

September 2021

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENTS VELMA DOYLE & FRED MOORE

It's good to be back dancing again! We enjoyed the COCDC workshops on Monday evenings this summer. Our two August BADS/OS dances went well, with Jason Raleigh, Chuck Berry, Kristy Williams and Dave Blaskis all doing a great job entertaining us. Don't forget that we will NOT have a dance on Sept 3rd, since many of us will be attending the 50th Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama festival or have other plans on Labor Day weekend. Don't forget that our beginner class will start on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Gahanna Church, starting on September 16, with Mark Johnson as our instructor. On September 24th we will celebrate the anniversaries of our original clubs, Bucks & Does Singles and Orbiting Squares, with Tom Davis calling and Stuart Lewis cueing rounds. 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.

The fund-raising dance on August 30 to help the Gahanna church with the major expense of replacing their air conditioning system was well supported. We appreciate that Dave Stuthard, Jason Raleigh, Ed Laudenschlager, Jaye Fitch and Chuck Berry all volunteered their services. There will be another opportunity for dancers to help the Gahanna church with their fund raising activities by signing up and working shifts at a "pumpkin patch" fundraiser on the church's front lawn from Oct 17 - Oct 31 (give or take a day or two). Information on how to sign up will be sent out when it is available. We hope you will help support this fund raiser 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.

Mark your calendars now for our Yellow Rock Dance which is be held on Sunday, November 14th from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at Eastpointe Christian Church. It should be FUN with Travis Cook calling and Phyllis Burdette on the rounds! We are making plans for our New Year's Eve dance, but it looks like it is going to be just a dance rather than a potluck and dance. Our caller and cuer are Tom Strickland and Chuck Berry. The theme and starting and ending times of this dance have not yet been finalized.

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:			
September 5	Sue Williams	September 18	Jim Weant
September 8	Jean Fisher	September 25	Lois Krull
September 9	Charlie McClay	September 25	Millie McClay
September 13	Mary Bailey	September 25	Kathy Newman
And these a Happy Anniversary!			
September 1	Richard & Gail Miller		

CLUB SCHEDULE	
Friday, Sept. 3	No BADS/OS Club Dance. Cancelled because of the SSDUSA's Dance-A-Rama Festival; many people will be out of town for this festival.
Monday, Sept. 13	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.
Thursday, Sept. 16	First BADS/OS Beginners' Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing. Come out and support our club by helping to train the next generation of square dancers!
Thursday, Sept. 23	BADS/OS Beginners' Class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing. Come out and support our club by helping to train the next generation of square dancers!
Friday, Sept. 24	BADS/OS Club Dance-- BADS 46th Anniversary Dance. 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. (Early Rounds at 7:30 p.m.) Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna.. Caller: Tom David, Cuer: Stuart Lewis

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UPCOMING DANCES

You don't want to miss these upcoming dances!

Date	Caller	Cuer
Sept 24, 2021	Tom Davis Anniversary Dance	Stuart Lewis
Oct 1, 2021	Jason Raleigh	Chuck Berry
Oct 22, 2021	Ed Pabst	Carol Pabst
Nov 5, 2021	Dave Stuthard	Dave Blaskis
Nov 14, 2021 (Sunday Dance at Eastpointe Christian Church)	Travis Cook Yellow Rock Special Dance	Phyllis Burdette
Dec 3, 2021	Dan Austen	Diane Austen
Dec 31, 2021 Time TBD	Tom Strickland New Year's Eve Special Dance	Chuck Berry

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. 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.

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.

62ND 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 62nd Ohio Dance Convention

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

Friday May 6th - Round Dance Clinics, Tours, Vendors.

Saturday May 7th Showcase of Rounds, Round Dance Teaches,

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