

BE IN OUR SQUARES

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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER '13

What a great and interesting summer we've had. We've been very busy collectively and certainly have done our part to promote and support square dancing. It all started when 7 of us went to Salina for the KS State Convention, then 10 of us made the trip to Oklahoma City for the National Convention. 8 of us went to Johnson, NE for the club trip for the weekend with Lanny Weakland and Mike Hogan. That doesn't even touch all the visiting that's been going on. We took large groups to Gardner and Lawrence, KS as well as to Raytown, MO. There were even 6 of us in Ottawa, KS when square dance icon, Marshall Flippo, was behind the mic. And that's just the official visitations. Our summer picnic was very well attended and new ideas were flowing freely. We have some new themes this year and some enthusiastic new dancers to help with them. And I can't tell you how pleased I am to see so many of you out and about dancing on your own or as a small group. Several of our new dancers have been out improving their dance skills and building their confidence and it makes me proud to watch the progress.

On July 17th, we started a new class of dancers. We have 5 students including a couple, a youth and 2 "retreads". We can always use angels and I can't thank enough, those dedicated members who come week after week to help with the lessons. We couldn't do it without you. Being a good angel is a difficult and thankless job but very important. It's the student's first impression of the club and it's also difficult to "not help too much". Sometimes, too much information too soon can be confusing. Also, helping students too much prevents them from actually learning the movements. It's a fine line to walk and we really appreciate those who make the commitment to help each week.

We've had a lot of illness in the club over the summer but I think most are on the mend. Liz tells us she's feeling better than she has in a while, Tom is doing better and Pat Miller was able to go to OKC so that was promising. Ed Deml is fighting a lung infection which has been quite debilitating at times over the summer. Multiple specialists have tried to get him well and he is finally doing some better but still has a ways to go so could use your prayers. Prayers and our sympathy to Pat and Tom Miller, as well, on the death of Pat's brother - in - law.

VISITATIONS

Past Dances

Jul	6	Docey Dandies	12
Jul	13	Happy Time Squares	14
Aug	2	Crazy 8s	12
Aug	9	Ottawa Promenaders	6

Future Dances

#Sep	7	Do Si Doers - Crazy Hat Dance
Sep	13	Our Dance
#Sep	21	Crosstrailers
Oct	4	Our Dance
Oct	18	Lotawana Sailors

- # Steal a Banner (Be a little early, please)
- % Retrieve Our Banner
- * Repay a visit

Once again it's time to start our Vigorous Visitors program. This is something we have to do as a group. In order to get visitors, we must visit. Anytime you have the chance, we would appreciate your support. Just remember to respond to Leann and Idamae even if the answer is no.

Thanks to those of you who attended the NW MO District dance. I understand it was quite a success. We appreciate your efforts. I have already reserved that date on my calendar for next year.

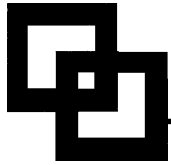
There will be dancing at Santa Cali Gon days this year, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8-10pm. They will be in a new location a couple blocks south of the community stage. Go in square dance attire or go casual, either way, enjoy the festival and promote our activity all at the same time.

I'll be calling in Topeka on Friday, September 20th if anyone would like to join me. Croco Hall at 7:30pm.

Carol Hershey has again invited us to her home for our Christmas party. Put December 15th on your calendar. We will collect non-perishable food items in lieu of a gift exchange and plan to have a pot luck and game night.

Our next "club" dance is our Rodeo Round Up. Wear your jeans, boots and cowboy hats. How about finger foods with a "chuck wagon" theme. I know you'll come up with the perfect mix. You always do.

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NEXT CLUB DANCE

Sept 13th
Rodeo Round Up

To:

Birthdays September

10 - Liz Pinzon
11 - Les Beigel
28 - Julie Lemke
30 - Ethel Zimmerman

Anniversaries

10 - Keith & Heather VanBebber
23 - Daniel & Cindy Iott

Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary
from the Be iN ouR Squares

Club Trip

As we agreed at our Christmas party last year, our annual club trip was to the special weekend with Lanny Weaklend and Mike Hogan in Johnson, NE. Eight of us made the trek and had a wonderful time. Lanny and Mike were as entertaining as always and the hall had great air conditioning and hard wood floors for dancing. On Saturday, between the afternoon workshops and the evening dancing, we all made the trek to east to Brownville, NE for a dinner cruise on the spirit of Brownville. The weather was perfect, the food was great and a good time was had by all. Hope next year, more of you will be able to participate in our "club trip".

Let's Go Dancing



Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

Aug	23	Mike Hogan - 1st Bapt Ch of KC
Aug	24	KAMO Callers' Festival
Sep	18	Mike Sikorsky - 1st Bapt Ch of KC
Oct	11-13	MO State Festival - Sedalia, MO
Feb	1	NE KS Callers' Festival - Topeka
May	31	Lanny Weaklend - TBA
Aug	14	Jerry Junck - TBA

Themes

Sept 13	Rodeo Round Up
Oct 4	Harvest (Special date due to MO State)
Nov 8	Disco
Dec 25	Christmas Night
Jan 10	Ugly Sweater
Feb 14	Sweetheart
Mar 14	Mardi Gras
Apr 11	Poor Boys
May 9	Hawaiian