

Be iN ouR Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Our November dance was well attended and I must apologize for bailing on you. Huge thanks from the bottom of my heart to Dan Robinson for bailing me out and to all of you for carrying on like the troopers you are. I had toenail surgery that afternoon and felt just fine when I got there but shortly after, became very ill. I don't know if it was a reaction to the local anesthesia as it started to come out of my system or if I just had a bug I didn't realize I had, but I slept for the next 3 days nearly non-stop. I hated to leave, but you really didn't want me around and I understand Dan did an exemplary job of filling in. Thank you all.

For the most part, we have remained healthy with the exception of some minor bumps in the road like colds and bronchitis. Those are major annoyances for those of us who suffer but no one has been seriously ill and I'm grateful for that.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Christmas party. Those of you who were unable to make it were missed. 18 of our 30 members were there and I think that's great. Thank you, also, for your donation of gift cards. I took them to the church on the 17th so they could get them to the students before the Christmas break. It seems that's when the need is the most - when they are out of school.

As I have for nearly a decade, I will be going south for the winter again this year. I know I can count on you all to work together for the good of the club as you have in the past. In January, Ray Trowbridge will be calling our "Beach Party" dance and February will have our own Tom Hollinberger behind the mic at our "Sweetheart" dance. I know you will do your best to make our guest callers feel welcome and I thank you in advance for carrying the load in my absence. If anything comes up, Leann can handle it and she and I are in constant communication just as when I am home so that's not a problem.

The NW District of MO has a new visitation program that is rather unique. We discussed it at length at the Christmas party but in general, every individual dancer can get credit for us at every dance you go to. If you didn't get a card at the party, please get one from Carol Hershey. The program is explained on the paper the card is printed on. If you have questions, Carol Hershey will be able to answer them.

Past Visitations

Nov	16	Ramblers	6
Dec	1	Jacks 'n Queens	12
Dec	9	Savannah Sashayers	cancelled
Dec	11	Greg's Gang	6
Dec	14	Lotawana Sailors	11

Future Visitations

Dec	25	Our Dance	
# Jan	4	Live Wires	
Jan	13	Savannah Sashayers (3-6pm)	
		(Mike Hogan calling)	

Jan 19 Harmony Dancers

Steal a Banner (Be a little early, Please)

% Retrieve Our Banner

* Repay a Visit

You guys are the bomb when It comes to visitation. We only had 1 visit we had to cancel but we got another that wasn't planned - we just had enough to get the card signed. Thank you for your support of the visitation schedule. That's the only way we can be certain of good attendance at our dances and that's how we can help defray our expenses and keep our dues reasonable.

Our next dance will be our Beach Party on January 11th. Ray Trowbridge will be calling so I know you will have a great time. I know the weather may be cold but I would encourage you to wear something you would wear to a picnic at the beach. Refreshments could also reflect the theme. Think spring! Eliminate the winter funk.

As always, I want to thank you for all you do for me and for the club. We have such a wonderful group of people in our membership and I feel truly blessed to call you my members and my friends. I hope that 2019 brings you only happiness and good things.

Merry Christmas
And
Happiest of New Years



January 11
Beach Party Dance
Ray Trowbridge, Caller

Birthdays January

8-Carol Burch 15-Dan Robinson 17-Jean Tessman 20-Kim Sincox

Happy Birthday From Your Friends at BNR Squares

Future Themes

Jan	11	Beach Party - Ray Trowbridge
Feb	8	Sweetheart Dance-
		Tom Hollinberger
Mar	8	Mardi Gras
April	12	Poor Boys
May	10	Hawaiian Dance
Sept	14	Vacation T-shirts (Lynn/Deborah)

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Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

Mar 22-23 HOA Federation Festival (Nick Hartley calling)

May 31- Jun 1 KSDA Convention

(Mike Hogan calling)

Jun 15 Lanny Weaklend Jul 12 Mike Hogan

Jul 19 - 20 Summer Weekend Getaway

Jul 26 - 28 HASSDA

Aug 3 KAMO Callers' Festival

Aug 9 Jeff Holley Aug 17 Jerry Junck

Club Trip

I have checked Mike Hogan's schedule and nothing he's doing nearby will work for our purposes. June Tygart will be looking into activities in the Springfield area and when she has more information, we can research dances in that area, as well. If anyone has other ideas of things we can do, let me know.

I saw a sign on my travels recently for Blackwater, MO which is only about an hour and a half east of KC. I've heard they have a wonderful theater there and it's a lovely historic place to visit. That might be something we could consider. Let me know your pleasure.