

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

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**Presidents Message:**

It's hard to believe that we are starting a new year. Hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday season with family and friends as we remember the reason for the season. January will begin the term of the new Gnat Boxers officers. Many of these positions and responsibilities will remain the same, the only change is Elaine and Tom Weygandt will take some time off and Diane Sargent is filling the role of Vice-President. We are looking forward to having Diane as our new Vice President! I would like to take this time to Thank Elaine and Tom for all that they have done in the past couple years and previously for our club. I am sure their presence at our meetings will be missed.

The Gnat Boxers have many things to be grateful for as we start our new year. One item at the top of our list is our class of students. Our students are

doing great and lessons have been a lot of fun. As we move forward over the next couple months, please everyone make an effort to help get all the students out to other dances. January 17<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 5 is a federation sponsored student dance at the Fairlawn Mennonite Church in Apple Creek. Hope everyone is making plans to attend to support our students and meet the students from other clubs. Also available at lessons will be the information for the students to earn their friendship badges.

The Gnat Boxers had an awesome Christmas Cookie Dance on December 19<sup>th</sup>. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who brought cookies to be shared by our fellow dancers. Also I would like to thank our 2015 panel of judges, new students Eric Forbes, Mike Brugger, Grady Bickett, and Cody Black. THANKS for a job well done. New Student Jamie

Bickett won the Cookie Bake off with Lemon Bars....according to the judges the winner was unanimous.

As always we encourage you to share any concerns and suggestions. We will do our best to address these and represent all our members. Let's all enjoy our members and students as we develop friendships set to music. God Bless you all.

**Respectfully your Presidents  
Kevin and Pam Brazee**

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**Dance Highlights**

The Dec. 5th dance welcomed caller, Ray Wiles, his wife, Ildia and cuer, Kristy Lake, husband, Paul. It was attended by 25 members and 6 guests. Visiting guests were from Brecksville Squares, Medina Squares, Norton Grand Squares, and Track II. Refreshments were provided by David & Carolyn Caron and Bimp & Mary Hawthorne. Joanne Wing from Medina won the door prize provided by Jerry Kick. Kristy Lake won the 50/50 in the amount of \$17.

Dick Mackey called the dance on Dec. 19th; the cuer was Linda Warren. The dance was attended by 50 members, including 15 students and 37 guests. Dancers came from Johny Appleseed, Swing-A-Lings and Red Lantern to retrieve their banners. Thanks to those members who provided cookies for refreshments. David Caron won the door prize

and Greg Moore won the 50/50 in the amount of \$43..



**Please keep the following in your prayers: Judy Jacquet, Linda Staggs, Glen Shaffer, Elaine Weygandt.**



**Traveling with Dick**

- Each Monday night - Lessons - Wooster
- Jan. 9 - Hubs - Solon
- Jan. 16 - Gnat Boxers - Wooster
- Jan. 20 - Fun Shop - Greentown
- Jan. 22 - Bucks & Does - Gahanna
- Feb. 5 - Western Whirlers - Stow
- Feb. 13 - Westerville Promanaders - Westerville
- Feb. 19 - Little Born Jugs - Delaware

**Upcoming Dances**

- Jan. 16 - Dick Mackey, caller; Kristy Lake, cuer Officers will provide refreshments.**
- Feb. 6 - Tom Strickland - caller; Phyllis Burdette, cuer ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE**



Jan. 6 – Terry Moore  
 Jan. 16 – Joyce Segura  
 Jan. 18 – Sam Crawford  
 Jan. 23 – Dottie Carter  
 Jan. 20 - Ray Carter  
 Jan. 23 – Bob McAfee  
 Jan. 24- Dan Hartzler  
 Jan. 28 – Walt Clements  
 Jan. 31 – Carol Paull

### 2016 Officers

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**Message from your secretary....**Please report any news, suggestions, **birthdays and/or anniversaries** or any necessary information for the newsletter to us at 330-464-3037 or email us at [mmong16@yahoo.com](mailto:mmong16@yahoo.com) The information must be in my hands no later than the second dance of the month. Don't forget to let us know if you should change your address, email address or phone number.



**We are in need of volunteers for refreshments for the upcoming dances for 2016. Please take your turn and help us out.**



**Time to pay your dues for 2016. It is now \$15 per person, due no later than Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. If not paid by this date, your name will be removed from the mailing list and you will no longer receive the newsletter. Also, you will pay Guest admission price to the dances. Dues can be paid at one of the dances or mailed to Mrs. Jane Moore, 5114 Canann Center Rd., Wooster, 44691.**

### Lemon Bars

1 cup of butter (2 sticks) softened  
 1 cup sugar  
 2 cups flour  
 1 1/4 cups oats (not quick)

Cream butter, add sugar (mix again), add flour (mix again), add oats and mix with a wooden spoon.

Press 3/4 of mixture into bottom of 7x11 pan. Set aside  
 1/4 of mixture for topping.

1 14 oz. can of sweetened condensed milk  
 3 lemons  
 1 orange

In a small mixing bowl, mix the zest of 2 lemons and 1 orange

with the condensed milk. Add the juice of 3 lemons and mix.  
Pour this over the pressed crust.  
Crumble remaining mixture over top. Bake @ 350 for 30-35 min  
Enjoy!

*Thank You – To the “Gnat Boxers”...It was appreciated very much. Thank you for the gift card for Christmas. Nancy & I are very proud to be members of the club and most of all, we are proud of the type of people we have in it. Sincerely,  
Dick and Nancy*



This may be a good time for everyone to read over the roles of an "Angel" and remember the responsibilities of all dancers.

### **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 communications to the students, class members inevitably take their cues from what they see the angels doing. It is

- 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 all the 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.



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