

***Southwestern Ohio/Northern Kentucky Square Dancers Federation
Beverly Wegman 2010 Honor Person***

Club: Unicorner's Singles Square and Round Dance Club - Cincinnati, Ohio

It is with great pride that the Unicorner's Square and Round Dance Club nominated Beverly Wegman as their Honor person for 2010.

Bev has been dancing for over twenty years and first took square dance lessons with Sharon Murphy in 1988. When starting dance class she felt an immediate connection with others. "There was a warmth and fellowship among the dancers that drew me in and at the same time I was learning a new skill that provided me with fun and exercise."

In the many years that have followed Bev has organized and assisted in the planning of classes for beginners. Bev feels that this is an important contribution to the dance community. "My goal is to keep the activity alive and help build stronger clubs." Bev has said that square dancing has changed her life and she takes great pride in seeing the new dancers developing their dance skills and becoming viable and contributing members of the larger dance community.

Bev lives on a farm in Cincinnati, Ohio with her parents. Her family raises, trains and shows Belgian draft horses. The very special loves of her life are her niece and nephew Katie and Tommy as she watches them grow up with the same love of horses that she has. In addition to working with horses, Bev enjoys scrap booking, traveling and has a Shih Tzu puppy. The love for traveling is quite evident by her many travels to other cities and countries participating in special dance weekends and events.

Bev attended the University of Cincinnati and completed a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She is currently employed at Kao Brands Company as a Paralegal.

Bev has attended many State and National Conventions, including the Hawaii State Conventions in 1993 and 1997, and has traveled as well to Germany in 1990 for an International Convention. She has served as Chairperson on the Hospitality Committee and also assisted in organizing and participating in demos for the 45th, 48th and 49th Ohio State

Conventions. On the National level, she held the position of 1992 National Convention Singles Director.

Locally, for numerous years, Bev has held many offices (President (8 yrs.), Vice President (2 yrs.), Treasurer (1 yr.), Asst. Treasurer (3 yrs.) and Federation Representative (2 yrs.) at Unicorner's. Bev over the last six years has scheduled all callers, cuers and guest callers for the Unicorner's – which is the only club that dances every week in the local area. She is also instrumental in negotiating hall and caller contracts for her club. She has attended well over a 100+ banner raids and over 50+ demos to help support and promote dance in the community. Bev is also very active in planning special dances such as New Year's and bringing National Caller Tony Oxendine to the area. Bev also handled Entertainment Book sales for the Federation by picking up the books and distributing them to the various clubs for fundraising.

Bev attends fund raisers and has donated items for the State and National Conventions as well as the Ronald Mc Donald House, our local Federation sponsored charity. She has organized party events for dancers so they can contribute by stuffing bags with products and flyers that are given away at our conventions.

Bev's most recent accomplishment in giving back to others and the dance community was organizing dancers to participate in the "Feed Your Neighbor Program" at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Over 98 people from the community attended and were served a delicious hot meal that was donated, planned and prepared by the dancers.

Beverly Wegman is an ideal candidate for Honor Person for 2010. Her many contributions to the dance community both on the local and state level are commendable. She is a hard worker, has excellent organizational skills, and she inspires others with her enthusiasm and dedication. This energy encourages other dancers to also give of their time and talents to the activity. She is a person of integrity, and Bev shows kindness and compassion towards others. She is never afraid to bring forth her ideas and make decisions and therefore a strong and respected leader in the dance community. She is greatly respected by her fellow dancers and friends and thrilled that she has been selected as the SO/NKSDF 2010 Honor Person!