

# Just for Fun Squares

Columbus, Ohio



May 2024

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARY GALENTINE

Dear Club Members,

We are having our annual recycle clothing sale before the state convention on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at our club dance with Pam Courts and Dave Blaskis. It is a good time to get a few things to spruce up your square dance wardrobe. The prices cannot be beat! You will never find garments of this quality this inexpensive again! We have Marcia Taylor to thank, who has spent hours and hours and days and days getting the garments washed, and she did repairs when needed. Paulette Henry helped for several days with getting sizing information on the garments. Without their tireless effort, this sale would not be happening. The sale not only affords dancers new clothes at very reasonable pricing, but also helps to fund our club's dance activities. So come out and get a few new things for your wardrobe and support your club!

Our club will be setting up the clothing sale on Thursday evening, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lessons were completed last week, and we can get into the church at 6:00 PM. Our club could use your help in several ways. We need some club members to drive out to Marcia's house to pick up a load of clothes to take to the church. Anytime will work, just let us know when you can come. In addition, we need some club members to help hang up the clothes on the clothing racks and get the garments in size order. Every garment has a tag with size information attached. It would be a good time for our members to shop. Yes, we will be taking payments for garments on Thursday night for anyone who wants to purchase some items. Then on Friday after the sale, we will need help bagging up any garments not sold. We will need some drivers to return clothes to Marcia's house. Do not worry about getting lost in the dark, we can follow one another out to her house. Her house is on the same road as our dance hall is on, so only a left turn into her driveway. It is an easy drive!

Terry has made clothing racks to display the clothing. Not sure what we would do without him! When you see the Taylors, please thank them for all the things they do to help our club!

As soon as the clothing sale is completed, it will be time to prepare for the Gahanna Fourth of July parade. Yes, we have been invited to join in the parade. It will begin at 10:00 AM just down the street from our dance hall. Dancers will be needed to be in the parade wearing red, white or blue shirts. We are looking for a dancer who can help us make a few signs (signs like picket signs to advertise our club). No, you will not be stuck with the project, just give us some ideas and or some penmanship. We can do the rest. Please let me know how you can help us. Mary 614-312-3928.

See you in a square soon.  
Mary

### CURRENT CELEBRATIONS

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

May 11	Bob Idle	May 29	Fred Moore
May 12	Bob Martin		

### CLUB SCHEDULE

Friday, May 3	JFFS Tortilla Chip Day/Cinco de Mayo and Recycled Clothing Sale 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: Pam Courts, Cuer: Dave Blaskis.
Monday, May 13	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.
Friday, May 24	JFFS 2nd Anniversary/Memorial Day/Red, White and Blue 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: Tom Davis, Cuer: Chuck Berry.

### SUNSHINE REPORT

**Lily Franks**, dance leader, COCDC Honoree of 1996, and master seamstress who made square dance clothing for many local dancers, passed away on April 10 at age 102. Square dance caller, **Homer Magnet**, passed away on April 11.

Caller, **Pam Courts**, came home on February 28 after open heart surgery on February 23, and is back to calling. Caller, **Bob Daye**, is undergoing chemo and radiation for esophageal cancer. COCDC President, **Pat Jones**, is recovering from open heart surgery, and is back to dancing. JFFS member, **Dennis Budinski** had an MRI on March 20 to determine why his oxygen level kept dropping. A hole in his heart was discovered and he will have a plug inserted into his heart to correct the problem. Former Bucks and Does member, **David Hissrich**, got a liver transplant on March 28 and came home on April 8. **Karen Kuhr**, a new dancer who started lessons with JFFS but was completing lessons with Westerville Promenaders, fell and is recovering from a broken arm and leg (on opposite sides). **Kati Raleigh**, wife of caller Jason Raleigh, is continuing treatment for progression of her cancer.

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

### UPCOMING JUST FOR FUN SQUARES CLUB DANCES

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
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**TAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- May 3 – 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](http://2024.ohiodanceconvention.com)

**HAVING FUN WITH JUST FOR FUN SQUARES!**

**Just for Fun Squares** had lots of fun at three dances in April. Thanks to Jim Corder for hosting us at the First Baptist Church for our **April Showers** dance on **April 5!** It was a great location, and we had 4-5 squares enjoying calls by Kristy Williams Woods, while 8-10 couples enjoyed cueing by Mark Johnson. Jim had invited some friends from the church, and Mark got them involved by treating us to a line dance. JFFS members voted for our 2023-24 slate of officers during a brief JFFS Annual Membership meeting in the church lobby.

We had great attendance at our **Pretzel Day** dance on **April 26**, with four squares (five on one tip!) dancing to lively calling by Howard ‘Rowdy’ Williamson, and 5 to 7 couples enjoying rounds cued by Stuart Lewis. We had an amazing array of pretzels - soft pretzel bites, square and football and rod-shaped pretzels, yogurt dipped pretzels, pretzel M&M’s, peanut butter-filled pretzels, honey mustard pretzel bites, garlic parmesan pretzels, along with cheese dip and hummus, and a delicious Pineapple Pretzel Fluff. Who knew there were so many variations on a pretzel theme? We also enjoyed Marcia’s Spaghetti Pie, cheese & crackers, sliders, and cookies. Thanks to all our dancers for feeding us so well!

We rounded out April with the **April Showers Bring May Flowers Two Hall Dance**, which JFFS co-hosted with Grove City Western Squares on **April 27**. Tom Davis was under the weather, but we were happy to welcome Pam Courts and Jason Raleigh as callers and Elaine Wintrow as our cuer. This Combination Dance offered something for everyone – Advance, Plus, and Rounds, a bountiful refreshment table, and lovely decorations of umbrellas and plenty of flowers.

With May flowers bursting into bloom, **Just for Fun Squares** has more fun dances to offer. Our **Cinco de Mayo/Tortilla Chip Dance** on **May 3** will also offer a huge **Recycle Sale**. A wide array of reasonably priced, gently used and refurbished clothing will be available, just in time for refreshing your wardrobe before the State Convention on May 10-11. Pam Courts will be our caller and Dave Blaskis will be our cuer. Tortilla chips will be provided - please bring your favorite dip, salsa, or other chip accompaniment to share that night.

On **May 24**, Just for Fun Squares will celebrate our second anniversary with a **Red, White, and Blue** dance in honor of Memorial Day. Our caller will be Tom Davis and our cuer will be Chuck Berry. Don your patriotic colors and bring something tasty to share at the refreshment table.

We hope you’ll join us for some **FUN** with **Just for Fun Squares** at our May dances!

**BANNER STEALS AND RETRIEVES**



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