



# Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Our November dance was a bit better attended than last month. We danced 3 or 4 squares all evening. Since our December dance is on the holiday, we don't usually get clubs visiting so I'm going to list our visitation right through our February dance so you can plan for them. As I've said many times before, if you want visitors, you must visit so your participation in our visitation program is very important.

For the most part, as a group we have remained healthy. Marla will be having foot surgery on the 2nd and Dorothy is scheduled for a procedure to alleviate back pain. To the best of my knowledge, June continues to improve. Our only negative report is Eathel continues to fight vertigo and being unstable on her feet. It doesn't look like she will ever be able to join us in a square again but we hope she will continue to join us at our social functions.

On November 17th we graduated 5 of our 7 students. Beth and Steve had to miss as they had been exposed to their granddaughter and thought she had COVID. Luckily, when she was retested it was found to be a false positive and they were able to join us at the Ramblers. But that means, we have to do their graduation at our Christmas party! Graduation was a lot of fun. David did a great imitation of the "unknown comic" from the Gong Show when they were dancing under the bags. Everyone was a good sport and enjoyed the fun. We have some very enthusiastic new members who are already recruiting for our next class. Special thanks to Marla for sharing her home. The space worked out perfectly and she has already agreed to let us use it next spring. Right now, our new dancers think that between them all, they have recruited 11 new students so far. Of course we all know that you can't count on them until they show up, but wouldn't that be a fantastic class!?! And they all want to come back and angel. And they are already talking about learning plus so if they do a lot of dancing this winter and get really comfortable with mainstream, we'll do a set of plus lessons along with the mainstream lessons as we have in the past. If you haven't yet met our new dancers, be sure to make it a point to get acquainted. Ah, the energy of youth. Maybe it will be contagious. I know their smiles are!

Carol Hershey has once again graciously agreed to host our Christmas party. Please plan to join us on December 5th. We'll start to gather about 1:30 and plan to eat about 2pm. Please let Carol know if you plan to be there so she will know how many tables she will need to set up. Many of you have already given me donations for the church but if you haven't done that yet, it's not too late. Bring them to our party. I will take them to the church sometime after that. These get togethers are so important to the club. Square dancing is as much a social activity as a physical one and our fellow dancers become more than friends - they are more like extended family. The club will furnish the meat and we ask that each of you bring a vegetable or dessert to share. I hope you will all be able to be there this year.

Don't forget that in December we change our dance from the 2nd Friday to Christmas night. I know many of you will have family obligations and be unable to attend but for many who find themselves alone, that is a very long and depressing evening so we are a welcome escape and usually have a nice crowd. And since Mother Nature has been so uncooperative in recent years, we've again decided to cancel our January dance in anticipation of inclement weather. Please adjust your calendars accordingly.

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TO:

*Next Dance:*  
*December 25th*  
*No Dance in January*  
*Happy Birthday and*  
*Happy Anniversary*  
*From your friends at*  
*BNR Squares*

On November 14th, the Heart of America Federation sponsored a Newbie Dance. It was attended by 115 dancers, including all 7 of our students. Everyone seemed to have a good time and I think most everyone came home with a new outfit or two. It was a great way for our new dancers to see how a real dance works in a large setting and they did not disappoint.

Below are our scheduled visitations. Please let Leann know if you will be able to join us on our visits or not. Even if the answer is no, she needs to hear from you. Sometimes if we get enough “no’s” there aren’t enough “yes’s” left and the visit can be cancelled, allowing everyone to do something else if they wish. It takes 6 club members for the visit to count toward the Heart of America visitation program. On the other hand, please obtain a visitation card from Carol Hershey for the NW MO visitation program. Even if you visit by yourself, if you get the card signed, it will count.

Past Visitations			Future Visitations	
10/22	Dan’s Dancers	11	11/27	Harmony Dancers 7pm start
10/30	Pistols ‘n Petticoats	4	12/4	Maysville Wranglers
11/5	Live Wires	8	12/11	Docey Dandies
11/14	Newbie Dance	11	12/18	Rays Rockers/Harmony Dancers
11/19	Ramblers	14	1/8	Shooting Stars 7pm start
			1/18	Heartland Squares
			1/21	Ramblers ** 7pm start
			2/5	Santa Fe Trailers 7pm start
			2/14	<i>Our Dance</i> - Dan Robinson calling
			2/22	Harmony Dancers 7pm start

\*\* Dan Robinson will be calling the Ramblers in January and as a member of our club, I would like to see us give him plenty of support. This is also a “Hobo Dance” and there will be a prize for the best costume so go and have fun with it.

If you aren’t sure where a dance is or what time it starts, go to [www.squaredancemissouri.com](http://www.squaredancemissouri.com). Dan Wheeler does a great job of keeping the website up to date and if you check the “list format” everything you need will be there. And if you want to go dancing and we don’t have anything scheduled, this is a great place to find out where to go. I encourage you to go often - alone or with someone! Car pool!

Our next dance will be Christmas night. Depending on what the church decides later this week, I’ll let you know by email if there will still be a mask mandate and if we will be able to have refreshments. Usually we just have Christmas cookies or other treats that night. In February, Dan Robinson will call our Sweetheart dance. We’ll keep everyone up to date by email as things progress. Leann takes the reigns while I’m gone and I appreciate all she does to make my trek south possible. Please support her as much as you do me.

May you all have the merriest Christmas ever and a happy, HEALTHY and prosperous new year!

*Lynn*