



Be iN ouR Squares

Gashland United Methodist Church

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NEWSLETTER

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Another season is just around the corner and will be here before we know it. Our first dance is September 11th. Since this summer marked my 30th year of calling we will be celebrating that. I will provide a cake and you can bring something to go with it for those who can't enjoy sweet treats. If you check the traditional anniversary list, the gem for 30 is pearl and the color is green. I would like to follow this color scheme for our dance. I thank you all for allowing me to celebrate this milestone. I never thought I would make it this long and here I am still going strong.

It's good to have Carol Hershey back on the dance floor with us. She's not 100% yet but she's getting there. Also, Leroy Gray is nearing the end of his treatment. He has about another month of treatment followed by an additional month of physical therapy and then he should be done. He still has some pain so time will tell and I know they would appreciate your continued prayers. Denise Shelley took a terrible fall a couple weeks ago but luckily, her injuries were all cosmetic and we're glad it wasn't more serious.

We want to thank the Shelleys for stepping up and taking over as our HOA delegate. It's an important position and a thankless job that needs to be filled so we appreciate their dedication.

I am excited to say that the Harry S Truman Memorial Centennial Celebration was a huge success. We only had 3 1/2 squares of dancers but an equal number of spectators stuck with us and were on the dance floor each time they were invited. They not only stuck around for the entire time, they asked for additional opportunities and a lot of lesson flyers left the hall that day. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

The benefit for Gashland UMC that was held on June 13th was also a huge success. The final tally was over \$2000 and the church has expressed their appreciation. We couldn't have done it without the participation of all the dancers, so once again, thanks to all who participated.

We will soon be completing our lessons. My current plan is to finish the calls on the new mainstream list, have a week of review and have graduation on September 9th, just in time to get them on the dance floor for our September dance. After that, my hope is that we can do at least 2 or 3 additional weeks to show them the calls that were moved to plus so if they go to a different caller and he calls something, they won't be confused, frustrated or embarrassed. We can always use extra angels as we have a full square of students and it's really better if we can split them into 2 squares.

As you know, in order to order additional club shirts, the minimum order is 6 shirts. We've been sitting on 4 for a long time. Maybe now that we are graduating some new members, we'll be able to put an order together. If you want a new shirt, please be sure to let me know.

Our August 30th pot luck is right around the corner. As usual, Carol Hershey, our hostess with the mostess, will welcome us into her home around 1pm and we will plan to eat about 2pm. The club will provide burgers and we ask everyone else to bring a veggie, salad, or dessert to share. This will be a great time to get to know our new members. 5 of our 8 students have committed to join the club. This will also be a good time to decide if we want to do something special for the holidays and if we want to get a head start on a club function for next year.

When CALLERLAB changed the program lists, they moved several of the mainstream calls to plus but they also brought several calls from the advance list down to plus. What that means, is even if you are currently a plus dancers, there will be a number of new calls for you to learn. We also have at least 1 couple in the club who would like to learn plus. I would be more than happy to teach plus lessons, but we can't afford to pay for a hall, even at the rate that we got with Avondale UMC. You see, by moving the calls around, it will now take just about as long to teach the plus list as it takes to teach mainstream. If you were willing, we might be able to do a few extended lessons on the weekend rather than stretching it out over several weeks. The NW District did Mainstream lessons like this successfully a few years ago. This first time might not take quite as long because you all know the MS calls that were added, but you will still need to learn the calls that came down from A. If anyone could provide a place for us to host 1 square, that would be great.

You are probably all aware already that once again our club came out in 1st Place in the Friendship Visitation contest held by the NW District of Missouri. That speaks very well of your dedication to the activity and to our club. I thank you for always making the extra effort.

Be in our Squares
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TO:

Next Dance:
September 11
Lynn's 30th Anniversary

Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary

While it takes 4 dancers to qualify to get the HOA card signed, it only takes 1 to get the District card signed. Everyone should have a card so that even if you are at a dance by yourself, you can get credit for it. If there are several of you at a dance together, only 1 needs to get the card signed and put the total number in attendance on that card.

As usual, Leann will be sending reminders when we have a visit scheduled. Please reply even if the answer is no. We don't care why, we just want to make sure that we will have enough to count. If not, we can cancel and everyone can go where ever they please.

Past Visitations

6/13 Gospel Dance 14
6/14 KC Plus 7
6/28 KC Plus 3
8/1 Centennial Celebration 12
8/7 St Joe Squares 8
8/8 KC Plus 9

Future Visitations

9/11 *Our Dance*
9/19 Crosstrailers
9/25 Stewartsville Cut Ups
10/2 St Joe Squares
10/9 *Our Dance*
10/16 Ramblers

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)

10/11 Fall Friendship Dance (Croco)
10/23-25 MO State Festival
4/2-3 HOA Festival
6/4-5 KS State (Wichita)
7/9 Mike Hogan Special
7/11 MINKtacular
7/24 NW District
7/30-31 HASSDA
8/6 Lanny Weakland Special

Our next dance is September 11th and we will celebrate my 30 years of calling. Thank you for allowing me to celebrate this milestone. Being a square dance caller is something I am very proud of. Outside of being a mom, grandma and great grandma, it's the thing that defines the most just who I am.

Thanks to all of you for all you do for me and for the club. It is appreciated more than you can imagine.

Lynn