

BE IN OUR SQUARES

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NEWSLETTER

◦ January '12

What a dance we had in December. 75 visitors and 13 members. The floor was full all evening. What a way to start the holiday season. The DoSiDoers and Ramblers retrieved their banners and the Jacks n Queens repaid. The Unicorns, Swingin' Singles and Santa Fe Trailers were also in attendance.. On Christmas night we had just over 4 squares - about standard for that dance. It was a good turnout and special thanks to those of you who came and helped. Those of you who weren't there were missed, but we understand that many of us have family obligations that day. The purpose of the dance is to chase away the blues for those who don't.

Thanks so much for keeping things rolling while I ventured to Texas. It was an adventure to say the least. I'm already looking forward to repeating the expedition. Seeing how things operate in Texas only makes me more aware of just how lucky I am to have members who help without being asked. You are a special group and I am so very lucky to count you as my friends and to have you in my membership.

I am in the process of negotiating with the NKC Hospital about doing lessons at their facility. They will pretty much take care of things and we'll just have to do the calling and provide angels when needed. That's the good side. The down side, if it could be called that, is that the lesson cycle would be continuous so the need for angels will vary but be very important. I'll keep you apprised of my progress.

I have filed for our membership in the Fit and Fun Square Dance Association and was told that we should have a delegate to attend their meetings. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

I'm sorry to report that Carol Burch lost her mom on Christmas eve. She'd been struggling for a long time but that won't make it any easier to give her up. Carol, just know you have the sympathy and condolences of the entire club.

After a stint in the hospital, Tom Moore is back among us and it was good to have him back. Idamae had her back surgery and is now recovering nicely. Frank had a surgery to prepare him for treatment of a throat condition. Also, Rita's mom, Darlene, had surgery and will be undergoing treatment, as well, so all of them need our prayers.

VISITATIONS

Past Visitations

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| Dec | 10 | Shooting Stars | 7 |
| Dec | 21 | Unicorns | 8 |
| Jan | 3 | Swinging Singles | 9 |

Future Dances

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| #Jan | 21 | Crosstrailers |
| *Jan | 28 | Santa Fe Trailers (early start) |
| #Feb | 3 | Live Wires |
| <i>Feb</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>Our Dance</i> |

Steal a Banner (Be a little early, please)

% Retrieve Our Banner

* Repay a visit

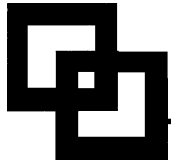
Even with all the illness in the club, we were able to repay all our visits but one. The Santa Fe Trailers have changed the date for their January dance so that will have to wait. Thanks to everyone who helped to keep us caught up. We couldn't do it without you.

Special thanks to Carol Hershey for once again opening her home to us for our Christmas party. Everyone had a great time and she has offered to do it again for our summer picnic. We'll pick a date and let you know so you can all plan to be there when we finalize the details on our club trip.

February 4th will be the NE Kansas Callers' festival in Topeka, KS at Croco Hall. It will start at 1:00 and there will be continuous dancing of some sort until 10:30pm. We would love for you to join us. It's always the first Saturday in February. Some of the callers you will know, others not so much, but all of us will do our best to show you a good time. It's not as far as you think and it's certainly worth the drive. It's a beautiful hall built especially for square dancing. River Bend Promenaders will have concessions available so you won't even have to leave to eat. Our theme this year is a "Snow Ball" so it will be an opportunity to wear your dressiest attire if you wish. Square dance attire is required.

Our next dance is our "Sweetheart" dance so your usual finger foods will be great. If you think of something red or chocolate, that might be nice.

Happy Valentine's Day! *Lynn*



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NEXT CLUB DANCE

February 10
Sweetheart Dance

To:

Birthdays

February

24 - Carol Hershey

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

Special Dance

I have been asked to call a dance with Lottie Ainsworth. She is the featured caller for the Heart of America Federation Festival so the HOA wasn't real keen on us doing a dance in KC the night before the Fed dance. For that reason, we will be dancing at the fairgrounds in Lawrence on March 29th. It's on the east side of town about a block north of K-10. I hope you will all be willing to make the trip. I am excited to call with this fine caller and look forward to a fun evening.

Future Club Themes

Feb 10 - Sweetheart Dance
Mar 9 - Shamrock Dance
Apr 13 - Empty Pockets
May 11 - Hawaiian Dance

Let's Go Dancing



Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

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| Feb | 4 | NE KS Callers' Festival - Croco Hall |
| Mar | 29 | 2 Caller Spec'l - Lynn & Lottie Ainsworth |
| Mar | 30-31 | Federation Festival |
| May | 6 | Nick Hartley - Location TBA |
| Jun | 1-2 | KS State Convention - Salina, KS |
| Jun | 8 | Jerry Junck - Location TBA |
| Jul | 14 | Tom Manning - Location TBA |
| Jul | 20 | Tom Roper - Location TBA |
| Aug | 4 | Lanny Weakland - Location TBA |
| Aug | 12 | Mike Hogan - Location TBA |
| Aug | 25 | KAMO Callers' Festival |

Club Trip

At our Christmas party, those in attendance decided to make our next club trip on September 22nd, when I will be calling in Springfield, MO. Tentative plans are to go early enough to have lunch at Lamberts (home of the throwed rolls) in Ozark, MO., then head to Branson for an afternoon show. (There's also a Cupie Doll museum not far from Ozark that I just heard about.) That night we will dance in Springfield and make a stop in Carthage at Precious Moments on the way home.