

Just for Fun Squares

Columbus, Ohio



January 2024

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARY GALENTINE

Dear Club Members,

It is hard to believe that 2023 has come to an end, and the New Year is upon us once again. We are hosting a New Year's Eve Dance on December 31st. Hopefully, you will be able to attend and enjoy the pork and sauerkraut dinner before the dance. We will have several great dancing opportunities in the coming year. In the December newsletter, I listed several upcoming dates for you to put on your calendar.

I want to thank you again for supporting our donation drive for the church where we dance. The members of the church were very appreciative of your generosity. Square dancers always come through for our club. Once again, we will be helping GRIN with a non-perishable food drive at our fourth Friday dance on January 26, 2024. GRIN is requesting canned fruit, dish soap, and toothpaste for those in need in addition to non-perishable food. For those who do want to shop, we will have a donation bucket available for cash donations.

Don't forget to purchase your dance ribbon for the State Convention before March 15, 2024 when the price goes up \$10.00. The convention will be held the second weekend of May starting with the Trail-End dance on Thursday May 9th. Dancing will be on Friday, May 10th & Saturday, May 11th. Hopefully, you will be able to attend and enjoy the fun!

I wrote and sent an article to the Senior Times about our community service work including our upcoming food drive for GRIN. They replied that they enjoyed the article and would not be publishing it in their newspaper, but they do want to come meet us and do an article on square dancing. Hopefully, the article can help increase the number of new dancers for our fall class.

Hope to see you in a square soon,

Mary

CURRENT CELEBRATIONS

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

January 27	Jim Herring	January 29	Cheryl Van Dyk
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CLUB SCHEDULE	
Thursday, January 4	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Friday, January 5	JFFS "Snowflakes and Snowmen" 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: Dave Stuthard, Cuer: Mark Johnson.
Monday, January 8	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, January 11	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Thursday, January 18	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Thursday, January 25	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Friday, January 26	JFFS "Clashing Clothes 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. Please bring a nonperishable food item. Caller: Ed Pabst, Cuer: Carol Pabst.

SUNSHINE REPORT	
<p>Larry Dulin had surgery on December 22 and again on December 29. He is currently recovering in Dublin Methodist Hospital but hopes to be home in early January. He would welcome greetings at 7770 Dublin Road, Delaware, OH 43015.</p> <p>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</p>	

UPCOMING JUST FOR FUN SQUARES CLUB DANCES		
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/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

HAVING FUN WITH JUST FOR FUN SQUARES!

Although we did not dance on the Friday before Christmas, Just for Fun Squares still hosted a fun dance on the first day of December and has a humdinger of a dance planned for the last day of December. We welcomed Mark Johnson as our caller and Linda Bishop as our cuer for the **Pie Night Dance** on December 1. Several people brought delicious pies to share on the refreshment table – most were yummy dessert pies, such as Derby Pie and Razzle Dazzle Berry Pie, but Marcia's Spaghetti Pie was a big hit as well. Mark and Linda had some winter and Christmas tunes for our square dancing and round dancing enjoyment, and many dancers wore holiday attire.

The **New Year's Eve Dinner Dance** will be hosted by **Just for Fun Squares** 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, and dancers are invited to **bring a side dish or dessert to share**. Dancing will begin after dinner, with Dan Austen on squares and Chuck Berry on rounds. Dancers can look forward to special decorations, a balloon drop, and a photo booth. Hats and noisemakers will help us 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, so everyone can get home safe and sound before the roads get too crazy. New dancers and experienced dancers are warmly invited to this festive Hi-Lo dance!

The new year will bring more fun dancing with Just for fun Squares. On **January 5**, our caller will be Dave Stuthard and our cuer will be Mark Johnson at our **Snowflakes and Snowmen** Dance. We haven't seen much snow yet, but we'll see some snowflakes at the dance for sure. We invite everyone to get crazy when they dress for the **Clashing Clothes** dance on **January 26**. Our caller and cuer that night will be Ed and Carol Pabst. We are also hosting a **food drive to benefit GRIN** that night – please bring donations of canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned tuna or chicken, cereal, toothpaste, dish soap, or any healthy non-perishable food or toiletries. GRIN can also amplify the value of every dollar donated, so cash donations are also welcome. We hope to see you in a square for some **FUN** dancing with **Just for Fun Squares** in January!

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