

Just for Fun Squares

Columbus, Ohio



January 2023

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENTS TERRY AND MARCIA TAYLOR

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year square and round dance friends!

We've been dancing 4 to 6 nights a week since the beginning of November. A week ago, my son called to tell me that my granddaughter had Covid, she is 6 weeks old. Then my son called 2 days later to tell me that he and his wife had Covid. We've been so busy that we're not done decorating, wrapping or shopping. Wow. Hope you're all having a smoother Christmas season than we are.

On December 4th we went to the benefit dance for Kati Raleigh. What a wonderful place to have a large dance (it was at the new Licking Heights High School). So many people helped with donated baskets to raffle off, lots of food, many helpers to set up and take down, selling tickets, advertising, filming, and many things I'm sure I'm not aware of. We love how generous dancers come together and help each other. Kati and 2 of the boys came over to our house Tuesday for a cooking lesson. We had crustless quiche muffins and sausage gravy with homemade biscuits. I wish I could have shared it with you, it was really good.

December 8th was the last of the fall set of Just For Fun Squares SSD lessons. December 13th was the last of the SSD lessons at the Whitehall Senior Center. December 15th we had our first SSD dance and invited other students to come. It was a pretty nice turn out. Some students mentioned they've been talking to their friends to come check out our fun new SSD square dance lessons beginning on January 5th. Hope to see many of you there. Mark Johnson is a wonderful caller.

Dec. 16th, we went to the LBJ convention fund-raising dance with a bake sale. Many people brought goodies for the bake sale. The baked goods that didn't sell were donated to another dance.

We have a new project we're working on to hopefully get some new interest in square dancing. I received a call from Debbie Gilliland who is associated with the Worthington Christian School. She wants to have a school square dance. We agreed to have a demo dance to let the people see what a dance looks like and then we want to have the kids, teachers, parents and square dancers to join on the floor for a square and line dance. Debbie is representing the middle school. She says their goal is to come up with a way for the kids to have fun which doesn't include their PHONE. I asked her how many kids she was talking about and she said 157 are enrolled but only expects about 140. WOW. I had her call Eddie

Powell because he is a retired teacher and he can call squares and line dances. She will have the school pay him. She has requested we dress in square dance clothes if possible so they know who the dancers are and because they look so nice. The dance will be Saturday, February 11th, 3 pm to 5 pm. They will provide refreshments. I've asked Ray Owens to take pictures so we can show them to other schools and dance clubs. Ray also said he would put it on the calendar. Please come if you can and bring your students, we need all the angels we can get. New dancers currently taking lessons will know enough to help if they'd like to come. The school is located at 1485 Lazelle Rd, Westerville, OH 43081.

Best wishes to all of you this Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Marcia and Terry

CURRENT CELEBRATIONS

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

January 9	Doris Petroski	January 22	Jim Herring
January 29	Cheryl Van Dyk		

SUNSHINE REPORT

Shirley Whiting, sister of Hazelene Harrison, passed away on December 22nd. A sympathy cards from Just For Fun Squares is being sent to Hazelene.

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, January 5	JFFS Friends & Family Night . Free light supper at 6:30 p.m. Dancing 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing. This is the first of a new set of Social Square Dance lessons, and the first two lessons are free.
Friday, January 6	JFFS Snowflakes and Snowmen Dance (Plus), 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. (Early Rounds at 7:30 p.m.) Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Caller: Jason Raleigh, Cuer: Mark Johnson.
Thursday, January 12	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Monday, January 16	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.
Thursday, January 19	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Thursday, January 26	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Friday, January 27	JFFS Chocolate Cake Dance, recognizing our club honorees Marcia & Terry Taylor (Plus), 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. (Early Rounds at 7:30 p.m.) Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Caller: Ed Laudenschlager, Cuer: Chuck Berry.

UPCOMING JUST FOR FUN SQUARES CLUB DANCES

Dec 31, 2022	No New Year's Eve Dance	
Jan 6, 2023	Snowflakes & Snowmen	Jason Raleigh/Mark Johnson
Jan 27, 2023	Chocolate Cake Night	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 STEALS AND RETRIEVES	
Jan. 14, 2023	Johnny Appleseeds – Sports Theme Dance – 525 W. Cook Rd, Mansfield. Caller – Tom Strickland; Cuer – Linda Warren. Early rounds at 7 PM. Squares 7:30 to 10 PM. Hi-Lo
Jan. 29, 2023	Friendly Ties - Pickerington Senior Center, 150 Hereford Dr, Pickerington, OH Caller – Wes Fenton; Cuer – Dave Blaskis. Squares 7 – 9:30 PM
Feb 18, 2023	Westerville – Valentine's Day Dance – Quest Vineyard Church, 4877 Central College Road, Westerville. Caller – Jack Pladdys, Cuer – Chuck Berry. Hi-Lo
Remember that by participating in banner activities you are ultimately helping your club as well as the club you are raiding. Also, for every 5 raids that you participate in, you will receive a dangle.	
I would like to thank everyone who attended the Benefit Dance on December 18, 2022 at LBJ. This dance benefitted the State Convention to be held in May 2023.	
Those in attendance from our club were: Mary Galentine, Dennis Budinski, Larry Dulin, Lydia Christman, Dave Sewell, Bob Idle, Ray Moore, Paulette Henry, Mary Bailey, Marcia & Terry Taylor. This enabled us to steal their banner that evening.	

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 5 th 2023 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

HALLWAY OF HEROES

2023 Ohio Dance Convention

The 2023 Ohio Dance Convention theme is A Salute to the Military and will be held in Columbus, OH at the Crown Plaza North, May 5 & 6, 2023. The planning committee is asking dancers to send a copy of a picture of your family member or members (just a copy because we do not want to lose any pictures) who have served in the military in any capacity. Any size picture will work, and the soldier does not have to be in uniform. They want you to provide the name of the soldier, name of the dancer submitting the picture, how the dancer is related to the soldier, branch of the Military Service, and the rank if known. The pictures will be displayed at the convention on our Hallway of Heroes. Get busy and find some pictures of your Military Heroes!

Mail or send your pictures to the convention Registration Chairman.

Linda Warren
1322 Steeple Chase DR.
Mansfield OH 44906

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THIS DEMO ON FEB 11, 2023

Dancers are needed for a square dance demo at the [Worthington Christian School | Upper School \(Grades 7-12\) Campus](#) at 1485 Lazelle Rd, Westerville, OH 43081 on Saturday, February 11, 2022, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. A teacher at Worthington Christian School invited us to demonstrate square dancing, then teach and dance with the school's 7th and 8th grade students and their families at an event at which 140 people are expected to attend. This is an opportunity to introduce our activity to these young people and their parents. Eddie Powell will be the caller. Square dance attire is requested. Sign-up sheets will be available at upcoming dances.

Directions: From I-71 heading north, take Exit 26 and head right following signs for OH-750. Turn right onto Polaris Pkwy. Turn right onto Orion Place. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit for Worthington Rd. The road name changes to Worthington Galena Rd. Turn right onto Lazelle Rd. The last intersection before your destination is Sirius St. If you reach Carano Way, you've gone too far.

HAVING FUN WITH JUST FOR FUN SQUARES

Tom Strickland kept three squares of dancers on their toes at our **Winter Wonderland dance** on December 2, and Dave Blaskis provided smooth cueing for several round dance couples. Just for Fun Squares also offered our first **SSD** dance on December 15 - we are exploring other opportunities for offering SSD dances in the new year so more new dancers and seasoned dancers can experience the fun of Social Square Dancing.

We want to introduce more people to the fun of Social Square Dancing and the friendliness of Just for Fun Squares, so we are excited to be starting a new set of SSD lessons beginning with a **Friends and Family Night** on Thursday, January 5. The evening will begin with a free light supper at 6:30 pm, and then Mark Johnson will offer an introduction to square dancing from 7 to 9 pm. All JFFS members, new and seasoned dancers from all clubs, and all the friends and family we can muster are invited to participate. Please spread the word to anyone you know who might enjoy dancing, including folks who maybe started lessons back in September and had to drop out for some reason. Let's show everyone what **FUN** we have at Just for Fun Squares!

Just for Fun Squares has two fun dances coming up in January. Our theme will be **Snowflakes and Snowmen** on January 6, with Jason Raleigh as our caller and Mark Johnson as our cuer. January 27 is **Chocolate Cake Day**, and we will recognize our club honorees, Marcia and Terry Taylor, while eating our yummy chocolate cake. Ed Laudenschlager will be calling that night, and Chuck Berry will be cueing. We hope to see you in a square on January 6 and again on January 27!

Mary Bailey, Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS TERRY & MARCIA TAYLOR!

When all the votes were counted, Terry & Marcia Taylor became our 2023 Just For Fun Squares Honorees. Be sure to congratulate them when you see them! We appreciate all that they do for our club and for our entire dance community. Not only are we recognizing them at the club level; they also will represent our club at the 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 couple or individual will also be recognized at the Ohio Square Dance Convention in May 2023.

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