

Just for Fun Squares

Columbus, Ohio



November 2022

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENTS TERRY AND MARCIA TAYLOR

Hi Fun Squares,

As always, it's been a busy month. Our dance with Ed and Carol Pabst was really nice.

Thanks to everyone who went to the Oakland Nursery demo dances. I love this place for its family oriented atmosphere. The pig races never get old. The petting zoo area with kangaroos was a surprise this year.

Tuesday lessons at Whitehall and Thursday lessons at Gahanna have kept us hopping. The angel turnout has been fantastic. Thursdays with 3 and sometimes 4 squares felt like dances versus classes. Mark has been a fantastic teacher. I haven't heard from Jaye Fitch for awhile. He called me about a week ago and said he was unable to teach anymore. Today, I left a voice mail for Jaye to see how he is doing. We now have Eddie Powell as the teacher at Tuesday lessons. Last week he did a wonderful job. There are 6 women and 2 men on Tuesdays.

We went to Hicks and Chicks on the 15th and had a clothes sale which went well. Many people helped with set up and take down, and that was really appreciated.

We missed the Grove City dance with Travis Cook and Linda Bishop but I heard it was really good.

On the 23rd, Just for Fun Squares had a fundraiser dance at Gahanna for the State Convention. Jason Raleigh called and Dave Blaskis cued. Terri Ross had a following with 4 carloads of clothes, etc., to sell. Convention members were selling tickets for the convention, raffle tickets for quilts, raffle tickets for a pot of 100 lottery tickets, and there was a card game with a large pumpkin as the prize. We were dancing 3 and 4 squares that day.

We hope you had a chance to go to the Grove City Halloween dance with Tim Tyl, Tom Davis and Dave Blaskis. Tim will be at the next Ohio State Convention as caller and comedian.

Don't forget our annual Yellow Rock Dance to be held

Thanks to everyone who was a part of any of the above activities. We wouldn't have so much fun without you.

Sincerely,
Marcia and Terry

CURRENT CELEBRATIONS

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

Nov. 4	Gail Miller	Nov. 6	Dave Stuthard
Nov. 22	Elvin Fisher	Nov. 27	Terry Taylor

SUNSHINE REPORT

Doug Burdette, husband of cuer **Phyllis Burdette**, passed away on September 2nd.

Faye Laudenschlager, wife of caller **Ed Laudenschlager**, passed away on October 4th.

Caller **Travis Cook**'s father passed away in early October.

Sympathy cards from Just For Fun Squares were sent to all three families.

Fred Moore is back home again following his fourth stay at Mt Carmel East since June 29th when he fell, injuring his head. His subdural hematomas continued to get larger despite the surgery on August 24th, but hopefully this will be resolved by the cerebral aneurysm embolization surgery he had on October 26th.

Caller **Jaye Fitch** is going through chemo treatments again. He tires very easily and won't be going out for a few weeks.

Kati Raleigh, wife of caller **Jason Raleigh**, has Stage 4 cancer. Get well or thinking of you cards have been sent.

If you know of anyone in our dance community who is ill or has passed away and is in need of our thoughts and prayers, please inform Mike Idle at 614-578-3664 or lambfarmer@embarqmail.com so she can send them a card on behalf of our club.

CLUB SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 3	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Friday, Nov. 4	No JFFS Club Dance. The church is having an event in the hall that night.
Thursday, Nov. 10	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Sunday, Nov. 13	48 th Annual Yellow Rock Dance, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Caller: Jack Pladdys, Cuer: Chuck Berry. \$8.00 in advance; \$10.00 at the door
Monday, Nov. 14	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.

Thursday, Nov. 17	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Thursday, Nov. 24	No JFFS class —Thanksgiving Day.
Friday, Nov. 25	No JFFS Club Dance —day after Thanksgiving.

KATI RALEIGH BENEFIT DANCE

On **Sunday, December 4, 2022**, from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm there will be a **Benefit Dance for Kati Raleigh** at the Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, OH. Callers: **Pam Courts & Dave Stuthard**. Cuers: **Dave Blaskis & Stuart Lewis**. Donations accepted. Contacts: Debbie Kitts at 614.352.9781 or Paulette Henry at 614.582.9343.

Kati Raleigh, wife of caller Jason Raleigh, is fighting Stage 4 cancer. The Raleigh Family could use your help with major medical costs, transportation, and other expenses.

UPCOMING JUST FOR FUN SQUARES CLUB DANCES		
Nov 4, 2022	Dance Cancelled (Hall Not Available)	
Nov 13, 2022	Yellow Rock Dance	Jack Pladdys/Chuck Berry
Nov 25, 2022	Day After Thanksgiving/ No Dance	
Dec 2, 2022		Tom Strickland/Dave Blaskis
Dec 4, 2022	Kati Raleigh Benefit Dance	Pam Courts, Dave Stuthard - Callers Dave Blaskis, Stuart Lewis - Cuers
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

63rd OHIO DANCE CONVENTION MAY 2023

Location-Crowne Plaza Columbus North, 6500 Double Tree Ave, Columbus Oh 43229

Room Rates—King Room or 2 DOUBLE Beds \$102.00 + tax per night - 614-885-1885

Trail End Dance May 4, 2023-- With National Callers Tim Tyl, Ken Burke, Jack Pladdys and Tom Davis. Cuers are Pat Hilton, Elaine Wintrow. Amy Riehl. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Three dance halls - Rounds Hall, Plus Hall, and Mainstream Hall.

Round Dance Clinic-Friday May 5th2023 with Pat & Joe Hilton. AM Session - Waltz IV; PM Session Jive IV+
Cost is \$20.00 per person per session or \$35.00 per person for both.

SOLO Meet & Greet-details coming

Caller School-Saturday Morning

Sewing Room- Learn how to do any alterations you need to do at home. No actual sewing.

Tours

1. National Veterans Memorial- Located in Columbus in a big new building. All Veterans from all branches of the service are honored. Tickets are \$15.00 for Seniors others \$17.00.

2. Motts Military Museum-see artifacts and history witnessed by first-hand armed forces. Tickets are Senior/Veteran with ID \$8.00 others \$10.00

Fund Raising Dance

Friday November 18, 2022—7:30-10:00PM Little Brown Jugs, Delaware, OH, Eagles Lodge with Ed Laudenschlager on squares & Linda Bishop on rounds with a bake sale.

HAVING FUN WITH JUST FOR FUN SQUARES

We had three fun dances in October. We saw a variety of colorful socks at our **Odd Socks Dance** on October 7, with 4 squares dancing to clever calling by Ed Pabst and 6-7 couples enjoying rounds with Carol Pabst. We hosted a **Fundraiser Dance** to help support the 2023 Ohio Dance Convention on October 23, with 3-4 squares energized by Jason Raleigh's calling and yodeling, and several couples gliding around the floor with Dave Blaskis on rounds. Several people registered for the Convention, many dancers found great bargains at the Clothing Sale, and Ellie van Sise won a pumpkin in the card game, with all proceeds supporting the Convention. It's always fun to see the clever costumes at our **Halloween Dance**, and we all enjoyed dancing to Homer Magnet on squares and Chuck Berry on rounds.

Due to an unexpected conflict with the Holiday Bazaar at the Gahanna Church, we had to cancel our dance on November 4, and there is no JFFS dance on November 25, the night after Thanksgiving. However, you can still have fun with **Just for Fun Squares** in November - join us at the Gahanna Church on Sunday, November 13, 2-5 pm, for the annual **Yellow Rock Dance** - ribbons for this dance are \$8 in advance, or \$10 at the door for all dancers. Don your favorite yellow outfit and join us for terrific calling by Jack Pladdys and cueing by Chuck Berry.

Mary Bailey, Club Secretary

VOTING FOR OUR JUST FOR FUN SQUARES HONOREE(S)

At our October classes and dances, three individuals (**Mary Bailey, Paulette Henry, and Lois Krull**) and one couple (**Terry & Marcia Taylor**) were nominated to be our 2023 Club Honoree(s). Now it is time to vote to select which one will be our 2023 Club Honoree(s). Biographies for the candidates are attached below. The ballot is below and also attached.

Normally we vote for Honoree candidates in person at club dances, but that isn't possible this year due to the cancellation of our November 4 dance and an early deadline from COCDC to receive the names of selected Honorees from each club. Instead, the JFFS board is offering three ways you can vote:

- 1) In person at our beginner classes on November 3, 10, or 17 or at our Yellow Rock Special Dance on November 13;
- 2) By email, sending your vote to velmadoyle@sbcglobal.net; or
- 3) By US mail, sending your completed ballot to Velma Doyle at 3938 Crestfield Dr, Groveport, OH 43125.

Voting will end on November 17, and we will announce the winner at our beginner class that night and at our December 2 dance. **If you are voting by email or regular mail, be sure to do so in a timely manner to ensure that your vote will be received by 7 pm on November 17.** Among the criteria to be considered in selecting Honorees are the number of years danced; club offices held; committee and offices held at council, state or national level; participation in demos; participation in banner steals; participation in other club activities; and other square-dance-oriented community activities.

Not only are club Honorees given recognition at the club level; they also represent their clubs at the Central Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs (COCDC) Honoree Dance on March 12, 2023 and become candidates for selection as the overall COCDC Honoree(s) for our entire Central Ohio area. The COCDC Honoree will also be recognized at the Ohio Square Dance Convention in May 2023.

JUST FOR FUN SQUARES 2023 HONOREE BALLOT

Please vote for one person or couple to be the Just For Fun Squares 2023 Honoree(s) and to represent our club at the Central Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs Honoree Dance on March 12, 2023:

- _____ **Mary Bailey**
- _____ **Paulette Henry**
- _____ **Lois Krull**
- _____ **Terry & Marcia Taylor**

Square Dance Biographies of our Club Honoree Nominees

MARY BAILEY took lessons from Dick Loos with Bucks and Does in 1986-87. The following year she invented the 'dance tickets' that BADS used for many years to ensure that all new dancers had a partner at lessons and got an opportunity to dance in different positions with different partners throughout the evening. Mary updated the tickets every year to fit the size of the class and the numbers of New Dancer women and men, as well as Angel women and men, who attended lessons each week. Mary provided the tickets and angled the classes for over 20 years.

Mary co-chaired a Tri-State Singles dance in the 1990's. She served as BADS Treasurer for an unexpired term in the late 1980's, and served BADS again as Treasurer from 2015 to 2018. She began serving BADS as Secretary in 2018 and now continues as Secretary for Just for Fun Squares. Mary is an excellent secretary who does an outstanding job of capturing and organizing the significant information. She is helpful to other board members, even stepping up to create board meeting agendas and sends the rest of us helpful reminders of things we need to do. Mary helped with the set-up for BADS dances and continues to do so for JFFS dances. Mary has served as a greeter and helps with the club's card game

fundraiser. She is always available to fill in any job at a dance without being asked and jumps in to help with all kinds of tasks. She attends JFFS Banner Activities whenever possible.

Mary helped with square dance demos at the Reynoldsburg and Whitehall Senior Centers and at the Villa at St. Therese in the summer of 2022. Mary has attended at least five State Conventions in Columbus and attended the 62nd Ohio Dance Convention in Aurora in 2022. Mary was happy to attend the National Convention in Cincinnati in 2017 and the National Convention in Evansville, Indiana in 2022. Most recently, Mary attended the JFFS fund raiser dance for the 2023 Ohio Square Dance Convention. She helped to organize the clothing sale by hanging up clothes for the sale, and then by helping to bag the unsold clothes and carry them out to load into vehicles.

PAULETTE HENRY has been square dancing for fourteen years, but her accomplishments have already been very impressive. The autumn day in 2008 when she started square dance classes was truly a lucky day for Orbiting Squares. She did so well in her first year of square dancing (2008-2009) that she was able to learn the man's part successfully the very next year. She is good about asking others to dance to help assure that no one comes to our dances and sits all evening without dancing. She is always thinking about others! She is pleasant, friendly and an enthusiastic dancer. If dancing both the lady and the man's part is not enough, she started taking round dance lessons in 2010 and advance square dance lessons in 2011 and soon become an accomplished dancer in all of these areas.

She has been active in two plus level clubs, two advance club and one round dance club. She started as the Secretary of Orbiting Squares in 2009 and became Treasurer in 2010. She handled the Treasurer position so well that her club kept her in that position until 2013. She only got to escape that position to become the club President (2013-2018). She served as Past President (2018-2019) and also served as Class Coordinator (2009-2022). She was also a member of the Bucks & Does and was Banner Chair for that club (2012-2022). She also served as Assistant Class Coordinator for Bucks & Does, and was Council Representative for Capital City Rounds, Scrambled A's, Happy Squares, and Bucks & Does Singles. She helped start a new advanced club in Columbus, Buckeye A2's. At the Hi-Timers, she collects the money at the door and serves as the liaison between the cuer and the church. In 2022 she worked on the committee to merge Bucks & Does and Orbiting Squares into one new club, Just for Fun Squares.

Paulette has also been active at Council level, serving as Secretary for the Recruitment Committee in 2010 and for the 2013 State Convention Committee. She volunteered to travel to other club dances and dance festivals to publicize the 2013 State Convention which earned her the State Friendship badge. She was also an active member of the 2016 State Convention committee, once again visiting many clubs and conventions to promote that convention. She had filled in as Secretary at COCDC meetings, and is currently the COCDC Secretary, having been appointed to fill an unexpired term in 2022.

She was also instrumental in bringing National caller, Tim Marriner to Columbus in 2016 for a Trail Thru Dance to the National Convention in Iowa, and helped to bring three National callers (Tom Davis, Darren Henry, and Nick Hartley) to Columbus for a Trail Thru Dance to the National Convention in Cincinnati in 2017. She has also helped with the publicity committee for the 2017 National Convention as well. In addition to bringing National callers to Columbus, she has helped with charity dances for the Disabled American Veterans and helped to raise funds for GCCC for an AED deliberator.

Paulette is a hard worker and jumps in to help where ever needed. She is always first to volunteer! She has used her van to transport the stored square dance clothing for recycle sales at Orbiting Squares and Bucks & Does (now Just for Fun Squares). For years she has arranged carpools for banner activities. She

has helped to recruit new dancers at demos and has participated in numerous community service demos. She has participated in banner activities from the beginning; even attending numerous Hi/Lo dances while still a new dancer. She is always looking for dance activities for her dancing friends and encourages them to join in and go with her all over the state and across the state borders. Paulette has also angled new advanced dancers and taken them to Dayton for practice. In addition, she has attended numerous banner raids for Orbiting Squares, Bucks and Does and Just for Fun Dancers.

Another way Paulette has demonstrated that she enjoys attending square dance activities is by attending four National Singles Conventions (2009, 2010, 2011 & 2021), six Ohio State Conventions (2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2022) and six National Conventions (2010; 2011; 2015; 2016; 2017, and 2022). She has gone to Heartland Jubilee and helped with split the pot. She has been to the Turkey Strut in Gatlinburg, TN, to WASCA in Alexandria, VA and to the Harvest Moon Classic in Harrisburg, PA

It is no wonder that Paulette was chosen to serve as the Orbiting Squares Honoree for 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018 and the Bucks & Does Honoree for 2018. She also was chosen to serve as the Honoree for Scrambled A's for 2012, 2013 and 2014. As you can tell, Paulette works extremely hard to support and promote square dancing! She blew in like Hurricane Ike, but unlike Ike, she is still here and her presence has enriched our club and the Central Ohio square dance community in many ways.

LOIS KRULL took lessons with the Shamrock Squares in the late 1970's. Along with 4 other single dancers in that class and with the help of 3 couples, she assisted in creating a new club named Bucks & Does Singles in 1975. She became the first President of the new club. In 1976, she planned a very special dance celebrating the Bicentennial of our country. Lois created, planned, and presented a performance of demonstration dancing by a group of dancers she named "Flair Squares". They performed at the Ohio Convention and at the Singles National Convention in Kansas City in 1979. Lois met her future husband in BADS, and together they attended most anniversary dances until his untimely death in 1999. She returned to BADS in 2008 and took lessons again, this time with Ed Laudenschlager. Lois had chaired the Orner Committee in the early years of BADS, bringing various fun and silly experiences to the club, and her orneriness again was shown at the BADS graduation ceremony in 2009 when she organized her classmates to arrive in all sorts of crutches, braces, slings, and canes to surprise the caller. Even some of the club members were fooled.

Lois angled classes in the early years of BADS, and she held almost every board office in the early years of the club. After returning to BADS in 2008-09, she took on new roles, such as assisting with the raffle items at the club charity dances, and including new dancers from the class to assist, thereby helping to introduce them to the rewards and excitement of a special dance. She served as Chair for the Hospitality Committee in the early 2010's and did a lot to encourage members to bring refreshments, serve as greeters, and engage in cheerful orneriness.

Lois served as Past President on the BADS Board from 2019 to 2022. She was serving on the Board when BADS made the decision to merge with Orbiting Squares in 2021, and she agreed to chair the Transition Committee which helped the merged BADS/OS club create its new identity as a brand-new club, Just for Fun Squares. With her support, enthusiasm, and endless sense of fun, the Transition Committee came up with a new name, new logo, and a slate of new officers for the new club. Lois created a colorful and appealing poster and handouts and came up with several fun games and prizes to promote the new club, and she single-handedly manned a table with all these promotional items at the 62nd Ohio Dance Convention in Aurora in 2022, for the purpose of introducing the whole Ohio square dance community to Just for Fun Squares and inviting them to our inaugural dance. It was thanks to Lois that John and Carolyn Cook, general chairs of the 2022 National Convention, attended the First Night

Dance of Just for Fun Squares. Lois herself stood in the parking lot that First Night, greeting and welcoming one and all to our dance with a big smile.

Lois has attended a number of state, national, and singles conventions, including the National Convention in Cincinnati in 2017 and the 62nd Ohio Dance Convention in 2022. Lois cannot square dance or round dance any more, but she is a passionate supporter of our club and our beloved hobby, always eager to share the fun of square dancing.

TERRY & MARCIA TAYLOR - Marcia started dancing in 1973 at age 15, originally dancing with the Tomato Town Steppers. Other clubs she belonged to over the years were: Bucks and Does Singles, Reynoldsburg Promenaders, Square Wheels, Ohio Square Campers, Round Town Square Arouns, Advanced with Hi Notes, Orbiting Squares, Flair Squares – Exhibition Square Dancing, Hi-Timers, and Just for Fun Squares.

Terry started dancing in 1976 in Japan while in the navy. The first club he joined was the Westpac Whirlers of Yokosuka, Japan. He also belonged to Bucks and Does Singles, Hi Notes – Advanced, Square Wheels, Hi-Timers, Orbiting Squares, and Just for Fun Squares.

In 1978 Terry and Marcia met at Bucks and Does Singles. They married and had four children (in 1980, 1984, 1988, & 1990), and took a long time off to raise them. When the three youngest were in middle and high school, they put them in classes at LBJ. They danced for about 3 years. Jessica is the only one that still dances on occasion.

Marcia cooked for many dances before Covid. She says that “For some reason, dancers like to be guinea pigs.” During the Covid shutdown, working with Ray Owens and Jason Raleigh, they started the Virus Be Damned group which danced almost every Saturday for two years when all of the local clubs had canceled their dances due to Covid. They would have a potluck and a three-hour dance in their living room. They helped many callers during that time that didn’t have anywhere to call and calling was their source of income.

Terry and Marcia knew Lois and Mike Krull back when Bucks and Does started. Lois talked them into being presidents of Just for Fun Squares. Since becoming our Presidents on May 1, 2022, Terry and/or Marcia have worked on:

- Attending meetings, often hosting JFFS Board meeting at their home.
- Going to as many dances as they can, dancing both squares and rounds
- Helping with set up and take down of the hall for dances and classes.
- Putting out signs for new dance classes and rotating them around.
- Agreeing to have their phone number used in advertising our beginner class, and enthusiastically promoting square dancing when people called about lessons.(Marcia)
- Serving on the 2023 Ohio Convention fund raising committee.
- Canvassing places in the Gahanna area in search of a new place to hold larger dances. (Marcia)
- Arranging demo dances at the Reynoldsburg and Whitehall Senior Centers. (Marcia)
- Working with the Whitehall Senior Center to help them arrange lessons and try to start their own club at their Center. (When Jaye Fitch had to miss teaching some classes due to cancer treatments, Marcia made arrangements for Eddie Powell to teach those class sessions.)(Marcia)
- Serving as angels at the Whitehall Senior Center and Just for Fun Squares SSD classes each Tuesday and Thursday.
- Making some clothes rods to display the resale clothes at the dances (Terry).

- Working on a new banner for the Yellow Rock Dance and Sachets for the Honoree presentation .(Marcia)
- Repairing recycled square dance clothing donated to JFFS and helping to sell them .(Marcia)
- Altering some square dance clothing for 10 year old square dancer Lydia who has gone to many of our demos, classes, steals and retrieves. (This was to thank Lydia for her efforts and to show people that kids can square dance and have a good time.) (Marcia)
- Planning to talk to high school drama teachers and choir directors to try to get some young people interested in square dance calling. (Jason Raleigh said he would help if there are interested youth.) (Marcia)

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