

XENIA HOSPITALITY WESTERN SQUARE DANCERS

In 1972 some people from the Xenia area saw an article in the Xenia Gazette that there would be Square Dancing at the YMCA. These were lessons taught by Chuck Myers. After the lessons the Xenia Hospitality Squares was organized February 22, 1973, with Chuck Myers as their club caller. The first officers were:

President	Larry Estes
Vice President	Charlene Faler
Secretary	Audrey McDowell
Treasurer	Jeanne Carrera
Banner Chairman	Morgan & Audry McDowell

The name of Xenia Hospitality Squares was decided upon because the name "Xenia" means "Hospitality". The club danced at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Xenia on the second and fourth Tuesdays..

Open house for a lesson class was held September 7, 1973 with Dave Howell as instructor and graduation was held February 15, 1974.

In 1974 the lesson class was taught by Chuck Myers for 12 weeks and then a workshop was held during July and August. In September 1974, Jaye Fitch started as the new club caller. In January 1975 he started as the lesson class instructor with graduation in June 1975. Since that time Jaye has taught many lesson classes for the Xenia group. Jaye is still the club caller although in recent years we have gone in with other clubs for lesson classes.

On January 28, 1986, the club members had a meeting after their dance and planned to incorporate the club. At that time the name of Xenia Hospitality Wester Square Dancers was decided upon because it would better explain the clubs function. Incorporation became effective April 7, 1986.

Nearly every year since the club was organized we have danced at Xenia's Old Fashioned Days and had a float in the parade. We have various demos throughout the year also. Callers for these usually are Martin Ball (a member) or Jaye Fitch or sometimes both. Many of our members have attended the State Conventions and some have attended the National Conventions.

We have several members with 300 or more raids.

The following charter members presently belong to the club and are as follows:

Jan McDowell Bailey
Zane and Helen Bailey
Tom and Judy Griffis
Morgan and Audrey McDowell
John and Louise Ream

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Some were members for a while and dropped out to care for their families then came back and some have been active members for the 26 years that the club has been in existence.

After the Xenia tornado in 1974, the club had to move around a little until they could once again return to their original dance place. On September 10, 1996, the club started dancing at the cement block building at the First Church of Christ, 441 Ledbetter Road, Xenia on the same Tuesdays.

The last dance was held December 19, 2000 and the club was then disbanded.

12/30/00

As of 2/14/99.