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President's Message:

Hey Gnat Boxers! Spring is on the way, can't wait for green grass and flowers. Many years ago, square dance was a way to socialize. Modern times have left us with too many choices and not enough time. The number of people continuing to dance has fallen off. Please make time for this healthy activity.

Lessons are continuing with only two months until graduation. Our students are progressing well under Dick and Jeff. Please come and join us on the dance floor. With flu season, we are in need of angels on lesson nights. Come for dancing and fellowship. Thanks for staying home if you are sick. Everyone appreciates it.

For those with computers, our Facebook page, web page, and newsletter will keep you up to date. Any dancer can share pictures of square dance events you participate in on the Facebook site.

Dan, our new Banner Chair, is off and running. He is working to get dancers out to raids and retrievals. Please help him. Patty, our secretary, keeps everyone up to date on happenings. The car pool text, Neighborhood News e-mails, and calendar of activities are a few of the things she does. Tom and Elaine make our dances fun and interesting by scheduling a variety of callers and cuers for us.

Erma keeps the coffee going and oversees great refreshments. Linda E. steps up to help when she can. Erma needs volunteers to help in kitchen and supply refreshments. Dick and Jeff are doing a great job with our students. We think they are the best students when we go dancing. Mike oversees the sign-in table and keeps our finances straight with the help of Pam.

All of the officers put in a lot of time behind the scenes working together to make our club great. Let's give all our helpers a big thank you and think what you can do. Thank you officers and helpers for your time and commitment to keep Gnat Boxers a great group to have fun with.

Your Presidents ~ Greg & Terry

Find us on the web at www.gnatboxers.com



Gnat Boxer Dances



**Celebrate Valentine's Day
February 15th**

**A Chocoholic's Night
Student Dance**

*Please bring your favorite
chocolate dish to share on the
refreshment table.*



**Celebrate Leap Year
February 29th**

**Scrambled Squares
Fun**

*Please bring a dish to share on
the refreshment table.*

**Celebrate National Cereal Day!
March 7th**

With a Pajama Dance!



*Please bring a cereal-type
snack to share on the
refreshment table ... rice
krispie treats, Chex mix,
puppy chow chex,
cornflake cookies ... you
get the idea!*

Upcoming Club Dances

**February 1st ~ Plus Level
Dance ~ with Tom
Strickland & Phyllis
Burdette**

**February 15th ~ Student
Dance & Chocoholic's
Night ~ with Dick
Mackey &
Amy Riehl**



**February 29th ~
Special Plus
Level Leap Year Dance
~ with Howard and
Donna Williamson**

**March 7th ~ Plus Level
Pajama Dance with All
Singing Calls! ~ Chad
Barger & Phyllis
Burdette**

**March 21st ~ Plus Level
Dance ~ with Pam
Courts & Linda Warren**



*Another way to
support square dance
clubs is for each
person in the food line
to contribute a dollar
or two to the food
donation basket.*



Gnat Boxer Dances



Refreshments & Door Prizes

Date	Caller/Cuer Or Theme	Refreshments	Door Prize
2/1	Tom Strickland Phyllis Burdette	Ken & Patty Kinney Dee Hoff & Ray Clary	Ken & Patty Kinney
2/15	Dick Mackey Amy Riehl Student Dance	All club members - bring a chocolate dish	Kelley Turner
2/29	Howard & Donna Williamson Leap Year Dance	All club members - bring a dish to share	Kevin & Pam Brazee
3/7	Chad Barger Phyllis Burdette Pajama Dance	All club members - bring a cereal-type dish (rice krispies, puppy chow chex, etc.)	Need 1-2 people
3/21	Pam Courts Linda Warren	Earl & Sue Nickels Tom & Elaine Weygandt	Earl & Sue Nickels
4/4	Ron Anderson Phyllis Burdette Gospel Night	Bob & Jane Moore Veronica Nagy	Bob & Jane Moore
4/18	Dick Mackey Gene Eckley	Tom & Kathy Smucker Diane Sargeant	Diane Sargeant
5/2	No Dance State Convention	N/A	N/A



Remember, there is a \$40 refreshment allowance paid by the club for each dance to help offset the cost of providing refreshments. Additionally, when members work together (2-4 people) to provide refreshments, the costs per person can be further minimized. Please remember to sign up for refreshments and donating door prizes. Questions, see Erma Miller, Refreshment Chairperson.



Gnat Boxer Dances



Monthly Club Dance Highlights:



January 4th ~ Spaghetti Dinner and Student Dance with Neil Harnar and Phyllis Burdette ~

Thank you to everyone who celebrated National Spaghetti Day with us at our spaghetti dinner. The food and fellowship made the evening extra fun! Following the dinner, twenty-three Gnat Boxers as well as 23 guests enjoyed a fun evening of dancing. Guests were from Apple Creek Promenaders, Circulators, Johnny Appleseeds in Mansfield, Medina Squares, and Norton Grand Squares. Other callers in attendance were Jeff Metcalf, Rex Parker, and Dan Austen. Gerry Kick and Harold Mong each one an extra pies from the dinner during a pie walk. Paula Ward of Johnny Appleseeds in Mansfield won

the door prize which was donated by Tom and Kathy Smucker. Judy Koppert won \$42 with the 50/50 raffle. A lovely spread of refreshments were provided by Kevin and Pam Brazee.

January 18th with Ed Pabst and Amy Riehl ~

Twenty-four Gnat Boxers were joined by twelve guests on Saturday, January 18th. Guests came from Apple Creek Promenaders, Norton Grand Squares, Red Lantern, Solo Squares, and Swing-A-Lings. Three additional callers were in the house: Dick Mackey, Jeff Metcalf, and Dan Austen as



well as Deb Moore, Federation Dance Calendar Coordinator.

An all girls square quickly formed when there were not enough male dancers ... they were probably enjoying too many refreshments! Gerry Kick donated the door prize which was won by Earl Nickels. Glenn Shaffer won \$34 with the 50/50 Raffle. Refreshments were provided by Melissa Davis as well as Mike and Jean Brugger.





Keep Dancing



Traveling with Dick:

February 1 - FADS in Norwalk
February 8 - Swing-A-Lings in Canton (Hi-Lo Dance)
February 15 - Gnat Boxers (Student Dance)
February 22 - Norton Grand Squares in Norton
February 28 - Red Lantern Flames in Brewster
March 8 - Honor's Dance in Columbus
March 13 - Dixie Squares in Fredericktown



With the help of a few Phantom Raiders to pull off his quest, Dan wasted no time in going after Medina's banner on January 3rd. However, the very next evening both Norton Grand Squares and Johnny Appleseeds from Mansfield swooped

in and stole our banner during our Spaghetti Dinner dance! Not being deterred, Dan rounded up 8 trusty Gnats along with 2 students and headed to Swing-A-Lings on January 11th to steal their banner. Sweet success!

The following week, 12 Gnats swarmed into Apple Creek and stole their banner as well. With a little over 2 weeks on the job, Dan has already amassed six banners ... the three he inherited from Karen (Red Lantern, Fun Shop, and Burliques) and the three from Medina, Swing-A-Lings, and Apple Creek.

Dan began feeling Norton Grand Squares were getting too comfortable with our banner. So, he switched his focus on January 25th by calling a retrieval at Norton's 80s dance. Again, Dan achieved his goal with 9 Gnats buzzing around the dance floor to Tom Strickland's calls. Next on the agenda is to retrieve our banner from Brecksville on Friday, January 31st.

Always looking towards the future, our fearless Banner Chairman is also mapping out a strategy to retrieve our banner from Dixie Squares on Friday, March 13th when our very own Dick Mackey will be calling. Please let Dan know if you would like to participate in this retrieval.



Student's Scoop



Upcoming Student Lessons



February 3 ~ Lesson #18

February 10 ~ Lesson #19

February 17 ~ Lesson #20

February 24 ~ Lesson #21

March 2 ~ Lesson #22

March 9 ~ Lesson #23

March 16 ~ Lesson #24

March 23 ~ Lesson #25 & Graduation Ceremony



Valentine's Student Dances Not to Miss

Friday, February 14th from 8:00 - 10:15 p.m. at Norton Grand Squares ~ Jeff Metcalf will be calling this dance!



Saturday, February 15th from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. at Ida Sue School ~ Dick Mackey will be calling this dance!

Sunday, February 16th ~ Student Federation Dance from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Red Lantern Barn ~ Dan Austen will be calling this dance. This dance includes a clothing sale!



Any cancellation of a lesson due to inclement weather will be announced on WQKT radio station ~ 104.5 as well as our website ~ gnatboxers.com. Any lessons cancelled due to inclement weather will be made up at the end of the lesson schedule to insure all 25 lessons are covered.



Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News

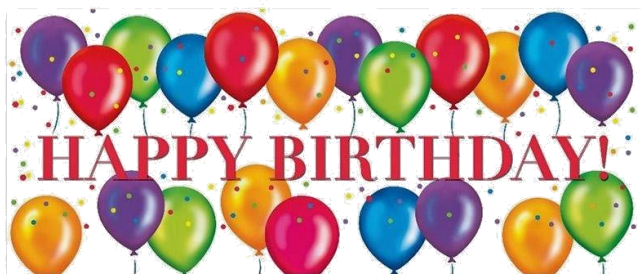


COMING SOON



*National Caller
Kristy Williams*

July 18th



Kevin and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Henry & Karen Cochran as well as the Gnat Boxer Officers who thought enough of us to nominate us for this year's Akron Federation Honor Couple. We would especially like to thank all the Gnat Boxers who took time out of their day to support us at The Honor's Dance. Despite coming up short in the end, the dance was a great experience and fun afternoon with some special people. We look forward to next year as we keep striving for success in our Square Dancing world.

Sincerely, Kevin and Pam Brazee

- 2/1 - Judy Koppert*
- 2/1 - Elaine Weygandt*
- 2/6 - Kevin Brazee*
- 2/10 - Earl Nickels*
- 2/13 - Pat Brinkerhoff*
- 2/20 - Dan Reinarts*
- 2/23 - Deloris Coffman*
- 2/23 - Sue Nickels*
- 2/26 - Scott Boothby*
- 2/28 - Chuck Grassbaugh*



A Note from the Secretary: Please submit any news or suggestions for the newsletter to Patty Reinarts via e-mail at MaTozboys@gmail.com or via phone/text at 330.641.2395. Please submit information for the next newsletter by the second dance of the month. Also, please let Patty know of any prayer requests as well as changes to your home address, e-mail address, and/or phone numbers.