

## OTTAWA PROMENADERS 2008-2009

The Ottawa Promenaders Square Dance Club hosts dances on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from September through May and sponsors special dances once a month during the summer. We are a mainstream club, but include one plus tip each evening.

This season has seen several changes: (1) a new dance location at Washburn Towers in their Civic Center, 506 S. Main, Ottawa, KS, (2) a new dance time from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., (3) a new way to serve refreshments called "grazing" where dancers help themselves to treats all evening long, rather than have a long break for refreshments, giving everyone more time to dance, (4) the addition of a historian, who keeps a club scrapbook, and (5) a pair of dolls dressed in our red, white and blue travel outfit.

The Club participates in the Kansas Square Dance Association's traveling banner program. We average two travel dances per month, except summer months. The purpose of the traveling banner is to help promote the wonderful world of square dancing and to create a feeling of fellowship and goodwill between clubs.

September 2	Potluck for Prospective Dancers at 6:30 p.m. at the 1st United Methodist Church, 4th & Hickory
September 20	Kickoff New Season
October 4	Autumn Leaves
October 18	Harvest Celebration
November 1	Annual Pig Roast
November 15	Give Thanks/Veterans' Day
December 6	Reason for the Season
December 20	Christmas Dance
January 3	Let It Snow
January 17	Chili & Dessert
February 7	No Dance/NEKSDCA Festival at Croco Hall
February 21	Valentine Dance
March 7	Donna's Favorites
March 21	Shamrocks & Spuds
April 4	Dancing in the Rain
April 18	Poor Boys
May 2	Nifty 50's (Costumes Welcomed)
May 16	Pie & Ice Cream
June 20	Perry/Crady Special
July 18	God Bless America Special with Vic Perry
August 14	National Caller Dance with Marshall Flippo Rounds by Vernon Nelson

## **58 YEARS OF DANCING**

An interest in square dancing began to grow in Ottawa around 1949, and the "Promenaders Club" was organized in 1950 with Pat Beedles serving as their first caller. Dances were first held at Eugene Field Elementary School, the Nelson Hotel and the VFW Hall. In the early years, instead of electing officers, four names were drawn each session to plan functions and to handle finances. Funds were provided by donations made at each dance.

In 1954 the first officers were elected, a new constitution and by-laws were adopted, and T. J. Miller became the caller for the group. Square dance lessons were started at this time. T. J. Miller called for the club until 1958, with dances held in the Memorial Auditorium basement and the National Guard Armory. During this time the club members joined the Four Corners Square Dance Association composed of all clubs called by Miller. This association consisted of Ottawa, Garnett, Osawatomie, DeSoto, Olathe and Leavenworth. Local dancers traveled to the Osawatomie Civic Center once a month to dance to area and national callers sponsored by the association.

From 1958 to 1965 Emery Wilson was the club caller. Emery taught the lessons the first year; Richard and Dorothy Hewitt taught lessons 1959-61, and Bill and Jerry Abbott taught lessons 1961-64. Sal Fanara called one session of the 1964-65 year, because of Emery's work hours. The Blue Moon building (currently the Eagles Hall) and the Armory were used for the club dances, and the Knights of Columbus Hall was used for lessons.

Bob Kuhn called for the Ottawa Promenaders from 1965-70, and the dances were held at Lincoln School. In 1970 Jim Booton became the club caller. Lincoln and Eisenhower Schools were used for club dances along with the Farm Bureau Hall and the Ottawa University Union for lessons. Jim Booton retired in 1985. Their new caller became Vic Perry. Celebration Hall was used for lessons and dances until 1999. The Ottawa Promenaders then moved to the new Ottawa Middle School. Lessons were taught at the First United Methodist Church and is where our caller, Vic, still teaches lessons today.

The Four Corners Square Dance Association was in existence only during the years that R. J. Miller was the club caller. Since that time the club has been associated with the Heart of America Square Dance Association and the Kansas Square Dance Association (KSDA). The club, currently, is only affiliated with the KSDA.

Line dancing, led by Judy Haas (Broers), was added between square dance tips as an unofficial part of the program in 2001. In 2003 Judy became our line dance cuer/instructor, and she is still serving in that capacity today, assisted by her husband Gene Broers as of 2007.

## **OTTAWA PROMENADERS 2008-2009**

### **Governing Board**

President:	Gene and Judy Broers
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Bruce Groninger Connie Jacobs
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents:	Shirley Meloche Mike and Becky Raley Betty Randel
Recording Secretary:	Jack and Jo Ann Price
Treasurer:	Richard and Mitzi Neal
Past President:	Bob and Kay Wilburn
Past 1st Vice-President:	Steve and Rene Reese

### **Appointed Positions**

Corresponding Secretary:	Jim and Betty Driver
Courtesy Chairman:	Jim and Betty Driver
Publicity:	Jack and Jo Ann Price
NEKSDA Delegate:	Bob and Kay Wilburn
Travel Chairman:	Shelly Gibson
Historian:	Bev Roy
Webmaster:	Steve Reese
Photographers:	Judy Broers Vernon Nelson Bob Rainbolt Steve Reese

**Caller & Line Dance Cuer**

Caller:	Vic Perry
Caller's Taw:	Donna Perry
Line Dance Cuer:	Judy Broers
Cuer's Choice:	Gene Broers

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### OTTAWA PROMENADER PRESIDENTS

1950-54	Committees
1954-55	Richard & Dorothy Hewitt
1955-56	Warren & Betty Kasper Harold & Marge Leitnaker
1956-57	Reid & Vivian Harder
1957-58	Art & Carol Keller
1957-58	Haydn & Lola Shaw
1959-60	Bill & Jerry Abbott
1960-61	LeRoy & Marilyn Teter
1961-62	Gene & Beverly Mavity
1962-63	Eldon & Eileen Finch
1963-64	Dale & Bernice Smith
1964-65	Haydn & Lola Shaw
1965-66	Richard & Mitzie Neal
1966-67	Duane & Cheryl Hall
1967-68	Jim & Ginny Lancaster
1968-69	Gene & Georgia Ward
1969-70	Harold & Dottie Hay
1970-71	Art & Peggy Miller
1971-72	Terry & Carolyn Silvius
1972-73	Galen & Peg Wichman
1973-74	Don & Frances Jones
1974-75	Richard & Dorothy Hewitt
1975-76	Charles & Sue Gillette
1976-77	Doug & Jean Higbie
1977-78	Albert & Veda Beatty
1978-79	Max & Betty Randel
1979-80	David & Norma Bird
1980-81	Bud & Carolyn Elder
1981-82	Harold & Judy Pennington
1982-83	Raymond & Sally Dunn
1983-84	Max & Betty Randel
1984-85	Richard & Mitzie Neal
1985-86	David & Norma Bird

### OTTAWA PROMENADER PRESIDENTS (Continued)

1986-87	Charles & Vera Neal
1987-88	Harry & Shelly Gibson
1988-89	Orville & Jo Flager
1989-90	David & Mary Lee McElfresh
1990-91	Earl & Marilyn Zimmerman
1991-92	Larry & Debbie Hanson
1992-93	Larry & Debbie Hanson
1993-94	Dean & Mary Royse
1994-95	Terry & Jean Thompson
1995-96	Dean & Mary Royse
1996-97	Ken & Lexie Jones
1997-98	Max & Betty Randel
1998-99	Jim & Sandy Moore
1999-00	Charles & Vera Neal
2000-01	Ken & Lexie Jones
2001-02	Dean & Mary Royse
2002-03	Ernie & Clara Richardson
2003-04	Charles & Vera Neal
2004-05	Loren & Helen Cantrell
2005-06	Terry Larsen & Shelly Gibson
2006-07	Bruce Groninger & Connie Jacobs
2007-08	Bob & Kay Wilburn
2008-09	Gene & Judy Broers

### CALLERS AND INSTRUCTORS

1950-54	Pat & Irene Beedles
1954-58	T. J. & Tressa Miller
1958-65	Emery & Crystal Wilson
1959-61	Richard & Dorothy Hewitt (Lessons Only)
1961-64	Bill & Jerry Abbott (Lessons Only)
1964	Sal & Barbara Fanara (Caller-1 Session)
1965-70	Bob & Mary Alice Kuhn
1970-85	Jim & Dorothy Booton
1985-Present	Vic & Donna Perry