



Be iN ouR Squares

Gashland United Methodist Church

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NEWSLETTER

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Another successful season is behind us. What a ride. You have all been great. Helping with dances, supporting the visitation program, and all the other things that having a successful club requires. You make our visitors feel welcome and want to come back. All of those things are important. They're things I can't do alone. You make our club what it is.

I still have 4 requests for club shirts. We are still 2 shirts short of an order. If you would like to have a new club shirt, please let me know so we don't have to keep these members waiting any longer than necessary.

Carol Hershey is having surgery on her foot June 1st. We hope she heals quickly. We'd like to see her back on the dance floor. Leroy Gray will be undergoing cancer treatments for the next 7 or 8 months. I'm sure Kathy and Leroy would both appreciate our prayers.

Claude Burch, who has served as our HOA delegate for many years, has informed me that he will be resigning as of the end of this season. He has graciously agreed to attend the July meeting but we need to find a replacement for the September meeting. The Shelleys have agreed to step up and become our new HOA delegate. We've never had an official alternate delegate, although they would like for us to have one, so if you would like to fill that slot, let me know. I want to thank Claude profusely for holding this position for so long. I always knew it was covered and I never had to worry about it. Your service to the club has been invaluable.

Youth clubs used to be an active part of the Kansas City Square dance scene but, sadly, have been absent since the early 90s. I'm happy to report that a new youth club is forming in Lenexa with our own DJ Sermon as one of the Co-Callers. They will dance at the Lenexa United Methodist Church on 4th Fridays. The Wheel and Dealers Youth club will host a special dance on Tuesday, June 9th, from 6:30-8:30pm to give area dancers a chance to get familiar with their new club. A free will donation will be collected at the door to help the club get started. The theme that night will be Americana 250. I hope many of you will be able to be there to support DJ and the other club members. Youth are the future of our activity.

I am excited to share that the Harry S Truman Memorial will be having a Centennial Celebration on August 1st and they would like to make square dancing a part of it. The day's festivities will start with opening ceremonies in the auditorium starting at 10am. Throughout the day there will be various activities including educational talks, tours and exhibits. The day's activities will culminate with a square dance in the auditorium from 3-5pm. I am encouraging everyone to join us on the dance floor. There will be no admission fee that day and we are encouraging a variety of attire. I would like to request that no one wear shorts. I will use a variety of music and I'm hoping that the youth club will join us so that we can show spectators that square dancing has changed with the times and is a great family activity.

June 13th, there will be a dance to benefit Gashland UMC as a thank you for providing a dance location at a reasonable rate. This will be sponsored by all the clubs dancing at the church. It will be a Gospel Dance from 2-5pm, called by the club callers of all the clubs who dance at Gashland. Dan and I will be representing BNRs and we hope many of you will attend. We want to thank the Shooting Stars for spearheading this effort. I hope that we get a good attendance so a sizeable donation can be made to the church.

Dana Schirmer has been having a monthly seminars for new callers. These are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Topeka (where the Friendship Squares dance). There are between 9 and 13 callers there each month. Some of them are younger than most of us and I think that is not just encouraging, but exciting. There is more to calling a square dance than just picking up a microphone. At these seminars, Dana tries to give each caller mic time but to do that, we need dancers. If you would like to help, contact Dana for a good time to arrive.

At our pot luck, we made the decision to raise our door donation by \$1 per person, for both our club dances and our summer specials. We also decided not to have themes or door prizes for every dance. We will, however, still need greeters to be at the door before and after our dances. We should all be thanking our visitors sometime during the evening, but it makes a great impression for someone to be there to say, "Thanks for coming." We decided to attend the C.A.S.T Murder Mystery Dinner Theater in Overland Park on September 26th. Tickets will be approximately \$60 per person. Please let me know if you would like to join us so tickets can be reserved. We also chose the date for our next pot-luck. It will be August 30th, same time, same place. Thank you Carol Hershey, for being our hostess with the mostess. Also thanks to Kelly for taking charge of the kitchen. We can always count on our dynamic duo.

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TO:

*Next Dance:
Summer Specials*

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

The NW MO visitation program for this year has ended. If you haven't turned in your card, please do that ASAP. New cards for the coming year are available. HOA cards have been sent to you by email as I just got the information this morning (June 1st.)

We don't do a lot of "official" visits through the summer so that you have plenty of time to enjoy your summer activities. For those of you who are so inclined, there are lots of festivals and special dances available all summer long. Be sure to get your visitation card signed. It only takes one of you. If it's nearby, be sure to mention it on Telegram. You may get a few friends to accompany you.

Past Visitations

4/17-18 HOA Festival Fri 6/Sat 8
4/19 KC Plus 4
4/24 Stewartsville Cut-ups 7
5/1 St Joe Squares 8
5/15 Ramblers 9
5/17 KC Plus 6
5/30 Pistols n Petticoats 3
5/31 KC Plus 6

Future Visitations

Nothing Scheduled
Enjoy your
Summer

Future Dances

Sept 11 Celebrate Lynn (30 years of calling)
Oct 9 All things autumn
Nov 13 Salute our Veterans
Dec 25 Christmas night
Jan 8 Winter
Feb 12 Cowboy Dance
Mar 12 Dan's Hat Dance
Apr 9 Fools in Love
May 14 Hawaiian
Sept 12 It's Show Time

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)
06/09 Wheel and Dealer Youth Club
06/13 Benefit for Gashland UMC
07/10 Mike Hogan
07/10-11 HAASDA
07/12 MINK Ladies (HAASDA trail-out)
07/25 NW District
07/31 Lanny Weaklend
08/01 Harry Truman Centennial

This summer we have 2 specials as noted above. We don't do refreshments at our summer specials and the format is a little different (Plus 7:30-8 and then MS) but I could still use your help to set up.

Thanks to all of you for all you do for me and for the club. Enjoy your summer but be safe. We'll look forward to seeing you in a square somewhere.

Lynn