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## *President's Message:*

### *Greetings Gnat Boxers!*

*With the fall season arriving and the club getting back to dancing, please consider joining us for Monday evening lessons. We will be starting October 11<sup>th</sup> with a free lesson and continue for 20 weeks ending in March. There will be breaks for the holidays.*

*Having lessons again provides an opportunity for our Angels to refresh their dance skills as well as their friendships with other dancers. We will also continue with dances once a month on the third Saturday.*

*The last year and half have changed how our lives move forward. We want to continue dancing and will do everything we can to remain safe and healthy. Please join us if you are able.*

*Your Presidents ~ Greg & Terry*

*In lieu of the Annual Meeting  
Your Presence is Requested at*

***A Special Meeting***  
***On November 20<sup>th</sup>***  
***Immediately Following the Dance***

*Find us on the web at [www.gnatboxers.com](http://www.gnatboxers.com)*





# Gnat Boxer Dances



## Dance Highlights



*Jack Pladdys and Gene Eckley ~ Rex Parker and Alex Wroblewski rounded out the squares as extra callers on hand at our Annual Apple Fest dance.*

*Deb and Chris Moore, Federation Dance Calendar Coordinators, also added to the fun of the evening. Ten*

*Gnat Boxers danced with nine guests from Fun Shop, Medina Squares, Red Lantern Flames, and Track II. Mike Brugger won the door prize donated by Patty and Dan Reinarts. Dan Hendrix won \$23 with the 50/50 raffle.*



## Upcoming Dances



*October 16 ~ Special Dance with caller, Pam Courts - Cuer TBD*

*November 20 ~ Food Drive with Dave Stuthard & Phyllis Burdette*



*December 18 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Star Cookie Bake-off with Jason Raleigh & Brian Smith*

*January 15 ~ Regift Auction with Bill Meese & Brian Smith*





# Gnat Boxer Dances



## Refreshments & Door Prizes

Date	Caller/Cuer Or Theme	Refreshments	Door Prize
10/16	Pam Courts Cuer - TBD Special Dance	All club members - please bring a dish to share	Could be you!
11/20	Dave Stuthard Phyllis Burdette Food Drive	Need 2 - 4 people	Could be you!
12/18	Jason Raleigh Brian Smith Cookie Dance	All club members - Bring a plate of Homemade cookies	Kelley Turner Dave Tharp

Please remember to sign up for refreshments and/or donating door prizes.  
We need all club members to take a turn.  
Contact Erma Miller, Refreshment Chairperson,  
Via phone at 330.204.8483 or via e-mail at [emillme32@yahoo.com](mailto:emillme32@yahoo.com)



With troops falling ill, both the retrieval from Johnny Appleseeds in Mansfield as well as the raid on the Apple Creek Promenaders were a BUST! Not being deterred, Dan is calling the following **RAIDS** in October:

- Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – Friendly Squares – Gene Hammond and Neil Harnar
- Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – Apple Creek Promenaders – Ed and Carol Pabst
- Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Brecksville Squares – Howard and Donna Williamson





# Keep Dancing



## Kicking Off Lessons

## 2022 Dance Schedule

**October 9<sup>th</sup> - Farm Tour Demo**  
@ Dale Miller's farm located at 8594 James Road in Wooster. The demo begins at 2:00 p.m. Rebecca Shull will call the demo. We need 8 - 12 dancers, please sign up with Patty Reinarts.

**October 11<sup>th</sup> - FREE Lesson -**  
Lessons will be held Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Ida Sue School located at 266 Oldman Road in Wooster. Our lesson season will kick off on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> with a FREE lesson.



Please bring a plate of cookies to lessons for at least the first three weeks!

Beginning October 18<sup>th</sup>, lessons will cost \$4/lesson; \$80/year (20 weeks). Neil Harnar will be teaching our lessons this year. He will accept students throughout the month of October. Graduation is tentatively scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**January 15<sup>th</sup> - Bill Meese/Brian Smith - Regifting auction**

**February 19<sup>th</sup> - Tom Strickland/Amy Riehl - A Chocoholic's Dream & Student Dance**

**March 19<sup>th</sup> - Kristy Williams/Linda Warren - Special Dance**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> - Easter; no dance**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> - Rebecca Shull/Janice Rauch**

**June 18<sup>th</sup> - Ed Pabst/Carol Pabst - Homemade Ice Cream**

**July 16<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Metcalf/Brian Smith**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> - David Heffron/Janice Rauch - Tailgate Picnic**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> - Jack Pladdys/Amy Riehl - Special Dance & Apple Fest**

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Dick Mackey Legacy Dance**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> - Dave Stuthard/Janice Rauch - Hobo Stew**

**November 19<sup>th</sup> - Ed Pabst/Carol Pabst - Give Thanks-Food Drive**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> - Chad Barger/Amy Riehl - 9<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Star Cookie Bake-off!**





# Square Dance Angels



## How to Become an Angel

- A sign-up sheet will be available beginning with the first regular lesson on October 8th for anyone who wishes to earn their “angel badge”.
- Any dancer who has graduated from lessons and has not already earned their angel badge is eligible to work towards earning their badge. Simply attend at least 75% of the lessons this year and help the new students learn to square dance.

## What is a Square Dance Angel?

- Angels are wonderful experienced square dancers who volunteer their time ensuring our lessons provide the best possible learning experience for students.
- Angels provide students 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 also role models. Regardless of what the instructor and club members try to communicate to the class, students inevitably take their cues from what they see the angels doing. It is important for angels to be extra careful in providing good role models. Smile, be enthusiastic, and enjoy the dancing. Be friendly,

courteous, and gentle. This is sometimes easier to say than do especially if it has been a long day. Although most of us do the right things instinctively, the majority of time, it cannot hurt to reiterate certain points.

The following advice regarding angels has been extracted from several sources, including articles found in square dance publications as well as handouts prepared for other clubs.



- Perhaps the most common misconception regarding angels is they are not instructors. The primary function of an angel is to teach by example, i.e. to be in the right place at the right time.
- One important aspect of being an angel is to establish handholds after every move. This not only helps the students maintain their orientation in the square, it is also a very good habit to develop.
- Angels find it tempting to explain something their square is not getting. Likewise, students will often ask angels to explain moves to



# More on Angels



them. Please resist explaining moves while the teacher/caller is at the microphone as it diverts the student's attention away from the teacher. A crucial element to learn in beginner class is to listen to the teacher/caller. Angels should feel free, however, to clarify a simple point for students between tips because it helps our students feel welcome.

- Another difficult point for angels is discerning just how much help and guidance should be given in order to get students into the right place. Dancers, after all, must learn the moves on their own. However, gently guiding someone through a maneuver if they have a momentary lapse of memory should be okay. However, little is accomplished by pushing or pulling a student through a move when he or she does not know the move.
- Broken down squares are an indication to the instructor that dancers are having problems. Therefore, it is better to allow a square to break down rather than using too much force while trying to get people into the right place.
- If necessary, please raise your hand and ask the teacher to explain the move your square is finding difficult. Be careful, however, not to embar-

arrass any dancer with the way you ask for help. It is much better to comment, "our square is not getting xyz" rather than saying, "Aunt Sally isn't getting it".

- Encourage students by letting them know all dancers make mistakes while also reassuring them they will get better with practice.
- Don't forget, angels also make mistakes. Admit to your mistakes cheerfully because 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 students are not sitting out because too many 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 to wear your name badge at lessons because the new students are learning our names while we also 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.





# Federation News



## Catch the Fun Convention

## Current Federation Club Updates

**free** *Early-bird Drawing for FREE Weekend Stay in the Honeymoon Cottage at Bertram Inn & Conference Center - To enter the contest, register for the 2022 Catch the Fun Ohio Dance Convention. It's that simple! The winner will be drawn at the October 17<sup>th</sup> Kick-off Dance. Winner need not attend the Kick-Off Dance to claim prize.*

### Catch the Fun 2022 Convention Kick-off Dance

*Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.*

*Kidron Community Center located at 4434 Kidron Road in Dalton. Admission: \$10/ person. Two callers: Dave Heffron and Ed Pabst; one cuer: Carol Pabst. Dance includes basket raffle and split the pot.*

**Convention 2022 Merchandise -**  
*You can now get a "Combo Deal" of Catch the Fun 2022 Ohio Dance Convention merchandise. For \$10 you will receive a tote bag, a water bottle, 2 pens, and an "Oh Henry" bar. Shirts are also available; cost is dependent on sizes.*

*Orders can be placed with Chickie Weber or Henry/Karen Cochran.*

**Need a Floor to Dance on -** *Unfortunately, the flooring company being used for the 2022 Ohio Dance Convention has closed up shop. If you know anyone who does this type of work, please let Chickie know right away.*



- **Circulators** – ONLY dance in 2021 is their Monster Mash dance on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fun Shop** – only dancing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. This is a temporary change.
- **Gnat Boxers** – only dancing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. This is a permanent change.
- **Medina Squares** – still dancing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. However, they now dance at the Office for Older Adults located at 246 Northland Drive in Medina – lower level.
- **Red Lantern Flames** – only dancing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month for the remainder of 2021. This is a temporary change.
- **Swing-A-Lings** – only dancing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month beginning in October 2021. This is a temporary change.



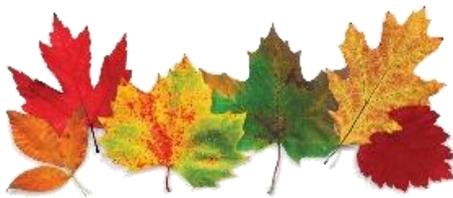
# Gnat Boxer Neighborhood News



## Federation Nominations

Patty Reinarts, Federation Nominating Committee, is accepting nominations for the following Federation positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary - appointed
- State Corps. Reps - appointed - need 2 people - a good role for a couple



## Plan B Lesson Locations

Although Ida Sue wishes to be able to remain open to outside groups throughout this coming school year, they are not sure they will be able to so. Ida Sue has told us they plan to assess the COVID situation every three weeks. Therefore, the Gnat Boxer Officers feel it is prudent to have a few "Plan B Lesson Locations" available to us just in case. If you know of a suitable location, please let us know. Thanks!

## Reimbursement

When you provide refreshments for a dance, the club will reimburse you up to \$40!



## Happy Birthday!

October 10 - Dana Bower  
 October 11 - Kelley Turner  
 October 17 - Judy Black  
 October 25 - Helen Hawkins  
 October 25 - Dave Tharp



## Happy Anniversary!

10/9 - Bob & Louise McAfee  
**45 Years!**

10/11 - Scott & Rhonda Boothby  
**35 Years!**

10/20 - Earl & Sue Nickles  
**42 Years!**

10/21 - Kevin & Pam Brazee  
**15 Years!**

**A Note from the Secretary:** Please submit any news or suggestions for the newsletter to Patty Reinarts via e-mail at [GnatBoxers@gmail.com](mailto:GnatBoxers@gmail.com) or via phone/text at 330.641.2395. Also, please let Patty know of any prayer requests as well as changes to your home address, e-mail address, and/or phone numbers.