

Just for Fun Squares

Columbus, Ohio



March 2024

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARY GALENTINE

Dear Club Members,

Our February fourth Friday Baked Potato dance was a big success!! We had 50 dancers sign-in! Jack Pladdys and Chuck Berry did a great job leading the squares and rounds while our club members brought items for the baked potatoes! A special thank you to Marcia Taylor, Paulette Henry and me for getting the potatoes purchased, washed, wrapped in foil, baked, and delivered to the dance. I think our guests enjoyed the potatoes according to their comments. Again, a job well done by our club.

Just a reminder, the Honoree Dance is Sunday, March 10, 2024, at Columbia Heights Church in Galloway. The caller is Dave Stuthard with cuer Chuck Berry from 2-5 PM. Please come out and support all the Honorees, including our Honoree, Mary Bailey. Honorees donate lots of time and talent to help square dancing. Without them, we would not be enjoying square dancing as we know it today. Admission is FREE for the Honoree Dance.

Spring Fling Dance is March 17, 2024, cueing by members of BRDC from 2-5 PM at the Gahanna Church. This is always fun for our round dancers.

Remember to add to your calendar, the New Dancer Celebration dance on April 14 with the COCDC clothing sale to benefit the state convention planning fund. Yes, Terri Ross has our next state convention date reserved at the Crown Plaza in 2028.

Some of our club members have asked me to put these next thoughts forward in our newsletter. As your President, it is my job to listen to our members and act on their behalf. As club members we do have responsibilities to our club. We are to attend classes and dances freshly bathed in clean and repaired clothing. After all, we are the host of these events. Also, we are to bring items for the food table. Our treasury cannot afford to purchase these items. It is our responsibility to see that our guests are on the floor dancing. Not long ago, we had a dancer leave early because no one was asking them to dance. We cannot afford to have dancers leave early and maybe never to return in the future. We need dancers on the floor and dancers who pay at the door to support our budget. So please, look around and ask someone to dance who has been sitting out.

See you in a square soon,
Mary

CURRENT CELEBRATIONS

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

March 5	Ray Moore	March 12	Connie Williams
March 8	Nancy Johnson	March 17	Hazelene Harrison
March 8	Marquell Segelken	March 28	Mike Idle

CLUB SCHEDULE

Friday, March 1	JFFS St. Patrick's 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: Tom Davis, Cuer: Carol Pabst.
Thursday, March 7	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Monday, March 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, March 14	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Thursday, March 21	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Friday, March 22	JFFS Signs of Spring 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: Linda Bishop.
Thursday, March 28	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Stephen Shover, son of Bob Shover (retired round dance cuer), passed away on January 30th at age 58. On February 6th, the mother of JFFS member Jim Corder, passed away. Our condolences go out to both families.

Pat Jones, President of both Grove City Western Squares and the Central Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs (COCDC), is currently recovering from the triple heart bypass surgery she had on February 15th.

Our friend and square dance caller Pam Courts is also recovering from heart bypass surgery. Please keep these ladies in your prayers.

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

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

TAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- 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 April Showers 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 – Combination 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!

We had two great dances in February. The dance floor was a sea of red when we celebrated Wear Red Day on February 2, with 3 squares enjoying calls by Wes Fenton and 4-6 couples and single dancers swirling around the floor to cues by Dave Blaskis. We were happy to welcome some new dancers to this Hi-Lo dance, and everyone enjoyed the delicious cake in recognition of our Just for Fun Squares Honoree, Mary Bailey. Thanks to those who brought non-perishable food and cash donations for GRIN!

We had a great turnout for our Baked Potato Bar on February 23. We had 3 to 5 squares all evening, and Jack Pladdys kept us on our toes with great calling. We also had 8-9 couples dancing to smooth cueing of rounds by Chuck Berry. Special thanks to our potato bakers, Marcia Taylor, Paulette Henry, and Mary Galentine, and to those who brought the tasty toppings of cheese, broccoli, butter, sour cream, chili, salsa, garlic butter, and bacon bits.

Just for Fun Squares has two fun dances coming up in March. We encourage everyone to wear green to our Hi-Lo St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 1, with Tom Davis calling squares and Carol Pabst

cueing rounds. You are also invited to bring green or gold foods to share at our refreshment table. Might someone at this dance find the gold at the end of the rainbow?

Then we'll be celebrating Signs of Spring at our dance on March 22, with Jason Raleigh on squares and Linda Bishop on rounds. We hope you'll join us for some FUN with Just for Fun Squares on March 1 and again on March 22!

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