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NEWSLETTER

I was so disappointed to have to cancel our Christmas night dance. I was very much looking forward to it but Mother Nature had other ideas. I probably waited too long to cancel, but I just kept hoping that the storm would miss us or at least not be as bad as they were predicting.

Our donations to the church pantry were very much appreciated. The church has partnered with a neighborhood school and provides backpacks of food to local families so that they have at least 1 meal per day over the weekend. Rosemary has pictures if you haven't seen them yet. It's really impressive how much a small donation can do.

Our holiday pot luck at Carol's was quite a success. Only 4 members were unable to make it. You were missed. Thanks to all who attended. The food was wonderful and the fellowship was even better. I also want to thank the members for the lovely fruit basket I was given at the Christmas party. It was quite a surprise and very much appreciated. And Carol, thanks so much for your hospitality each year.

On February 6th the NE KS Callers will have their festival at Croco Hall in Topeka. I would love to see some of you travel over for the dance. It will run in the afternoon and evening. If you have never danced there, you are really missing out. It's a great hall. Some of the callers you will be familiar with - me, Jay Krebs, Bill Roles and Ron Swartz come to mind - but others will be new to you. I know you will have a good time, so won't you pencil us in?

I am so pleased to announce that we have another new member. Many of you met him at our Christmas party. Jim Faurote was there as our guest and now is officially one of us. Welcome Jim, we're so glad to have you.

We now have our new dancers among us making new friends right and left. Hopefully, since we have given lessons for the first time in several years, it will generate the enthusiasm to get out there and get more students. Ask everyone you know. It took 1 very persistent co-worker 17 years to get Jerry and I in lessons and look what happened. Never give up. I am planning to do a session of plus lessons in February and if there is enough interest, we'll also do a set of mainstream again. If you have someone, please talk to me or Frank and Doris.

<u>January '10</u>

VISITATIONS

Past Visitations					
Dec	05	Silver Dollar Squares	17		
Dec	12	Betweens	12		
Dec	18	Top Railers	9		
Jan	9	Shooting Stars - cancelled			
Jan	15	Sunflower Squares	10		

Future Visitations

* Jan 24	River City Squares
Feb 4	Shoal Creek Critters
* Feb 12	Lotawana Sailors
# Feb 13	Docey Dandies
* Feb 20	Crosstrailers
Feb 26	Our Dance

Steal a Banner (Be a little early, please)

% Retrieve Our Banner

* Repay a visit

I have scheduled a repay to the Sailors on the 12th followed by a steal at the Docey Dandies on the 13th. I have done this quite selfishly as I am calling for the Docey Dandies and would like to have you with me. I know it's asking a lot and I understand if you have other things to do, but I want you to know I would very much appreciate your support.

My apologies to those with January birthdays that were announced belatedly. I got 2 months visitation schedule in the last newsletter, but forgot to include the 2nd month's birthdays.

Our next dance is our Canary Dance. We will be doing all singing calls that night. If you have a favorite you would like to hear, let me know and I will try to accomodate you. Your usual finger foods will be wonderful, I'm sure.

Happy Valentine's Day

(PS: Will you ALL be my Valentine?)



NEXT CLUB DANCE

To:

February 26th Canary Dance

Birthdays January

- 08 Carol Burch
- 22 Tom Moore
- 27 Frank Walsh

February

24 - Carol Hershey

Happy Birthday from your friends at the B-N-R Squares

Future Club Themes

Feb 26 - Canary Dance - All Singing Calls

Mar 26 - Cancelled for Fed Dance

Apr 23 - April Showers

May 26 - Hawaiian Dance



Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

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Feb	6	NE KS Callers - Croco Hall
Mar	26-27	Fed Dance - Hall McCarter
Jun	3	Nick Hartley - Location TBA
Jun	4-5	KS State Convention - Salina, KS
Jun	12	Mike Hogan - LocationTBA
Jul	9	Lanny Weaklend - Location TBA
Jul	23	Tom Roper - Location TBA
Jul	31	NW District - Location TBA
Aug	28	KAMO Festival - Delta Woods
Sep	22	Mike Sikorsky - Location TBA

Trip to Jamesport

On May 8th, the city of Jamesport, an Amish community about an hour north of KC, will celebrate Mayfest. We can caravan up there, take a "farm tour" for \$6 each and spend the day just enjoying the festivities. That evening I am calling in Chillecothe, just a short way further down the road and I would like for you to be there for the dance. Then we can all head home afterwards. The food at the restaurant in Jamesport is something everyone should experience at least once. Reservations must be made early so please let me or Rosemary know by February 15th.