

# Be iN ouR Squares

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What a fabulous welcome home I had. I know that it was partially due to everyone being snow bound for so long, but it sure was great to see so many square dance friends in attendance. We had 10 squares. The energy in the hall was amazing and it was great to see so many new dancers in the hall. Many dancers followed our theme of Mardi Gras even tho' we didn't make the Fed Facts (I submitted the chatter before I left for the valley so who knows why). Lots of beads and beautiful colors. Thanks to Burchs and Kelly for bringing "king" cakes. Thanks to everyone for all your hard work during our dances. You make our visitors feel welcome and that's what keeps them coming back. My calling is only a small part of the success of the club. There are many fine callers in the area but I've got the best members anywhere.

To the best of my knowledge, everyone has stayed healthy. That's great news. I understand Virgel has had some foot surgery but he seems to be doing well. That's good news. June is still having trouble with her throat and recovery seems like a waiting game. At least it doesn't seem to get her down and we are happy about that.

I'm so excited about out class this time. I thought we were going to have 7 students but due to family and other obligations we lost 3. However, we gained another so have ended up with 5. That's not bad and they are doing very well. They all seem so upbeat and enthusiastic. Some are even asking how soon they will be able to attend dances. 5 is a lot to put in 1 square and while I realize that June's basement is not "huge", I think if we had enough angels we could do 2 squares. It would force the new dancers to keep the square small and that's a good thing. It makes it easier for them to see formations. And there are ways to make a bit more room Last week we were 1 couple short of 2 squares so if you can help, we would certainly appreciate it.

Thanks to all who attended the Federation Festival. We had a great showing with 12 members in attendance. That's just almost 50%. Yay us!

Tom Miller and Carol Hershey still have the NW MO District visitation cards and info so if you haven't gotten one yet, please do so. If you have questions, they will be happy to answer them.

#### **Past Visitations**

Mar	2	Santa Fe Trailers	10	
Mar	16	Crosstrailers (Barbeque)	19	
Mar	19	Swingin' Singles	6	
Mar	22-23	Fed Dance	12	
Futuro Visitations				

#### Future Visitations

Mar	29	Gospel Special (Roles/Brooke)
Apr	6	Maysville Wranglers (Bailey)
Apr	12	Our Dance
Apr	20	Harmony Dancers

# Steal a Banner (Be a little early, Please) % Retrieve Our Banner

Now that Mother Nature has begun to cooperate, you guys have been all over the place. Thanks so much for your diligence. It always pays off in the end. Keep up the good work. It's not really work. That's where all the fun comes in.

I will be calling for the SW MO District Dance May 18th, in Mt Vernon, MO if anyone is interested in traveling. Also, I will be calling the KS State Fall Jubilee in Wichita, November 30th, if you would like to put that on your calendar.

Our next dance is our Poor Boy dance. I'm not sure what you all had in mind for this one, but I'm sure you can get together at lessons and work out all the details.

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.

Happy Easter



<sup>\*</sup> Repay a Visit



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#### **NEXT CLUB DANCE**

March 8
Mardi Gras

## **Birthdays**

## **April**

6—Jim Sincox

15—Heather VanBebber

19—Idamae Gillmore

Happy Birthday From Your Friends at BNR Squares

### **Special Dances**

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

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

Sept 18 Mike Sikorsky

Oct 18-20 Missouri State Festival

### **Future Themes**

April 12 Poor Boys

May 10 Hawaiian Dance

Sept 14 Vacation T-shirts (Lynn/Deborah)

Start thinking of themes for next season!

# Club Trip

June has information about going to Springfield for our club trip so we all need to get together and review that. There are several options there and we can always find a dance in the area.

If anyone has other ideas, we'd love to hear them. After all, this is YOUR club.