



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Looks like our decision to forego a January dance was a good one. I don't know what Mother Nature has against the month of January, but I wish she would get over it. I hope you all stayed in and stayed safe while the road (and sidewalk) conditions were questionable. From all reports, Dan did a great job at our Sweetheart Dance and there were more than 9 squares in attendance. Thanks, Dan, for a job well done.

Health wise, we have a mixed report. Idamae is progressing nicely. Her fall at the Crosstrailers caused her some issues with her eyes but that should all clear up with time. Jordan Ohi had ankle fusion surgery on January 22nd. She is still not able to bear weight for another 5 weeks, but she is in an air cast, which will eventually become her walking boot. The stitches are out and the Dr says everything looks good. Eathel McNabb is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on February 28th and Virgel Adams has been having ups and downs and we hope that things will soon stop on the upswing.

I hope you are all looking for new students. I plan to start another set of lessons on March 18th and June has already given the OK to use her basement. I look forward to teaching a new class and watching our club grow. It's also good experience for the previous class to polish their skills. Ask everyone you know and then ask them again. Situations change.

Don't forget our "Christmas" gathering had to be rescheduled for March 15th. Club will supply the meat and we ask everyone to bring a salad, veggie or dessert to share. Gather around noon and eat at 1pm. As usual, it will be at Carol Hershey's and she always has table service and beverages. What would we do without her wonderful hospitality? I will look forward to seeing you all there. Remember this is when we will plan this year's club trip so bring ideas.

Don't forget to register for 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. A festival is a great way to hone your skills as it is continuous dancing to a variety of callers. I hope all our new dancers will attend.

Past Visitations

Jan	25	Silver Dollars Cancelled but 7 went on to Harmony Dancers	
Feb	7	Live Wires	7

Future Visitations

Feb	21	Ramblers - Stan Brooke calling	
Feb	28	Gospel Dnc Special - Brooke/Roles	
Mar	6	St Joe Squares	
Mar	13	Our Dance	
Mar	22	Savannah Sashayers - Lynn calling	
Apr	11	Shooting Stars	
Apr	25	Silver Dollars	

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. When the weather cooperates, you guys are out and about promoting our activity. I think that's fantastic.

This year the Heart of America sponsored a "New Bee" dance for new dancers. When I looked at the pictures on Facebook, I saw all of our new dancers except Jordan, who couldn't physically be there. What a pleasant surprise that was. Way to go!

Our next dance will be our Dr Suess dance. We chose this as "Green Eggs and Ham" might be a fun alternative to St Patrick's Day in March. I know you will all come up with something fun for decorations and refreshments. You always do.

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 look forward to seeing you all soon.

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TO:

NEXT CLUB DANCE

March 13th
Dr Suess Dance

Birthdays

March

- 1 - John Charles
- 22 - Dan Mahlmeister

Anniversary

- 29 - Daniel & Nancy Iott

Happy Birthday
And Happy Anniversary
From Your Friends at
BNR Squares

Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

- 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 16 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

- Mar 13 Dr Seuss (Green Eggs & Ham)
- Apr 10 Bunny Hop
- May 8 Hawaiian Dance
- Sept 11 Patriotic (Deborah Carroll-Jones/Lynn)

Put your thinking caps on now and see if we can come up with some unique themes for next season.