



Be iN ouR Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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What a beginning to our new season. There were 55 dancers in the hall, including not only 7 guest callers but 6 of our new graduates. An evening that surpassed all my expectations and far exceeded my wildest dreams. When I started calling, most active callers had started in their 20s and before. I was 45 so 30 years was a milestone that I never dreamed I would attain. I was grateful that you had agreed to allow me to mark it with a cake. All of the honors, rewards and love shared with me was humbling and overwhelming. It seems strange to be rewarded for something that brings me so much joy. I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. Just reminds me once again that I have the best club around.

On September 9th, we held graduation for our new dancers. 7 of the 8 students were present and all of them have joined our club. 6 of them attended our dance and even came early to help set up. If you haven't met them yet, be sure you take the opportunity to get to know them. I know they will all be an asset to our club. We plan to continue to meet weekly so that I can expose them to the calls that were moved to plus, so that should they encounter them when they visit another club they will at least have seen them before. We can always use angels.

Leroy Gray has completed his cancer treatment and is going through physical therapy to help him regain some strength. I'm sure they would appreciate continued prayers. Denise Shelley is slowly recovering from her fall and we're glad to see her progress. Gary Heese had a cochlear implant and is going through some "growing pains" as he gets use to it. Unfortunately, it hasn't helped his severe headaches and now he has added some vertigo to the mix. We hope that as he gets use to his new hardware, the rest of his challenges will improve. I know they, too, would appreciate your continued prayers.

Our August pot luck was smaller than usual but the food was excellent, as usual, and everyone seemed to enjoy the opportunity to chat. Carol and I chose December 13th for our next potluck. I hope you will all make plans to attend.

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 have graduated 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 so that you won't get left out.

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 dancer, 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. Please let me know if you have an option.

As you know, we are still defending our title as the club with the best visitation record in the NW MO District. For our new members, each of us can carry a visitation card and get it signed any time we visit another club. It only takes 1 to get the card signed. If several of you are at dance together, you only need to get one card signed, and put the total number in attendance on the card. If you don't yet have a card for this year, I have a few and Carol Hershey can provide them. I am so proud of our visitation record. It's about more than winning a contest. Each visit we make supports another club and helps to perpetuate our activity. The more we put into the activity, the more we get out of it.

We still have 3 club dances that we need hosts for. For our new members, being hosts is not difficult. If you would like to decorate for the theme, you are free to do so. We have quite a few tablecloths in our storage cabinet or you are free to purchase some of the color of your choice. We like to have 2 inexpensive door prizes - maximum \$5. And you need to act as greeters at the beginning of the dance and thank dancers for coming as they leave. Please contact Leann if you can help with this.

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TO:

Our Next Dance
October 9th
All Things Autumn

Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary

While it only takes 1 to get the District card signed, it takes 4 to get the card signed for the HOA Vigorous Visitors Program. We have a couple people carrying those cards so that we get credit for those visits, as well. You don't have to wait for an official club visit to go dancing. If you want to go, feel free and if you would like to have someone join you, put it on Telegram. You may be surprised with the response you get. It's always more fun when you go as a group. As usual, Leann will send out reminders for our club visits. Please respond even if the answer is no. We don't care why you can't go. We're just trying to be sure that we have enough to make it count. If we don't, we can cancel our visit and you can go wherever you want. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Past Visitations

8/28 Live Wires 3
8/29 Pistols & Petticoats 3
8/30 KC Plus 6
9/06 KC Plus 6
9/12 Little Dixies 2

Future Visitations

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

Future Dances

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
7/12 MINKtacular
7/24 NW District
7/30-31 HASSDA
8/6 Lanny Weakland Special

Our next dance is October 9th. Our theme is "All Things Autumn" so I suspect our refreshment table will be full of items including apples or pumpkin spice. Things that invoke the feeling of cool, crisp mornings and warm fall colors. I know you will do your normal job of putting out a great refreshment table.

I never want to forget to tell you how much I appreciate all of you and all you do for me and for the club. I've always said we have the best members around and you just keep proving it, over and over. Thank you all.

Lynn