



Docey Dandies



March 2015



“Hello Docey Dandies”

This will be my last News Letter to you as President; Charlie and I have chosen not to run for a 4th year. We have served for the last 3 years and accomplished what we set out to do; build the club not only in membership but financially as well. Most significantly, bring in new members to take over as leaders. And that we have succeeded in; for the 1st time in years our club members are stepping up and volunteering to serve wherever they are needed. Our slate has been filled since January. A club is only strong when it has a strong base of members who are willing to serve. I wish to say “Thank You” to all of you!

Speaking of new members this year we will be **graduating a 2nd class of Students in March**. Our Pilot Program has been a great success. As of March 3rd they moved up to Mike to finish them up. At this time it looks like their **promotion** date will be March 24th. How fitting to have it on our “**Academy Awards**” **Dance night**. At present time it looks like we will be **graduating 13 new members** into our club. With the **9 from the December class** that will be a **total of 22 new members this year**. Hopefully they will have so much fun they will invite their friends to come next year!

We are Heading Places—come and be a part of this wonderful trip with the Docey Dandies

See you in a Square!

Donna & Charlie Valizan – Presidents
Docey Dandies April 2012 thru April 2015





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Plus Lessons

Plus lessons are complete! First I want to give a big THANK YOU to all the experienced members that helped during our lessons.

Some of us got our plus lesson certificates on February 28 at the dance, I did not intend for us to get our certificates until March 20th. Mike decided we would lose the excitement of passing plus and decided to give them out. We will have our plus lesson graduation party on Friday March 20 at our Plus dance, where we hope the rest of the certificates will be given and we can take a new plus graduation picture. We now need to practice, practice, and practice!

The Docey Dandies are committed to our plus graduates succeeding by providing some great opportunities.

The board has agreed to add plus tips before our April & May dances from 7:00-7:30pm.

We are having a Plus only dance on Friday March 20 where all our plus graduates and experienced members that helped at our lessons will get in free!

We will have a travel dance to the KC PLUS on April 12 and visit PISTOLS and PETTICOATS ON May 30th.

The HOA Federation dance March 27 & 28, will also provide many opportunities to plus and mainstream dance.

So no excuses, get out there and dance, dance, dance while having a fun time!

Daryl & Leslie Ardnt



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Charlie's Corner

Charlie's Corner is back after a four year absence from the newsletter, but now instead of where the Docey Dandies are traveling to, we will find out about our club history.

Great, just what you wanted to do, take another history class, right? So, each newsletter will have a small piece of history about the Docey Dandies and maybe even a question. Sorry, but no test or quiz.

Most of you know our 59th anniversary is right around the corner. My trusty calculator told me that would mean the club started in 1956. They started lessons with about 60 couples and graduated 36 out of the original 60. One of the couples took lessons then, but did not graduate. They later joined our club in 1971. They are two of our current members. Who are they? Answer in another part of this newsletter.

From the Arrangement Chair

I would like to thank everyone who signed up to host and greet this dance season. The final push, after the first of the year, had some fighting, (not really) over who was going to host or greet certain dances. It was fun for me to work with everyone to fill the chart.

Thanks again,
Mary Jochem
Arrangement chair
See you in a square soon!

Live Band Dance Approved!

This idea was born at a summer picnic surrounded by our dancing friends. As we gathered around the campfire, the discussion turned to memories of how much fun dancing to a live band was. There was also the element of surprise when it was revealed that the club had organized a live band dance years ago! We agreed it sounded like a blast and voted to have another one!

Save The Date

Saturday, Oct 24, 2015. 7:00pm - 10:00pm
at the 4-H building
Johnson County Fairgrounds
Tickets \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door

*several members will be needed for planning and manning the actual dance. Such as signage design, set up, crowd control, etc. Please contact me if you would like to help with this exciting event!

Leslie Arndt
Live Band Chair
913 904-2817

Election

The election of officers will occur at the second dance in March (24th). At that time the new executive board will appoint the chairs of the Publicity, Membership, and Arrangements, Travel Dance committee. The new President will then appoint the rest of the committee chairs. The new board formally takes over at the April 11th dance.



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D.D. TRAVELERS

March is a very busy dance month. We have the Tenderfoot dance in Topeka on Sunday March 15 and this dance is for all to enjoy and is free for new graduates. Our Plus Dance on March 20, and the HOA Federation Dance on March 27 & 28 which provides lots of workshops and dancing.

We have banners to retrieve and banners to steal. We still have 6 other club banners and 2 of our banners out at other clubs. April will be less busy, but we still need to retrieve our banners from the other clubs and steal a couple more!

I would like to thank everyone that has traveled and made the Docey Dandies noticed! I encourage everyone to travel with us at least once. We do have a good time and can arrange carpooling.

Thank you,
Daryl Arndt
Travel Chair

Since we didn't get a newsletter out in January we've included January and February's Anniversaries and Birthdays.

Anniversaries

Bob & Donna Knoche	Jan 24
Jim & Meg Huber	Jan 30
Stan & Beth Neidecker	Mar 2

Birthdays

Stan Neidecker	Jan 3
Deloyn Huffman	Jan 14
Laura Mccarthy	Jan 26
Loran Truitt	Jan 30
Danny Maclachlan	Feb 23
Suzann Arseth	Mar 3
Bob Knoche	Mar 11
Jim Peterson	Mar 12
Donna Valizan	Mar 16
George Wise	Mar 16
Rob Jochem	Mar 24
Viola Patterson	Mar 25
Katherine Thomson	Apr 9
Kristine Thomson	Apr 9
Greg Singer	Apr 18
Richard Callahan	Apr 19
Bea Peterson	Apr 25
Heather Salerno	Apr 28

Club Member Meeting:

Who:	All Docey Dandies
What:	Club Meeting
Where:	Grange Hall
Date:	Tuesday, Mar 24th 2015
Time:	TBD



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Growth & Fun

The 4-H group has finished and will be performing at their 4-H Days on March 7th. We had **11 boys; 12 girls** for a **total of 23** young people exposed to square dancing. For their performance: **One square** will be doing the **traditional style**; **One square** will be doing the more **cutting up having a good time style**; **One square** will consist of **2 couples style** with **tagging in and out**, 2 girls and 1 boy on the side and will show how you can square dance even if you do not have enough people for a full square (**no one is ever left out at a dance**). Every time they promenade 1 couple steps in behind the other and takes that couples place, the out boy then takes the other girl to go back in with, on the next promenade. The kids worked very hard and I am very proud of them.

I would like to thank Charlie and Viola for helping with both the Pilot Program and the 4-H Program; I would also like to thank Mindy, Doug, Greg, Ken, Michael, Luis, Gary, Suzann, Sandy, Shirley, and any others, I may have forgotten to list who came and were angels or helped with the Pilot Program.

I know there have been a lot of changes going on lately: Plus Lessons; Pilot Program; Live Band Dance just to mention a few. What does this mean to our club? It only takes two words to answer that question "Growth & Fun"

Donna

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Drum roll please... The answer from Charlie's Corner – Bob and Donna Knoche