



Be iN ouR Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Summer is officially over and that means the official square dance season is just beginning. There's lots of good stuff coming, not the least of which is new members in the club and on the dance floor. Our September dance was very successful with 48 dancers on the floor, including 4 guest callers. Steve and Kathy did a great job with the selfie station. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way and especially to everyone for getting their membership forms submitted on time. I can't tell you how much I appreciate that.

On August 20th we held graduation for 6 new dancers, 4 of whom have joined our club. Both couples have already been out dancing. Cathy and Leroy joined us for Stewartville's anniversary dance and Jill and Larry went to the Savannah Sashayers before heading out on vacation. As you know, we lost our lesson venue at the end of July. Marla was kind enough to allow us to finish at her house, however we need to be looking for a new venue for next year. We need something north of the river that is air conditioned since we go through the summer and it needs to be either real cheap or free. The room doesn't have to be huge. Keeping squares small makes it easier to see formations and their position in it, so don't think crowded, think cozy. A basement, climate controlled garage or Sunday School room would all work. If a church wanted us to give their members free lessons for access to a room, that could be arranged. Since I live south, I don't have access or knowledge of possible venues in the northland so I'm counting on you. The fastest way for a club to begin to die, is to eliminate lessons. I know the commitment can be a huge inconvenience, but it keeps our club viable and growing while others flounder and die so I thank you for supporting lessons each year.

We want to welcome not only Jill and Larry Burger and Leroy and Cathy Gray from our lessons, but also Brad and Annette Davis, Past Presidents of the HOA to our membership. It's great to have them as part of the club. We hope that they will be active and join us whenever they can. Since we have several new members, I will be checking into the interest in ordering more club shirts. Since there is a 6 shirt minimum, we may have to wait a bit to get them ordered. **If you would like to have a new club shirt, please let me know** so I can start to compile a list. I won't know the cost of the shirts until I know how many we will order, but it will more than likely be between \$30 and \$32. We voted not to include names on any future shirts. We did discover the men's shirts run pretty true to size and the women's shirts run small if you are well endowed at all.

We have once again had to change suppliers for our club badges. The company was sold to Merle and Madeline Hall from Macon, MO. Postal service has proven to be less than reliable and somewhat expensive so whenever possible, they try to ship it by the "square dancer express". Sometimes it takes a while to make all the connections, so if you need a new badge, let me know, but don't expect to get it very quickly.

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 August pot luck was well attended with 22 members in attendance, including 2 of our new graduates. It was also good to see Gary and Carla back with us. Lots of good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. We asked for members to volunteer to host a dance and we still have several months open. **Please contact Leann to sign up.** We also announced the date for the **December pot luck, December 7th.** It was decided that we wouldn't do any charitable contribution this year. I also announced that all but 6 members had replied to my query regarding the Christmas night dance and there were zero positive replies so that dance is canceled.

I have been asked to do a demo at Senior Star at Wexford on November 5th. This facility is located just north of 64th St and west of I-29. This is a Wednesday and would be at 2pm so shouldn't conflict with any dances. I need at least a square and a spare couple in case something happens at the last minute and someone can't make it. Please let me know if you will be able to help so that I can confirm with the facility. There is paper work they want me to do and I want to be sure of dancers first. No, we don't get new members at these functions, but the joy that we bring these residents is well worth our time.

You will see that there is no official visitation scheduled during the State festival. If you aren't going to Cape Girardeau, feel free to visit the club of your choosing. You might just be able to get a group to join you.

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TO:

Next Dance:
Summer Specials

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

Just as a matter of information, for those of you who attend or would like to attend, KC Plus, Dana has changed not only the day of the week, but the start time for the dance. They will now dance on Sundays starting at 6pm. There seems to have been some confusion about the changes and, of course once the magazines are published, that can't be changed. I didn't want anyone to go to an empty hall or get there an hour late.

As a reminder, your help in keeping the noise to a minimum during dance time would be appreciated. The low din can be disruptive to dancers and make it difficult to hear the calls.

As always, I want to thank everyone who participates in any way to help with the success of our club. Everything matters. Supporting our dances, our visitation program, and especially our lessons. I know that is an inconvenience and I appreciate your commitment and loyalty.

Past Visitations

8/16 Ottawa Promenaders 5
8/22 Stewartsville Cut Ups 11
8/31 Savannah Sashayers 2
9/02 Heartland Squares 2
9/06 Maysville Wranglers 7

Future Visitations

09/20 Crosstrailers (Larry Dudgeon)
09/27 Harmony Dancers 10th Anniv
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10/03 Live Wires(big band; wear blk/wht)
10/17 Our Dance
10/25 Docey Dandies (Halloween Costumes)

Future Themes

Oct 17 Rhinestone Cowboy Dance
Nov 14 Veterans' Day
Dec 25 Christmas Night CANCELLED
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)

10/10-12 Missouri State Festival
04/17-18 HOA Festival (new hall)
07/10 Mike Hogan
07/12 MINK Ladies
07/25 NW District
07/31 Lanny Weaklend

Our next dance will be our "Rhinestone Cowboy" dance. Wear your cowboy hats, boots, jeans or jean skirts and plan to have a good time. I'm sure you'll think of something creative for our refreshment table, as always. Music will be country/western themed that night. I'm sure, as always, Dan will show me up with his music selections. Thanks again for all you do for me and for the club.

Lynn