

## DATE'N 8'S

The club was organized in 1955. The original name was Miami Valley Square Dance Club. They danced at the Orville Wright School through 1959, at the Burkhardt Center in 1960 to 1962 and at Lohrey Center for fall and winter dances in 1962. They danced on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays.

On November 28, 1962 the constitution was revised to change the name and dance night. On January 1, 1963 the name was changed to the Date'n 8's. Dances were held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month at the Michael Solomon Pavilion. Joe Chiles called the 1<sup>st</sup> dance July 25, 1964. John and Dorothy Roasa became club cuers in 1979. During the early years the club had chairmen and no office of president.

In 1963 the club joined the nine other clubs to hold a workshop on Monday nights at Cornell School. The clubs voted to mix square and round dancing. Also in 1963 the club purchased a 75 cup coffee maker and members brought food. "Hot Hash" dances for advanced club members were instituted between tips and rounds instruction was begun preceding all dances at a cost of 25 cents per couple.

In 1964 club members began to wear badges which cost 25 cents each. The club along with Washington Squares and Two by Fours started a combined dance on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays and Joe Chiles became the club caller on July 25.

In 1979 the club's first cuer, Joe Sedlacek, moved to Nashville, TN and Dorothy Roasa accepted the position of club caller.

After 40 years the Date'n 8's is still going strong. Many happy hours have been spent dancing during those years. Friendships, dining together, and associating with many fine people is what square dancing is all about

## PRESIDENTS

1955	Warren and Mary Daum
1956	Roland and Helen Mock
1957	Harold and Peg Reipenhoff
1958-59	Jim and Helen Hoyer
1960	Paul and Jo Bailey
1961	Ed and Daisy Will
1962-63	Joe and Alma Miller
1964-66	Frank and Jean Ruby
1967	Dallas and Barbara Margraf
1968	William and Betty Mauck
1969	Frank and Wanda Green
1970-71	Fred and Ruth Feldman
1972-73	Marshall and Opal Alley
1974-75	Forrest and Gertrude Medford
1976	Phil and Marge Teets
1977	Walt and Ruth Smart
1978	Jerry Warren

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<b>1979-80</b>	<b>Phil and Marge Teets</b>
<b>1981</b>	<b>Ken and Dottie Graham</b>
<b>1982</b>	<b>Forrest and Gertrude Medford</b>
<b>1983</b>	<b>Steve and Garnet Kokot</b>
<b>1984-85</b>	<b>Wayne and Lucille Anderson</b>
<b>1986-87</b>	<b>Bob and Ruth Hallisy</b>
<b>1988</b>	<b>Carl and Ludena Beeler</b>
<b>1989-90</b>	<b>Ken and Dottie Graham</b>
<b>1991-92</b>	<b>Glenn Wick</b>
<b>1993-94</b>	<b>Lew and Patt Williamson</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	<b>John and Dorothy Roasa</b>
<b>1997-98</b>	<b>Hugh Murty</b>
<b>1999</b>	<b>John Marco</b>
<b>1996</b>	