

BE IN OUR SQUARES

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NEWSLETTER

• Winter '16 - '17

We've had a busy month. Our visitations have been well attended and we now have 4 banners in our possession. That means that one of these days, we are due for a very good dance. Keep it up and we should have some good dances ahead of us and we definitely need them.

June Tygart is still struggling with her arm but is on the road to recovery. David Gray had back surgery and we are looking forward to seeing him back in a square sooner than later.

As a reminder, with the National in Kansas City in 2018, we are looking for ways to raise some funds. As a beginning, I have arranged a fund raiser with Jamberry Nail Wraps. There are 3 special square dance designs available and you can use them over anything else that you do to your nails. Leann and I both have all the info. There are more than 300 other designs available as well, including all the NFL and NBA teams and most of the colleges.

There will also be a benefit dance on May 21st at The Point. We have invited all the callers on our committee to participate if they can. There will be a silent auction during this dance. Carol Burch has agreed to chair this portion of our function and Cheryl Gray has kindly agreed to assist her. If you have anything that you might donate (no white elephants, please) they would love to hear from you.

We will be doing lessons as soon as I get back. The tentative plan is to start on Wednesday, March 15th. If there is any interest in Plus, we will do that from 6:30-7:30pm and follow it with Mainstream from 7:30-9pm. Once plus is over, we'll change the MS to 7-9pm, as we have in the past. June Tygart has again agreed to allow us to use her basement. Please start rounding up new dancers now. Our membership could sure use a boost.

Don't forget our Christmas gathering at the home of Carol Hershey on Sunday, December 18th. We'll plan to eat shortly after 1pm and spend the afternoon enjoying each other's company.

There's lots of good dancing coming up this spring. NE KS Callers' have their festival Feb 4th in Topeka, the Pre-Convention dance will be in Kansas City, MO on March 18th and the following week, HOA will host the Federation Dance with featured caller Hunter Keller. Make plans now to attend the KS State Convention in Salina with Mike Bramlett as featured caller.

VISITATIONS

Past Dances

Nov	29 - Swingin Singles	15
Dec	3 - Maysville Wranglers	6
Dec	9 - Lotawana Sailors	9

Future Dances

- # Jan 7 - Do Si Doers
- Jan 13 - Our Dance (Dan Robinson)
- # Jan 14 - Silver Dollar Squares
- # Jan 20 - Ramblers
- # Jan 28 - Santa Fe Trailers
- # Feb 3 - Live Wires
- Feb 10 - Our Dance (Jim Wright)
- # Feb 18 - Harmony Dancers
- # Feb 25 - Docey Dandies
- # Mar 4 - Jacks 'n Queens
- Mar 10 - Our Dance (Lynn's back)

Steal a Banner (Be a little early, please)

% Retrieve Our Banner

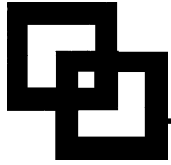
* Repay a visit

I've skipped the holiday season when making out our visitation schedule and it goes without saying that some of these steals may be converted to repays or retrieves. The important thing is, we must continue to visit. If we want visitors, we must visit. The financial well being of the club depends on it.

In my absence, our January dance will be a Snowflake Dance. Dan Robinson will be calling this one. Our February dance will be a Sweetheart Dance where Jim Wright will be doing all singing calls. Your usual finger foods will be great. I know you will make sure these guest callers are made welcome and have everything they need.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. 2017 promises to be a great year for all of us and for our club. Thanks for all you do for me and for the club. While our club is small, we have a wonderful group of members who work together for the greater good and you can't ask more than that. Thanks for taking care of things in my absence. See you in the spring.

Lynn



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NEXT CLUB DANCE

January 13th
Snowflake Dance

To:

Birthdays *January*

8 - Carol Burch

February

17 - Charlie Lange

24 - Carol Hershey

Anniversaries

February

12 - David and Mary Prather

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

Future Themes

- Dec 25 - After Christmas Dance
- Jan 13 - Snowflake Dance - Dan Robinson
- Feb 10 - Sweetheart Dance - Jim Wright
- Mar 10 - March Madness
- Apr 7 - Crazy Hats (special date)
- May 12 - 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 | 18 | Pre-convention for the 2018 Nat'l | |
| Mar | 24-25 | HOA Festival (Hunter Keller) | |
| May | 21 | Benefit for 67th Nat'l Sq Dn Comm | |
| June | 2-3 | Kansas State Convention | |
| June | 10 | Lanny Weaklend | |
| June | 16 | Mike Hogan | |
| July | 10 | Dean Dederman | |
| Aug | 5 | KAMO Festival | |
| Aug | 16 | Jerry Junck | |
| Sept | 20 | Mike Sikorsky | |
| Oct | 20-22 | Missouri State (Lebanon) | |
| Dec | 10 | Noah Siegmann | |

Gashland UMC

It seems that there is no one in the church on Fridays to check on the hall to make sure it is empty and ready for our use. That being said, we need to plan on major preparations prior to each of our dances. Leann will have the key in my absence and if you could all be there to help her about 6:15pm, that would sure make it easier on everyone. In fact, we need to make that a standard practice. Thanks for all your help in this matter.