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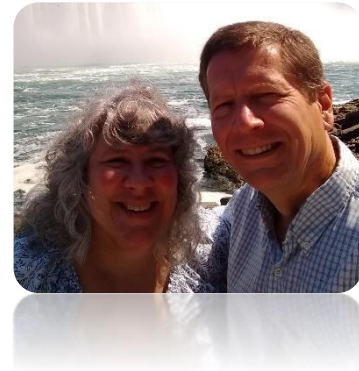
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Greetings Gnat Boxers!

Dan and I hope and pray this newsletter finds all of you happy, healthy, and joyful! As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome 2024, heart-felt gratitude goes out to the retiring officers who have volunteered countless hours of their time, their resources, and their energy over the last several years.



This past fall, the club faced a crossroads of either disbanding or continuing with new energy, new ideas, and new leadership. With a love for the club, as well as determination in their hearts, twelve folks stepped forward and made a commitment to keep the club going.

May we remember these words from Dan Millman as we embrace 2024: "The secret of change is to focus all our energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

We look forward to working with you!

Dan & Patty Reinarts

Find us on the web at www.gnatboxers.com



Gnat Boxer Dances



<i>Dance Schedule for 2024</i>			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Caller</i>	<i>Cuer</i>	<i>Theme</i>
1/20	John Ramsey	Gene Eckley	Student Dance
2/17	Tom Strickland <i>Dick Mackey Legacy Dance</i>	Amy Riehl	Student Dance Students are FREE! Chocoholic's Dream
3/16	Neil Harnar	Linda Warren	Student Dance
4/20	Chad Barger	TBA	
5/18	Kristy (Williams) Woods	Brian Smith	Armed Forces Day Special Dance - \$8/person
6/15	Ed Pabst	Carol Pabst	Rootbeer Floats
7/20	Dave Heffron	Gene Eckley	
8/17	Rebecca Shull-Smith	Linda Warren	Tailgate Picnic @ 6:00 p.m.
9/21	Jason Raleigh	Amy Riehl	65 th Anniversary Special Dance - \$8/person
10/19	Doug & Don Sprosty	Natalie Sprosty	Apple Fest / Food Drive Special Dance - \$8/person
11/16	Dave Stuthard	Brian Smith	Toys for Tots
12/21	Pam Courts	TBA	11 th Annual Cookie Bake-off! Student Dance Students - \$5; \$8/Angels



Around the Federation



Student Dances

January 21st

Student Level Dance

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Tom Strickland, Caller

Brian Smith, Cuer

Hosted by Gnat Boxers

266 Oldman Road

Wooster, OH 44691

February 18th

Student Level Dance

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Jeff Metcalf, Caller

Amy Riehl, Cuer

Hosted by Red Lantern

2427 W. Tuscarawas Street

Canton, OH 44708

March 17th

Student Level Dance

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Caller, TBA

Cuer, TBA

Hosted by Circulators

9845 Cashner Avenue NW

Greentown, OH 44720

All three dances count towards a signature on the Student Friendship Dangle Signature Form!

Honors' Dance ~ Out of this World



Greg and Terry met in 1989 while driving trucks for the same trucking company. Their boss thought they were well suited for each other, so he purposely sent them on several truck runs together. Greg and Terry later married in 1994.

Greg's first experience with square dancing came at Cousin Chris Moore's wedding reception which was held at Red Lantern's Barn. Chris' bride, Debbie, twisted Greg's arm until he finally tried it. He really enjoyed square dancing and seemed like a natural as it came easy for him. The following year, Greg succumbed to taking lessons. Greg and Terry have now been square dancing together for more than a dozen years. They have also taken several years of round dance lessons in addition to attending the state convention in May for the last several years. Greg and Terry have also served as President of the Gnat Boxer's Club for seven years. Prior to becoming Presidents, Greg and Terry also served for 3 - 4 years as the Refreshment Chairpersons for the Gnat Boxers. Greg also serves as Historian for the Akron Federation.

Greg and Terry have 4 adult children - 2 daughters and 2 adopted sons. They have four granddaughters, a great grandson, and two great granddaughters. They live in Big Prairie with 2 horses, a dog, and a cat. Greg & Terry have been working on rebuilding and remodeling their family home for the last several years. Greg also likes to tinker with antique cars in his spare time.

January 28th - 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Dan Austen, Caller & Amy Riehl, Cuer

Summit County Fairgrounds

229 E. Howe Road, Gate C

Tallmadge, OH 44278



Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News



Special Meeting with Members

Sunday, January 21, 2024

*Immediately following Federation
Student Dance of same day.*

Annual Dues

Extension of Deadline

*Annual dues paid on or before February 17th
are \$15/person. Beginning February 18th, dues
will become \$20/person.*



Dick Mackey Legacy Dance Saturday, February 17, 2024

7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Caller: Tom Strickland

Cuer: Amy Riehl

*Join us for a Student Dance held in honor of Dick's legacy of
teaching Modern Western Square Dance for over 50 years.
Students will be admitted for FREE to this dance!*

Admission proceeds from the dance will be used for the promotion of Western square dancing.

A time of Fellowship and Remembrance of Dick

*On Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., club members are welcome to gather at Oh Yo!
For a time of fellowship and remembrance of Dick.*

Oh Yo! Is located at 4182 Burbank Road in Wooster near TSC and Buffalo Wild Wings.

65th Anniversary!

*The Gnat Boxers were founded in 1959 by
Bill Alkire through a summer YMCA
program making 2024 a time to celebrate
our 65th Anniversary! Please join us for a
fun dance on Saturday, September 21st. We'll
have Jason Raleigh calling and Amy Riehl
will cue for the round dancers.*

Retiring Officers

*We would like to thank Greg and Terry
Moore, Mike Brugger, as well as Kevin and
Pam Brazee for volunteering their time, their
energy, and their resources to the club over
the last several years. Their hard work and
dedication have greatly benefitted the club.*