



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Our Christmas night dance grew a little more this year. We had 36 visitors and 13 members in attendance for a total of 49 dancers in the hall. We danced 5 squares all night long. Some of our new dancers were there, as well as some of my new dancers from the Frontier Twirlers. It was a great way to say good-bye.

At our Christmas night dance, I was presented with a Christmas card and gift from the club. What a wonderful surprise. Thank you all so very much from the bottom of my heart. I will try to find something fitting to spend it on while I'm in the Texas Tropics.

For the most part, we have remained healthy over the past month or so. Dorothy continues to struggle with back pain and has good days and bad. Idamae fell on her way to the parking lot after the Crosstrailers dance and ended up with a mild concussion but surprisingly, no broken bones. We hope both these ladies will be feeling much better soon.

As you all know, lessons are over and we graduated 5 new dancers. By now, you've probably danced with all of them and been properly impressed. We have a group of very enthusiastic new dancers. Welcome to the world of square dancing in general and BNR Squares in particular.

I was so disappointed when we had to cancel our Christmas gathering due to inclement weather, but we have rescheduled it for March 15th. I hope you will all be able to be there. We will need to make plans for next year's club trip. It will be a great opportunity for me to catch up on everything I've missed, as well.

Don't forget, we opted to cancel our January dance since the weather is so often uncooperative. This will give you an extra weekend to visit other clubs. This is also the month that Jay Krebs usually does the Elvis dance for the Lotawana Sailors and they usually get the bulk of the visitors. This year, I have scheduled a visit to them so you can see what all the excitement is about. Dan Robinson will call our Sweetheart Dance in February. I know you will all support him.

It's not too early to make plans to attend the Heart of America Federation Festival in March. Vernon Jones from Texas will be our featured caller. Vernon is a fine caller and I'm sure you will all enjoy him. There will also be an alternate hall featuring local callers so you could have the opportunity to dance to callers you've never heard before. For each 8 dancers who pre-register, the club gets put into a drawing to receive a free ad in Fed Facts.

Past Visitations

Nov 23	Harmony Dancers	11
Dec 6	Frontier Twirlers	12
Dec 14	Docey Dandies	10
Dec 20	Ramblers	16
Dec 28	Harmony Dancers - cancelled	

Future Visitations

* Jan 4	Santa Fe Trailers
Jan 10	Lotawana Sailors
Jan 17	Ramblers (Lanny Weakland, caller)
# Jan 25	Silver Dollars
# Feb 7	Live Wires
Feb 14	Our Dance - Dan Robinson

Steal a Banner (Be a little early, Please)

% Retrieve Our Banner

* Repay a Visit

Boy, you guys really took me at my word when I said if you want to go dancing, call a friend. Even tho' I didn't schedule a visit too close to the holiday, 16 of you went to the Ramblers to enjoy Kenny Bailey one last time. What a fantastic showing.

This year the Heart of America is sponsoring a "New Bee" dance for new dancers. New dancers are admitted free but all dancers are encouraged to attend. A flyer containing all information is available by going to the schedule page on the Federation website: www.WeSquareDance.com

Our next dance will be our Sweetheart Dance on Valentine's Day with Dan Robinson behind the mic. Dan really works hard at choosing music to follow the theme so I know it will be a great evening.

As always, I want to thank you for all you do for me and for the club. Special thanks to Leann for all she does to pick up the slack when I leave town. Once again, as I write the newsletter, it reminds me just how lucky I have been to have you all as not only my members, but my friends. I wish for each of you a very blessed and

Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

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TO:

NEXT CLUB DANCE

No January Dance
February 14
Sweetheart Dance
Dan Robinson, calling

Birthdays

January
 8-Carol Burch
 15-Dan Robinson
 20-Kim Sincox
February
 24 - Carol Hershey

Happy Birthday
From Your Friends at
BNR Squares

Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

Jan	31	"New Bee" Dance—HOA
Mar	1	NEKSDCA Festival (Topeka)
Mar	27-28	HOA Festival—Vernon Jones
June	5-6	KSDA Conv—Curt Braffett
July	10	Mike Hogan
Aug	1	KAMO Festival
Aug	22	Lanny Weakland
Sept	23	Mike Sikorsky
Oct	16-18	MO State—Romney Tannehill

Club Trip

Since our Christmas party was cancelled, we will discuss our 2020 Club trip at our rescheduled pot luck, March 15th. We have the information June gathered on Springfield, MO, however if anyone has other ideas, please feel free to bring them along with as much detailed info as you can. We hope that you will all be able to attend and help us pick a date that will work for most of us. We would like to have everyone's input. Besides, it won't be a party if you aren't there.

Future Themes

Jan	10	No Dance
Feb	14	Sweetheart Dance - Dan Robinson
Mar	13	Dr Seuss (Green Eggs & Ham)
Apr	10	Bunny Hop
May	8	Hawaiian Dance
Sept	11	Patriotic (Deborah Carroll-Jones/Lynn)