

BE IN OUR SQUARES

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NEWSLETTER

• May '16

What a great crowd we had for our Crazy Hat Dance. 52 dancers in the hall and we owe 3 visits. Several of our visitors, as well as our members, took advantage of the theme and there were some really cute and creative hats in the room.

Our sympathy goes out to Tom Miller and his family in the loss of Pat. Her smile and friendly countenance will surely be missed, not only at our dances but across the square dance world. Ernie Kary also had surgery on April 24th and is happily on the road to recovery.

April 6th and 13th we gathered at the Avondale Community Center for lessons. Sadly, we had no new dancers appear. We took advantage of having the hall and danced a bit each night and did a little bit of review so it wasn't a total loss. We also decided to try again starting **July 13th**. If you know of anyone who would be interested, get that date on their calendar - and yours - now. Without new dancers a club is destined to fail and we have too much going for us to let that happen.

Many of you attended the Federation Festival with my buddy, Nick Hartley. I understand that even tho' the airline threw him a curve and lost his luggage, he was able to remain cool, calm and collected and still called a fabulous dance. I would have expected nothing less.

My trip to CALLERLAB was a huge success. I learned a lot, some of which I have already shared with those who came to our lesson/workshops, and had a wonderful time. CALLERLAB includes 2 full days of workshops and educational seminars but it's also a time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. After the convention was over, my faithful traveling companion and I embarked on an extended adventure. We traveled to Kensington, MD where we spent a week seeing the sights in Washington, DC. From there an overnight stay in National Harbor, MD and then to Philadelphia, PA, New York City, NY and Buffalo, NY (Niagara Falls) before heading west. After a brief stay visiting my mother in IL, we were home 18 days after we left. Door to door, we traveled 3990.2 miles. Not bad since the car never moved the 3 days we were in Norfolk and the week we were in MD we only drove back and forth to the Metro, less than 2 miles each day. It was a wonderful experience that my feet are just now recovering from.

VISITATIONS

Past Dances

Apr	9 - Docey Dandies	8
Apr	16 - NE District Dance (club trip)	15
Apr	23 - Santa Fe Trailers	8

Future Dances

<i>May</i>	<i>6 - Our Dance</i>	
May	13-14 - HASSDA	
%May	22 - Savannah Sashayers	
*May	29 - Trick Trackers	
*Jun	4 - Do Si Doers	

Steal a Banner (Be a little early, please)

% Retrieve Our Banner

* Repay a visit

Thanks to the great job you have all done with our visitation program, we now owe several repays. We will all have to work together to stay caught up. The 5th weekend of this month I have not scheduled a visitation but you may want to attend the HOA Callers' Festival.

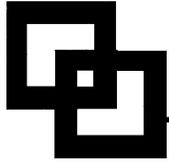
At our picnic, we will be making some decisions about our future and I would like to have everyone's input. We will also need to confirm delegates to the various organizations. That deadline seems to come earlier and earlier. Please try to attend.

Last fall we visited **Cline's Opry**. At that time, we were invited to come back and dance for their guests. We chose **May 15th** and we are scheduled to dance at that time. The Opry is in Weston, MO on Sunday afternoon from **5-7pm**. I would like for the ladies to at least wear a long skirt. Fellas, long sleeved shirts, please. We will dance either just before the second half or right before the end of the show. I need a head count by our club dance. I believe our tickets that day will be comped but I'm not positive about that. If we pay, it is approximately \$12. Please let me know if you can be there.

Our next dance will be our annual Hawaiian Dance. Wear something cool and colorful. If your finger foods could reflect the theme, that would be great.

As always, I thank you for all you do for the club and for me.

Lynn



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NEXT CLUB DANCE

May 6th
Hawaiian Dance

To:

Birthdays

May

- 2 - Daniel Iott
- 16 - Kelly Bockover
- 21 - Melanie Kary

*Happy Birthday and
from your friends at
B-N-R Squares*

Picnic

Carol Hershey has again agreed to host our summer picnic. Put Sunday, June 12th on your calendar. The club will provide hamburgers and we will plan to eat at 1pm. Please bring a covered dish to share and lots of ideas for next season. We will be having a short planning meeting so I can meet the deadlines for our various organizations.

Future Themes

- May 6 - Hawaiian Dance
- Sep 9 - Favorite Sports T-Shirt

Time to put on your thinking caps for themes for next season!

Let's Go Dancing



Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

- June 18 Jerry Junck (*Lynn's birthday*)
Please Help Me also Celebrate 20 years of Calling
- Jul 6 Dean Dederman
- July 9 Lanny Weaklend
- July 29 Jeff Holley
- Aug 6 KAMO Festival
- Aug 12 Mike Hogan
- Sept 21 Mike Sikorsky
- Oct 20 Nick Hartley

Club Trips

Our club trip on April 16th was a huge success. 17 of us, including 2 guests (Gene and Debbie Morris took Melanie and Ernie's tickets when they were unable to go), gathered at Bass Pro in Independence and headed out via caravan at 8am. We all arrived at Booneville eager with anticipation and were not disappointed. The tour of Warm Springs Ranch was enjoyable, entertaining and educational. Then it was on to Les Bourgeois for a leisurely lunch and a tour of the winery, followed by a tasting. We lost 2 couples there, but 13 of us went on to Moberly for the District dance. Thanks to all who participated. The NE District was thrilled with our attendance. It was a great day start to finish.