

# Just for Fun Squares

Columbus, Ohio



**December 2022**

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

Hi Friends,

I hope everyone is having fun going to the variety of dances that have been available. On October 28th, we had a fun time at our club with Homer Magnet and Chuck Berry. We followed it up on the 29th with Tim Tyl, Tom Davis and Dave Blaskis at Grove City. We had our first grandchild on November 5th. We went to the Yellow Rock Dance November 13th with Jack Pladdys and Chuck Berry. On November 26<sup>th</sup>, we danced to Jason and Kati Raleigh. We have also been busy with classes on Tuesdays at Whitehall and Classes at Gahanna on Thursdays. So many of you have been angeling one if not both classes and it is really appreciated. We found out this week that Whitehall is going to finish up with classes in 2 weeks. They are down to 4 students. We asked them to come to our Thursday classes at Gahanna. Per the Whitehall coordinator, if they can get more people signed up they'll consider running classes again.

We went to the Hi Timers dance tonight to show them my new project. I started making 2 new sashes for the Just for Fun Squares Honoree dance. Halfway into the project, we were told we were the honorees this year for our club = Thank you! I'm also working on sashes for the Hi Timers.

I hope to see a lot of you at the dances this weekend:

- Our JFFS dance Friday, December 2nd, has Tom Strickland and Dave Blaskis.
- Saturday, December 3rd, has Tom Strickland at Hicks and Chicks and has Homer Magnet and Mark Johnson at Westerville. Hard choice!

Sunday should be a fantastic benefit dance for Kati Raleigh with Pam Courts, Dave Stuthard, Dave Blaskis and Stewart Lewis. I look forward to seeing people from all over the state and many from out of state.

Have a Merry Christmas!

Marcia and Terry

## CURRENT CELEBRATIONS

Wish this dancer a Happy Birthday when you see her in a square:

December 11	Lydia Christman		
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## SUNSHINE REPORT

A sympathy card from Just For Fun Squares was sent to the family of Tommy Poe, caller from West Virginia, who passed away on October 27th. He had called in our area in the past.

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](mailto:lambfarmer@embarqmail.com) so she can send them a card on behalf of our club.

## CLUB SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 1	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Friday, Dec. 2	JFFS Winter Wonderland Dance, 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. (Early Rounds at 7:30 p.m.) Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Caller: Tom Strickland, Cuer: Dave Blaskis.
Sunday, Dec. 4	Benefit dance for Kati Raleigh, wife of local caller Jason Raleigh, who is fighting Stage 4 cancer. The location has been changed from what was originally announced; the dance will be held at Licking Heights High School, 4101 Summit Road, Pataskala OH. Time is 2:00-4:30 p.m. Callers are Pam Courts and Dave Stuthard; cuers are Dave Blaskis and Stuart Lewis. Cost is a donation to go to Kati's medical expenses. Please come and help Kati and her family fight cancer.
Thursday, Dec. 8	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Monday, Dec. 12	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, Dec. 15, 2022	JFFS class level dance, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson calling.
Friday, Dec. 23	No JFFS Dance—Merry Christmas, everyone!

## LOCATION CHANGE FOR THE 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 **Licking Heights High School, 4101 Summit Road Pataskala, OH 43062**. 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.

Licking Heights High School is 7.2 miles east of the Gahanna Congregational Church. If you continue east on Havens Corner Road, you'll intersect with Summit. It's a left turn to the north to get to the high school from there.

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.** Please take what you were going to spend on bringing a refreshment and donate it to Kati. She is fighting Stage 4 cancer. The Raleigh Family could use your help with major medical costs, transportation, and other expenses.

If you are planning to attend this dance, you need to sign up ahead of time. To do this, go to the Columbus Square Dance calendar website at [Central Ohio Square Dance Calendar – Columbus Square Dance](#)

**UPCOMING JUST FOR FUN SQUARES CLUB DANCES**

Dec 2, 2022	<b>Winter Wonderland Dance</b>	Tom Strickland/Dave Blaskis
Dec 4, 2022	<b>Kati Raleigh Benefit Dance</b>	Pam Courts, Dave Stuthard - Callers Dave Blaskis, Stuart Lewis - Cuers
Dec. 15, 2022	<b>Class-Level Dance</b>	Mark Johnson
Dec 23, 2022	<b>No Dance</b>	
Dec 31, 2022	<b>No New Year's Eve Dance</b>	
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

**63<sup>rd</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>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

### **Fund Raising Dance-**

**Friday, Dec. 16, 2022** at LBJ. Caller is Gary Kincade, Cuer is Linda Warren at the Eagles Lodge 127 E Williams St., Delaware OH. Cost is \$7.00 per person and bring your wallet for the Holiday Bake Sale. It will be a good time to get some treats for your holidays!

### **NEW 12-WEEK SET OF SSD LESSONS STARTING JANUARY 5TH**

A brand new set of Social Square Dance (SSD) lessons will start on Thursday, January 5th, at the Gahanna Community Congregational Church, with a light meal being provided at 6:30 pm, followed by a Friends and Family Night of dance instruction by Mark Johnson from 7 to 9 pm. We are encouraging our current new dancers to invite their friends and family members, and we hope all of you also will also bring your friends and family and spread the word about this class and encourage potential dancers to come and join the FUN. The dinner and fun night of introductory square dancing are FREE.

### **HAVING FUN WITH JUST FOR FUN SQUARES**

Over 40 people wearing various shades of yellow had fun with **Just for Fun Squares** at the annual **Yellow Rock Dance** on November 13. Jack Pladdys kept five squares of dancers smiling (and Yellow Rocking), and Chuck Berry had about 10 couples swirling smoothly to his round dance cueing. Just for Fun Squares has two opportunities for fun dancing in December. Our first dance is December 2, with a **Winter Wonderland** theme. We may not move as gracefully as the Sugar Plum Fairy, but Tom Strickland on squares and Dave Blaskis on rounds will keep us all on our toes for sure. The new dancers in our **Fall SSD class** have been having fun at lessons on Thursday nights, and they will have their first dance on December 15, 7-9 pm. We hope you can join us that night to experience the fun of Social Square Dancing and to share the friendliness of Just for Fun Squares with these new dancers. Since the 4th Friday of December is the day before Christmas Eve, we will not be dancing that night. We wish a **Happy Holiday** to all the members and friends of **Just for Fun Squares** and hope to see you in a square sometime this month and then again on January 6.

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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