

County Line Squares

June 2017

Caller's Corner:

Abe and Carol Maier

Carol and I are excited that we have another group of new dancers. They are proceeding well, and we are very grateful to all of you angels that have helped them along the way. We want all the dancers to realize that square dancing should be fun, friendly, and fulfilling. It's a recreational activity, not a policy making organization. Although *if everybody* in this world square danced, it would be a better and more peaceful world.

We are looking forward to our demos this summer. Demos are not only a dance, but a time to entertain the audience, and a golden opportunity to sell our activity.

As I'm writing this, Memorial Day weekend is upon us, Carol and I are going up to our Hide Away in the Pines, for some good old fashion fishing. We'll see you at the summer workshops starting June 5th at the air-conditioned High School in Monticello.

June Birthdays:

- 9 Kristine DeWitt
- 10 Rita Sigafus
- 13 Helen Leinonen
- 13 Larry Wilson
- 16 LeAnn Coyle
- 19 Carmen Fesenmaier

June Anniversaries:

- 1 Marcia & Leo Endres
- 6 Joan & Arlie Manz
- 13 Carol & Abe Maier
- 14 Clara & Ray Slaughter
- 22 Deborah & Robert Meyer
- 27 Sally & Carl Vogt
- 29 Vi & Arlan Schlagel

Thoughts from Your President:

Joan Halderson

June is a great month to attend any of our 2 workshops and our 4 demos plus throw in a dance at the Giebenhain farm...instant fun!

Thanks, Gael and Doug, for your dedication as past co-presidents and to all our other officers who keep our club in good working order. We have met, decided themes for 2017-2018, and hope you will sign up for the host and hostesses spots.

To all those attending the state convention in Rochester enjoy! I personally have never been able to attend as I toe tap to music at the Winstock Country Music Festival in Winsted.

Carmen and I attended Annandale's high school graduation ceremonies. She (the pro) graduated her 5th grandchild, a grandson, and I the beginner graduated my 1st grandchild, a grandson. Lisa tells me she also had a granddaughter graduate. We are all proud of their achievement.

Congratulations on 58 years of married life to Abe and Carol; they are still going strong!

Member Spotlight:

Jim Egerman

Our 1st spotlight is this year's king who was born and raised in MN in the Richmond/Farming area. He has 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

When asked why he started square dancing the reply was, "Loren said it was good exercise and you meet nice people." Jim agrees and has danced since 2012.

Jim was in the Air Force 4 years, did a 9 month stint as a radar operator, and served during the Cuban crisis. Because his dad needed help on the farm, Jim was able to go to high school only 6 weeks or so; but proudly earned his GED while serving his country. To further educate himself, he took classes on basic psychology and criminology. Jim considers himself an honest person, but having so much free time on base, he "borrowed" 1

encyclopedia a month finishing reading all the books.

Hobbies include hunting wild mushrooms and watching amateur baseball. Jim played outfield positions for the Richmond Royals and the Farming Flames in his younger years.

To earn a living, Jim tore down buildings demolishing many projects.

Member Spotlight:

Susie Oachs

Our club queen is also a MN gal born in Grand Rapids and growing up in Foley. She has 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren living in the state of Washington.

Susie loves everything about square dancing. When asked why she started, the answer was walking through the Whitney Center, and Jim Egerman asked her to join. She has hooked her 10 and 12 year old grandsons who start lessons this fall in September. A grandma visit and floor time did it!

Hobbies include baking wedding cakes, knitting, and gardening with a strong emphasis on a love of flowers. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and some Fridays, Susie is a regular at silver sneakers, silver fit, and karumba. Fishing is also a past time, and she very much enjoys being on the lake.

Dancing with Abe in June:

- 1 Hopkins
- 5 Monticello High School Workshop
- 8-11 MN State Convention
- 13 Buffalo Lake Ridge Care Ctr. Demo
- 13 Buffalo Sturges Park Demo
- 15 Hopkins
- 17 Single Circle Barn Dance at Giebenhain's
- 18 North County Plus, Staples
- 19 Monticello High School Workshop
- 21 Foley Street Dance Demo
- 22 Hopkins
- 24 Fair Haven Old Settlers Days Demo
- 25 Battle Lake
- 29 Hopkins

Banner Raids in June:

- 2 Rays Promenaders, Brainerd (Tom Allen)
- 6 Roger's Plus, Fargo (Roger McNeil)
- 7 Beaux & Belles, St. Cloud (Tom Allen)
- 14 Spares & Pairs, Bloomington (Dick Rueter)
- 17 Single Circles, Maple Lake (Abe Maier)
- 18 North Country Plus, Staples (Abe Maier)
- 21 Beaux & Belles, St. Cloud (Tom Allen)
- 23 Gospel Plus, Hopkins (Dick Rueter)
- 25 Pairs & Squares, Battle Lake (Abe Maier)
- 28 ETTA Square & Rounds, St. Cloud (Tom Allen)