

Just for Fun Squares

Columbus, Ohio



February 2024

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARY GALENTINE

Dear Club Members,

Just wanted to share, our New Year's Eve Dance had 49 dancers in attendance. That equates to six squares enjoying great food, fun, and fellowship. I think this is why we all square dance, for the fun of it all with our friends.

At our January 26th dance, we will be collecting nonperishable food items for the Gahanna food bank. If you miss the dance with caller and cuer Ed and Carol Pabst, we can still collect items at our dance on February 2nd with caller Wes Fenton and cuer Dave Blaskis. At both dances, we will have a bucket available for cash donations for the food bank.

Our February 2nd dance theme is WEAR RED DAY for Valentine's Day and to celebrate heart health month to raise awareness about heart health. In addition, we will be honoring our honoree person, Mary Bailey, for all the hard work she does to help support our club. Not sure how we would continue without her help because she does so much to help our organization. Please plan to attend and join in the fun and the celebration!

At our February 23rd dance, we will be hosting a baked potato bar with caller Jack Pladdys and cuer Chuck Berry. We will need our members to bring toppings for our baked potato bar. Toppings may include items such as butter, sour cream, cheese, bacon, green onions, and chili, to name a few. Most anything can be placed on a baked potato, so bring your favorite item.

Ohio Dance Convention Reminders - Don't forget to purchase your Ohio Dance Ribbon before March 15th to save \$10.00. The price goes up on March 16th. The registration form can be found on columbussquaredance.com and on the convention's website ohiodanceconvention.com. On Thursday evening before the convention starts, the trail-in-dance will feature some of our great callers, while the round dance hall will have higher level rounds. The fee for both halls is \$10.00, and dancers can travel back and forth. Buying your ribbon early and saving \$10.00 will pay for the \$10.00 Thursday night trail-in-dance. The Ohio Dance Convention is fun dancing to lots of your favorite callers and cuers along with dancing with your friends! Please support our activity to help ensure it can continue!

On April 27th, we are joining with Grove City to sponsor the Relay for Life Dance we purchased

together at the Relay for Life Dance a long time ago. We as a club will have some responsibilities. All members are asked to bring food for the food table. Then, we will need to arrive early to help set up the two dance halls. All dancers are to be paying, and we will have split-the-pot. Hopefully, we can make some money to put in our treasury. The callers and cuers are listed below in the section of Important Upcoming Dates. Velma created this section for us because I do not want you to miss any of the fun dance activities coming soon! So please check it out!

See you in a square soon,
Mary

CURRENT CELEBRATIONS

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

February 25	Velma Doyle	February 28	Larry Dulin
February 28	Marcia Taylor		

And these a Happy Anniversary!

February 9	Elvin & Jean Fisher	February 22	Bob & Mike Idle
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CLUB SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 1	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Friday, February 2	JFFS "Wear Red Day" Dance (Hi-Lo), 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. (Early Rounds at 7:30 p.m.) Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Caller: Wes Fenton, Cuer: Dave Blaskis.
Thursday, February 8	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Monday, February 12	JFFS Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Donatos at 377 Granville St in Gahanna. Meet at 6:30 to join us for supper. Club members are welcome to participate.
Thursday, February 15	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Thursday, February 22	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Friday, February 23	JFFS "Baked Potato Bar" 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: Jack Pladdys, Cuer: Chuck Berry.
Thursday, February 29	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.

SUNSHINE REPORT

It's good to see Larry Dulin back out on the dance floor after his two surgeries in December.

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

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/Carol Pabst
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/Chuck Berry

BANNER STEALS AND RETRIEVES

Feb. 4. 2024	Friendly Ties - Pickerington Senior Center, 150 Hereford Dr, Pickerington, OH Caller – Ed Papst; Cuer – Carol Papst. Squares 7 – 9:30 PM “Red Neck” Night	
Remember that by participating in banner activities you are ultimately helping your club as well as the club you are raiding.		

TAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Feb 2 – JFFS Honoree, Mary Bailey, will be recognized at our Wear Red Day Hi/Lo dance.
- Feb 23 – Yummy baked potatoes with great toppings will be served at our JFFS dance. It will also be a treat to have Jack Pladdys calling. Chuck Berry will be the cuer.
- Mar 10 – COCDC Honoree Dance from 2 to 5 PM at Columbia Heights UM Church, 755 Galloway Rd, Galloway. Come help honor Mary Bailey and the other clubs' Honorees. Caller: Dave Stuthard. Cuer: Chuck Berry. Hi-Lo. This dance is FREE for all dancers.
- Mar 15 – Deadline to register for Ohio's 2024 State Dance Convention before the price goes up.
- Apr 5 – LOCATION CHANGE for our JFFS dance: First Baptist Church of Gahanna, 520 Havens Coners Rd, Gahanna. (Two doors down from the Gahanna Community Congregational Church).
- Apr 14 – COCDC New Dancer Dance and clothing sale. Location to be determined.
- Apr 27 – Relay for Life Dance jointly sponsored by JFFS and Grove City Western Squares. 7:00-10:30 PM. Callers: Jason Raleigh/Tom Davis/Pam Courts. Cuers: Elaine Wintrow/Gene Eckley. E.L. Evans Senior Center, 4330 Dudley Ave, Grove City, OH 43123.
- May 5 – JFFS Clothing Sale at our JFFS Tortilla Chip (Cinco de Mayo) Dance.
- May 9 – Ohio Convention Trail End Dance, Crown Plaza Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Ave, Columbus, OH 43229, 7:30 - 10:00 PM.
- May 10 & 11 – Ohio's State Square and Round Dance Convention, Crown Plaza Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Ave, Columbus, OH 43229. 2024.ohiodanceconvention.com

HAVING FUN WITH JUST FOR FUN SQUARES!

Thanks to all who attended our New Year's Eve dance as 2023 came to a close! Thanks to all who brought delicious side dishes and desserts to complement the pork, sauerkraut, and mashed potatoes provided by chefs Dennis Budinski and Sue Williams! Four squares reveled in Dan Austen's calling and eight couples swirled around the floor to Chuck Berry's cueing. Special decorations, the balloon drop and photo booth, hats and noisemakers all added to the fun.

The new year brought more fun dancing with Just for Fun Squares. We had three squares of happy dancers at our Snowflakes and Snowmen dance on January 5, with great calling by David Stuthard, and five happy round dance couples glided around the floor to Mark Johnson's cueing. Several dancers sported snowflakes or snowmen on skirts, ties, earrings, leggings, or sweaters, and some dancers accepted the challenge of cutting their own snowflakes, with very decorative results.

We saw lots of Clashing Clothes at our dance on January 26. No prizes were awarded, but Diana Kovitya was the clear winner with at least 6 different clashing colors or patterns. Ed and Carol Pabst entertained four squares and eight couples with their melodious calling and cueing.

Thanks to all who contributed to the food drive to benefit GRIN – our generous dancers brought 66 food items, 12 toiletries, 1 big dish soap, and \$32!

Just for Fun Squares has two fun dances coming up in February. We will celebrate Wear Red Day on February 2, with Wes Fenton as our caller and Dave Blaskis as our cuer. This will be a Hi-Lo dance, and we will recognize our Just for Fun Square Honoree, Mary Bailey, at the dance. Whether you wear red for Heart Month or Valentine's Day, we'll all be seeing red that night, and we hope to welcome a lot of new dancers! Non-perishable food and cash donations for GRIN are welcome at this dance as well. Our dance on February 23 will feature a Baked Potato Bar. The baked potatoes and some basic toppings will be provided - please feel free to bring your favorite baked potato topping to share that night. We'll be dancing to Jack Pladdys as our caller and Chuck Berry as our cuer. We hope to see you in a square on February 2 and again on February 23!

We hope to see you in a square for some FUN dancing with Just for Fun Squares in February!

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