



Be iN ouR Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Our summer is off to a great start. Dancers out doing their thing, members traveling, and lessons are going great. I hope you are all enjoying the weather, especially now that the rain has stopped, at least temporarily.

This month our health news has improved, even though not all of it is good. Leann is back on the dance floor for limited exposure building up her strength so that's good and Cindi attended our picnic and it was great to see her. Carla has been struggling considerably. She had a small brain bleed (not an aneurysm) that caused her intense pain and vomiting which in turn depleted her body chemicals and electrolytes. That was like a domino effect and she was having dizziness, weakness and lack of appetite. Once they got her electrolytes, etc. back where they belong, the turnaround was amazing. She was transferred to a rehab facility and is now back home building her strength back up. We look forward to when she and Gary will be back with us for our summer activities. Claude Burch's step brother lost his long time battle and we send our condolences to the entire family. For those of you that know Daniel and Nancy Iott, Nancy is in hospice and would appreciate prayers and cards.

The plus class was completed on June 25th and MS now begins at 7pm. Our mainstream students are doing very well. One of our guys who has been struggling really came around last week. When I reminded him that I had said it's all about repetition. The more you do it, the easier it gets. He replied, "You were right". It's encouraging, too, when you see them correct their own mistakes. I can hardly wait to get them on the dance floor. There is to be a shake up at Cindi's office and we may lose our location August 1st so I am going to try to push lessons a bit to complete them by then. We may not get that done and may be looking for a short term venue to finish up.

There was a great showing of 10 dancers at the KS State Festival in Wichita. Hope you all had fun. It looks like we had several attend the national convention as well.

The Missouri State Festival will be in Cape Girardeau this year. I know it's a long way, but there are a lot of things to do in the area if you wanted to take a couple extra days. If you think you will be going, you will want to reserve your room now as rooms are limited. If something happens, you can always cancel. That's better than sleeping in your car if you don't get a room.

Our June pot luck was well attended with 22 in the room, including Nikki and Graham and their 4 children. The exciting thing is, 2 of their boys want to be callers. One is serious enough about it that he already has a turntable and some records and is practicing. How exciting is that?!? As always, there was more than enough food and yummy desserts. We planned not only our themes for next season, (which you will find on page 2 of this newsletter) but also what we're going to do at the NW District dance. We are hosting the district dance, and will need everyone's help. I will be the MC and Dan is going to help me with the sound. Carol and Claude Burch are taking care of the door prizes and helping to hand out door prize tickets and sell "silent auction" tickets. We will need help setting up and also putting chairs away afterwards. We can be there at 5 for set up.

There will be a district meeting prior to the dance and we ask that everyone who is helping keeps chatter to a minimum so as not to disrupt that meeting.

The dance will be held at Graceway and the silent auction tables will be in the hallway. We need someone to take the donations and organize them on the tables. We will put a "lunch sack" with the name of the item on it and people can drop their tickets in the bag. Once we announce that the auction is closed you will need to draw one ticket from each bag and either staple or tape it to the bag so that dancers can check to see if they won anything. That's all there is to it. Toss the bags at the end of the dance. We will also need someone to manage the refreshment table. All members of ALL district clubs are asked to bring finger foods but we need people to keep the table cleaned up and stocked and the beverage containers full. Steve is going to bring the frame and Kathy will make some sort of photo op sheet. Since there's no specific theme for the dance, it will be something simple like the name of the dance and some streamers or something. I'm sure it will be great. None of this is labor intensive (not much more than we do at our regular dances) and for this we receive a percentage of the gross income of the dance from the district. In recent years, that amount has exceeded \$100.00. Not bad for a little bit of work wrapped up with some fun. But we need everyone to participate so that no one is tied up during the entire dance. And ladies, if you are helping with the kitchen, it doesn't mean you can't leave the kitchen. Just check on things between tips.

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Next Dance:
Summer Specials

*Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary
From your friends at
BNR Squares*

Since MO State falls on our regular dance night, I chose the 3rd Friday in October for our dance and it has been approved by the church. Also at the request of those present at our pot luck, we will be adding a plus tip just before the last tip in an effort to keep visitors until the end of the dance. We also chose the date for our next pot luck. Please put August 24th on your calendars and plan to attend.

We only have 2 special dances this summer and they are both in July. Mike Hogan will be here on July 11th and Lanny Weaklend on July 25th. Our format at summer specials is a little bit different. We dance Plus from 7:30-8pm and Mainstream from 8-10pm. Attire is casual if you wish. While these dances are sponsored by the club for insurance purposes, they are not technically club dances so everybody pays at the door. That being said, if you find it in your heart to come early and help with the set up, it would be greatly appreciated.

Past Visitations

05/17 Crosstrailers 9
05/31 Maysville Wranglers 5
06/6-7 KS State Festival Wichita 10/10
06/09 KC Plus 6
06/21 Crosstrailers 3
06/23 Trail Thru in Topeka 6

There are very few regular dances this summer so the "official" visitation schedule is slim. If you decide to go do dancing, don't forget to invite your friends to join you.

Future Visitations

07/11 Mike Hogan
07/13 3rd Annual Minktacular
07/25 Lanny Weaklend
09/06 Maysville Wranglers-Ted Kennedy

Future Themes

Sept 12 Sports Dance (wear Favorite shirt)
Oct 17 Rhinestone Cowboy Dance
Nov 14 Veterans' Day
Dec 25 Christmas Night
2026
Jan 9 Snowflake/Get a Different Name
Feb 13 PJ Dance
Mar 13 Hat Dance
Apr 10 Poor Man Dance
May 8 Hawaiian Dance
Sept 11 Celebrate Lynn (30 years of calling)

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

07/11 Mike Hogan
07/13 MINK Ladies
07/25 Lanny Weaklend
07/26 NW District
08/08-09 HASSDA Emporia, KS
08/23 NW District Blast

I want to thank you all for all you do for the club and for me, especially Leann who coordinates a lot of the business of the club. Also, Dan Robinson who does a great job as Co-Caller of the club, and the unsung heroes who are our delegates to HOA and NW District, Claude and Kelly. It goes without saying that John has to be on that list, as well. There's so much that you all do that you don't get thanked for in the moment but please know, every little thing you do is much appreciated.

Lynn