



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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I can't tell you how disappointed I am that we have had to cancel our club dances. Because of that, there is nothing to report in this paragraph. I was so looking forward to seeing you all. Just know that when I see you, you are ALL getting hugs!

The club, overall, seems to be fairly healthy. Eathel is getting through her post op problems and seems to be on the downhill side of her challenges. Virgel is finally able to be out and about now that they've told us we can't be. Jordan is able to navigate with only one crutch so was able to move back to her home in Platte City. The only one still working through a rough patch is Daniel Iott. He's been having some issues with blood clots. They think they have that behind them so now he just has to get that shoulder in shape. As if Daniel's health problems weren't enough, Nancy lost her sister on April 9th and her brother on Easter. It's exceptionally hard to lose someone, let alone two siblings, and not be able to be with family for support. Our sincere condolences to Nancy in this difficult time.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers when I lost my mom. Since she was under hospice care and living at my sisters, we were able to be with her and that was a blessing. The restrictions on gathering size kicked in just before her funeral so we had to cancel the public visitation and funeral service and immediate family only was allowed a brief graveside service. Your support and love during this time means more than I can say.

COVID-19, aka Coronavirus, is still playing havoc with our activity. The Memorial Day weekend special in Omaha, KS State Convention in Salina, National Convention in Spokane and all local functions have been cancelled. I held on as long as I could before cancelling our May dance. Even HASSDA has been cancelled in July because they can't get into the venue until after the end of July. The Heart of America has rescheduled the Fed Dance for September 25th-26th. If you pre-registered you're still good to go.

Thanks to the pandemic, we had postponed our lessons until May 8th. Now with the shelter at home extension, I think we will just postpone them indefinitely. I'm still hoping to do lessons at some point. I firmly believe that clubs must do lessons to survive.

Since we won't be dancing, I want to take this opportunity to thank all our veterans for their service, as well as the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. When you gather with your families, as I hope we will be able to do, for the Memorial day weekend, please remember that we are celebrating more than an extra day off work.

Past Visitations

SCHEDULED VISITS WERE CANCELLED

Future Visitations

**CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTIICE
DUE TO COVID-9 PANDEMIC**

Steal a Banner (Be a little early, Please)

% Retrieve Our Banner

* Repay a Visit

COVID-19 is "just a virus" but it is an exceptionally contagious virus. The cavalier attitude that it's no big deal (we go through the flu every year and it's a virus) is why it is lasting so long. The flu that we go through is usually an intestinal illness that causes vomiting, diarrhea, fever and all over aches and general discomfort. This virus is a respiratory illness which makes it so dangerous for those of us in our age group. I can't stress enough how important it is to continue to follow the CDC recommendations. We want to see each and every one of you when this is over.

It looks like our next dance, with any kind of luck will be the Mike Hogan special on July 10th. I certainly hope that by that time, we have "flattened the curve" and are able to be out and about again. When you get exceptionally bored or stir crazy, reach out to someone else. They probably are, too. And just think, if this had happened even 50 years ago, we would have truly been isolated. Not everyone had a phone. There was no such thing as a cell phone. No internet so no email or Facebook. Usually, I'm the first to call it "anti-social" media because people are so glued to their phones they don't connect with other people. But in this situation, social media has been a God send. Use it to your advantage. Stay connected with friends and family and when this is all over, resolve to never take personal contact for granted again.

When the new season starts in the fall, we will again have Deborah Carroll-Jones sharing the mic at our September dance. This is something we can all look forward to. I hope that I will see you in a square long before that. In the meantime, stay in, stay safe and stay well. I love you all.

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NEXT CLUB DANCE

Summer Specials

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Watch your email for information regarding these dances.

Birthdays

May

2—Daniel Iott

16—Kelly Bockover

June

6—Siobhan Champ-Blackwell

18—Lynn Nelson

27—June Tygart

*Happy Birthday
From Your Friends at
BNR Squares*

Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

July	10	Mike Hogan
July	17-18	Summer Weekend Get-A-Way
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

Future Themes

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. We will try to discuss them during one of our video chats.

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. (so far). 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.