



Be iN ouR Squares

Gashland United Methodist Church

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NEWSLETTER

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What a dance we had in November. 51 dancers in the hall, 3 guest callers and 9 veterans honored. As usual, our selfie station was a popular corner. Lots of couples and even some groups took pictures. Even our table cloths were awesome with Thank You Veterans all over them. You guys always step up and never disappoint. One highlight was both of our new couples were in attendance and killin' it on the dance floor. Tho' we had decided not to do a charitable event for Christmas this year, the church reached out and asked us for cash donations to help pay for "unpaid lunches" for school students. We put a jar on the sign in table and I was able to leave a \$100 donation with out rent check. Thank you for your generosity.

We are still looking for a new lesson 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 them, 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.

I would like to know who is interested in ordering a club shirt. 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 asked for members to volunteer to host a dance and we still have two months open, January and April. **Please contact Leann to sign up.** January shouldn't be too hard. You originally said you would make Snowflake name tags but put different names on them. You could decorate with large snowflake cutouts. April is our Poor Man dance. Lots of time to plan that, but we need someone to step up.

The date for the **December pot luck is December 7th.** We will gather at Carol's around 1pm and plan to eat by 2pm. That will give church goers a little breathing space. When it gets a little closer, I'll let you know what meat we choose so you can plan your side dishes. There are a couple of topics I would like to discuss so I hope you can all join us.

The demo at Senior Star at Wexford was a huge success thanks to many of you. You decided to wear square dance attire and that seemed to be a highlight for the residents. Many of them commented how much they enjoyed seeing all the "colorful costumes". There was even a couple from Unicorn Squares there. Of course Leann knew them so that was a plus for all of them. They had a nice time catching up.

It was good to have Carla and Gary back with us on dance night. On the other hand, Cheryl Gray came down with something she can't seem to shake on one of their outings.. The big news is Dan Robinson. He had a really rough couple of months including 2 surgeries. Currently, however, things are looking up. He is home with home health. He has a wound vac to help him heal. He thought they would remove it last Friday but the Dr was ill so he has to wait until this Friday. He is very upbeat and feels confident that he will be able to call our winter schedule as long as Mother Nature doesn't have any other ideas.

Speaking of our winter dances, as usual, I will take my arthritic hands to the generally warmer temps provided by South Texas. In my absence, Dan will assume the calling duties and Leann will lend her capable leadership skills. I talk to her usually everyday so we'll keep in touch. I know you will give both of them the same support and assistance that you give me. Just in case Dan has a relapse (God forbid) we already have a contingency plan in place, so we're covered. That way he can just relax and heal. You have some fun dances planned and I know with you all working together they will all be successful.

I wanted to be sure everyone knew our own DJ Sermon is working toward being a caller. He has done a guest tip at our last 2 dances and is working hard. I appreciate all the support that you've been giving him but here's a hint. If he had dancers he knew and could count on in front of him when he calls, it would be easier for him to keep track of things. Please dance up front when he calls, at home and as a visitor. He's doing a great job and working hard and I know with our support, he will make us all proud.

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TO:

Next Dance:
Snow Flake Dance

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

I've been very pleased with your efforts to make our guests feel welcome. To the best of my knowledge, we don't leave anyone without a partner sitting on the sidelines all evening. That's huge and it doesn't happen everywhere. I think some of us could make a better effort of speaking to every guest and thanking them for coming. It doesn't matter if they hear it repeatedly. It's a good message to repeat.

You will notice that our visitation schedule stretches into January. Since we're not dancing in December, the clubs we owe dances to won't change until after our January dance. If you go out on your own or with another couple, please let me know so I can include it in the next newsletter. Also if you know of anyone under the weather, be sure to let me know.

Past Visitations

10/19 KC Plus 4
10/25 Docey Dandies 5
11/01 Ottawa Promenaders 4
Pistols & Petticoats 2
11/02 Savannah Sashayers 4
11/15 Crosstrailers 5

Future Visitations

11/21 Ramblers (collecting non perishables)
12/05 Live Wires (50's dance)
12/13 Shooting Stars
12/27 Harmony Dancers
01/06 Heartland Squares
01/09 Our Dance
01/16 St Joe Squares

Future Themes

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)

12/31 NY Eve St Joe Squares 3-6pm
02/21 NW MO Blast
04/17-18 HOA Festival (new hall)
07/10 Mike Hogan
07/10-11 HAASDA
07/12 MINK Ladies (HAASDA trail-out)
07/25 NW District
07/31 Lanny Weakland

Since we're not having our annual Christmas dance, our next dance will be our January Snowflake dance. I'm sure you will all think of something creative to bring for finger foods.

As always, thanks again for all you do for me and for the club. I wish you all safe holidays and a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Lynn