

**Do Paso Gazette**  
**Gnat Boxers Square Dance Club**

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**2016**

**MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT.....**

**OCTOBER**

**Presidents Message**

Opening night of our first free lesson was a great success; we danced with eight squares all evening. Regular lessons begin on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>! I'd like to thank everyone who danced at the fair demo and as always for helping with lessons. Once again this year, if you are a returning student and would like to earn your angel badge, a sign-up sheet will be available once regular lessons begin. You must attend 75% or more of the lessons to earn your dangle.

We are excited to start a new year and learn more about our new students; however, the gym became quite noisy a few times between tips. Even though I am thrilled with the great enthusiasm, please remember that everyone needs to be able to hear the announcements, so let's lead by example when anyone is at the microphone.

I would also like to thank all the members who have been helping fulfill the duties at the dances as our some of our regulars that we count on at every dance have had to meet other commitments.

We will host two dances this month, October 1<sup>st</sup> with Ed Pabst , and October 15<sup>th</sup> with Dick Mackey. October 15<sup>th</sup> is Hobo Stew night; remember to bring your canned vegetables to contribute to the stew. Please plan on staying for a few minutes after the dance on October 15<sup>th</sup> for the annual meeting. Your officers work very hard all year, so please show them some support by attending the annual meeting.

As always we encourage you to share any concerns and suggestions. We will do our best to address these and represent all our members. God Bless you all.

**Respectfully your Presidents,**  
**Kevin and Pam Brazee**

## Dance Highlights

The Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> dance welcomed caller, Tom Roper and cuer, Phyllis Burdette. It was attended by 20 members and 31 guests.

Visiting guests were from various clubs around the state, including Acey Duecy, Apple Creek Promenaders, Brecksville Squares, Fun Shop, Norton Grand Squares, Red Lanter, Swing-a-Lings, and Dixie Squares. Red Lantern and Swing-a-Lings retrieved their banners. Apple dishes were served for refreshments by club members. Jerry Kick won the 50/50 and Carl Scheetz from Swing-a-Lings won the door prize. The door prize was provided by Scott & Rhonda Boothby. Bob Moore won a homemade apple pie made by Michelle Mong. Lucinda Sigrist won the apple crisp made by Kevin and Pam Brazee. The club made a profit of \$44 from the cake walks.



### Traveling with Dick

Every Monday thru the end of the Year -  
Wooster

Oct. 1 - Buckeye Squares - Willoughby

Oct. 7 - Western Whirlers, Stow

Oct. 15 - Gnat Boxes, Wooster

Oct. 29 - Circulators - Ravenna

Nov. 5 - Cross Trailers, Warren

### Upcoming Dances

Oct. 1 - Ed Pabst - caller; Bruce Haislip, cuer

Oct. 15 - Dick Mackey - caller; Kristy Lake,  
cuer

Nov. 5 - Bob Jones - caller; Phyllis Burdette,  
cuer



*Please keep the following  
in your prayers; Linda Staggs,  
Gene Hawkins, Bimp Hawthorne  
& Helen Grassbaugh,*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy belated birthday to Chris Hinton - Sept. 5  
Oct. 25 - Helen Hawkins



Oct. 9 – Bob & Louise McAfee  
 Oct. 11 – Scott & Rhonda Boothby  
 Oct. 20 – Earl & Sue Nickles  
 Oct. 21 – Kevin & Pam Brazee

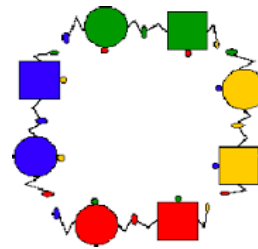
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All are welcome to attend the workshops Mondays at 7 p.m. at the home of Jeff Metcalf. His address is 1316 W. Milltown Rd., Wooster.



Will be held Sat., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> after the dance. We will be electing a new slate of officers for the coming year.



*Square Dance Lessons will be starting in late September. The first two lessons are free - - - the dates are Sept. 26 & Oct. 3. Dances will start October 10<sup>th</sup>. Invite, Invite, Invite!!!*

Refreshments for Oct. 1 – cider & donuts

Door Prize – Carolyn & David Caron  
 Refreshments for Oct. 15 – Hobo stew  
*Everyone is to bring a can of veggies for the stew.*

Door Prize – Deloris Coffman

## What is an Angel?

- Angels are the wonderful people who volunteer their time to ensure that our class has the best possible learning experience. Angels provide the new class members with their first real look at our club. How angels behave and treat new dancers, other angels, and visitors will affect our new students. Angels are role models. No matter what the instructor and club try to communicate to the students, class members inevitably take their cues from what they see the angels doing. It is important that angels be extra careful to provide good role models. Smile, be enthusiastic, and enjoy the dancing. Be friendly, courteous, and gentle. This is sometimes easier to say than to do, especially if it has been a long day. Although most of us do the right things instinctively the majority of the time it can't hurt to reiterate certain points. The following advice for angels has been extracted from several sources, including articles in square dance publications and handouts prepared for other clubs.
- Angels are not teachers; this is perhaps the most common misconception that causes problems. The primary teaching function of an angel is to teach by example. To be in the right place at the right time. One important thing you can do is to establish handholds after every move. This not only helps the students maintain their orientation in the square, it is a very good habit to develop. It is always tempting to explain something your square is not getting and the

students will often ask you to do this. Please resist while the teacher/caller is at the microphone. It diverts the student's attention from the teacher and one of the most important things to learn in beginner class is to listen to the teacher/caller. Angels can clarify a simple point for students between tips; this is fine, and helps our dancers feel welcome.

- Another difficult point is just how much help and guidance we should give in getting dancers into the right place. Dancers, after all, must learn to do the moves on their own. To gently guide someone through a maneuver if they have a momentary lapse of memory might be okay and sometimes one can help by indicating nonverbally where a person should go. But we accomplish little by pushing or pulling a dancer through an action when he or she doesn't know what was supposed to have been done. It is better to let a square break down rather than to use too much force getting people into the right place. Broken down squares are an indication to the instructor that the dancers are having problems. Do be sure the caller/teacher is aware of problems, raise your hand if necessary and ask the teacher to explain something if your square is having trouble. Be careful, however, not to embarrass any dancer by the way you ask for help. It is much better to say that "the square is not getting" a certain move rather than saying "Steve isn't getting" a certain move.

- Encourage students. Let them know that all new dancers make mistakes and that things get better with practice. Angels do make mistakes too. It is good to admit to them cheerfully as it makes the students less tense about their own mistakes.
- Square up with everyone, seek out the weaker students and ask them to dance with you. Make sure that students are not sitting out because angels are dancing.
- End Conversations Promptly -- when the caller/teacher begins a tip. If you are not dancing, keep your conversations low in the dance area.
- Remember -- your name badge. The new students have to remember our names as we try to learn theirs.



***Most importantly remember Square  
Dancing is fun. Let's enjoy our students  
as we once again develop friendships  
set to music.***

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