

BE IN OUR SQUARES

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NEWSLETTER

• March '14

Our December dance was bittersweet for me. It was my farewell to KC and the severe winter you were to endure so it was exciting, but it was also farewell to friends and family for several weeks. There were 47 people in attendance so that was great, especially for Christmas night. Chris Wildhagen and Dan Robinson helped me share Christmas singing calls with all in attendance and we wrapped up the holiday season in style.

Special thanks to Bill Reynolds for calling our January dance. 76 dancers attended and from all reports, had a great time. In February, Stan Brooke was ill and unable to call so Chris Wildhagen filled in at the last minute. What would I do without good friends who are great callers to bail me out long distance. Again it was a great dance with 74 dancers in attendance. I can't believe the number of people who contacted me while I was gone to keep my updated about our dances. Thanks for making the effort.

I haven't been able to totally keep up with everyone so I hope I don't miss anyone and let me apologize in advance just in case I do. Tom Moore was moved to Elsberry, MO to be closer to family and we will certainly miss his smiling face. Thank you, Tom, for all you have done for the club and for me personally. Melanie and Ernest have had some health challenges and Ernest was recently diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis. We hope his treatment will be successful and he will be able to get back to normal activities real soon. Of course, Liz Pinzon is still struggling and is in our thoughts and prayers.

Judging from the number of passes in the money box, the Fit and Fun Greenhorn dance was a success. I hope many of you attended and made many new friends

Charlie and I had a great time in Texas. We danced (squares, rounds, country and rock 'n roll) anywhere from 4 to 7 hours a days. We went dancing every single day, usually twice and often 3 times. We were privileged to dance to some of the finest callers in the world and with some of the nicest people in the world. The weather there was not what we had hoped for. It was the coldest winter on record in the "valley" since 1943, however whenever I would begin to feel sorry for myself, I would look at what you were enduring and think, "I can handle this!" There is so much to do besides dancing that I wish you could all experience it at least once. Thanks for keeping the club going in my absence. I knew I could count on you and you didn't disappoint me.

VISITATIONS

Past Dances

Jan	4	Silver Dollars	8
Jan	11	B-Tweens	8
Jan	18	Swangers	9
Jan	24	Single Promenaders	10
Feb	1	Do Si Doers	8
Feb	8	Docey Dandies	8
Feb	15	Crosstrailers - cancelled	
Feb	21	Ramblers	12
Mar	1	Jacks 'n Queens - cancelled	
Mar	7	Crazy Eights	10

Future Dances

- *Mar 18 Swingin' Singles (always casual)
- Mar 21-22 Federation Festival
- Mar 29 Pistols 'n Petticoats(**Plus Dance**)
- *Apr 5 DoSiDoers
- *Apr 12 Shooting Stars

Steal a Banner (Be a little early, please)

% Retrieve Our Banner

* Repay a visit

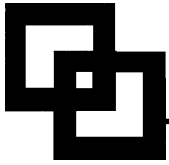
Mother Nature played havoc with our visitation schedule but you all came through with flying colors when you were able to. It left us in pretty good shape on visits. Hopefully we will be right back on top of things in a very short time. Even tho' Pistols 'n Petticoats is a Plus Club, I have scheduled them as we almost always have several of their members at our dances.

Next week is the Heart of America Federation festival with Hunter Keller as featured caller. Hunter is a young cowboy from Montana who really knows how to keep you moving. I know you will enjoy his calling. Remember, if you go to an **evening session, square dance attire is required.**

Our next dance will be April 9th. It will be our Poor Boy dance as we all prepare for that dreaded tax deadline. Hopefully you will all be done far in advance and not experiencing that stress so this can be a celebration instead. I think we just decided to do finger foods and if that changes, I'll let you know.

If you plan to celebrate St Patty's day, please be safe.

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NEXT CLUB DANCE

April 9

Poor Boy Dance

To:

Birthdays

April

- 15 - Heather VanBebber
- 19 - Idamae Gillmore
- 30 - Gina Smith

*Happy Birthday
from the
Be iN ouR Squares*

Club Picnic

What would we do without Carol Hershey and her beautiful home? Carol has very graciously agreed to host our club picnic in her home. The date we chose at the Christmas party was **June 22nd**. Planning to eat at 2pm so that those who attend church services will have plenty of time to get there. As we have in the past, the club will provide the meat and we ask that you all bring a dish to share.

After we eat, we will have a short meeting to plan our activities for next season. I know this seems early but it all has to be submitted to the Heart of America, NW MO, and Fit and Fun organizations in August and this gives me time to get the paper work done.

If there is something you would like to do as a group, this is a perfect opportunity to discuss it while we are all together. I hope you will all be able to be there.

Let's Go Dancing



Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

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| May | 8 | Nick Hartley - 1st Bapt Church of KC |
| May | 31 | Lanny Weakland - 1st Bapt Church KC |
| Jun | 6-7 | KS State Festival - Salina, KS |
| Jun | 20 | Ken Ritucci (Fit and Fun Trail Thru) |
| Jul | 9 | Dean Dederman - 1st Bapt Church of KC |
| Aug | 2 | KAMO Festival - The Point |
| Aug | 14 | Jerry Junck - 1st Bapt Church of KC |
| Sep | 17 | Mike Sikorsky - 1st Bapt Church of KC |

Themes

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| Apr | 11 | Poor Boys |
| May | 9 | Hawaiian |

It's the time of year to put your thinking caps on and start to think of themes for next year. Our club picnic will be here before you know it and we will have to plan next season.

Lessons

Thanks to Keith and Heather for spearheading our lessons this year. We started very successfully Wednesday night with 5 Plus students and 6 in Mainstream. Angels are always in demand so please help when you can.