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President's Message:



Greetings Gnat Boxers!

Thank you to everyone who made our 60th anniversary dinner and dance successful. It was a wonderful evening with many hands making

light work. Special thanks to visiting callers for adding to the fun. Jeff Metcalf, Danny Beck, Rebecca Shull, and Rex Parker all called with Dick leading the way.

Our club lessons are going well. We have 8 new students. If you are able, please join us on Monday evenings at 7:00. If you can't dance, come anyway for the fellowship. We love seeing you! As we look to the future, we hope square dancing and the fellowship will continue.

We have been blessed by the many who have served the club. Please consider what you can do to help out. Visit other clubs and invite others back to our club, maybe dinner before a dance. Get to know the wonderful people who dance. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

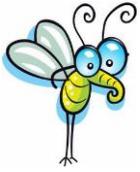
Keep dancing!

Greg & Terry



Help your fellow dancers stay healthy by staying home if you have been sick (vomiting, diarrhea, or running a fever) within the last 24 hours. Also, remember to sanitize your hands frequently both at lessons and at dances. Thanks for doing your part!

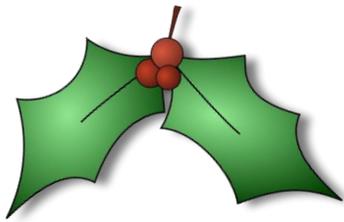
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Gnat Boxer Dances



November 16th ~ "I am Thankful For ..." We will be collecting non-perishable food items for People to People. Please check the expiration dates of donated items to ensure they are safe for consumption!



December 7th ~ Help Santa with Toy Donations ~ Please bring an unopened as well as unwrapped new toy with you to the dance on December 7th. All collected toys will be donated to the Toys for Tots program in Wayne County which serves the children in our area.

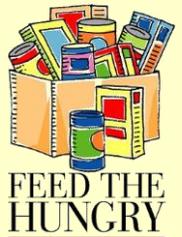


December 21st ~ Student Dance & 6th Annual All-Star Christmas Cookie Bake-off ~ Anyone can enter a cookie recipe. Cookies must be homemade to be considered for the contest. Please bring copies of your recipe with you.

Upcoming Club Dances

November 2nd ~ Special 3-hour dance Featuring Jack Pladdys and Phyllis Burdette.

November 16 ~ "I am Thankful For ..." Special 3-hour dance featuring Howard and Donna Williamson, a husband and wife calling/cueing duo!



December 7th ~ Help Santa with Toy Donations ~ Featuring our very own Dick Mackey as the caller and Phyllis Burdette as the cuer.



December 21st ~ Student Dance & 6th Annual All-Star Christmas Cookie Bake-off ~ Featuring Neil Harnar as the caller and Linda Warren as the cuer.



Gnat Boxer Dances



Refreshments & Door Prizes

Date	Caller/Cuer Or Theme	Refreshments	Door Prize
11/2	Jack Pladdys Phyllis Burdette Special 3-hour dance	All club members - Bring a dish to share	David & Carolyn Caron
11/16	Howard & Donna Williamson Food Drive - 3-hours	All club members - Bring a dish to share	Dan & Patty Reinarts
12/7	Dick Mackey Phyllis Burdette Toys for Tots	Linda Edwards Judy Black Tim Urang	Armond & Judy Black
12/21	Neil Harnar Linda Warren Cookie Bake-off	All club members - Bring a plate of cookies	Glenn & Sharon Shaffer

Monthly Club Dance Highlights:

October 5th ~ Hobo Stew Dance with Pam Courts and Kristy Lake ~
 Twenty Gnat Boxers and twenty-one guests danced to Pam Courts yodeling calls. Guests hailed from Apple Creek, Brecksville, Medina, Norton, and Red Lantern. Additional callers in the house included Jeff Metcalf, Paul Lake, and Rex Parker. Chris & Deb Moore, Federation Dance Calendar Coordinators, were also in attendance. Diane Sargeant won the door prize, a gift bag provided by Harold & Michelle Mong. Rex Parker also won \$35 with the 50/50 raffle.

While mingling with dancers between square tips, Pam Courts commented, "I imagine square dancing is what heaven must be like. Everyone loving on each other and having a good time."

FOOM!



Gnat Boxer Dances



Monthly Club Dance Highlights:



October 19th ~ 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Dinner & Dance!

Gnat Boxers ... both young and old ... along with a few friends gathered at Trinity United Church of Christ in downtown Wooster to share a delightful evening together. Greg Moore opened the celebration dinner with an eloquent speech followed by praying a blessing over the meal. Memories were made as stories were told and remembrances were shared.

Afterwards, the party moved to Ida Sue School for a night of dancing ... both squares and rounds. Fifty Gnat Boxers were joined by dancers from Apple Creek, Brecksville Squares,

Circulators, FADS, Johnny Appleseds in Mansfield, Medina Squares, Norton Grand Squares, NuHall, Red Lantern Flames, and Swing-A-Lings. There were three friends attending just for the fun of it!

Sadly, our second caller, Dave Stuthard, was unable to join us due to illness. In an unselfish move, Dick Mackey asked the other callers in attendance if they would stand in the gap in Dave's absence. Much to the delight of everyone, Jeff Metcalf, Rebecca Shul, Danny Beck, and Rex Parker all agreed to call a tip which made the evening even more fun!

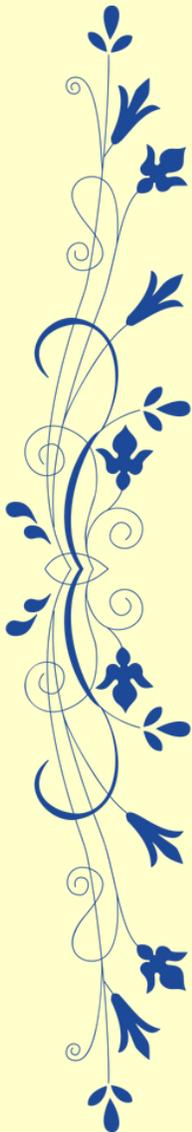
Refreshments at the dance included cake, cupcakes, mints, nuts, and beverages. A dancer from another club even showed up with a crock-pot of some sort of rice/sausage entrée. Scoop it up, set it out, it will get eaten!

Seven differently themed baskets were raffled off to various winners. Nine dancers took home potted mums as door prizes in addition to Brian Poorman, from Norton, winning a light fixture generously donated by Deloris Coffman and a Gnat Boxer club blanket was won by Judy Black. Judy's daughter, Rhonda Bower, won \$124 with the 50/50 raffle.





Thank You



Greg & Terry Moore - Handling historical memorabilia display
Tom & Elaine Weygandt - Handling decorations/centerpieces
Mike Brugger - Coordinating ticket sales and donating themed basket
Kevin & Pam Brazee - Making the cake and punch as well as working on the celebration dangles and donating themed basket
Patty Reinarts - Handling advertising, loaning chairs, and bringing the mints
Erma Miller - Handling arrangements with the caterers and donating themed basket
Karen Howard - Bringing the nuts
Don Gerber & Tim Urang - Setting up dance hall
Dick & Nancy Mackey - Loaning chairs, handling door prize tickets, calling the dance, and donating themed basket
Jeff Metcalf, Rebecca Shul, Danny Beck, and Rex Parker - calling a tip rather impromptu
Bill & Joyce Veitch - being our photographers
Ken & Patty Kinney - Serving as our greeters for the evening
Helen Hawkins - Overseeing the sign-in sheets
Michelle Mong - Handling celebration dangle sales
Bimp & Mary Hawthorne - Overseeing 50/50 raffle ticket sales
Debra Lenthe - Overseeing themed basket raffle
Jean Brugger, Chris & Deb Moore - Cutting and serving cake, donating themed basket items
Veronica Nagy, Armond & Judy Black - Serving beverages
Melissa Davis, Kelley Turner & Dave Tharp - Donating themed basket, preparing mint and nut cups
Earl & Sue Nickels - Refilling mint and nut cups
Deloris Coffman - Donating themed basket and extra door prize
Glenn & Sharon Shaffer - Donating themed basket
Anyone who donated items to a themed basket
Anyone else who may not have been listed - your help is greatly appreciated!!

Leftover food items from the dinner were donated to Trinity United Church of Christ's breakfast program which feeds the homeless.



Keep Dancing



Traveling with Dick:

*November 22 - Solo Squares in Berea
December 7 - Gnat Boxers in Wooster - Toys for Tots
December 14 - Hubs in Solon
December 21 - Westerville Promenaders in Westerville*

*January 4 - Red Lantern Flames in Brewster
February 1 - FADS in Norwalk*



Recently, Glenda Ross was promoted as Swing-A-Ling's new commander-in-chief over banner raids. Glenda wasted no time in scoping out her new territory. Realizing, on September 21st, the Gnat Boxers have had their banner for months, she quickly assembled her troops for the grueling journey westward in pursuit of retrieving it. They succeeded in capturing

their banner from us during our Apple Fest dance.

A week later, while traveling through Norton, six Gnats stumbled upon a very large building with alluring lights streaming from an overhead door in the side of it. The curious Gnats stopped to investigate ... as they approached the opening, they heard music, and saw people dancing in squares. They were welcomed with open arms and joined in the fun. Being two dancers shy of a raid, the Gnats in attendance inquired about phantoms and prospered in digging up a couple ... Bob Mace and Jan Nance. Spontaneous raiding at its finest!

Dick called his "Pick Your Own Dance" at Swing-A-Lings in the middle of October. Karen seized the opportunity to raid them again in an attempt to send Glenda a strong message ... the Gnats are a fierce adversary and we won't make things easy for her!

The following weekend, being in a desperate situation with only half a square making an appearance in Apple Creek, a covert mission to con several double-agents into paying the higher non-member rate was set in motion. Four unsuspecting dancers ended up switching sides allowing the Gnats a successfully raid on October 18th. The victory was short-lived, however, when the very next evening Apple Creek crashed the Diamond Jubilee dance and re-claimed their banner. Darn double-agents! Brecksville also sent a brigade of dancers down south to sneak in and retrieve their banner during the Diamond Jubilee. The Gnats didn't even see that one coming!



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.

October 28 ~ Lesson #4

November 4 ~ Lesson #5

November 11 ~ Lesson #6

November 18 ~ Lesson #7

November 25 ~ Lesson #8

December 2 ~ Lesson #9

December 9 ~ Lesson #10

December 16 ~ Lesson #11

December 23 ~ Lesson #12

December 30 ~ Lesson #13

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!



Keep Dancing!

Student Dances are special dances designed to provide students with an opportunity to practice the moves learned during lessons. Student dances begin in December. We strongly encourage you to attend as many student

dances as possible. The club also provides transportation options to student dances (carpooling). Here's a list of a few of the upcoming student dances in December:

- Friday, December 6th - Medina Squares
- Sunday, December 8th - Mansfield (hi/lo)
- Friday, December 13th - Norton
- Friday, December 13th - Solo Squares
- Sat. December 14th - Friendly Squares (hi/lo)
- Friday, December 20th - Brecksville Squares
- Saturday, December 21st - Gnat Boxers

www.gnatboxers.com ~ Our website has a link to online videos where experienced dancers demonstrate square dance moves. Click on 'links' on the left side. Then, click on 'video square dance lessons.' Scroll down to the "Mainstream Lessons".

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.





Student's Scoop



Upcoming Student Lessons

January 6 ~ Lesson #14

January 13 ~ Lesson #15

January 20 ~ Lesson #16

January 27 ~ Lesson #17

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)*

*Graduation Ceremony provided no lessons were missed due to inclement weather.



Definitions

Caller: The person who directs dancers through a square dance.

Angel: An experienced dancer who attends classes to fill out squares and help the caller demonstrate the proper way to perform various movements.

Call: 1) A set of moves dancers do when the caller calls its name. Most calls are made up of simpler calls, i.e. two or more calls combined.

2) A series of calls which traditionally starts and ends with "bow to your partner, bow to your corner."

Tip: The time you spend dancing in one square without a break. Typically, this consists of a patter call and a singing call.

Hash Call: A call which is spoken or chanted rather than sung, but is usually done to background music. A hash call is also called a patter call. You end up with your original partner each time you promenade home.

Singing Call: A call which consists of a song with some of the lyrics replaced by square dance calls.



Honor Couple Nominees



Kevin & Pam Brazee ~ have been nominated to represent Gnat Boxers this year as our Honor Couple Nominees.



A love for dancing was instilled in Pam early on as she grew up dancing farm-style squares in Pennsylvania. Kevin and Pam began square dancing in 2011. The most difficult move for Kevin to learn was diamond circulate. He just couldn't get it until an angel pointed out how the positions of the dancers form a diamond shape. Ah! Now, it all makes sense! Despite knowing the difference between right and left, Pam struggled the most with learning the right and left thru.

Kevin and Pam thoroughly enjoyed dancing at the West Virginia Convention this past summer as well as dancing at the Ohio state convention. For the last four years, they have

enjoyed the Turkey Strut Convention in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. It's definitely a favorite! Kevin and Pam also enjoy round dancing, especially the two step and the waltz. The waltz is Kevin's favorite. While in Tennessee the past two years, they have attended workshops for the two step. They are also both looking forward to someday having the time to learn more of the round dances.

Over the last several years, Kevin and Pam have been very active in leadership roles within the club. They served as our presidents for three years. Pam has also served as our Secretary for two-and-a-half years as well as the Treasurer for two years, sometimes holding both offices at the same time! Pam is currently serving her second year as Assistant Treasurer. Kevin, being the techie he is, designed and developed the club's website four years ago. He continues to serve as our Webmaster. Kevin and Pam have also served as Federation Reps or Alternate Federation Reps over the last three years.

For the past three years, Kevin has been working full-time as the Tech Coordinator at Northwestern Local Schools. Prior to working for the school, Kevin was self-employed for many years and continues to log hours through his self-employment endeavors. Pam, who has worked as an accountant for 30+ years, is currently employed by Hedstrom in Ashland, Ohio.

Kevin and Pam attend church at Westminster Presbyterian in Wooster. They have been married since 2006 and have three children; a son named Gary, and two daughters named Amanda and Sarah. Kevin and Pam enjoy spending many weekends camping and hiking with their three wonderful grandchildren.



Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News



Ida Sue Acknowledges Gnat Boxers!

Ida Sue has installed a plaque to their sign to honor the club for our contribution to them!



In 2018, we donated \$670 (which was half of the cost) towards a new sign for Ida Sue School.

More on Ida Sue!

During the Annual Meeting on October 5th, a motion was passed to set aside \$750 from the treasury towards a contribution to Ida Sue which would benefit the school as well as the club.



Recently, the officers approved spending \$300 of those funds towards the replacement of the refrigerator in Ida Sue's kitchen. Some of our refreshments are stored in the fridge during our dances.

January 4, 2020 National Spaghetti Day



A few people are needed to help plan our Spaghetti Dinner dance on January 4th. The first

planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Meeting location TBD. Please sign up with Patty Reinarts if you would like to attend the meeting.



Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News



Happy Birthday

- 11/3 - Ken Swisher
- 11/4 - Helen Grassbaugh
- 11/5 - Erma Miller
- 11/11 - Armond Black
- 11/24 - Larry Webb
- 11/29 - Jeff Metcalf

Happy Anniversary!



- 11/7 - Chuck & Helen Grassbaugh
49 Years!
- 11/21 - Dick & Nancy Mackey
63 Years!

Memories on CD



Bill & Joyce Veitch did an excellent job capturing the 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee dinner and dance in photos. The pictures are available on CD if you would like to print and/or upload them. Simply request the CD from Patty Reinarts. Pictures can also be viewed/downloaded from our Facebook page.



We will gather from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th at the Greentown Community Park, 9845 Cashner Road, Greentown, OH 44685.

The Federation will provide the meat, the beverages, and the table service. Please bring a covered dish and a dessert to share with everyone.

In addition to live entertainment, there will also be an optional \$10.00 gift exchange for those who wish to participate.



Set-up will begin at 11:30 a.m. If you can go early to help, it will be appreciated!



Membership dues are \$12/person and are now due. Members enjoy a reduced admission fee at our regular dances. Dues are used to provide dance insurance (through the Akron Federation) to our members as well as offsetting the club's expense of paper plates, Styrofoam cups, plastic silverware, hand sanitizer, etc.

A Note from the Secretary: Please submit any news 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 prayer requests as well as changes to your home address, e-mail address, and/or phone numbers.