



Be iN ouR Squares

Gashland United Methodist Church

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NEWSLETTER

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Our October dance was fairly small with only 9 visitors but everyone seemed to have a good time. Leann and Carol did a nice job on Decorations and the selfie station. I noticed several times there a line waiting to use it. Our selfie station seems to be a real popular part of our dances and it's something that is unique to our club. Not only did we have small rhinestone encrusted cowboy hats on the tables, there was a special giant cookie decorated with cowboy boots on the refreshment table. You guys never disappoint.

We need to be looking for a new lesson venue for next year. We need something north of the river that is air conditioned since we go through the summer and it needs to be either real cheap or free. The room doesn't have to be huge. Keeping squares small makes it easier to see formations and their position in them, so don't think crowded, think cozy. A basement, climate controlled garage or Sunday School room would all work. If a church wanted us to give their members free lessons for access to a room, that could be arranged. Since I live south, I don't have access or knowledge of possible venues in the northland so I'm counting on you. The fastest way for a club to begin to die, is to eliminate lessons. I know the commitment can be a huge inconvenience, but it keeps our club viable and growing while others flounder and die so I thank you for supporting lessons each year.

Leroy and Cathy Gray have been traveling and we haven't seen them at a dance lately. We look forward to seeing them back in our squares. Larry and Jill Burger have been out dancing several times and from what I observed (and reports I've heard from other callers) they are doing a great job. Since we have several new members, I would like to know who is interested in ordering a club shirt. Since there is a 6 shirt minimum, we may have to wait a bit to get them ordered. **If you would like to have a new club shirt, please let me know** so I can start to compile a list. I won't know the cost of the shirts until I know how many we will order, but it will more than likely be between \$30 and \$32. We voted not to include names on any future shirts. We did discover the men's shirts run pretty true to size and the women's shirts run small if you are well endowed at all.

We have once again had to change suppliers for our club badges. The company was sold to Merle and Madeline Hall from Macon, MO. Postal service has proven to be less than reliable and somewhat expensive so whenever possible, they try to ship it by the "square dancer express". Sometimes it takes a while to make all the connections, so if you need a new badge, let me know, but don't expect to get it very quickly.

The Missouri State Festival is in the books and it was a great weekend. They had 3 halls all next to each other so you didn't have to wear yourself out traveling from one hall to another. The featured caller and cuer were entertaining and the state callers more than picked up the slack. If you didn't make it this year, be sure to plan to join us in Springfield, MO next year when fan favorite, Mike Hogan will be the featured caller.

We asked for members to volunteer to host a dance and we still have two months open, January and April. **Please contact Leann to sign up.** We also announced the date for the **December pot luck, December 7th**. It was decided that we wouldn't do any charitable contribution this year. I also announced that all but 6 members had replied to my query regarding the Christmas night dance and there were zero positive replies so that dance is canceled. This is one that I always enjoy so I hope that we'll be able to bring it back next year.

I was asked to do a demo at Senior Star at Wexford on November 5th. This facility is located just north of 64th St and west of I-29. This is a Wednesday and would be at 2pm so shouldn't conflict with any dances. As always you stepped up for me and came thru. Please plan to be there no later than 1:45 so I'm not panicking. LOL If you would like to wear square dance attire, that's great. If not, casual attire will be just fine. The point is to entertain the residents and show them what a fun activity we participate in,

Even tho' I didn't schedule and official visit during the State Festival, you guys stepped up and created your own visit and that's great.

As far as the health of the club is concerned, the good news is, we are mostly healthy. The bad news is, Carla is still struggling with headaches and can't always join us when she would like to. The worse news is, Dan Robinson has really been struggling with his chronic colitis. He has been hospitalized 3 times in as many weeks and despite endless tests and medication changes, they haven't been able to give him any solid answers so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. He really hated to miss our Cowboy dance. We want him back with us sharing his great music choices just as soon as he feels up to it.

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TO:

Next Dance:
Honor Our Veterans

Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary
From your friends at
BNR Squares

I have scheduled a visit to the Crosstrailers on the night after our club dance. I try not to schedule 2 visits in one weekend but sometimes the calendar doesn't cooperate and I guarantee Wilma will make it worth your while

I also scheduled the Ottawa Promenaders hog roast and dance. You can go to both or either. That's always a fun night and you can't beat the food. A full pork dinner with all the trimmings and several tables covered in desserts. If you think it's too far, we can car pool. You won't regret the trip.

As a reminder, your help in keeping the noise to a minimum during dance time would be appreciated. The low din can be disruptive to dancers and make it difficult to hear the calls.

As always, I want to thank everyone who participates in any way to help with the success of our club. Everything matters. Supporting our dances, our visitation program, and especially our lessons. I know that is an inconvenience and I appreciate your commitment and loyalty.

Past Visitations

09/13 KC Plus 7
09/19 Ramblers 10
09/20 Crosstrailers 8
09/27 Harmony Dancers 11
10/03 Live Wires 9
1010 MO Festival 3

Future Visitations

10/25 Docey Dandies (Halloween Costumes)
11/01 Ottawa Promenaders Hog Roast/Dance
11/07 St Joe Squares
11/14 Our dance
11/15 Crosstrailers Wilma Randall calling
11/21 Ramblers

Future Themes

Nov 14 Veterans' Day
Dec 25 Christmas Night CANCELLED
2026
Jan 9 Snowflake/Get a Different Name
Feb 13 PJ Dance
Mar 13 Hat Dance
Apr 10 Poor Man Dance
May 8 Hawaiian Dance
Sept 11 Celebrate Lynn (30 years of calling)

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

12/31 NY Eve St Joe Squares 3-6pm
02/21 NW MO Blast
04/17-18 HOA Festival (new hall)
07/10 Mike Hogan
07/12 MINK Ladies
07/25 NW District
07/31 Lanny Weaklend

Our next dance will be our "Veterans Day" dance. Red, white and blue and patriotic music will be the order of the day. Your usual creative finger foods will be fine for the refreshment table. This is a day to honor everyone who ever wrote a check to Uncle Sam for any amount up to and including their life. Without them, we wouldn't be able to enjoy the life style we do or this activity we love.

As always, thanks again for all you do for me and for the club.

Lynn