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President's Message:



Greetings Gnat Boxers!

Welcome to the new year! We hope all of you are having a safe and joyful New Year with family and friends.

Please consider joining us for our first dance of the year. We are celebrating with a spaghetti dinner followed by dancing to Neil Harnar and Phyllis Burdette. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Ida Sue School. One great way to get to know your Gnat Boxer friends better is over a meal, then dancing the calories away to Neil and Phyllis.

We are challenging everyone to a 1,000 mile year. Walking and dancing is easy to achieve if you do a little each day.

Our students are progressing well. Many have already attended student dances. We think they did great and had a good time. Mistakes were laughed off and new things were learned. We are halfway through lessons, so please keep joining us for lessons on Monday evenings.

Your Presidents ~ Greg & Terry

Find us on the web at www.gnatboxers.com



Gnat Boxer Dances



January 4, 2020

National Spaghetti Day Dinner & Student Dance



Join us for dinner before the dance! Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and includes: beverages, salad, roll, spaghetti and meatballs, as well as dessert ~ just \$6/person.

February 15, 2020

A Chocoholic's Night Student Dance

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



Leap Year Dance
Special 3-hour (7:30 - 10:30 p.m.)
Plus Level Dance



Please bring a dish to share on our refreshment table.

Upcoming Club Dances

January 4, 2020 ~ Student Dance & Spaghetti Dinner ~ Neil Harnar



will be calling the dance and Phyllis Burdette will provide cueing for the round dancers.

January 18, 2020 ~ Plus Level Dance ~ Ed Pabst & Amy Riehl

February 1, 2020 ~ Plus Level Dance ~ Tom Strickland & Phyllis Burdette

February 15, 2020 ~ Student Dance & Chocoholic's Night ~ Dick Mackey & Amy Riehl

February 29, 2020 ~ Special 3-hour Plus Level Leap Year Dance ~ with Howard and Donna Williamson



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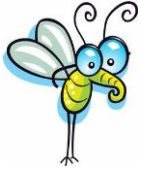
Refreshments & Door Prizes

Date	Caller/Cuer Or Theme	Refreshments	Door Prize
1/4	Neil Harnar Phyllis Burdette Student Dance	Spaghetti Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. Kevin & Pam Brazee	Tom & Kathy Smucker
1/18	Ed Pabst Amy Riehl	Need 3-4 people	Need 1-2 people
1/19	Federation Student Dance	All club members - bring a dish to share	N/A
2/1	Tom Strickland Phyllis Burdette	Ken & Patty Kinney	Ken & Patty Kinney
2/15	Dick Mackey Amy Riehl Student Dance	All club members - bring a chocolate dish	Need 1-2 people
2/29	Howard & Donna Williamson Leap Year Dance	All club members - bring a dish to share	Need 1-2 people
3/7	Chad Barger Phyllis Burdette Pajama Dance	Mike & Jean Brugger	Need 1-2 people
3/21	Pam Courts Linda Warren	Need 3-4 people	Need 1-2 people



Please remember to sign up for refreshments and/or donating door prizes.

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:

December 7th ~ Toys for Tots with Dick Mackey and Phyllis Burdette ~ Twenty-seven Gnat Boxers were joined by nine guests on Saturday, December 7th at our Toys for Tots dance. Thank you to everyone who brought in a toy! Several were collected along with a few cash donations in an effort to serve the children of Wayne County, Ohio. Guests in attendance hailed from Johnny Appleseeds, Medina Squares, Norton Grand Squares, and Red Lantern. Refreshments were provided by Linda Edwards as well as Armond and Judy Black.



December 21st ~ 6th Annual Cookie Bake-Off with Neil Harnar and Linda Warren ~ Twenty-seven Gnat Boxers were joined by twenty-nine guests on Saturday, December 21st to celebrate our 6th Annual Cookie Bake-off! Helen Hawkins, Harold Mong, and Tom Smucker served as our judges' panel this year. Five cookies were entered in the contest. Jeff Metcalf and Judy Koppert, using a treasured recipe of Jeff's mother, won the contest! Melissa Davis' Cool Whip cookies came in second place. Guests came from Apple Creek, Johnny Appleseeds, Norton Grand Squares, and Red Lantern. Additionally, four independent dancers joined us

while everyone enjoyed the evening while munching on cookies between tips. Other callers in attendance included Jeff Metcalf and Dan Austen. Deb Moore, Federation Calendar Coordinator, also attended. Sharon and Glenn Shaffer donated the door prize which was won by Tim Urang. Glenn Shaffer won \$36 with the 50/50 Raffle. The evening was delightful as well as a wonderful beginning to the holiday season. Recipes will be published soon ...





Keep Dancing



Traveling with Dick:

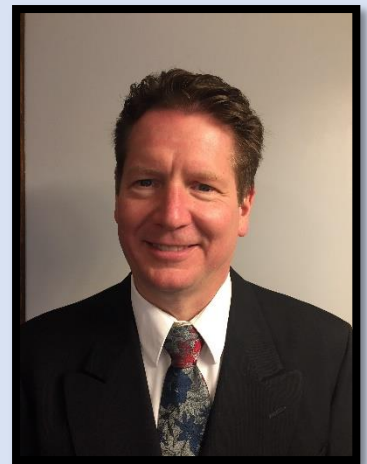
January 15 - Fun Shop in Greentown (Student Dance)
 January 19 - Federation Student Dance hosted by Gnats
 January 24 - Red Lantern Flames in Brewster
 February 1 - FADS in Norwalk
 February 8 - Swing-A-Lings in Canton (Hi-Lo Dance)
 February 15 - Gnat Boxers (Student Dance)



On a bright and sunny Sunday afternoon in early December, seven Gnat Boxers including two students, ventured off to Johnny Appleseed's Hi-Lo Dance in Mansfield. The seven Gnats caused enough of a stir to frighten the Appleseeds into returning our banner!

The following weekend, Karen declared a double-header with calling a Raid at Norton's Student Dance on Friday, December 13th and a retrieval at Swing-A-Ling's Plus Level Dance on Saturday, December 14th. Ten Gnats showed up in Norton securing the Raid and eight Gnats buzzed into Swing-A-Lings the following night to retrieve our boxing glove!

Please take some time to thank Karen for her hard work and dedication over the last 3-4 years as our Banner Chairperson. Karen has set things up well for Dan Reinarts to take the reins!



Officer Highlights ~ Dan Reinarts, Banner Chairperson: At the Annual Meeting in October, Dan was elected to serve as our Banner Chairperson beginning January 2020. Dan graduated from lessons in April 2019. Although he took lessons very seriously, he struggled to learn crossfire, peel off, and peel the top. Dan enjoys square dancing and even danced in MN over the summer. Dan is married to Patty (the Club's Secretary) and has two sons who are in college. He has worked for Rockwell Automation since 1986 in various positions and is currently a Strategic Account Technical Consultant. His primary client is Proctor & Gamble in Cincinnati. Therefore, he travels to the Queen City weekly but always looks forward to coming home and dancing over the weekend.



Student's Scoop



Upcoming Student Lessons



Gnat Boxer student lessons are held on Mondays at Ida Sue School

located at 266 Oldman Road in Wooster.

Lessons run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

January 6 ~ Lesson #14

January 13 ~ Lesson #15

January 20 ~ Lesson #16

January 27 ~ Lesson #17



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.



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.

Dan Reinarts is our new Banner Chairperson. Dan will announce raids and retrievals through our weekly dance list posted on Facebook as well as Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News club e-mails and Student News e-mails.





Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News



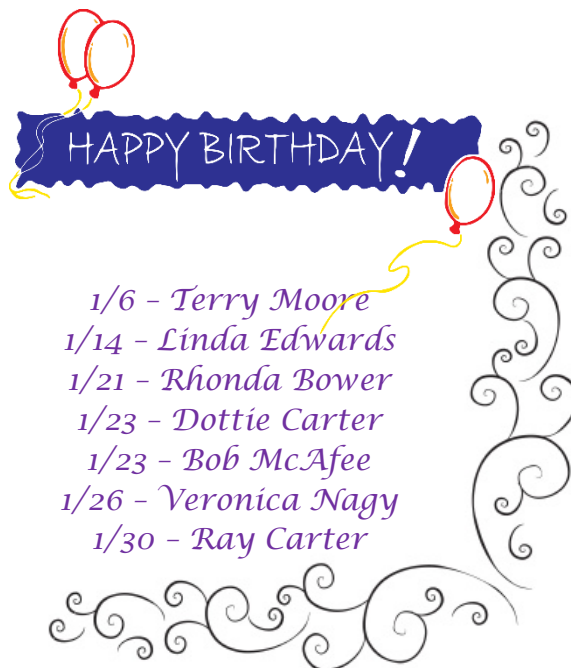
2020 Honor's Dance

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

The Federation's Honor Dance will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Norton Elementary School located at 3390 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in Norton. The Candidates running for Honor Couple/Person this year are Richard Maddox from Norton Grand Squares and our very own Kevin and Pam Brazee. Ed Pabst will be calling the dance and his wife, Carol, will provide cueing for the round dancers.



From Nancy Mackey: Dick and I would like to thank the club for the spectacular dinner theater show at the Amish Country Theater this Christmas season! We had a wonderful time and really appreciate the generosity!



- 1/6 - Terry Moore
- 1/14 - Linda Edwards
- 1/21 - Rhonda Bower
- 1/23 - Dottie Carter
- 1/23 - Bob McAfee
- 1/26 - Veronica Nagy
- 1/30 - Ray Carter

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.