



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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We're off to a rip roarin' start for our new season. Our September dance was a huge success, with 62 visitors and 12 members present. It was so much fun to call with Deborah Carroll-Jones and all our visitors seemed to enjoy it as much as I did. We are already looking forward to doing it again next year. This leaves us owing 4 visits tho, so we will have our work cut out for us.

This has been a healthier month for all of us and that's a good thing. Let's keep it up. It's much more fun.

July 31st we started a new class and it just keeps growing. We have added a couple of late comers. I don't usually do that, but Georgia danced both parts just 10 years ago in TX and is really catching on quickly during the review. Jordan is the granddaughter of Kenny and Debbie Bailey and wants to get thru lessons so she can dance at her grandpa's retirement party on New Year's Eve. She's never had lessons before but has been around the activity all her life and youth is on her side. That takes us up to 6 new students and it would sure benefit them if we could have 2 squares but we need more angels to do that. If you can come, please do. Right now we have 5 in plus lessons from 6:30-7:30 and MS starts immediately following.

For our November dance, we agreed to do a benefit for the Alzheimer's Association. Since this hits real close to home for Nancy Iott, she is taking the lead on this. Please coordinate with her. We will need all kinds of ideas in order to make the most of the evening. She has already contacted the Alzheimer's Association and will have several handouts and informational posters to display. If anyone has items to donate or a contact that could get us a nice donation for a silent auction item, that would be great. No white elephants, please. If you have other ideas, Nancy and/or I would love to hear them.

Be sure to put December 15th on your calendar for our Christmas gathering. More details in future newsletters.

I will be calling the KS State Fall Jubilee in Wichita, November 30th. If you would like to put that on your calendar, it would be fun to have a square from our club in attendance.

November 2nd is the Ottawa Promenaders annual hog roast/fund raiser. Some of us usually go, so if you want that to be an official visitation, let me know. Otherwise I will try to schedule something else that weekend. With so few clubs in the HOA these days, it would give us one more visitation option.

Past Visitations

Aug 18	Savannah Sashayers	11
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Future Visitations

* Sep 22	River City Squares
* Sep 28	Docey Dandies
# Oct 4	Live Wires
* Oct 15	Swinging Singles
* Oct 26	Peppy Promenaders
* Nov 16	Crosstrailers
# Steal a Banner (Be a little early, Please)	
% Retrieve Our Banner	
* Repay a Visit	

You did a great job visiting over the summer even tho' we didn't have an official visitation schedule, but now we've kicked off a new season and it's time to get back into the official swing of things. We have already retrieved our banner from the Savannah Sashayers and if we get enough for our visit this Sunday to the River City Squares, we will be all caught up from last season. I know it's a ways out there, but it wasn't any closer for them to come to us. I am scheduling all the repays we owe from our September dance. Some of them are a ways out on the calendar but I wanted to get them in as soon as possible. I know that Peppy Promenaders are a bit of a drive but several of their members visit us frequently and they had 6 at our September dance so we do owe them. Maybe we could car pool. It will be one of the last dances Kenny Bailey calls, so would be a good one to attend. As always, please respond when Leann and Idamae send you the reminder for our visitations. Even if the answer is "no", at least they will know for sure how many are available to go.

Our next regular dance will be our Fall Harvest Dance. We will be collecting non-perishable items for the church's food pantry. Please be generous. Your regular finger foods will be great. I'm sure you will all be able to find something that makes us feel like autumn, like apple or pumpkin treats.

As always, I want to thank you for all you do for me and for the club. Special thanks to all of you who are dedicated angels. We couldn't do lessons without you and a club that doesn't do lessons, doesn't usually last long. You must have a continuous stream of new members to survive.

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NEXT CLUB DANCE

October 11

Fall Harvest

November 8

Alzheimer's Benefit

Anniversaries

September

10—Keith and Heather Van Bebber

*Happy Anniversary
from Your friends at
BNR Squares*

Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

Sept	18	Mike Sikorsky
Oct	18-20	Missouri State Festival
Nov	2	Ottawa Promenaders Hog Roast
Nov	30	KSDA Fall Jubilee (Lynn calls)
Mar	1	NEKSDCA Festival (Topeka)
Mar	27-28	HOA Festival—Vernon Jones
July	10	Mike Hogan
Aug	1	KAMO Festival
Aug	7	Jeff Holley

Future Themes

Oct	11	Fall Harvest (collect for food pantry)
Nov	8	Alzheimer's Benefit
Dec	25	Christmas Night
Jan	10	No Dance
Feb	14	Sweetheart Dance - Dan Robinson
Mar	13	Dr Seuss (Green Eggs & Ham)
Apr	10	Bunny Hop
May	8	Hawaiian Dance
Sept	11	Patriotic (Deborah Carroll-Jones/Lynn)

Club Trip

We let the calendar get ahead of us this year and decided to forego a club trip, other than our annual sojourn to Johnson, NE. Since our August picnic was not well attended, we will discuss our 2020 Club trip at the Christmas party. We have the information June gathered on Springfield, MO, however if anyone has other ideas, please feel free to bring them along with as much detailed info as you can.