



March 29, 2009

Dear Fellow Members of Happy Time Squares,

The weekend was hard on the daffodils and the Jayhawks. But the sun is shining again! We've several important topics for you today.

### *Email Communications*

When the Top-Kan Twirlers dance was cancelled this weekend, we sent out an e-mail announcing that fact. We called people without e-mail. However, we had not taken into consideration the fact that some of you only receive e-mails at work and do not have access at home! Also, some Internet services (ours!) were down because of the ice. So not everyone received our message.

In order to prevent this from happening in the future, would you please let us know if you only get e-mail at work? We can then put you on a calling list so that we are sure to contact everyone.

**Please contact us if you do not have access to e-mail after working hours.**

### *Brandon Woods Demonstration!*

Twenty-six members of Happy Time Squares joined Vic Thursday night for a demonstration dance at Brandon Woods. Vic tells us there were 73 residents and 23 guests in attendance! An added treat was a performance by our Happy Time Stompers: Wade Morrow, Toni Nelson, Rosalee Rainbolt, and Robin Wood. Vic provided wonderful singing calls and Wade Morrow called a rousing tip.

We thank the following members for participating: Frank & Betty Alexander, Lynn & Sherry Brun, Vera Cole, Max Dougherty, Ernie & Jan Dyer, Sam & Robin Hunsaker, Ruth Mitchel, Wade & Laura Morrow, Robert Mugridge, Dave & Barbara Neff, Vernon & Toni Nelson, Donna Perry, Mark Posch, Bob & Rosalee Rainbolt, John & Audrey Studdard, Robin Wood, and Loretta Wright.

We all had a great time!!!

### *Missing Anything?*

Someone left a pair of women's black leather gloves at the last dance. We also have an unclaimed Avocado color Crock Pot. Let us know if either of these items is yours.

## *Fun Dancing Ahead!*

### **Friday, April 3 – Strato Jets Fundraiser – 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Luau.**

The Topeka Strato Jets will hold their 36<sup>th</sup> annual Luau on Friday, April 3, at Croco Hall. They will serve their Hawaiian dinner from 5:30 – 7:30, with dancing starting at 7:30 p.m. They promise a “Complete Meal with Great Food, Door Prizes and More.” Larry Stock is caller, with Wally Kelly cuing rounds. There will also be guest callers and cuers at this fun event.

### **Saturday, April 4 – Choose from Two Great Opportunities!**

Ottawa Promenaders will start their “Dancing in the Rain” at 7:30 p.m. in Washburn Towers in Ottawa. Washburn towers is at 5<sup>th</sup> and Main, with entrance and parking behind building.

Swinging Squares of Topeka have a national caller, Betsy Gotta, and national cuer, Ray Gotta for a special evening. Plus dancing is at 7:30, with Mainstream dancing at 8:00 p.m. This dance is at Croco Hall.

### **Sunday, April 5 – CallerLab Lady Callers Dance**

This event, with Lynn Nelson as MC, will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the KC Airport Hilton Hotel, 8801 NW 112<sup>th</sup> Street.

## *State Convention and Salina Lodging*

The Kansas Square Dance Convention is June 5 and 6. It’s always a lot of fun – there are workshops, a fashion show, clogging demonstrations, shopping opportunities, and lots & lots of dancing at all levels. The Convention is in Salina at the Bicentennial Center.

We have registration forms. There is also a form in your Travel On, or you can get more information and download a registration form from the KSDA website:

<http://www.kansassquaredance.com/stateconvention.html>

**Lodging.** At past conventions HTS members have stayed at the same place, enjoying camaraderie between sessions and enjoying ice cream after the last evening dance. This year we are staying at the Super 8. We had sent this information earlier; but there are a few rooms remaining, so we will send it again.

Here is more information:

The I-70 Super 8 Motel is just off I-70 at Exit 252. It is about 10 minutes from the Bicentennial Center. The rate for a room is \$61.09/night + tax. With tax, the amount is \$68.46. There are six rooms remaining, each with two queen size beds. They are nonsmoking rooms.

The number of people in a room does not change the price. So more than two people may stay in the room at the same rate.

Super 8 has the following amenities:

- Indoor pool and hot tub (open until 11:00 p.m.)
- Free high speed Internet
- Hair dryers in rooms
- Irons/ironing boards available upon request

There is a Continental breakfast (oatmeal, cereal, fruit, pastries, toast and English muffins). For those wanting a heartier breakfast, there is a McDonald's within walking distance and an I-Hop and Grandma Max's nearby.

We will be able to gather in the lobby/breakfast area for ice cream after a day of Convention dancing. While the area is not as roomy as we like, we will be able to spill outside if necessary (entry has a covered portico).

If you are interested in staying at the Super 8, Call the Super 8 motel at 785-823-8808 and tell the desk clerk you are with Happy Time Squares. Be sure you call the I-70 motel – there are two Super 8 Motels in Salina. Also specify what nights you will be there.

Specify what **kind of room** you want, **what nights you will be there**, if you want nonsmoking, and whether you want a first floor room (there are no elevators). For those of you who plan to arrive on June 4, the same rate will apply.

**Be sure to confirm the rate on your room.** You should also get a **reservation confirmation number**. The best way to secure your reservation is with a credit card. **Super 8 has a very generous cancellation policy.** You may cancel up until 6:00 p.m. on the day you are scheduled to arrive.

If you want more information about this motel, click on the following link:

[http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/property\\_info?propertyId=08324](http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=08324)

Have a great week!

*Dave and Barbara*