

BE IN OUR SQUARES

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NEWSLETTER • February '13

By all reports our January and February dances were well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone for your help and cooperation in keeping things moving smoothly in my absence. Thanks also to Stan and Bill for filling in.

As I understand it, we had some illness while I was gone but for the most part, everyone is back up and running with the exception of Tom Moore, who is starting a lengthy round of treatment. We ask for thoughts and prayers for Tom and hope that his recovery will be quick and successful. We miss your smile Tommy and want you back soon.

Charlie and I had a fantastic time in the Rio Grande Valley. We square danced every single day at least once, some days twice and on some Mondays, 3 times. We also took country and round dance lessons and went to country dances and concerts. In our spare time, we took side trips to the kite festival, Brownsville Zoo, professional rodeo and even rode an old fashioned man powered ferry across the river to Mexico. There is so much to do there you can't possibly fit it all in. Thanks for holding things together and allowing me to do this. I got frequent updates on the club and was well aware of how things were going. I never had to worry for a minute. You are all wonderful.

If you haven't registered for the Federation Festival, please do so. For every 8 pre-registrations received, we will get 1 chance in a drawing for free advertising in the Fed Facts. This year they have finally settled on Joe Saltel as the featured caller. We danced to Joe at least 4 times a week when we were in Texas and he is wonderful. I even got to sing with him at his mainstream dance on Sunday evenings. What a thrill for me. Joe is such a nice guy and a fabulous caller. He can keep things interesting for the most experienced dancers without leaving those less experienced feeling lost. He has a fantastic singing voice and an enthusiasm that is infectious. If you haven't decided whether or not to go, I hope you will opt in the positive as you will miss some great calling otherwise.

I spoke with Debbie Ebright and we have the official OK on the hall for our specials. The first one is in May and you won't want to miss it. I got a surprise in TX when Nick informed me he was bringing a friend and it will be a 2 caller special. We will also get to hear Curt Braffett. I've heard of Curt for years and understand that he is a fine caller, although I've never heard him personally. I'm looking forward to this little bonus and I hope you will, too.

VISITATIONS

Past Dances

Jan	5	Jacks 'n Queens	9
Jan	12	B-Tweens	6
Jan	19	Swangers	8
Jan	25	Single Promenaders	10
Feb	2	Do-Si-Doers	7
Feb	9	Shooting Starts	6
Feb	16	Silver Dollar Squares-cancelled	
Feb	19	Swingin' Singles	8

Future Dances

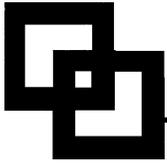
- * Feb 23 Santa Fe Trailers **7pm start**
- * Mar 2 Crosstrailers
- Mar 8 **Our Dance**
- Mar 15-16 HOA Fed Dance
- # Mar 23 Docey Dandies **Lynn calling**
- * Mar 30 Silver Dollar Squares
- # Steal a Banner (Be a little early, please)
- % Retrieve Our Banner
- * Repay a visit

We only cancelled 1 visit while I was gone and that was due to so many people being under the weather. That's fantastic. Thanks so much for your dedication to the club. If we can get through the current schedule, we'll have all the repays taken care of and be totally caught up. What a good feeling.

Our next dance will be our Crazy Hat dance. I hope some of you will come up with something creative. If we are going to have a theme, we need to participate so that if we have guests who do, they won't feel out of place. Your usual finger foods will be wonderful as long as we serve them with a warm helping of our special brand of hospitality. You all do such a wonderful job of making our guests feel welcome. Thanks everyone for all you do.

Happy St Patrick's Day

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NEXT CLUB DANCE
March 8th
Crazy Hat Dance

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Easter

Let's Go Dancing



Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

Mar	15-16	HOA Fed Dance-Joe Saltel
May	5	N Hartley/C Braffett - 1st Bapt Ch of KC
May 31-Jun1		Kansas State Convention - Salina, KS
Jun	8	Lanny Weaklend - 1st Bapt Ch of KC
Jun	22	Tom Roper-1st Bapt Ch of KC
Aug	23	Mike Hogan - 1st Bapt Ch of KC
Aug	24	KAMO Callers' Festival

Club Themes

- Mar 8 - Crazy Hat Dance
- Apr 12 - Singing in the Rain
- May 10 - Hawaiian Dance

It's time to start thinking of themes for next year. Put on your thinking caps and see if we can come up with some "original" themes.

Summer Picnic

Ed and Rita have invited us to come to their home in Kansas City on June 23rd for our annual club picnic. Ed has an idea for something a little bit different and I hope you will all agree that it might just be fun. Ed would like to have a shrimp (and maybe crab) boil with (tentatively) corn on the cob and potatoes. We would all make a contribution toward the cost of the food rather than have a pot luck. Let us know what you think. I, for one, think it sounds great.