



# HEARTLAND SQUARES/SWINGIN' SINGLES

## AUGUST NEWSLETTER



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 2:00 PM Board Meeting	3	4  No Dance	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 --Crazy's Country	15 Capers--
16	17	18 7:30 PM * HH/SS Cowboys and Girls Dance	19	20	21  NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZEN DAY	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Sep 1 7:30 PM * Red Tuesday Dance				

\*Tentative depending on COVID-19 status. Please check website for updates or contact a board member.

BOARD MEETING

**Date:** August 2, 2020 2:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom Meeting ID: 811 5073 0800 Password: 270326

## Letter from the President . . .

Do you use calendar reminders? Friday at 7P: Lotawana Sailors. Saturday at 7P: Docey Dandies. Tuesday at 7P: Swingin' Singles. Never deleting them, we still get reminders for dances that are both a bummer to see and inspire hope for the future. Eventually, we'll be back to normal. But for now, we are really missing our connections.

One way to keep connecting with everyone is through social media. We are working on, although still under construction, an Instagram site (heartlandsquares), a new Facebook page (Heartland Squares) and a new website (heartlandsquares.com). These are accessible now. Please try them out. If you have some great square dance pictures, please put them on the Instagram or Facebook pages or get them to Mike. If you want to join the Heartland Squares Facebook page (and we hope you all do) read through the questions asked of everyone and please fill out completely. For the website, please send pictures or questions to Floyd or Mike.

We hope you like all the new ways to stay connected until we can safely meet face-to-face again.

Stay safe and be well!

Mike & Cindy



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date
Carolyn Ellison	08/05	Sandy Norris	08/13
Janet Iliff	08/05	Wayne Graeff	08/14
Gary Schlotzhauer	08/08	Jay Krebs	08/16
Debra Cooper	08/09	Vicki Spiess	08/19
Amanda Wilson	08/10	Joan Cognard	08/23
Machelle Elmore	08/11		

## LET'S GO DANCING!

Since all dances are being cancelled, I don't have any visitations to schedule. Crady's Country Capers is still scheduled in Warsaw for August 14 and 15. I know we all hope to get back to dancing soon. Until then, be safe!

Should anyone decide to go to a dance and we have enough there, get a list and we will count it as a visitation.

Tom Miller, Vice-President

### Heartland Squares "New Normal" Dance Protocol

The COVID19 pandemic has created an environment that forces us to look at how we celebrate our time together during dances. Until further notice, and expected through the remainder of the year, we have established our guidelines to attend our dances.

#### Check-in

- Temperature checks will be taken of all before entering.
- Everyone will be asked if they been in the presence of someone sick for the prior two weeks.
- No hugs or handshakes encouraged with/by greeters.
- Greeters will control the line attendance to keep check-in clear of clusters.
- No pens for members or guests; an additional person at checking will note attendance.
- Members will check in on one side, guests on the other.
- Correct change is requested of all members and guests to eliminate time in line.
- Gloves are encouraged. Masks are encouraged, but it is understandable during dancing that these may not be worn as to impede heavier breathing.

#### Dancing

- Everyone is required to wash hands or use hand sanitizer between tips.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be spread out in the facility.
- Microphones are not shared. Any announcements will be consolidated and made by one person.
- Seating inside will be adjusted to maximize social distancing and dance capacity.
- With the permission of the city, we will bring some of the chairs outside the hall to spread out seating and gatherings.

## **Food/Beverages**

- Kitchen volunteers will wear gloves and masks.
- Kitchen volunteers will serve water from cooler, write name on the cup and hand to the dancer.
- Members and guests are encouraged to bring their own lidded/capped water containers.
- Coffee will not be served.
- Club members will be asked to bring individual, pre-packaged snacks not requiring utensils.
- Kitchen will be closed off; snacks and water will be served from behind the bar. Only on-duty volunteers are allowed behind the bar.
- Tables will be placed in front of the bar to avoid gathering at the bar.

## **SQUARE DANCE ETIQUETTE**

*(condensed - for full text, see Club Directory)*

1. Never leave a square early. If you become ill or an emergency arises, advise the other members of the square and if possible, try to find a replacement.
2. Don't dance over your own level of dance unless invited.
3. Male dancers should wear long sleeves, ladies should avoid excessive jewelry. Everyone is expected to wear a name badge.
4. Don't come to a dance, workshop, or class if you have been drinking or under the influence of drugs.
5. If possible, always shower or bathe and don't forget to use something to sweeten your breath. Avoid eating garlic or other offenders before attending a dance.
6. In addition to applauding the caller and thanking your fellow dancers, you should personally thank the caller and/or cuer before leaving the dance.
7. Once a tip is underway, refrain from talking.
8. When the music starts, get on the floor and join the square nearest you that needs a couple.
9. Be on time and don't leave early.
10. Always introduce yourself and your partner to others in the square and thank them for dancing with you after the tip.
11. If you feel you are unable to dance, sit out.