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NEWSLETTER

November '09

Our October dance was small but everyone seemed to have a good time. There were only 13 visitors and 14 members in attendance. Even with that small group, we ended up owing a visit to the Silver Dollar Squares. Among the 14 members were our 3 brand new dancers. How exciting!

The Missouri State Convention was a huge success with 634 dancers in attendance. That's up about 100 dancers from last year so that's great. These days we're always pleased if we can just not lose any numbers. Jerry Junck called a great dance and we had 12 members in attendance. What a great representation. Thank you.

If you were at our October dance, you had a chance to meet our 3 new dancers and see what a great job they do. Rita Deml (Doris' daughter-in-law) and Claude and Carol Burch will finish their lessons this month. They have had all the calls now and will be doing a week or 2 of review before celebrating their graduation. They've all been out dancing with us already and have made me so proud. In the 13 years I've been teaching, I've never had a group that learned so quickly or was so much fun to teach. I'm so looking forward to having them as an active part of the club.

Don't forget to put our holiday get together on your calendar. It will be a pot luck at Carol Hershey's with the club furnishing the meat and will be held a 2pm on Sunday afternoon, the 20th of December. We have also decided to have an ornament exchange as opposed to a gift exchange so that we don't have to worry about the age appropriateness of the gift. There will be a \$5.00 limit on the cost of the gift.

The Cancer Benefit at the Frontier Twirlers was a huge success. 18 clubs were represented and with the donations they received added to the money collected at the door, they collected \$1,722. They rounded up their match and wrote a check for \$3,450 and presented it to a Miami County Cancer group, whose specific name I missed. Kudos to them for their good work.

If you have never danced at Croco Hall in Topeka, we have a great opportunity for you. Sunday, Nov 29th, from 2-4:30pm, CALLERLAB will be having a benefit dance to raise funds for new computers for the office. A variety of area callers will be there and we hope you will join us.

VISITATIONS

Past Visitations

Oct 02	Live Wires	9
Oct 09	Big O's	8
Oct 16-18	MO State Festival	12
Oct 30	Frontier Twirlers	8
Oct 31	VA Benefit	4

Future Visitations

# Nov 7	Santa Fe Trailers
*Nov 13	Mustangs
*Nov 20	Harpers Hoppers
%Nov 21	Swangers

- # Steal a Banner (Be a little early, please)
- % Retrieve Our Banner
- * Repay a visit

I know I am scheduling 2 visits in the same weekend, but we will still have another 3rd Friday visit owed even if we make both of these so if at all possible, please support the visitation schedule if you can.

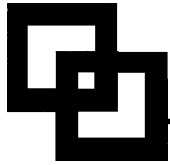
Once again I am hoping that we can plan some club outings and enjoy some time together other than at dances. If any of you have any ideas, please bring them to the holiday party. Hopefully we can plan something for this summer.

Our next dance is our "Count Your Blessings" dance. Please open your hearts and remember to bring non perishable items for the food pantry at the church. The church provides us with a wonderful place to dance at a reasonable cost. They do a lot of good works in the community and this is one way we can help. This dance will be the day after Thanksgiving so I know some of you will either be out of town or have visitors for the holiday weekend but we hope most of you will be able to attend. Your usual finger foods will be great.

As we approach Thanksgiving and the official kickoff of the holiday season, please take a moment to step back and count your blessings, not the least of which is our freedom. Remember to thank a vet and have a wonderful,

HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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NEXT CLUB DANCE

November 27th
Count Your Blessings

To:

November
Anniversaries

16 - John and Rosemary Brundage

Happy Anniversary
from your friends at the
B-N-R Squares

Future Club Themes

- Nov 27 - Count Your Blessings
- Dec 25 - Casual Christmas Dance
- Jan 22 - 50's Dance
- Feb 26 - Canary Dance - All Singing Calls
- Mar 26 - Cancelled for Fed Dance
- Apr 23 - April Showers
- May 26 - Hawaiian Dance

Let's Go Dancing



Special Dances

Dances in blue sponsored by the club:

Jun	3	Nick Hartley - Location TBA
Jun	4-5	KS State Convention - Salina, KS
Jun	12	Mike Hogan - Location TBA
Jun	18	NW District - Location TBA
Jul	9	Lanny Weakland - Location TBA
Jul	23	Tom Roper - Location TBA
Sep	22	Mike Sikorsky - Location TBA

Club Functions

I have always felt that social gatherings among the club members was an important part of any successful club. We seem to have a group that likes to eat as our picnics are always a great success, but I would love to do some other things, as well. Would there be any interest in a day trip somewhere, like to the Carousel Museum in Leavenworth, out to Abilene to see the Eisenhower Presidential Museum, up to Atchison to see the Amelia Earhart home or some other point of interest? Give it some thought. Maybe we could find a dance along the way, as well.