



**August 2021**

**MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENTS VELMA DOYLE & FRED MOORE**

What a fantastic dance we had On July 23rd! We had eight squares. We think we benefited greatly from the well-attended COCDC Monday night workshops where the many dancers in attendance got used to coming to our dance location. Dave Stuthard has been doing a great job, as instructor, making it FUN and teaching in such a way that even experienced dancers have been learning things about square dancing that they did not know. Also, Dave helped promote our dance by assuring everyone that if they attended our dance, they would be able to dance everything he called. The FREE COCDC summer workshops will continue at the Gahanna CC Church on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm through Aug 23rd.

We have two great dances coming up in August, Jason Raleigh and Chuck Berry on Aug 6th and Kristy Williams and Dave Blaskis on Aug 27th. We will not be holding a dance on Sept 3rd, since many of us on the BADS/OS board plan to be in Des Moines, Iowa attending the 50th and final Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama festival on Labor Day weekend, while others have conflicting plans to attend family get-togethers. We currently are providing ice water and coffee at our dances, but encourage people to continue to bring their own individually marked water bottles. At this time we are not providing food. The Gahanna CC Church currently is not permitting us to serve any food items that are homemade or are not individually wrapped.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for the fund-raising dance at the Gahanna church on August 30 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., so dancers can help the Gahanna church with the major expense of replacing their main air conditioner. Dave Stuthard will be the MC and will be calling, along with Jason Raleigh and Ed Laudenschlager. Chuck Berry will be cueing rounds. We hope you will help support this dance since the Columbus square dance community benefits a great deal from being able to dance in the Gahanna Church, where we pay reasonable rent for the space and the church has treated us well

We look forward to seeing you and hopefully dancing with you soon somewhere in a square!

**CURRENT CELEBRATIONS**

Wish these dancers a Happy Birthday when you see them in a square:

August 17	Larry Lim	August 26	Sheri Kreinbihl
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And these a Happy Anniversary!

August 14	Ned & Marquell Segelken	August 21	Charlie & Millie McClay
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## CLUB SCHEDULE

Friday, August 6	BADS/OS Club Dance, 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. (Early Rounds at 7:30 p.m.) Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Caller: Jason Raleigh, Cuer: Chuck Berry
Thursday, August 12	BADS/OS Board Meeting by Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Club members are welcome to participate. If interested, contact Velma Doyle at 614-837-6974 for instructions on how to join our meeting via Zoom or telephone.
Friday, August 27	BADS/OS Club Dance, 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. (Early Rounds at 7:30 p.m.) Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Caller: Kristy Williams, Cuer: Dave Blaskis

## COUNCIL REPORT

The Central Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs (Council) held its regular meeting on July 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Some of the main points discussed were:

- Paulette Henry has agreed to be interim secretary for COCDC. Thanks to Paulette.
- The Monday night workshops have been doing very well, with 6 squares dancing most nights. Dave Stuthard is the instructor.
- Council is down to 10 clubs now, with Dixie Squares and Maple Leaf Squares folding and Bucks and Does and Orbiting Squares merging.
- Council gave Member clubs a year of complimentary membership during the pandemic as a way to support area clubs, but decided to collect \$30 in dues from each Member club for the coming year. The deadline for paying the dues was extended to September 30, 2021.
- Clubs are to fill out their own calendars on the Central Ohio Square Dance Calendar, maintained by Ray Owens. Council will no longer produce paper calendars.
- Terri Ross requested help with storing the large amount of paper products she has been storing for special Council dances.
- Council decided not to have a Toys for Tots dance this year, but to just request donations from dancers for that charity sent through Ray's Weave The Ring website.
- State Convention: The State Convention needs a new registrar. The contract for the 2023 convention with the Columbus hotel has been signed; we're now committed to holding it. The 2022 convention will be at the Bertram hotel near Cleveland again; their website is up and registrations are open. We hope that many people will attend the '22 convention so that they'll find out about our convention in '23.
- USDA Insurance: If a club is participating and there is an accident at that club, the reporting form needs to be submitted within 48 hours. If new dancers join a club, their names must be sent in. Council decided not to pay for clubs' insurance for the coming year; we don't yet know what the price per dancer will be.
- Old Business:
  - Council approved name badges for Council Board members.
- New Business:
  - Start time for Council meetings is now 7:00 p.m. The schedule for upcoming meetings was given. The September meeting is on a Wednesday; all others are on a Monday. Council is checking with the Gahanna Presbyterian church to see if we can continue to meet there.
  - There was a lengthy discussion about the possibility of Council sponsoring beginner square dance classes for the whole area. There would be three different locations on different nights of the week and Council would pay the caller/instructor. No decision was reached.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 8.

## SINGLE SQUARE DANCERS USA NEWS

Single Square Dancers USA will be celebrating 50 years of dancing at our final Dance-A-Rama (DAR) festival at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa on September 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2021. If you come a day early you can also enjoy our *Bridges of Madison County and John Wayne Birthplace Museum Tour* and our Trail-In Dance on Thursday, September 2nd. We have just arranged to have a larger bus for our Thursday tour, so there now should be room for everyone who wants to sign up. There is also space on our Sunday *Mystery Tour* which is always a highlight of each DAR. Iowa has many interesting and beautiful sites to offer. The Capitol, Sculpture Park and Art Center are free and there is a free shuttle that operates in the downtown loop (from the Capitol to the Sculpture Park).

We have almost all of the same outstanding callers and cuers that originally were to entertain us in Ohio in 2020: Callers: **Jack Pladdys** (OH), **Tim Tyl** (TX), **Tom Davis** (OH) and **Travis Cook** (KY), and Cuer: **Bonnie Lawrence** (IN) (with Bonnie also teaching and leading line dances). Also cueing for us will be **Carolyn and Tony Ahart** (MO). We will be programming for squares at Mainstream through A-2, rounds from level II through VI and line dances. None of the dancing will be on carpet.

Fred and I are looking forward to this DAR festival. Over the years we have attended seventeen DAR's all over the USA, and have enjoyed making new friends and seeing old friends and dancing with many of them again each year. We also have appreciated the convenience of always having the dancing in the same hotels where we were staying. It is so much easier on dancers and more FUN to be close to the dancing. We have a special room rate of \$108 + tax per night (1-4 people) at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn. The hotel offers many amenities, including refrigerators, microwaves, and free Wi Fi in the rooms, and a full service restaurant. They have a free shuttle that runs within a two mile radius of the hotel, including the airport, and also have plenty of free parking. You can use Uber, Lyft, or taxis to get to the downtown or other places in the local area. Some of you may remember this hotel from when we held our Dance-A-Rama there in 2012. The hotel has done extensive remodeling since then and all dancing will be on one level this year.

Note: There will be plenty of hand sanitizer available and we ask that dancers bring their own covered/labeled water bottles. There will be water stations where water bottles can be refilled.

**Don't forget that ALL square and round dancers are welcome at our Dance-A-Rama festivals.** You can pick up a Registration Form at the Monday night COCDC workshops or at our dances, or you can download one from the SSDUSA website: [dar2021.ssdusa.org](http://dar2021.ssdusa.org). We hope to see you in Iowa!

Velma

## 62<sup>ND</sup> OHIO DANCE CONVENTION

*Catch the Fun in 2022!*

*May 5, 6, 7, 2022*

*The Bertram Inn & Conference Center  
600 North Aurora Road, Aurora OH 44202  
330-995-0200*

***Room Rates \$89.00 per night + taxes with the 62<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Dance Convention***

*Thursday May 5th -The Trail-End Dance will have Plus & Rounds Halls for 1 price 7:30-10:00PM*

*Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> - Round Dance Clinics, Tours, Vendors.*

*Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> Showcase of Rounds, Round Dance Teaches,*

*Dancers it is time to mark your calendars & make reservations for the Ohio Dance Convention!*

## **RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!**

### **HOW MANY PROSPECTIVE DANCERS ARE YOU GOING TO BRING TO CLASSES THIS YEAR?**

Please start thinking about people you can recruit (friends, neighbors, clerks in stores, etc.) for beginner classes. Bucks & Does/Orbiting Squares will offer instruction for beginner dancers on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Gahanna Community congregational Church, starting on September 16, with everyone dancing for free on September 16 and 23. Mark Johnson will be our instructor. We need everyone's help. What can we do to recruit new dancers? Here are a few ideas:

- Talk enthusiastically about square dancing with everyone you meet.
- Wear square dance jackets and/or shirts and when people notice (or when they see you wearing square dance attire), talk with them about the fun and benefits of square dancing.
- Always carry business sized cards with square dance contact phone numbers & hand them out. (These are available at our flyer table.)
- Help at square dance demos, by dancing or handing out flyers.
- Help put recruitment flyers (available on our flyer table) in stores, doctors & dentists offices, church bulletin boards, etc.
- Put a square dance yard sign in your yard and/or arrange to put signs somewhere else where potential dancers will be able to see them. (This is starting in August.)
- Offer to pick up and bring prospective dancers to classes.