

Just for Fun Squares

Columbus, Ohio



July 2022

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENTS TERRY AND MARCIA TAYLOR

Hi square dance friends,

I hope everyone who went to the National Convention had a great time. I'd love to hear about the things you liked and the things you didn't. Terry and I are on the committee for next year's state convention and your feedback could help us out for the future state conventions.

While you were gone, we found out yesterday that our first grandchild will be a girl, she is due in November. We're really excited.

In the last few weeks, I've been working with a couple of senior centers who were interested in square dancing for their members. We have set up demos for each and hopefully will have lessons to follow. Please come if you can.

1st demo is Monday 7-18-22 at 6 pm with Jaye Fitch as the caller at:

**Reynoldsburg Senior Center
1520 Davidson Dr., Reynoldsburg
614-866-5890**

2nd demo is Wednesday 8-10-22 at 5:00 pm – 6:15 with Jaye Fitch as the caller at:

**Whitehall Senior Center
4924 Etna Rd. Whitehall
614-545-9706**

Both have nice halls. They want to have the lessons in their halls. Whitehall wants to offer the lessons for FREE. Both centers will be paying the caller. Most likely the lessons will be in the afternoon. I hope you can come and help them out with angeling. We explained that the angels are not to be charged since they are volunteering their time to help the new dancers, more info to come as I get it. Granted, they want to start their own clubs. However, I look forward to helping them and hopefully getting their new dancers to come and dance with us.

On Saturday June 11th, we went to the Relay for Life dance in Grove City. Tom Davis, Pam Courts, Jason Raleigh were the Callers, and Jean Eckley was the Cuer. Tom Davis made an offer that he, the other callers and the cuer were offering their services for auction to call and cue at a future dance, based on their availability and hall availability etc. The officers of Just for Fun partnered with the officers of Grove City Western Squares to make a bid for \$500.00. We would have the dance at Grove City and run two halls with squares and rounds.

During the convention, I got a message from Pat Jones and Marquell that they would like to have the dance on December 30th, 2023. All callers are available at that time and so is the hall. I sent out a message to the officers but didn't hear from them. I guess the convention had them hopping. Anyway, I still need their confirmation of that date to confirm with Pat Jones. Due to the work involved with two dances back to back, Marquell suggested if we go with the December 30th date, then we cancel our New Year's Eve dance on December 31st, 2023. I'm ok with that. We need feedback.

We're really looking forward to 7-10-22 at LBJ for a banner steal. They are having Rowdy Howdy Williamson. He is an amazing caller. He knows how to energize a crowd more than anyone I've seen in a long time.

I'm interested in hearing from our members for their input on a dilemma. There are times we need a different hall if the ones we usually use aren't available or we just need a bigger one. If you are a member of a club such as American Legion, Eagles, VFW, etc. or a church with a hall, we would like to get that info for possible future dances. I've been told by these clubs that if a member sponsors us, we can get the halls at a reduced rate. Hope to hear from you.
740-964-0667

Marcia and Terry Taylor

71st NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

"Down by the River in Evansville, IN"

What a fun convention! Evansville, Indiana is a great little city – very clean, beautiful and friendly.

Organizers of the convention did a great job. We heard excellent callers and cuers, very interesting educational forums, and the traditional fashion show.

Unfortunately, attendance was down – the last posted count was 2,041 dancers. This is not enough to sustain future conventions, so they will need all of us to support and attend them. Next year's convention is in Mobile, Alabama – still within driving distance from Central Ohio.

Tony Oxendine had planned to attend and lead off the convention at the Trail End Dance on Tuesday evening. Instead, Tony had some major surgery two weeks before the convention and his doctors nixed any travel plans for him. He is recovering on schedule and certainly will

be seen and heard in the square dance world soon. In the meantime, Jack Pladdys stepped up and handled Tony's duties.

One of the keynote speakers at the convention was Tom Davis. He discussed the future of square dancing and the obstacles we all face, particularly in recruiting. He talked about Social Square Dancing (SSD) – a trend underway in various parts of the country to shorten classes to 10 to 12 weeks and teach about 50 calls to new dancers. The theory is that if we can shorten the class time, we'll get dancers on the floor quicker. Clubs would need to change their dances to provide a place for the SSD dancers to dance. There is certain to be more discussion about this topic in the coming weeks and months. To see Tom's presentation, go to www.tomdavis.dance, click on "Links" and then 71st National Convention Keynote Address. It is very thought-provoking.

Ray Owens led a discussion on marketing, including social media marketing, flyers, videos, etc. While Ray's lecture at the convention was not recorded, you can get similar content at www.squaredancetech.com. Click on "Tutorials" and then "CALLERLAB Lecture -- Social Media / Digital Marketing -- 4/12/22 -- Ted Lizotte & Ray Owens

Make your plans now to attend the 72nd National Square Dance convention, "Party Gras" in Mobile, Alabama. For more information, go to www.72nsdc.com.

CURRENT CELEBRATIONS

Wish these dancers a Happy Birthday when you see them in a square:

July 1	Mary Pipes	July 21	Shirley Monnett
July 5	Mary Galentine	July 29	Kevin Breakiron
July 10	Ray Owens	July 31	Jamie Sewell
July 16	Liz Christman		

And these a Happy Anniversary!

July 16	Bob & Sue Martin		
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CLUB SCHEDULE

Friday, July 1	JFFS Club Dance, 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. (Early Rounds at 7:30 p.m.) Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Caller: Dave Stuthard, Cuer: Linda Warren.
Monday, July 11	JFFS Board Meeting by Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Club members are welcome to participate. If interested, contact Marquell Segelken at 614-306-7356 for instructions on how to join our meeting via Zoom or telephone.
Friday, July 22	JFFS Club Dance, 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. (Early Rounds at 7:30 p.m.) Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Caller: Chad Barger, Cuer: Chuck Berry.

UPCOMING JUST FOR FUN SQUARES CLUB DANCES

July 1, 2022	4th of July	Dave Stuthard/ Linda Warren
July 22, 2022	All Singing Calls	Chad Barger/Chuck Berry
Aug 5, 2022		Dave Stuthard/Stuart Lewis

Aug 26, 2022	Hawaiian Luau	Dan Austen/Diane Austen
Sept 2, 2022		Kristy Williams/Mark Johnson
Sept 23, 2022		Tom Davis/Dave Blaskis
Oct 7, 2022		Ed Pabst/Carol Pabst
Oct 28, 2022		Homer Magnet/Chuck Berry
Nov 4, 2022		Jason Raleigh/Mark Johnson
Nov 13, 2022	Yellow Rock Dance	Jack Pladdys/Chuck Berry
Nov 25, 2020	Day After Thanksgiving/No Dance	
Dec 2, 2022		Tom Strickland/Dave Blaskis
Dec 23, 2022	No Dance	
Dec 31, 2022	No New Year's Eve Dance	
Jan 6, 2023		Jason Raleigh/Mark Johnson
Jan 27, 2023		Ed Laudenschlager/Chuck Berry
Feb 3, 2023		Gary Kincade/Dave Blaskis
Feb 24, 2023		Dave Stuthard/Chuck Berry
Mar 3, 2023		Jason Raleigh/Mark Johnson
Mar 24, 2023		John Ramsey/Stuart Lewis
Apr 7, 2023		Chuck Woods/Linda Warren
Apr 28, 2023		Travis Cook/Dave Blaskis

BANNER ACTIVITIES

We will be having a Banner Steal at the LBJ's dance on July 10, 2022. The dance will be held at the Eagles Lodge. 127 William St, Delaware, OH from 2 – 5 PM. This is the first banner activity under our new name – Just For Fun Squares. It is their Ice Cream Social with Howard Williamson calling and Elaine Wintrow cueing. This is the first time for Howard to be in the Central Ohio area and he is a lot of fun to dance or listen to. Come with us to make this a huge banner activity like we haven't seen in a long time. If you would like to carpool, please let me know and I will work on it.

Or another note, since Bucks and Does and Orbiting Squares have merged into a new club, I have the banners from both clubs. If you would like to have a remembrance of either club, please let me know and you can pick out the banner that you want.

Paulette Henry
Banner Chair