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WHY DO WE ...

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Some things are worth repeating (many times) because we need to be reminded and new people join our activity.

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- **Not drink alcoholic beverages at dances?** Alcohol inhibits our ability to listen and perform. Alcohol reduces our reaction time making us a poorer dancer. In addition, dancing is a wholesome, family-oriented activity.
- **Belong to a club?** Clubs are needed to organize dances and establish a means to enjoy the fellowship of square dancing. To survive they need an active membership where everyone helps. Volunteer, don't wait to be asked! (EDITOR'S NOTE: I have been asked several times if you can belong to more than one club. YES! By all means; you can belong to as many clubs as you like. But I don't recommend belonging to so many clubs that you can't support them with your attendance at the dances and on banner raids and retrievals. I personally belong to a club that dances twice a month and a club that dances once a week. I feel that is sufficient for me; it may be different for you.)
- **Stay non-competitive?** In square dancing we want everyone to have fun, so without winners and losers, this can be accomplished.
- **Overlook mistakes by others?** We all make mistakes. Everyone is trying to do it right. Encourage them!
- **Wear name badges?** Badges enable us to be on a first name basis which furthers friendly fellowship.
- **Welcome new dancers?** New dancers are the lifeblood of our activity! Only with their enthusiasm and ideas can dancing continue to flourish!

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