



Be iN ouR Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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What a great way to welcome fall. We had 43 smiling dancers in the hall, including 5 of our recent graduates. I'm so proud that they are doing so well. We only had one club with enough to consider a repay and that was the Pistols' n Petticoats and since we were recently there with 8, that's already taken care of. We were also blessed to have 2 visitors from Pennsylvania (their club is in New Jersey) who were visiting family in Olathe and chose to join us. All in all, I would say the evening was a success. Thanks to Bev and her crew for the pretty decorations. It was the perfect touch.

I want to thank everyone who came early to help set up. The past couple of months we've had lots of help and that makes set up go very quickly. Since the Shooting Stars are not having any more dances, the Saturday night following our dance is now vacant. That means that we have to put all the chairs away, as well as any tables we get out. I appreciate those of you who stayed to help with that task. It lets Leann and me get out of there and on our way home in a short time. I do want to remind you, however, to please wait until the dance is over to start taking down chairs. No matter how hard you try, that's a noisy task and can be distracting to the callers. Not only that, it sends the message to our visitors that we can't wait for them to leave. Kind of a here's your hat, what's your hurry vibe. We've worked hard to be perceived as a friendly club and we don't want to get the reputation of being rude. I also want to thank everyone who walked around the hall and thanked people for coming. It is noticed and it definitely makes an impression.

We still have 2 months without a host/hostess: December and April. Of course Christmas is a given and April will be easy as it's our Fools in Love dance. Decorations should be a cinch. Please let Leann know if you could cover either of these dances. Remember, you don't have to do it alone. Sign up with a friend and work together. We have a lot of tablecloths in the cupboard so you might not even have to buy those. Decorations can be simple - or none at all if you choose. Sometimes less is more. The most important thing is that someone is there a little early to greet our guests and make them feel welcome, and someone is near the door as they leave to thank them and make them feel appreciated. We would like to have 2 door prizes but keep the cost low. Dollar tree is a great source for inexpensive gifts.

As you know, we now have quite a few new members so I'm hoping we'll be able to submit an order for more club shirts soon. It requires a minimum of 6 shirts so the order has been on hold for quite some time. Burgers and Kelly have asked for a shirt (and it seems like there was someone else but I can't recall who) so we're halfway there. If you need a new shirt or a different size, now is your opportunity. We quite often wear them on club visitations and always get compliments on how nice our group looks on the dance floor. You voted to get future shirts without a name embossed so you will have to wear a name tag but it will make it easier to pass a shirt along if you change sizes drastically.

Don't forget to put December 13th on your calendar for our next club pot luck.

It seems that outside of a few minor issues, the club has been pretty healthy lately. I sure hope that continues. We love having everyone with us on the dance floor.

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TO:

NextDance:
November 13
Honor Our Veterans

Happy Birthday and
Happy Anniversary

Don't forget the visitation programs. They have been a huge part of our success. It takes 4 dancers for the HOA program, so we only have 2 of those cards, but everyone should have their own card for the NW MO District program. Only 1 card needs to be signed at each dance with the total dancers present noted, but if you are the only one there, be sure to get the card signed. It will count.

I have not scheduled an official visitation against the state festival. If you are not joining us in Springfield, I encourage you to visit. Invite a friend and get your visitation card signed.

As always, Leann will continue to send out reminders and we appreciate a response so we know if we have enough to count. You don't have to give a reason, just a yes or no is fine. Thanks for being so active in the community. Sometimes we have as many at spontaneous visits as we do at our scheduled visits. If you want to go somewhere, be sure to put it on Telegram. You might just get company.

Past Visitations

9/18	Ramblers	7
9/19	Crosstrailers	7
9/25	Stewartsville	8
10/2	St Joe Squares	9
10/3	Pistols n Petticoats	8

Future Visitations

10/16	Ramblers
10-23-25	MO State Festival
11/6	Live Wires
11/13	Our Dance
11/20	St Joe Squares

Future Dances

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'sShowTime

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

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	LannyWeekendSpecial

Our next dance is our annual Honor Our Veterans dance. Without those who served and sacrificed we wouldn't have the freedom to enjoy our activity as we do. Red, white and blue and patriotic music will be the order of the evening. There are usually some treats on the refreshment table that follow that theme, as well. I know you will do your usual fine job. (This month the table was overflowing).

As always, I want to thank each of you for all you do for me and for the club. In my opinion, we have, by far, the best members in the area. I love you all and feel so blessed to have you among my square dance family.

Happy Halloween!

Lynn