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| https://encrypted-tbn2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSbtCKtcEKZktgNAQ_AQ6N6_yXsuGepBQddSNfGe3i4STIoYBhbhw“Hello Docey Dandies”  This summer is sure going fast as Doug and I are settling in as presidents. We would like to recognize the hard work of the past presidents, Donna and Charlie Valizan, for the past 3 years. And, we very much appreciate their continuing help and support. In addition, we are thankful for the guidance and wisdom of other past presidents, Rob and Mary Jochem, Marvin and Diane Knoche, and Deloyn and Marilyn Huffman.  We have been busy. We had a huge Pizza and Planning meeting (31 members attended) on June 16th. It was long, but we got a lot done and everyone contributed. Thanks. Detailed minutes for the meeting went out the entire club. I feel like we are getting off to the start of an exciting new season. Four of our new officers (Sandy, Deb, Daryl and Leslie) attended leadership training on June 20 in Topeka. We were reminded that, first and foremost, Square Dancing is a social activity. We should not forget that the goal of the organization is friendship and community built around the activity of square dancing. We came back with lots of new ideas as well as reinforcement that many of the things we are already doing are moving our club in the right direction.  It was great seeing everyone at the Docey Dandies, “Dance Like We’re at Nationals” Dance. Two of our members, Bill and Viola Patterson, attended the National in Springfield, Massachusetts. Be sure to talk to them and ask about it! Besides the National Square Dance convention, several Docey Dandies attended the Kansas State Convention in June and the HASSDA Festival in May.  See you in a Square!  Doug & Sandy Finnicum – Presidents   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Membership** (Doug and Sandy Finnicum)  As September and the new dance session fast approaches, it is time to start getting ready. We are continuing to work towards a goal of growing the club over the next 3 years. We have begun restructuring lessons and recruitment aimed at this goal. Our regular Fall lessons, taught by Mike Salerno, will start on Tuesday, September 8th at 7 pm. PLEASE start talking to anyone and everyone you can about coming to that first lesson to give it a try. And, don’t stop with just talking about it; encourage them, offer to bring them the first time, do whatever it takes…Let’s make this a big, successful class. We will continue to offer a later start, fast-track set of lessons to catch interested dancers beyond the start date. We also plan to offer lessons in the Spring of 2016. But, we need everyone’s help to recruit new dancers. Personal invitation is the very best way to get new dancers. Plans are being finalized to offer fast track lessons in October and in November if there is interest. So, if the date and time doesn’t work for anyone, we can offer alternatives.  **Membership Renewal Reminder:** (Doug and Sandy Finnicum)  You will soon be receiving information via email or mail. Please fill out the membership form and be prepared to return the form and your annual dues payment by our first dance on September 12th. | **Kansas State Convention, June 5-6, 2015**  A nice size contingent of 14 DDs attended. We had a square of dancers compete in the Last Square Standing. We came in 3rd place and received a dangle. Don’t ask how many squares competed! Mary and Rob Jochem, with the help of several DDs, organized the Parade of States. Deb Callahan and Sandy Finnicum led the Saturday Morning Sewing Clinic at the Convention.  **From the Travel Chair**  This is a year-end report of the 2014 - 2015 Docey Dandies Travel program. (Dance year is June 1 to May 31)  Thank you to all who traveled with the Docey Dandies last year. We had 48 official travel visits, 20 were to *different* HOA clubs/events which earned our club the GOLD Vigorous Visitor Award. We also have earned the ‘Open Door Certificate’ for traveling to at least five different non-HOA Clubs. When clubs visit other clubs, they are to return the visits as a curtesy, which makes it a win/win situation for all the clubs involved.    Our club stole 14 banners from other area clubs and we had ours stolen 7 times. We still have 3 clubs’ banners from the last dance year & we have retrieved all of ours. When we steal a banner, that club must attend one of our dances to retrieve it. This makes for a more exciting dance. | | If you have not traveled with us, please consider doing so as we do have a lot of fun! We usually car pool so you can leave the driving to us, if you do not want to drive. Also, if there is a club, special dance, or caller you want to visit, please don’t hesitate to let us know and we will schedule it for our club. We generally try to plan our schedule about a month out so members are notified and can make their plans.  Thank you,  Daryl & Leslie Arndt  **Charlie’s Corner**  There have been 40 different Presidents of the Docey Dandies in these 59 years. One couple served for 6 terms as President, 4 consecutive as recent as 10 years ago. Who are they? Answer in another part of this newsletter.  **Anniversaries**  Ted & Alice Back Jul 29  Marvin & Diane Knoche Jul 29  Charlie & Donna Valizan Aug 19  Deloyn & Marilyn Huffman Aug 31  **Birthdays**  Arlene Truitt Jul 6  Bill Patterson Jul 25  Mike Salerno Jul 26  Dan Bowser Aug 11  Charlie Valizan Aug 14 | **From the Arrangement Chair**  Hope everyone is having a fun summer.  We are already planning our upcoming dance season. There were lots of fun suggestions for dance themes. Host/Hostess and Greeters are needed for each dance. It is simple! You choose the dance.  You may choose to decorate or NOT. We will make sure you have the key to the hall. Check it out the day before or the day of the dance, to see if or how much cleaning needs to be done. (We get a reduced rate for cleaning the hall). You pick the time. There are instructions in the cabinet. You get to set up all those things we use. We are always available to assist.  I will be starting the club sign up chart soon. Pick your favorite dance as soon as you receive the list and let me know, so you can get your name on the list FIRST.    See you on the dance floor soon.  Mary & Rob Jochem  [www.facebook.com/doceydandies](http://www.facebook.com/doceydandies)  [www.dandies.wesquaredance.com](http://www.dandies.wesquaredance.com)  (913) 732-0321  Drum roll please… The answer from Charlie’s Corner – Ralph & Louise Snavely | | | |
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