

# Just for Fun Squares

Columbus, Ohio



**August 2022**

## **MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENTS TERRY AND MARCIA TAYLOR**

Hi dancing friends,

We were sorry to hear so many people got COVID when they went to the national convention. It was definitely memorable for some but not in a good way. As far as I know, they are now up and dancing again.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the demo for Jaye Fitch and the Reynoldsburg Senior Center. They furnished a picnic-style dinner, we performed and then they had a concert on the lawn. It was a very nice evening. Don't forget there is another demo dance on August 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:15 pm with Jaye Fitch at the Whitehall Senior Center at 4924 Etna Rd. Whitehall. I was told that if they can get enough people for lessons, Whitehall will pay for the caller and hall and the lessons would be free. Be sure to tell your friends. I was told you don't have to be a Whitehall resident to participate.

We voted to have lessons this year in the SSD style so we can do a set of lessons in about a third of the time. Depending on how that works out, we could possibly run another 2 sets of lessons and have the students be the angels. Our goal is to eventually have 1 dance a month for SSD level. That would also give the new dancers from the Senior Centers another place to dance. Hopefully they will reciprocate and allow our dancers to join their dances.

We have a definite date now for a special 2-hall dance with Tom Davis, Pam Courts, Jason Raleigh and still undecided cuer - **December 30, 2023**. This dance will be sponsored by Just For Fun Squares and Grove City Western Squares and will be held at the Evans Senior Center in Grove City. We will cancel our New Year's Eve dance in 2023. More about this later...

We went to the LBJ dance with Rowdy Howdy Williams and again were amazed at this caller. We're really looking forward to having him at our club. Marquell and Ned have been talking to him trying to set up a date. They have been doing a great job setting up our future dances. It looks like a great line up so far.

Marcia and Terry Taylor

**CLUB SCHEDULE**

Friday, August 5	JFFS Root Beer Floats 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: Stuart Lewis.
Monday, August 8	JFFS Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Marcia and Terry Taylor's home at 14200 Havens Corner Road SW, Pataskala OH 43062, and on Zoom. 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, August 26	JFFS Hawaiian Luau Dance, 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. (Early Rounds at 7:30 p.m.) Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Caller: Dan Austen, Cuer: Diane Austen.

### CURRENT CELEBRATIONS

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

August 17                      Larry Lim    August 26                      Sheri Kreinbihl

And these a Happy Anniversary!

August 14                      Ned & Marquell Segelken    August 21                      Charlie & Millie McClay

UPCOMING JUST FOR FUN SQUARES CLUB DANCES		
Aug 5, 2022	Root Beer Floats Dance	Dave Stuthard/Stuart Lewis
Aug 26, 2022	Hawaiian Luau	Dan Austen/Diane Austen
Sept 2, 2022		Kristy Williams/Mark Johnson
Sept 23, 2022		Dave Stuthard/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

### DANCERS NEEDED AT DEMO ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH

**All members of Just for Fun Squares are invited to participate in a potluck lunch and square dance demo on Sunday, August 7th, at the Gahanna Community Congregational Church.** This is an opportunity for us to further build our good working relationship with the pastor and church members, and also to try to recruit dancers from their congregation for the beginner class we have scheduled to start on Thursday, September 15th. Their church service that day is from 10:30 am to around 11:45 am at the

latest. The potluck meal is scheduled for 12 noon in order to give the church members a little set up transitioning time since the service is being held in the Fellowship Hall. Our dance demo is to start at 12:30 pm. Mark Johnson is the caller.

We hope that many of you will come to participate by bringing food for the potluck meal, socializing with the members of the congregation and dancing at the demo. We want to show the members of the congregation how much fun we have, encourage them to get up to dance with us that day, and hopefully, to participate in our beginner class.

### **BANNER ACTIVITIES**

We will be having a Banner Steal at the Grove City Western Squares dance on **Saturday, July 30, 2022**. The dance will be held at the Evans Senior Center, 4330 Dudley Ave, Grove City, OH. This is a 2 Hall dance - Advance from 7:00-9:00 in the small hall; Pre-rounds at 7:00 & Plus in the large hall from 7:30-10:30.

Several JFFS dancers retrieved our banner from Grove City Western Squares on July 9, and 14 JFFS dancers stole LBJ's banner at their Ice Cream Social with 'Rowdy Howdy' Williamson on July 10.

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

### **SSD – A NEW APPROACH TO SQUARE DANCE LESSONS**

At the National Convention in Evansville, Indiana in June, several board members of Just for Fun Squares, including Mary Bailey, Dennis Budinski, Velma Doyle, Mary Galentine, Marquell and Ned Segelken, attended one or more of the education sessions highlighting Social Square Dancing (SSD) and other related sessions. SSD is a new approach that is bringing in enthusiastic new square dancers in many parts of the country, including the Chicago area, Pennsylvania, Texas, and both northern and southern California. SSD has been developing over the past 10 years, and last year CALLERLAB voted to add SSD as an official dance program, with the same stature as Basic, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and Challenge. The key principles of SSD include minimizing barriers for new dancers to reduce discouragement, letting people enjoy fun dancing within 90 days of starting, and then harnessing their fresh enthusiasm right away, as they invite their friends to join them in this fun activity. SSD lessons teach about 50 calls in just 12 weeks, at which point these new dancers are ready to dance, and ready to angel their friends in a new round of SSD lessons. A number of clubs in various parts of the country have experienced success and growth after introducing SSD as their mode of lessons and offering SSD dances, and SSD is being promoted by callers familiar to us, such as Tom Davis and Jack Pladdys, who has been teaching SSD lessons in Loveland, Ohio.

A lot of Social Square Dancing was featured at the National Convention, including the whole first night of dancing in the hall with the live band. The energy and fun in the hall were contagious, and all those national callers kept us hopping! Based on all the good things we heard and much discussion among board members, the JFFS board voted to offer our lessons following the SSD guidelines this fall, and to commit to pursuing this plan for a year, meaning we will offer a new 12-week set of SSD lessons

beginning in January and another 12-week set of SSD lessons after that. Offering 3 different sets of lessons in one year means that new dancers can invite their friends to join them in the next set of lessons, and also that anyone who might have to drop out of one set of lessons due to illness or vacation only needs to wait a couple of weeks or months to start again. The focus is on FUN, very appropriate for Just for Fun Squares. Mark Johnson will be teaching our SSD lessons, and our first SSD class will begin on Thursday, September 15, 7:00-9:00 pm. Some Thursdays may include an extra hour for SSD dancing, and we plan to offer at least one SSD dance on a Thursday night in December.

If you are curious and would like to learn more about SSD, a fairly comprehensive Power Point presentation by caller Barry Johnson, including background, pros, and cons, can be found at [https://9769da7d-d51d-4a0a-a6fd-9eec3602a2b3.filesusr.com/ugd/8e8cce\\_b4b24a973c6d45c1909d0d94eb796bea.pdf](https://9769da7d-d51d-4a0a-a6fd-9eec3602a2b3.filesusr.com/ugd/8e8cce_b4b24a973c6d45c1909d0d94eb796bea.pdf) or by going to the 2022 convention page at <https://2022nationals.wixsite.com/home/handouts> and then clicking on the very last handout - SSD The Path to Growth Handout. (Several other informative handouts are available on that page as well.)

Mary Bailey, Secretary

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2023 STATE CONVENTION FUNDRAISER!!**

**October 23, 2022 2-5 PM**

**Gahanna Community Congregational Church**

**Jason Raleigh calling/ Dave Blaskis cueing**

**Watch for additional details.**