

Bootoneers

The Bootoneers Square Dance Club, originally named the "Square Burys" was founded March 14, 1964 at the home of Leon and Ann Bury. Their first dance was held April 4, 1964, at the Grandview Bank. The Club joined the Heart of America Federation as the "Square Burys" in January, 1965.

In June of 1969, Leon retired and Jim Booton became the club's second caller. Shortly thereafter, the club was renamed "The Bootoneers." The Bootoneers were one of the first clubs to subscribe their club 100% to Fed Facts Subscriptions. Jim Booton was the club's caller from 1965 until 1979, a 14 year span, when he retired. Larry Young became the club's third caller and he called for the next four years from 1979 until 1983. Jay Krebs became the club's fourth caller in 1983 and remained until the club folded in the early 2000's.

Jim and Stella Garrison were instrumental at Kansas City's 24th National Square Dance Convention, serving as Decorations Chair people, recruiting several members of the club as assistants.

Some members of the club still maintain a close bond getting together during the Christmas Season for a special dinner. Many members of the club are still dancing with other clubs, which make other clubs stronger. The club enjoyed a healthy span of nearly 40 years.

Club No Longer Dancing