

Just for Fun Squares

Columbus, Ohio

December 2023

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARY GALENTINE

Dear Club Members,

On behalf of your board members, I would like to thank you for supporting our Annual Yellow Rock Dance. Your donations to the food table once again demonstrate how much we all love square dancing. Also, thanks to Paulette Henry, Ray Moore, Ned & Marquell Segelken, Dennis Budinski, and myself for going to the church on Saturday afternoon to sweep and mop the floor for our Sunday dance. The dance floor looked great and ready to receive our guests.

Once again, I need to ask you to bring a pie to our first Friday dance in December. Yes, we are serving pie!

Congratulations to Cindy Deering on receiving a square dance purple heart!

Mary Bailey has been chosen as our club's Honoree. When you see her, please congratulate her on this honor for all the work she does to support our club. She comes early to set-up the food table for our dances, sells split-the-pot tickets, runs the card game, creates the agenda for the board meetings, sends us reminders so we do not forget important work that needs to be done, and she dances with all of us to help fill up squares when needed. Do not forget the fact that she has served as an officer in our club for many years. Please attend our first Friday dance on February 2, 2024, to honor Mary. We will be serving cake to add to the celebration. Please thank her for all the hard work she does to support our club!

I have some important dance dates for you to put on your calendar:

December 10, 2023 - Banner activity Johnny Appleseeds with Danny Beck/Dave Blaskis

December 31, 2023 - New Year's Eve Potluck Dance 6:30PM potluck

January 26, 2024 - Bring canned or boxed food to our Clashing Clothes dance to support the Gahanna food pantry

February 2, 2024 - Wear RED day for Valentine's Day & heart health, and honor our Honoree, Mary Bailey

February 23, 2024 - We are having a baked potato bar at our club dance

March 10, 2024 - Honoree Dance

March 15, 2024 - Price increase for State Convention, buy a ribbon early to save some cash

April 27, 2024 - Joining with Grove City to have the dance we paid for at a Relay for Life Dance

May 9, 2024 - Trail-In Dance at the Ohio Dance Convention in Columbus, \$10.00

May 10-11, 2024 - Ohio Dance Convention in Columbus, 2ND weekend in May

We have lots of other dance activities sprinkled among the dance dates listed above.

Hope to see you in a square soon! Mary

CURRENT CELEBRATIONS

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

Dec. 11 – Lydia Christman

CLUB SCHEDULE

Friday, December 1	JFFS “Pie Day” 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: Mark Johnson, Cuer: Linda Bishop.
Thursday, December 7	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Monday, December 11	JFFS Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Donato’s at 377 Granville St in Gahanna. Meet at 6:30 to join us for supper. Club members are welcome to participate.
Thursday, December 14	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Thursday, December 21	No JFFS Class —Christmas holiday.
Friday, December 22	No JFFS Dance —Christmas holiday.
Thursday, December 28	No JFFS Class —Christmas holiday.

JUST FOR FUN SQUARES NEW YEAR’S EVE DINNER DANCE

We hope you are making plans to attend Just for Fun Squares New Year’s Eve Dinner Dance at the Gahanna Community Congregational Church on Sunday, December 31st. It will be Rio de Janeiro Carnival Style, meaning that we will be bringing in the New Year at 10:00 PM (Ohio Time) (Midnight in Rio de Janeiro). Caller: **DAN AUSTEN**. Cuer: **CHUCK BERRY**.

The potluck dinner starts at 6:30 PM, followed by dancing until 10:30 PM. Pork, sauerkraut and mashed potatoes will be provided. Please bring a side dish. There will be a Photo Booth/Balloon Drop with Prizes/Hats and Noise Makers. Cost: \$10.00 per Dancer (\$5.00 for New Dancers)

SUNSHINE REPORT

Lois Krull, who had knee replacement surgery on August 23, is happy to be driving again.

It’s great that Dennis Budinski has completed his cardiac rehab visits and is back dancing.

It is also great to have Janet Reiss dancing with us again.

David Hissrich is suffering from end-stage liver cancer and needs a liver transplant. He and his wife Donna are former members of Bucks & Does Singles.

Greg Belcher, who has often helped angel our JFFS class, is recovering from the shoulder surgery he had on November 1st.

Jack Van Sise passed away on November 26th due to being injured after falling while getting out of the shower. Jack and his wife Ellie have often attended our club dances. Our condolences go out to Ellie and their family.

If you know of anyone in our dance community who is ill or has passed away and/or needs 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

UPCOMING JUST FOR FUN SQUARES CLUB DANCES

Dec 1, 2023	Pie Day	Mark Johnson/Linda Bishop
Dec 22, 2023	No Dance (Christmas Week)	
Dec 31, 2023	New Year's Eve Carnival Style Hi/Lo	Dan Austen/Chuck Berry
Jan 5, 2024	Snowflakes & Snowmen Hi/Lo	Dave Stuthard/Mark Johnson
Jan 26, 2024	Clashing Clothes Day/Canned Food Drive	Ed Pabst/Carol Pabst
Feb 2, 2024	Wear Red Day Hi/Lo	Wes Fenton/Dave Blaskis
Feb 23, 2024	Baked Potato Bar	Jack Pladdys/Chuck Berry
Mar 1, 2024	St. Patrick's Day Hi/Lo	Tom Davis/Chuck Berry
Mar 22, 2024	Signs of Spring	Jason Raleigh/Linda Bishop
Apr 5, 2024	April Showers Hi/Lo	Kristy (Williams) Woods/Mark Johnson
Apr 26, 2024	Pretzel Day	Howard Williamson/Stuart Lewis
May 3, 2024	Tortilla Chip (Cinco de Mayo)	Pam Courts/Dave Blaskis
May 24, 2024	Anniversary/Red, White & Blue	Tom Davis/Chuck Berry
Jun 7, 2024	Ice Cream Social	Wes Fenton/Mark Johnson
Jun 28, 2024	No Dance/National Convention	
Jul 5, 2024	Red, White, Blue/Tools for Schools	Jason Raleigh/Chuck Berry
Jul 26, 2024	Root Beer Floats/Tools for Schools	Travis Cook/Carol Pabst
Aug 2, 2024	Chocolate Chip Cookie Day	Dave Stuthard//Linda Warren
Aug 23, 2024	Hawaiian Luau	Chuck Woods/Carol Pabst

BANNER STEALS AND RETRIEVES

Dec 10, 2023	Johnny Appleseeds – Trinity Lutheran Church, 525 W. Cook Rd, Mt. Gilead, OH. Danny Beck and Dave Blaskis. 3 – 6 PM Christmas Hi/Lo Dance
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With the new dance season starting, let's show these clubs how friendly and fun we are. See you in a square.

HAVING FUN WITH JUST FOR FUN SQUARES!

Although we did not dance on the Friday after Thanksgiving, **Just for Fun Squares** still hosted two fun dances in November. Homer Magnet did some lively calling and kept three squares of dancers on their toes, and 6 or 7 couples enjoyed smooth cueing by Mark Johnson, while all the dancers enjoyed a variety of tasty donuts at the **Donut Dance** on November 3. We had a good turnout for the 49th annual **Yellow Rock Dance on November 12**. Pam Courts kept 4 squares of dancers smiling, and Elaine Wintrow kept 10 round dance couples happy. Teri & Jeff Ross were honored as the Yellow Rock Experts, and Little Brown Jug was honored as the Yellow Rock Club, and the delicious cake got lots of compliments.

JFFS will offer two more fun dances on the first and last days of December. We will welcome Mark Johnson as our caller and Linda Bishop as our cuer for our **Pie Night** Dance on **December 1**. Club members are invited to bring their favorite pie to share on the refreshment table. What yummy pies will make an appearance? There is no JFFS dance on December 22, as many people will be traveling, wrapping gifts, or hosting guests for Christmas. Instead, we invite everyone to have fun with **Just for Fun Squares** at our **New Year's Eve Dinner Dance** at the Gahanna Church on **Sunday, December 31**. The festivities will begin with a delicious dinner at **6:30 pm**; pork, sauerkraut, and mashed potatoes will be provided - **please bring a side dish or dessert to share**. Dancing will begin after dinner, with Dan Austen on squares and Chuck Berry on rounds. A balloon drop and photo booth will add to the fun, and we will ring in the New Year carnival-style at 10 pm, when it will be midnight in Rio de Janeiro. The dance will end at 10:30 pm, giving everyone a chance to get home safe and sound before the roads get too crazy. We hope to see you in a square for some **FUN** dancing with **Just for Fun Squares** in December!

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