



Be iN ouR Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Since Mother Nature threw a major temper fit and confined you all to your homes and cancelled pretty much every activity in the Midwest the first 2 weeks of January, we had no dance to evaluate. That means we don't owe any visits from January either. But wow, once the weather broke, you guys went into over drive. Your visitation numbers are amazing and I am so proud when I record them. Even tho' we had to cancel the visit to the Crosstrailers, we still had 2 in attendance. Way to go! Our February dance is in flux so those details will be in the next newsletter.

I have some good news of my own that has made my trip to south Texas pretty special this year. My good friend, Joe Saltel, has asked me to cover his Saturday night dances. You may remember that last summer we did a benefit dance on the Friday night of Labor Day weekend for a caller who took a bad fall over Memorial Day weekend. That would be Joe, and he's still battling health challenges. He still has a lung that won't reinflate and is on 2 anti-coagulants. He has 2 surgeries in his future but they won't schedule them until he's able to discontinue them. Joe usually calls dances Tuesday through Friday mornings and Saturday nights, but his Dr has limited him to 2 morning dances. Joe has asked me to cover for him on Saturday nights. Since many "Winter Texans" don't drive at night, the attendance isn't as many as the morning dances, but I am so honored and beyond thrilled to be asked to fill in. Calling weekly is completely different than calling monthly and it's all plus so it's been a real challenge for me but I think it will make me a better caller so it's a win win for both of us.

February has started off a bit better than January, healthwise, at least. John was able to toss the walker right after the first of the year and has traded his brace for combat boots, which he will probably wear for support for the next several weeks since he actually broke a little bit of the fusion material away when he fell. Leann has had cataract surgery and is doing well and will have knee replacement surgery before our March dance. I'm sure she will appreciate your prayers and positive thoughts.

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. If there is enough interest, we will do Plus lessons preceding the mainstream class so we don't have to tie up an extra night for students or angels. Let me know if you would be interested or know someone who would.

The HOA dance is upon us. The featured caller this year is Jet Roberts. Since the local callers are being honored, Jet will be calling the entire program. See any Fed Officer for ribbons.

The Kansas State Festival will be in Wichita this year with fan favorite, Tim Tyl as the featured caller. This will be the first time in decades that it hasn't been held in Salina. Make plans now to attend and secure your housing.

The Missouri State Festival will be in Cape Girardeau this year. I know it's a long way, but there are a lot of things to do in the area if you wanted to take a couple extra days. If you think you will be going, you will want to reserve your room now as rooms are limited. If something happens, you can always cancel. That's better than sleeping in your car if you don't get a room.

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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, Leann's cousin, was calling and we thank those who supported that dance. 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

01/17 St. Joe 7
01/18 Crosstrailers cancelled 2
01/19 Savannah 6
01/24 Stewartville 5
01/25 Harmony Dancers 11
01/27 KC + 9
02/01 NW District Blast 8
02/02 Savannah Sashayers 5
02/08 Shooting Stars 9
02/10 KC + 7

02/18 Heartland Squares (50's dance)
03/01 Pistols n Petticoats
03/07 Live Wires
03/14
03/22 Docey Dandies
03/28-29 HOA Federation Festival

Future Themes

03/14 Pπ 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 Pπ Dance (Pie Dance), You agreed that you would serve pie that night and I suspect there will be a wide variety of flavors.

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