



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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From all reports, our Dr Seuss dance was attended by a small but enthusiastic crowd who all stayed until the very end. That tells me that Dan did a great job of providing a fun dance. Thanks, Dan, for all your support and help in my absence.

The health of our club, overall, seems to have improved. Eathel had a successful knee replacement but has had some post operative complications. We hope that she soon has all that under control and will be back dancing with us. Jordan has just 1 more week of non-weight bearing so maybe by the time we get back to dancing, she can join us, too.

Lots of schedule changes to report. Due to Covid - 19, aka Coronavirus, there have been innumerable cancellations, not only for club dances but state conventions and festivals nationwide. While it is disappointing for all of us, I believe it is the right thing to do. Our activity, in particular, is very "touch intensive". While we know where we personally, have been, we never know who we come in contact with or where they have been. While I think the panic buying is out of control and totally unnecessary, I do feel that keeping exposure to a minimum is important so that we don't over tax our healthcare system. No matter how many patients there are, there are still only so many beds in each facility and so many healthcare workers to provide care. I'm sure you saw where a hospital in China collapsed due to an overload of patients. When I first saw the video I thought it was an implosion. I think the irrational purchases of toilet paper is due to a common misunderstanding. This virus, unlike many others, is NOT a stomach bug. It is a respiratory infection. That's what makes it so dangerous to the elderly and people with compromised immune systems. While I struggle with being called elderly, since I'm for sure over 60, I remind myself that when I was a kid I thought anyone over 30 was old. All things are relative, I guess. Since the majority of our square dance family falls into that demographic, it's important that we follow the recommendations of the CDC. That's why we cancelled our picnic on March 15th and that's why we have postponed our lessons until April 8th. The first week of April, we will reassess the situation and determine at that time if we will go forward with lessons and our April dance or if we will further postpone them. I truly hope that by that time the worst will be behind us. Also, the church is closed at this time. They simply said, "for the time being" so we will monitor that, as well. Most clubs in our area have suspended dancing for the foreseeable future. The Heart of America Fed Dance has also been cancelled. At this writing it is unclear if they will be re-scheduling or issuing refunds.

Past Visitations

Feb	21	Ramblers - 7
Feb	28	Gospel Dnc Special 12
Mar	6	St Joe Squares 10
Mar	22	Savannah Sashayers - cancelled

Future Visitations

Apr	10	Our Dance
Apr	11	Shooting Stars - Cancelled
Apr	25	Silver Dollars

I already have these visits scheduled but won't schedule any others until we see what will happen with the Corona virus. We will watch announcements closely to determine if these dances will be held.

Steal a Banner (Be a little early, Please)

% Retrieve Our Banner

* Repay a Visit

You guys did a great job with our visitation schedule. Thanks for supporting club activities and visits when you can. That's what makes our club so successful. We aren't big, but we're active. As soon as we can, we will be back out dancing with other clubs and we will get lessons underway. Take this extra couple of weeks to look for additional students. You never know who you might find.

I want to encourage everyone to follow the recommendations of the CDC - social distancing, shelter in place, WASH YOUR HANDS with soap and water frequently, etc. We're learning all kinds of new terminology. You all know I'm a people person and to "shelter in place" will be just as hard on me as anyone, but I think it will take all of us doing our part to put the pandemic behind us. Remember to check on each other and above all else to be kind. Together, we can get through this.

Our next dance, if we are able to hold it, will be our Bunny Hop dance. It is to be held on Good Friday. I'm sure you will be able to come up with appropriate finger foods without my advice.

As always, I want to thank you for all you do for me and for the club. You never disappoint and always go the extra step. I am so blessed to have you among my membership and as my friends.

Have a blessed Easter

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TO:

NEXT CLUB DANCE

April 10th

Bunny Hop

Watch your email for information regarding this dance.

Birthdays

April

6—Jim Sincox
19—Idamae Gillmore

*Happy Birthday
From Your Friends at
BNR Squares*

Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

June	5-6	KSDA Conv—Curt Braffett
July	10	Mike Hogan
July	17-18	Summer Weekend Get-A-Way
July	23	HASSDA Trail In - Lynn calling
July	24-26	HASSDA (Jeanes/Sahlstrom/Holley)
Aug	1	KAMO Festival
Aug	8	NW District Dance
Aug	22	Lanny Weakland
Sept	16	Mike Sikorsky
Oct	16-18	MO State—Romney Tannehill

Club Trip

We seem to be doomed when it comes to planning this year's club trip. First a blizzard and now a pandemic have forced us to cancel our plans for a gathering where we could determine where we wanted to go and when. If we don't get to do anything else, there is always the weekend in Johnson, NE. That's always a fun trip and well attended by our members. Mark July 17-18 on your calendar. Surely we will be out from under house arrest by then.

Future Themes

Apr	10	Bunny Hop
May	8	Hawaiian Dance
Sept	11	Patriotic (Deborah Carroll-Jones/Lynn)

Put your thinking caps on now and see if we can come up with some unique themes for next season.