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President's Message:

Greetings! We have a great group of students. We're so proud of what they have accomplished! We are also thankful for all who participate in our club, which is nearly 60 years old.

Our annual cookie bake off was a great success! Each and every one of you are important to the club and its continued success.

Please sign up for refreshments and door prizes. We all love to win! Ideally, we like to have 3-4 people work together to provide refreshments at our dances, so sign up with another couple. Don't forget, the club reimburses you \$40.00 for the supplies!

Our Banner Chairperson, Karen Howard, is always in need of dancers for raids and retrievals. Joining in allows us to meet new dancers who we can invite to our dances.



Terry and Greg Moore

Beginning in January 2019, our dances will start at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m. We hope this change will help you enjoy our dances even more.



Find us on the web at www.gnatboxers.com



Gnat Boxer Dances



Our Student Dances

Federation Student Dance January 20th

Live Lively -



Square Dance

Support our students as well as the Federation by attending the first Federation Student Dance of the season! All Club Members are asked to bring finger foods to share on the refreshment table.

All Things Chocolate February 16th

Support our students as they continue learning how to square dance! Please bring a scrumptious CHOCOLATE dish to share on the refreshment table!



Student Dance April 6th



Show your support for our students by attending our last student dance before they graduate!

Upcoming Club Dances

Jan. 5 ~ Featuring our very own Dick Mackey with Phyllis Burdette's cueing.

Jan. 19 ~ Featuring Bill Meese along with Phyllis Burdette.

Jan. 20 ~ Federation Student Dance ~ Begins at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. ~ Featuring our very own Dick Mackey as well as Amy Riehl's cueing.

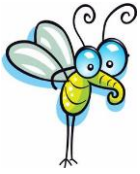
Feb. 5 ~ Featuring Ed Pabst along with Amy Riehl's cueing.

Feb. 16 ~ Student Dance ~ All Things Chocolate Dance Featuring our very own Dick Mackey along with Phyllis Burdette's cueing.

March 2 ~ Featuring John Ramsey along with Phyllis Burdette's cueing.

March 16 ~ March Madness Dance ~ Featuring Chad Barger and Sue Powell's cueing.





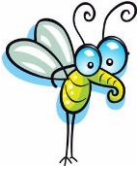
Gnat Boxer Dances



Refreshments & Door Prizes

<i>Date</i>	<i>Caller/Cuer Or Theme</i>	<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>Door Prize</i>
1/5	Dick Mackey Phyllis Burdette	Tom & Kathy Smucker <i>Need 1-2 more people</i>	Patty Reinarts
1/19	Bill Meese Phyllis Burdette	Ken & Patty Kinney <i>Need 1-2 more people</i>	Carolyn Caron
1/20	Federation Student Dance	All club members - bring finger foods	N/A
2/2	Ed Pabst Amy Riehl	<i>Need 3-4 people</i>	Carolyn Caron
2/16	Student - All Things Chocolate	All club members - bring a chocolate dish	Harold & Michelle Mong
3/2	John Ramsey Phyllis Burdette	Boothbys Bowers	Ken & Patty Kinney
3/16	March Madness	<i>Need 3-4 people</i>	Mike Brugger
4/6	Student Dance	Veronica Nagy Bob & Jane Moore	Jane Moore
4/20	No Dance	N/A	N/A

*Please remember to sign up for refreshments and/or donating door prizes.
The refreshment sign-up book is on the welcome table.
We need all club members to take a turn; that way,
no one should have to do it more than once during the year.
Questions, see Erma Miller, Refreshment Chairperson.*



Gnat Boxer Dances



Monthly Club Dance Highlights:



It took all night for the Apple Creek Promenaders to come up with 8 dancers they could call their own to launch a raid at our 50's dance on December 1st. However, close to the end of the dance, they finally succeeded and stole our banner leaving us feeling a bit tattered at the seams.

It took a week for us to rally our strength but rally we did on December 8th when 10 of us Gnat Boxers raided Swing-A-Lings.

Feeling energized by our success the previous night, we turned around and retrieved our banner from Johnny Appleseed at their Hi/Lo Dance on December 9th.

After a few day's rest, on December 14th, we were able to muster up 12 dancers, 3 of which were students, and headed North to Norton's Student Dance and retrieved our banner from them.

Not slowing down, we lit out for Burliques' one and only student dance on the 21st with 3 students and 9 members making it possible for us to bring the Burliques Bear home with us.

December 1st ~ 50's Dance with Toys for Tots:

Through your generosity, we were able to donate 3 boxes of toys as well as \$84 to the Marines Toys for Tots Campaign. **Thanks!** Twenty-five Gnat Boxers and thirteen guests rocked the night as Dick spun the tunes and Nancy visited with folks. Other callers in the house were Jeff Metcalf and Rex Parker. Phyllis Burdette cued for the round dancers. Guests were from Apple Creek, Johnny Appleseed, Medina Squares, Norton Grand Squares, and Red Lantern Flames.

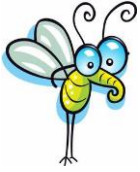


Refreshments were provided by Dick & Nancy Mackey, who kindly donated their refreshment reimbursement money back to the club. Rex Parker won \$47 with the 50/50 Raffle. Rex also generously donated his winnings to our toy drive. Patty Kinney won the door prize which was provided by Armond & Judy Black.



December 15th ~ Special Dance with Jack Pladdys and 5th Annual Cookie Bake-Off:

There were 30 Gnat Boxers and 20 guests on the floor as Jack Pladdys belted out ... um, I mean called ... Christmas songs. Not all songs were Christmas related as Jack did call to Free Bird by special request. Wasn't it great! Amy Riehl was cheerful as ever as she provided cueing for the round dancers. Other callers in the house included Dick Mackey along with his wife, Nancy, and Jeff Metcalf. Guests were from Apple Creek, Brecksville, Circulators, and Red Lantern. Sadly, none of the guest clubs had enough attendees to raid or retrieve. Loretta Stark won the cookie contest ... see feature article on next page. Erma Miller won the door prize which was provided by Sharon and Glenn Shaffer. Bob Moore XX won \$51 with the 50/50 raffle.



Gnat Boxer Dances



2018 ~ 5th Annual All Star Cookie Bake Off:

The Winner!



Loretta Stark's **Peanut Butter Cookies** won the 5th Annual All Star Cookie Bake Off!

Loretta's recipe calls for only 3 simple ingredients!

- 1 egg
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup peanut butter

Mix the ingredients together and bake for 10 minutes at 350° f.



A cookie jar was presented to Loretta Stark for winning the contest.

Ten club members entered the Cookie Bake Off contest this year. Molasses crinkles, peanut butter, orange glaze, and mint cookies were just a few of the varieties waiting to tantalize the taste buds of the judges.

A secret number was assigned to each cookie as they were entered into the contest. Small plates with matching numbers were used to showcase each entry. The showcased cookie was then divided into thirds, one third for each judge to sample.

Kelley Turner, Dan Reinarts, and Judy Christian served as our judges. As the judges sampled each cookie, they wrote down a description of what they thought the cookie was and noted anything special about the cookie such as the texture, the flavor, etc.



Each cookie was ranked using a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 was the best. Using this scale, the cookie with the **LOWEST** point value would be the winning cookie.

To calculate the winner, the points of the judge's panel for each cookie were added together. Loretta's Peanut Butter Cookies had the lowest score with 7 points. Tim's and Erma's cookies each scored 8 points. The judges conferred with each other to discuss the qualities of Tim's and Erma's cookies and concluded Tim's cookies were slightly more flavorful than Erma's, allowing Tim's cookies to take second place with Erma's cookies close behind in third.



Keep Dancing



Traveling with Dick:

January 11 - Circulators, Ravenna (Student Dance)
~~January 16 - Fun Shop, Greentown (Student Dance) CANCELED~~
January 20 - Federation Student Dance @ Gnat Boxers
January 25 - Red Lantern Flames in Brewster
January 26 - Norton Grand Squares in Norton
January 27 - Honors' Dance in Norton
January 30 - Fun Shop in Greentown (Student Dance)



Federation Honors' Dance

The Honors' Dance was set up to recognize dancers who are positive contributors to their club, federation, and square dancing as a whole. The person/couple acts as a role model for future dancers and leaders in their club and federation.

The Honors' Dance dates back to at least 1976 with a new person/couple being honored each year. Clubs within the federation nominate a person/couple to the Honors' Committee and a profile is created. In addition to being an active member of their home club, each nominee must have also been dancing for five or more years.

The Honor Dance Coordinator selects a theme and schedules the caller and cuer selected by last year's honor person/couple. Each person/couple who have been nominated are recognized at the dance. Through a voting process of all attendees who are AASRDF club members, the new Honor Person/Couple is selected. The Honor Couple/Person reigns for one year beginning with the Ohio Dance Convention where they are recognized at a luncheon of other Honor Couples from across the state.



The Honors' Dance is a wonderful way to support square dancing as well as to recognize great club members. The Akron Area Square and Round Dance Federation has a lot of great dancers and club members who deserve to be recognized. All clubs are encouraged to nominate a couple or person in the future. All club members should represent their home club at the Honors' Dance and help recognize the nominees.

This year's Honors' Dance will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Norton Elementary School, 3390 Cleveland-Massillon Road in Norton. Join us as we gather for "An Afternoon in Paris." Our very own Dick Mackey will be calling the squares and Amy Riehl will be cueing the rounds. Please bring finger foods to share on the refreshment table.



Student's Scoop



Upcoming Student Lessons

January 7 ~ Lesson #12

January 14 ~ Lesson #13

January 21 ~ Lesson #14

January 28 ~ Lesson #15

February 4 ~ Lesson #16

February 11 ~ Lesson #17

February 18 ~ Lesson #18

February 25 ~ Lesson #19

March 4 ~ Lesson #20

March 11 ~ Lesson #21



Inclement weather: Any cancellation of a lesson due to inclement weather will be announced on WQKT radio station ~ 104.5 as well as our website ~



www.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.



Raids & Retrievals: Raids and Retrievals are a ritual used to promote the visitation of square dance clubs with other clubs.

Banners: Banners are, in this context, usually a rectangular cloth or object representing the club with the club's name, etc. on the banner. Our club banner is a red boxing glove with our club name, Gnat Boxers, on it.

Raids: A raid occurs when one square dance club has at least 8 of their dancers (one square) visit another square dance club. The visiting club then "wins" or "steals" the host club's banner.

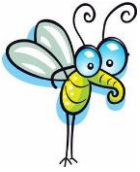
Retrievals: A retrieval occurs when a square dance club has at least 8 of their dancers (one square) visit another square dance club which had previously stolen their club's banner.

Phantom Banner Raider: A Phantom Banner Raider is a dancer who can help any club raid and/or retrieve their banner.

Banner Chairperson: A Banner Chairperson keeps a record of the participants who help their club successfully raid or retrieve. Additionally, dancers earn a "Gnat Raider" dangle after helping with five successful raids or retrievals. Subsequent dangles are awarded for every 5 successful raids or retrievals a dancer participates in.

A Banner Chairperson also keeps a record of which clubs have their club's banner as well as a list of which banners their club has successfully stolen.

Karen Howard is our Banner Chairperson. Karen announces raids and retrievals through our Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News club e-mails. If you would like to participate in a raid or retrieval, please let Karen know so she can record your participation.



Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News



Please thank the following people for setting up the gymnasium for lessons as well as our dances during the last quarter of 2018:

October - Chris Hinton, Chuck & Helen Grassbaugh

November - Ken & Patty Kinney

December - Tim Urang

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Tom & Kathy Smucker have graciously volunteered to set up for January 2019. Thank you for serving!



January 6 ~ Terry Moore
January 21 ~ Rhonda Bower
January 23 ~ Dottie Carter
January 23 ~ Bob McAfee
January 25 ~ Veronica Nagy
January 30 ~ Ray Carter



David & Carol Caron
6 Years!

Job Opening Federation Level



The Federation is looking for 1-2 people to take over the Quarterly Linked Squares Newsletter as well as subscriptions to the newsletter in 2020. Don and Kathleen Reed are willing to work with you through 2019 so you'll be all set to go when 2020 arrives. Please see Greg or Terry Moore if you are interested in this position.

A Note from the Secretary: Please submit any news, prayer concerns, or suggestions for the newsletter to Patty Reinarts via e-mail at MaTo2boys@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 changes to your home address, e-mail address, and/or phone numbers.