



# 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 tho' 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 Cindy attended our picnic and it was great to see her. She's even filled in at lessons a couple times. 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 health battle and we send our condolences to the entire family. For those of you that know Daniel and Nancy Iott, Nancy passed away and I know Daniel 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 had been struggling really came around a couple weeks ago. 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 was a shake up at Cindy's office and we had to find a different place to finish lessons. Marla to the rescue. She has once again shared her basement with us. We will be doing review on the 13th and have graduation on the 20th.

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 made plans for the NW District dance.

Heartfelt thanks go to everyone who attended the NW District dance and helped out in any way. We had a great showing from our club and it all came off without a hitch. Steve and Kathy had a beach themed selfie station, complete with beach balls. We got there early and were able to set up the raffle items in the hall. Carol moved the meeting to the hallway so we could close the doors and set up in the main hall without being disruptive. When the dance was over, clean up went so fast we were out of there by 9:20pm. There was lots of fun, food and fellowship and for our trouble, we received a check for \$112.60. AND the cherry on top of our day is we once again took home 1st place in Friendship Visitation program. Additional thanks go to everyone who supports our visitation program. I'm sure you get tired of hearing it, but if we want visitors, we must visit and you all do a wonderful job of that. 2 things that keep a club viable are doing annual lessons and an active visitation program. If anyone ever had a doubt about that, they could take a good look at our club for verification.

The "Blast" scheduled for August 23rd had to be canceled due to a problem with the venue. However, if you find yourself at loose ends that day and would like to take a ride and do something rewarding, Dana Schirmer is having an Intro to Calling seminar in Topeka from 9am—5pm. It will be held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 4746 SW 21st St. Come for part or stay for the whole day. In order to learn, these folks need dancers in front of them and you will be amazed at the interest and talent we have coming up. Some of them are experienced dancers who are just curious, but several are young people with a sincere desire to become a caller. They need and deserve our support. You might just be surprised at some of the faces in the room. Becoming a caller is more of a challenge than many dancers are aware of. There's more to it than standing up there behind the mic and rattling off memorized chatter. I hope they all stay with it. We need them.

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TO:

*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 had 2 special dances this summer and they were both in July. Mike Hogan and Lanny Weakland both provided a great evening of entertainment. I appreciate everyone who comes early and stays late to set up the hall and return it to its normal state.

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

Past Visitations	Future Visitations
7/14 MINKtacular 14  We have had 7 or 8 at each KC Plus dance	08/16 Ottawa Promenaders (Lynn calling) 08/22 Stewartsville Cut Ups 3rd Anniv. 09/06 Maysville Wranglers-Ted Kennedy 09/12 <b>Our Dance</b> 09/20 Crosstrailers (Larry Dudgeon)
Future Themes	Special Dances (those in blue sponsored by us)
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)	08/08-09 HASSDA Emporia, KS 08/23 NW District Blast <b>cancelled</b> Intro to square dance calling Topeka 10/10-12 Missouri State Festival  <i>From the bottom of my heart, thank you to everyone who supported our MINKtacular. We hope you had as much fun as we did. We're already planning for next year. My biggest regret is we didn't start calling as the MINK Ladies sooner.</i>

I want to thank you all for everything 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 for us 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.

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