

BE IN OUR SQUARES

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NEWSLETTER

• December '15

Our November dance was an improvement over the previous month with 58 visitors and 13 members in attendance. It was a fun group and it was great to see some of our new dancers on the floor.

Some of our members could still use your prayers for their health. Liz Pinzon is still struggling and has been unable to join us for any of our activities, however we received a Christmas card sending her love to all of us. Gary Brown took a header down a stairwell and is just now getting back on his feet and is still pretty sore. Lionel Brown is getting better all the time but still not 100%. Melanie and Ernie's baby granddaughter was released from the hospital finally on December 14th and Grandpa Ernie got out on the 16th. He's doing better but has a ways to go.

On November 30th we held graduation for our 2 remaining students. Unfortunately, neither decided to join our club but we are happy they are out dancing and enjoying the activity. I can't say enough to thank the loyal angels who came week after week to support these lessons. Without you, they would not be possible. Many clubs have folded over the years with the biggest reason being they just didn't give lessons and the club stagnated. Special thanks to Kelly Bockover who has acted as the Lesson Coordinator. He did a great job. Next year, we will start lessons on April 6th so if you know of anyone who would like to join our activity, get us on their calendar.

Thanks to Carol Hershey for once again hosting our annual Christmas party. This year's gathering was very well attended with 18 members enjoying an afternoon of camaraderie, as well as our special guest, Susan Dowden, who is our liason with Northmoor UMC. We collected enough paper supplies to fill her trunk and she was thrilled with the donations. She described us as "the group that just keeps giving" and I think that's quite a compliment. She also said we were the group that took the best care of the church so that's a pretty good reputation to have. Thanks to everyone who helped us earn this reputation.

Susan has shared with us that the church is in dire financial straights and could be in danger of closing. If this happens, we'll be looking for a new lesson location. If you know of anywhere that we could use free or real cheap, please let me or Kelly know.

VISITATIONS

Past Dances

Nov	21 - Crosstrailers - cancelled	
Nov	27 - Single Promenaders - cancelled	
Dec	5 - Do Si Doers	13
Dec	12 - Shooting Stars	7
Dec	19 - Silver Dollars	9
Dec	20 - Single Promenaders	7

Future Dances

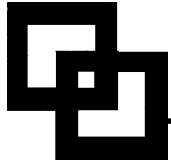
*Jan	2 - Jacks 'n Queens	
<i>Jan</i>	<i>8 - Our Dance</i>	
*Jan	15 - Ramblers	
#Jan	23 - Santa Fe Trailers	
%Feb	5 - Live Wires	
<i>Feb</i>	<i>12 - Our Dance</i>	
#Feb	20 - Crosstrailers	
Feb	26 - Knot So Squares	
#Mar	1 - Swingin' Singles	
<i>Mar</i>	<i>11 - Our Dance</i>	
#	Steal a Banner (Be a little early, please)	
%	Retrieve Our Banner	
*	Repay a visit	

Visitations have certainly improved as you can see above. One of the cancellations was due to lack of attendance but the other was due to Mother Nature. Thanks to each of you for your participation. It takes all of us to be successful. Please be sure to respond when the call comes out for visitation, even if the answer is no, so that if we don't have enough, Leann and Idamae can make the decision to cancel in time for those who were planning to attend to make other plans.

Our next dance will be our Canary Dance with guest caller, Jim Wright. In February, we will have a Sweet-heart Dance with guest caller, Dan Robinson. I know I can count on you to make these gentleman feel welcome and at home. Your usual finger foods will be great.

I hope you have all had a very Merry Christmas and I want to wish you a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. I can't ever begin to tell you how much each of you means to me. You are like an extended family. I appreciate all you do for me and for the club more than you could ever know.

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NEXT CLUB DANCE

January 8th
Canary Dance
February 12th
Sweetheart Dance

To:

Birthdays

January

1 - Janette Peat
30 - Lionel Brown

February

17 - Charlie Lange
24 - Carol Hershey

March

17 - Garry Eberth
21 - Mary Jo Eberth
26 - Audrey Brown

Anniversaries

February

12 - Mary & David Prather
14 - Ronald and Ann Grubbs

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

Future Themes

January 8 - Canary Dance with Jim Wright
February 12 - Sweetheart Dance with Dan Robinson
March 11 - Wearin' of the Green
April 8 - Crazy Hat Dance
May 6 - Hawaiian Dance

Let's Go Dancing



Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

Jan	17	Fit & Fun Greenhorn Dance
Mar	18-19	HOA Federation Festival
June	18	Jerry Junck
Jul	6	Dean Dederman
July	9	Lanny Weaklend
July	29	Jeff Holley
Aug	6	KAMO Festival
Aug	12	Mike Hogan
Sept	21	Mike Sikorsky
Oct	20	Nick Hartley

Club Trips

Thanks to everyone who attended Cline's Opry and went to dinner as a group. We've been invited to come back to the opry and dance for them May 15th. Details will follow when it gets closer.

Our club trip on April 16th is a go. Tickets to Warm Springs Ranch where they raise the Budweiser Clydesdales have been purchased. Our tour there will be followed by a trip to Les Bourgeois Winery right down the road for lunch and a tour. We will finish up the evening at the NE District Dance in Moberly, where you can either spend the night or drive home afterwards.