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NEWSLETTER

JANUARY '07

18 visitors and 17 members celebrated Christmas together at our "After Christmas Dance". A small crowd, to be sure, but all seemed grateful for somewhere to go and one couple came all the way from Muskogee, OK. Thanks to the members who brought food and stayed to clean up. As always, it was appreciated.

By having our dance on Christmas night, it gives us a chance to catch up on our visitation schedule. We were able to make it through the month without adding to our list of visits owed so if we manage to get through our schedule this month we will be real close to caught up.

Don't forget that we are having the <u>Bears on Patrol</u> <u>dance</u> coming up <u>January 26th</u>. Let's have a big group of bears to give to Officer Friendly and show everyone how big the hearts of our members truly are.

Please make welcome our newest member, Bernie Green. Bernie has been traveling with the club for a couple months now and most of you already know him. If that's not the case, please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome.

What a wonderful Christmas party we had. Thanks to Carol for hosting it. We were only missing one family as far as attendance goes. How nice it was to share the fellowship with all of you. You are so very special to me, each in your own way, and I know to each other as well. I think gatherings like this are what makes our club different from many others. I hope we can continue them.

At our Christmas party, it was suggested that we plan a weekend or day trip next summer. I will try to pick a date for this and get back to you in the near future. A trip to Hutchinson or Yoder, KS has been suggested, as well as, a trip to the Springfield area. If you have other ideas, please don't be bashful. We would like to keep the fellowship going.

Have you ever danced in the Dome at the Missouri State Capitol? If not, *January 27th* is your chance. Each year, Doug Mallory, a caller from south central Missouri, sets up a "*Dome Dance*". It runs from 6:30pm to 9:00pm and with Doug behind the mic you are guaranteed a good time. Last year there were 28 squares and he would like to see 40 this year. This is the night after our own dance so we could make plans then to car pool or caravan down. Entrance is through the garage near the security guard station. This is a free dance however, he does like to see the dancers in proper square dance attire. There are usually lots of cameras there.

VISITATIONS

Past Visitations				
Dec	01	Top Railers	Cancelled	
Dec	09	Shooting Star	'S	9
Dec	15	Sunflowers		12
		Future V	isitations	

* Sat Jan	06 Jacks 'n Queens
# Sat Jan	13 Silver Shoes
%Sat Jan	20 Crosstrailers
Fri Jan	26 Our Dance

Steal a Banner Navy & Wine

% Retrieve Our Banner Navy & Natural/Cream

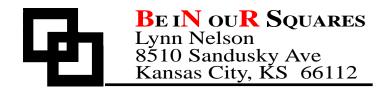
* Repay a visit Any Attire

Since the Top Railers cancelled their dance due to bad weather in December, we still owe 2 visits, even if we complete the planned schedule. Let's not get any farther behind. Remember, it only takes 9 visitations to get your club Vigorous Visitors Dangle and the club can certainly use your support.

Just as a matter of information, Greg Edison has returned to the area and will be starting a <u>PLUS</u> club on the 3rd Thursday night of each month starting in January. They will be dancing at Antioch Community Church. This will not be advertised in Fed Facts but he would love to see all of his old friends and would welcome you at his dance.

Bill and Jennifer have covered the Treasurer's table for me for the past several years and we are going to be needing a replacement. If you would like them to share the wisdom of their experience, I'm sure they would be happy to do so and I know, I would love to be able to relax knowing that job is covered each month.

Our January dance is Bears on Patrol and your usual wonderful finger foods are anticipated. In February, we will be having a Mardi Gras dance. This was suggested at our picnic last summer. Do I have any volunteers to make the "special" cakes? Don't forget, this is a "costume" optional dance. Plan now so it doesn't sneak up on you.



NEXT CLUB DANCE

Friday, January 26th Bears on Patrol Dance To:

January Birthdays

27 - Frank Walsh

Happy Birthday from the B-N-R Squares

Bill and Jennifer

Bill and Jennifer have announced that our March dance will be their last. With their continuing health problems they are just not able to dance anymore and they want to move closer to their grandchildren in Springfield. (Hence the suggestion as a prospective club trip destination.) While we are happy that they will be able to retire and move closer to family, we will certainly miss them as an active part of our club. Bill and Jennifer have been an integral part of the B-N-R Squares since they completed lessons. Without them, there were times I would have met myself coming and going getting things ready at the beginning of the dances. We will miss their willing hands and ready smiles. Be sure to be at our next 3 dances so that you won't miss a minute of their limited time with us..

Themes

Jan 26	Bears on Patrol
Feb 23	Mardi Gras
Mar 23	Willie Wonka Dance
Apr 27	Crazy T-Shirt
May 25	Hawaiian Dance





Special Dances

NEKSDCA Festival - Emporia

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

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Mar	31	Pre-Convention/2008 Natl Conv-Wichita
Mar	31 _A	KAMO Callers' Festival
Apr	20	Tim Tyl - Gashland UMĈ
June	1-2	KS State Convention - Salina, KS
June	07	Tom Roper - Gashland UMC
June	14	Mike Sikorsky - TBA
July	07	Mike Hogan - Gashland UMC
Aug	03	Lanny Weaklend - TBA
Aug	18	DeeDee Dougherty - TBA
Aug	25	Paul Henze - TBA
Sept	06	Mike Sikorsky - TBA (tentative)

2008 Nat'l Pre-Convention

Are you registered for the 2008 National Convention in Wichita, KS? If so, you are entitled to attend the Pre-Convention dance at NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE. The KS State Callers are having a dance on Wednesday and your pre-registration is your admission to the dance on Saturday night with Tom Roper and Jerry Junck. Won't you join us?

If you're not pre-registered, I have the forms you need to fix that! By pre-registering, you will receive the housing form for 2008 three months ahead of everyone else.