eve and ended up with a badly sprained ankle that kept him on a walker for nearly a week. Altho' he's still wearing the boot they provided in the ER, he's navigating on his own power and improving everyday.

Our pot luck attendance was down a bit this year, but those in attendance certainly enjoyed some wonderful food and lots of good company. Seems like with the favorable weather, this year has been busier than usual. Thanks again to Carol for being our hostess.

Leann tells me that we still don't have hosts for 2 dances. There really isn't a lot involved. Choose the color scheme and colors for the table cloths. You can pick them up or Leann will. Decorate if you so choose, but feel free to ask for help from the membership. If you want to have a selfie station, it's up to you but again your choice. Provide 2 door prizes, maximum cost, \$5 each. The months we still have available are April and May. If you would make an extra effort to be sure to thank our visitors for coming sometime during the dance, that would be great, but I think that's something that we should all be doing. Please let Leann know if you would like to be host for one of these dances. Feel free to work with another couple.

Lots of things coming up for newer dancers. On February 16th the HOA is sponsoring a "Newbie Dance" right in our very own hall. The Live Wires' March 7th dance will be geared toward anyone who has graduated since June. I'm sure this will be a fun dance and it's always great to support our new dancers. We were all new at one time. I hope you will plan to support these dances and make our newer dancers feel welcome and comfortable in the activity.

Cindy has confirmed that we will be able to use her office again for lessons so put out your feelers for anyone who would like to get some fun exercise for body and mind that doesn't feel like a work out. We will start on April 16th at the ReMax office, 2 Victory Lane, Liberty, MO. Cost will be \$75 per person for the entire class.

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Next Dance:
December 25th
Merry Christmas

Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary
From your friends at
BNR Squares

TO:

I have tried to schedule visits close to home since the weather is iffy this time of year. I did schedule the Savannah Sashayers on February 2nd because Kelly Kennedy will be calling. The last time Kelly called for them, quite a few of us went and we all had a good time. Not only that, Kelly is Leann's cousin and we would like to support him.

Thank you for doing such a great job with our visitations. If we want visitors, we must visit and you all but guarantee we will have well attended dances.

Past Visitations

11/15 Ramblers 13
11/19 Heartland Squares 9
11/23 Docey Dandies 4
12/06 St Joe Squares 13
12/14 Shooting Stars 11
12/21 Ramblers 2
12/17 St Joe 14
12/30 KC Plus 6
12/31 St Joe 8
01/03 Live Wires 7

01/18 Crosstrailers
01/25 Harmony Dancers
02/02 Savannah Sashayers
02/08 Shooting Stars

02/18 Heartland Squares (50's dance)

Future Themes

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

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 our Support Your Favorite Football Team dance. I suspect the hall will be filled with Chief's t-shirts, but feel free to wear something else if you have the nerve. Your usual finger foods will be great.

Thanks go to Dan Robinson for the great job he does with picking up the slack in my absence and as always, to Leann for being my important left hand. I don't know what I would do without her help, whether I'm in KC or the Rio Grande Valley. I know that you will all give her the help and support she needs and I can't tell you how much I appreciate that.

Lynn