

Belles & Beaux

Belles & Beaux had three beginner events that resulted in 11 students, including couples, for the first semester of our class starting in September. It was one of our best turnouts in years. Eight students continued for the second semester, and they are very excited to be joining us on the dance floor.

In October, for the second year, Belles & Beaux participated in the Mary Therese Rose fundraiser for children with disabilities. We spent a wonderful afternoon with the children, filled with smiles, high fives, and square dancing.

Our November dance featured Jim Snyder and had seven squares, with three clubs raiding. We had a special cake to thank Jim for his many years of calling. The song *Fisherman's Luck* will always remind us of Jim.

December was a month of celebrations. We started by celebrating the life of our member Barbara Berger, who passed away unexpectedly. We also ventured out for an enjoyable club holiday dinner and sing-along at Rivara's Restaurant. Then we had our annual student dance with Fran Wadel calling. The last week of December, we had a mystery caller. For those of you who did not make that dance, the caller was Jonathon Weiner.

The year also included some sadness for our club, as we lost five great Belles & Beaux members. We will always remember Carol (Rusty) Ball, Barbara Berger, Anthony Casale, and Edna and Ken Franz (two original club members). All of them touched our hearts and will be missed.

One last thing (okay, two). Don't forget that Belles & Beaux is the "mystery club," with the annual Murder Mystery and Mystery Bus Ride. Hope you were able to attend at least one, if not both, of these fun events. Watch for announcements about upcoming mysteries.