

LAKE CHOCTAW TWIRLERS

The first class as started by Barb and Lou Gaffney and Treva and Bill Hulsmeyer in September of 1972. Jaye Fitch was the instructor and first club caller. He remained the club caller for several years. The first class graduated in March of 1973. The Gaffney's were the first president and the Hulsmeyer's were the club advisors. Other officers were Em and Lyle McCracken and Dick and Sandy Lang. Choctaw Twirlers has been a member of the Central Ohio Dance Council and the Miami Valley Dance Council. Dick and Sandy Lang have held offices in both councils.

The club has participated in many parades, including the ox roast steam thrushers and the 4th of July. They also have given demos for the ox roast, Marigold festival and Petunia Festival with entertainment demos at local nursing homes. Many club member have been active in the state conventions with Dick and Sandy Lang being chairman in Columbus in 1978 and Bob and Christy Fischer chairing the registration. The club has helped with the conventions in Dayton since it was organized. Dick and Sandy Lang have done the shops several times and chaired the convention in 1995. John and Virginia Sessler were in charge of door prizes for the sewing room. The club was also represented at the National Convention held in Cincinnati in 1992. Dick and Sandy Lang and Dena and John Kramer worked with the exhibitors at that time. Choctaw Twirlers has been represented on a state level for several years with Dick and Sandy Lang being State Corporation president from 1981 to 1983. The club currently dances on the third Saturday of the month at Lake Choctaw Lodge with guest callers.

Update: The Lake Choctaw Twirlers started dancing at the opera house in South Charleston in January of 2000. This was due to the fact that the club could no longer use the Choctaw Lake Lodge on Saturday night unless it paid a sizable increase in rent. The lodge could have been used on Friday night, but the club chose not to change their dance night. Since the club was no longer associated with Choctaw Lake, the members decided to change the name to Country Twirlers. The club still dances the third Saturday of each month at the opera house in South Charleston, now under the name of the Country Twirlers.

Dick and Sandy Lang