



County Line Squares News

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President's Message

I thought it might be interesting to take a look at 2015 and this is what was found. Our dancers attended 66 dances/banner raids during the year. We held 13 dances, 25 demos, 12 workshops, and 23 classes. All of these combined equal 139 events for an average of 2.67 events per week.

There were 113 squares (only counting full squares) attending our 13 dances for an average of 8.69 squares per event.

We graduated 8 new dancers last March and have 31 new dancers coming on a regular basis to classes this year.

Square Dance Minnesota, Inc. (SDM) awards received by our dancers included:

- 1 – “Live Lively” Nonagenarian award
- 3 – “Live Lively” Octogenarian awards
- 17 – “Live Lively” Septuagenarian awards
- 12 – “Traveler” awards
- 5 – “Most-Active Dancer” awards (first, second, fourth, and fifth places).

With our reorganization and inclusion in the SDM group exemption, County Line Squares was recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization exempt from federal income tax effective April 9, 2015.

Not a bad year at all. “Live Lively – Square Dance!”

LeRoy Elfmann
County Line Squares President

Christmas Party

Seventy-five members and guests attended the County Line Squares annual potluck Christmas Party on December 13, 2015, at Pat and Richard Giebenhain's facilities. The food was terrific as were the talent presentations. Forty-six items, several dozen eggs, and \$106 was collected and donated to the Monticello Food Shelf. Eight “chronologically enriched” members were presented Square Dance Minnesota “Live Lively” awards and one member received a “Traveler” award. A big thank you to Joan Halderson, Darlene Hunz, Pat Giebenhain, Lois Rademacher, Diana Miels, Shirley Kostrzewski, and Gerlene Klingelhoets whose efforts made this an exceptional event. And, another big thank you to Pat and Richard Giebenhain for letting us use their facilities.

New Year's Eve Dance

We had a great turn-out for our end of year dance – 12 squares with dancers from 11 organizations. Two organizations claimed our banners Single Circles and Hotfoot Stompers. Thanks Abe and Jane for calling and cueing a great evening of dancing!

Anniversaries

No anniversaries this month; however, when you see Penny Begg and Dean Peterson (new dancers) congratulate them on their marriage (January 2, 2016).

Promenade with Abe!

- 1 County Line Squares, Monticello
- 4 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 6 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 7 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins
- 11 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 13 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 14 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins
- 15 Single Circles, Maple Grove
- 18 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 20 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 21 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins
- 22 Cambridge Corners, Isanti
- 25 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 27 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 28 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins
- 29 County Line Squares, Monticello
- 30 Mid-Winter Magic, Hopkins

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Cookbook



Recipes

Please turn in recipes for the County Line Squares Cookbook to Clara Slaight, Ruth Anderson, Betty Curran, or Sandy Pearson. They are looking for recipes that you use and like. Be sure to include your name on the recipe so that they know who to contact if there is a question. They are also looking for someone with artistic talent for drawing that can help with illustrating the cookbook. If you are interested, please contact one of the ladies listed above.

Square Dances

County Line Squares has two dances scheduled this month. Friday, January 8, 2016, Theme is "Western Night," Caller is Tom Allen, Cuer is Sarah Klaphake. Plus Workshop from 7:30-8:00 p.m., New Dancer/Mainstream from 8:00-10:00 p.m., with potluck finger food during the dance. New dancers are encouraged to attend and practice their new dancing skills. Hosts and hostesses are Darlene Hunz, Dan Hunz, and Diana Miels.

Friday, January 29, 2016, Theme is "Sports Night," Caller is Abe Maier, Cuer is Jane Simpson. Plus Workshop from 7:30-8:00 p.m., New Dancer/Mainstream from 8:00-10:00 p.m., with potluck finger food during the dance. New dancers are encouraged to attend to practice their new dancing skills. Hosts and hostesses are Gael and Doug Zachman, Bonnie Meyer, and Lois Rademacher.

Birthdays

- 2 Tim Swanson
- 8 Mary Kay Christian
- 12 Tony Klingelhoets
- 15 Darlene Frazier (new dancer)
- 15 Jan Tadych (new dancer)
- 27 Darlene Hunz
- 29 Loren Frappier

National Square Dance Convention

The 65th National Square Dance Convention will be held in Des Moines, IA, June 22-25, 2016. This would be a great opportunity to experience a national convention without having to travel across the United States to attend. We have registration forms if you are interested.

Banner Raids



- Jan 2, Sat Dakota Grand Squares, St Paul
(Larry Fruetel)
- Jan 6, Wed Beaux & Belles, St Cloud
(Tom Allen)
- Jan 10, Sun Ar-Dale Dancers, White Bear
Lake (Larry Fruetel)
- Jan 13, Wed Spares & Pairs, Bloomington
(Larry Fruetel)
- Jan 15, Fri Single Circles, Maple Grove
(Abe Maier)
- Jan 17, Sun Westonka Whirlers, Mound
(Mike Driscoll)
- Jan 20, Wed Beaux & Belles, St Cloud
(Tom Allen)
- Jan 22, Fri Cambridge Corners, Isanti
(Abe Maier)
- Jan 24, Sun Kato Plus, Mankato
(Dean Fishel)
- Jan 27, Wed ETTA Square & Rounds (Plus),
St Cloud (Tom Allen)

Minnesota Square Dance Convention

The 2016 Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Convention will be held June 10-12, 2016 at the Double Tree by Hilton, St Louis Park, MN. For further information or to register on-line www.mnsquaredanceconvention.com.

Mid Winter Magic

Swingmasters (Central East Region's Callers Association) are hosting their annual Mid Winter Magic event on January 30, 2016 at the Eisenhower Community Center in Hopkins, MN. Afternoon dance 1:00-4:30 p.m. is a New Dancer dance and the evening dance 6:30-10:00 p.m. is a Mainstream dance with Plus and Rounds. Each dance costs \$7.00 per person in advance, \$8.00 at the door. Abe and Carol Maier have tickets or contact any Swingmasters member.

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