

Missouri Promenaders Square Dance Club

Missouri Promenaders Presidents

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The Club was established in 1976 when a group of people got together at the VFW Hall in Florissant, Missouri to square dance. They called themselves the Missouri VFW Promenaders- They danced every Tuesday night.

In 1979, 12 couples started lessons and finished in 1980. The next two years they grew in numbers and soon the YFW Hall could not hold all the dancers so they moved to John Knox Presbyterian Church. Then they changed their name to the Missouri Promenaders.

One thing remains today from the old Club. The flag on the badge of long time members representirg tlte start at the VFW Hall.

All Souls Church has not always been the Club hall. Combs School, Immanuel United Church of Christ, and John Knox Presbyterian Church are a few of the halls used by the Club for dances.

The Missouri Promenarlars have graduated many new dancers. One class had as many as forty dancers. Our instructors have been Earl Kinsey, Tom Morgan, Wayne Akers, Marvin Keppler, Jim 'WHO' Cholmondeley and Stan Mangogna. Don't hold the way we dance against our instructors. We were taught the "Right Way".

Club activities have all centered around square dancing. To name a few: Base Ball Games, Picnics, Patio Dances, Christmas Parties, River Boat Dancing, Halloween Parties, Hay Rides, Six Flags Country Fairs, State Square Dances, and National Square Dance Conventions.

The Club has completed 20 "We Done Its".

Since April of 1982, membership has grown from 25 up to 120 and now is down to 23 dancers.

Our goals for the future include:

- To introduce as many people to square dancing as possible,
- To retain our current members,
- To provide a variety of talented and challenging callers and cuers,
- To continue to promote square dancing as an activity that can be enjoyed by everyone, both the young and the young-at-heart.