

Just for Fun Squares

Columbus, Ohio



June 2024

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARY GALENTINE

Dear Club Members,

Our club members came out and supported our club in preparing and running our annual clothing sale. Some drove to the Taylors' home to pick up clothes, some swept and mopped the dance hall floor, some set up the chairs and tables, some unloaded the clothes, some set up the clothing racks, some hung the clothes on the racks, some sized new clothes to add to the sale, and then we carried out items not needed for the sale. Then, Velma sent out a reminder e-mail to her dancer list. Some members served as cashiers while others helped shoppers and maintained the merchandise throughout the evening. When the sale was over, we bagged up the clothes and loaded them into cars to return to the Taylors' home. It was surely a team effort. We want to thank Marcia and Terry Taylor, Jamie and Dave Sewell, Sue Williams, Paulette Henry, Cindy Deering, Jackie Dietz, Marquell & Ned Segelken, Ray Moore, Hazelene Harrison, Velma Doyle, Dennis Budinski, Jim Corder, Mary Bailey, and myself. Everyone jumped in and extended a hand in so many ways, I just want to thank all of you for your hard work! Without you, we could not have done it! In just over one year, Marcia's work managing our clothing bank (it is a lot of manual clock hours) generated over \$1,800.00 for our club. What an unbelievable benefit for our club and our club's budget. As a result of everyone helping, we did not have to raise our club dues to meet expenses this year, even as caller and cuer fees continue to rise. Thanks to all members who step up and help our club!

Thanks to Jim Corder who was able to get the new danglers for our upcoming 50th Yellow Rock dance in November on the dance flyer. It looks great!

Thanks to Ray Moore who purchased two new mops for the church, so that it will be easier for us to mop the floor before some of our dances. As we all know, the church works with volunteers, so it means we may need to contribute in more than one way to help maintain our dance hall and hall rental budget. Another success story of how we are working to protect and save our club's treasury.

Once again, our members rose to the occasion and helped to support our joint dance with Grove City that we jointly purchased at the Relay for Life Dance some years past. You showed up to help set up the dance hall, helped to fill up the food table, and helped to tear down the dance hall. As a result, we made just over \$100. Word has it that there is to be a second dance because one of the callers was ill. We will let you know when we know, so stay tuned! We could make some more money as well as have some more fun!

On Saturday, June 8, 2024, the next Relay for Life Dance will be held at Grove City with silent & live

auctions. On Sunday, June 9, 2024, our council has been invited to dance at the Columbus Arts Festival in the Ronald McDonald tent by COSI. This activity is for all dancers. Dancing will be 12:30-1:30 PM. Plan to arrive early so you have time to park and be ready to start on time.

On July 4th, we will be in the parade in Gahanna, so plan on helping us advertise our activity. On Saturday, July 13, 2024, a memorial scholarship dance is being held at the Michael Solomon Pavilion in honor of caller, Homer Magnet. The proceeds from the dance will be used to fund scholarships to graduating students who play softball and/or golf, two of Homer’s favorite things in life besides square dance calling. We will have a donation bucket at our JFFS dances for dancers who may not be able to attend the dance in Dayton and who want to donate.

On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, we will be dancing at the Columbus Clippers game. Tickets are \$8.00 per person, and you can invite your friends and family with no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase online. Council President will send the link for purchasing when she receives the link. It is Dime-a-Dog night, so it will be cheap eats for all!

In addition, don’t forget we have club dances on the 1st and 4th Friday of each month (with rare exceptions, such as not having a 4th Friday dance this month due to the National Convention). I have heard some clubs are thinking about holding Roaring 20’s dances since so many dancers now own the clothes for the theme. So, don’t get rid of your costumes, you will need them!

Now that you are exhausted from reading, see you in a square soon,
Mary

CURRENT CELEBRATIONS

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

June 18	Mark Johnson	June 30	Dennis Budinski
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And these a Happy Anniversary!

June 8	Dave & Jamie Sewell	June 20	Terry and Marcia Taylor
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CLUB SCHEDULE

Friday, June 7	JFFS “Ice Cream Social” 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: Wes Fenton, Cuer: Mark Johnson.
Monday, June 10	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, June 28	NO JFFS Dance —National Square Dance Convention.

SUNSHINE REPORT

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 on May 30.

Former Bucks and Does member, **David Hissrich**, who got a liver transplant on March 28 and went home on April 8, was hospitalized again for six days in early May, but is home again and doing well.

We learned that **Lou Vaia** and **Susan Bernard** were not able to help with our club lessons this year due

to Lou experiencing back pain.

Jackie Dietz will be undergoing foot surgery soon, so will not be able to dance with us for a while.

We have just learned of the passing of **Bob Daye**, our friend and square dance caller. Bob was an integral part of our square dance community and an all-around good guy. He will be missed.

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

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!

Just for Fun Squares had lots of fun dancing in May, beginning with our Cinco de Mayo/Tortilla Chip Dance on May 3. Pam Courts kept 3-4 squares stepping lively, and Dave Blaskis offered smooth cueing to 6-11 round dance couples. Many people found new outfits or accessories at our huge Recycle Sale – be sure to thank Marcia Taylor for all the amazing work she did at mending and refurbishing such a vast array of skirts, blouses, dresses, and men’s shirts. Many thanks also to Terry Taylor for the clothing racks and to everyone who helped with organizing and transporting all the clothes, cleaning and setting up for the Recycle Sale, serving as cashiers, and/or packing up the clothes and tearing down the racks at the end. Between dancing and shopping, everyone enjoyed a wide variety of tortilla chips and a delicious array of dips, as well as fried rice, churro donut bites, and cinnamon tortilla chips – thanks to all who provided such tasty snacks! We were happy to welcome a number of guests, including the Westerville Promenaders who retrieved their banner.

Quite a number of JFFS dancers joined other dancers from across Ohio, surrounding states, and locations far away for two and a half days of dancing at the Trail End Dance and the 64 th Ohio Dance Convention May 9-11. These dancers enjoyed Plus, Mainstream, Advance, and Challenge square dancing, as well as round dancing and line dancing. Some JFFS dancers had fun at the Intro to DBD, Intro to Advance, Intro to Rounds, Intro to Hex, and/or Dave Stuthard’s Progressive Squares. It was fun to see all the fancy outfits dancers wore in keeping with the Roaring 20’s theme, and the decorations were spectacular. It was entertaining to dance to so many different callers and cuers, and it was great to see old friends and make new acquaintances from around the state and around the nation. Square dancers sure know how to have fun!

As May drew to a close, Just for Fun Square dancers and other guests celebrated our second anniversary with a Red, White, and Blue dance in honor of Memorial Day. Tom Davis inspired us with his patriotic singing calls and Chuck Berry brought us his mellow cueing. The dance floor was a swirl of patriotic colors and everyone enjoyed the anniversary cake.

Just as June starts busting out all over, Just for Fun Squares will offer our Ice Cream Social

Dance on Friday, June 7. We look forward to welcoming Wes Fenton as our caller and Mark Johnson as our cuer that night. Regular and sugar-free ice cream will be provided, and dancers are invited to bring their favorite ice cream topping or some other tasty item to share at the refreshment table.

JFFS will not be holding our regular 4th Friday dance in June, because many central Ohio dancers will be up in Milwaukee enjoying the 73rd National Square Dance Convention. Have fun!!

We hope you'll join us for some FUN with Just for Fun Squares at our June 6 dance, and it's not too soon to mark your calendars for some FUN events in July: JFFS dancers will walk in the Gahanna 4th of July parade, and all dancers are invited to join us to help promote our love of square dancing. Then join us again on Friday night, July 5, when we don our patriotic colors again for the Red, White, and Blue dance. Watch for more info on both these events.

JUST FOR FUN SQUARES MEMBERSHIP FEES

Dues for our membership year (May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025) are payable by May 1st. The annual dues are \$55 for an adult and \$27.50 for a child under age 18.

Please complete a Membership Application/Renewal Form for each dancer at the time of payment. You may pay at the treasurer's table at a dance or mail an application and check to Just for Fun Squares, 2152 Stowbridge Rd, Dublin, OH 43016. For your convenience, a copy of the Membership Application/Renewal Form is below. Forms are also available at the treasurer's table.

Orbiting Squares Life Members are paid up and do not remit membership fees.

JUST FOR FUN SQUARES MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM 2152 Stowbridge Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Please print all information as requested. Please do not leave any blanks.

Give form & dues to the Treasurer or mail it to the above address. Please date and sign your name in the space provided following the declaration statement.

NAME: _____ **D.O.B:** _____
(Last) (First) (M. I.) (Mo/Day)

ADDRESS: _____
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PHONE: (_____) _____ / (_____) _____
(Home) (Cell)

E-MAIL: _____

(Phone will be listed in the roster as shown. Only note the numbers you want in the roster. Please place an "X" here ____ if you do NOT want your e-mail address listed in the Club Roster.)

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT:

(Name) (Phone Number) (Relationship)

BACK UP CONTACT:

(Name) (Phone Number) (Relationship)

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