

# Fun, Parties, Dances, and More!

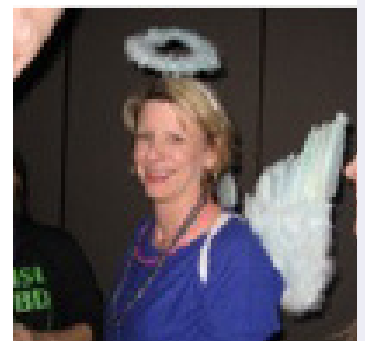
From its beginning, MSLBD has included social events in all of its activities. After all, one of the four primary goals of MSLBD activities is “To build professional contacts and collegiality across roles and disciplines and to permit people to interact and get to know each other, and to develop relationships”!

In the first two years, the Planning Committee gathered for dinner at a nearby restaurant, and that morphed in the next few years (1988-1989) to gathering at a Blues bar – Harling’s Upstairs (Westport & Main) for refreshments and Kansas City Blues. Along with that came a Friday afternoon cash bar- often with various “games.” In 1988 it was the “BD Olympics”, in 1989 “Wheel of Misfortune”, in 1990 “Behavioral Feud”, in 1993 “Zen and the Art of Dealing with EBD Stress”; and 1993 “Deviance Draw.”

In 1994, Mark Goor and David Bateman (then at Emporia State University, Kansas) and Mary Beth Noll (St. Cloud State University, Minnesota) developed a “Disorder-Gories” game played during the late afternoon cash bar.

Later that night all were invited to a Friday Night Social – spinning favorite disks. In 1995 the theme was “Jeopardy– E/BD Style.” Then later Karaoke and Dancing with Bobby Eddy. According to the program “be there or be square”! Come see your respected colleagues in a “new light”! In 1996 it was listening and dancing with Kansas City’s own Blues band, “Linda Shell and the Blues Thang.”

At the 1997 Friday evening social we had “The Crime Doctors,” a psychedelic blues band comprised primarily of lawyers from the Wichita area. They promised to entertain, keep you dancing – and not to play “Feelings”, “Tie a Yellow Ribbon,” or “the Macarena”!



More recently the Friday evening party has had a cash bar, a Disc Jockey, and dancing. Snack food and a complimentary beverage ticket is provided. Typically, there is Karaoke and a talent show with lots of prizes.

Bottom line is that MSLBD participants are professionals who know how to take care of themselves, relieve their stress, and have fun!

