

Monthly Newsletter

County Line Squares September 2017

Caller's Corner:

Abe and Carol Maier

September is here once again, and we will be starting another season of beginner lessons which start Monday, September 18th, at 7 PM at the Middle School arena entrance again. Remember the first lesson is **free**. We hope you have someone in mind to bring.

We thank again the dancers that have come to the demos and express to our audience how fun square dancing can be. Our demo at the pie social at Monticello Sr. Center, (a fund raiser for the Sr. Center), enabled us to talk to many people watching from the community. Some were surprised to hear that there is an active Square Dance Club in Monticello which should not be—*I guess we're not getting the word out there enough*—some were surprised to hear they can start dancing the very first night of lessons! One lady told Carol that she wouldn't be able to dance because she had two left feet. Carol remarked to her that we'll gently take care of that situation for her the first night of lessons!

Now that we are talking about the first night of lessons, I would like to remind the angels that are coming to help, one of the first rules of being an angel is to act and think as a new dancer by being in the right place at the right time and doing each basic step the way the caller is presenting it to the class. The most *valuable* helper (angel) is one who, though they have **heard the same line many times**, will *focus* his attention on what the caller is saying, will *avoid* being a policeman, will *set* an example of friendliness and consideration, and most important of all will *avoid talking* when the caller is instructing. Focus your attention on what is being said over the microphone during lesson instructing and announcements in that

way you will influence new dancers to do the same. We are looking forward to seeing all of you on September 18th.

September Birthdays:

- 2 Becky Johnson
- 8 Sandy Huber
- 11 Rosalie Peltier
- 13 Abe Maier
- 13 Ken Stoick
- 13 Ruth Lehn
- 16 Joan Manz
- 28 LeRoy Elfmann
- 29 Priscilla McKenzie
- 29 Skyler Wilson
- 30 Ruth Anderson
- 30 Gary Riddle

September Anniversaries:

- 20 Keith & Rosalie Peltier
- 23 Marlow & Diane Knuth

Thoughts from your President:

Joan Halderson

Please keep Fred & Alice Vetsch in your thoughts as they mourn the loss of their grandson Cody who died unexpectedly August 22nd in Fargo, ND.

It is always nice to see someone (Betty Curran) motivating out and about again after back surgery! Lois Rademacher took a tumble off her back patio, has staples in her head, a huge bruise on her left side, and a little bit of pride that was damaged!

Fall is my favorite time of year probably because it brings back South Dakota memories of harvest, pheasant hunting, and even starting school. I did do 3 trips to SD this summer for various reasons and created more memories. One SD cousin reciprocated a trip back to MN, and we took in Braham Pie Days and a square dancing tip.

I am getting **good feedback** on our demos. My daughter-in-law, Amy, who works at the

Delano Nursing Home reported her activities director loved the square dancing! At our Monticello block party dance, the home owner in charge personally thanked me for including the little girls (his daughter, Hannah, was 4).

I am gearing up for fall lessons and hope to see you all in a square!

Member Spotlight:

Greg and Diane Olson

When asked if they were childhood sweethearts, the answer was no, but they did meet the last month of high school. Ironically, both were orphans losing their fathers when they were 5 years old.

This couple has (gasp) 70 children! Four are birth daughters that have blessed them with 10 grandchildren, and the rest are foster children spanning 27 years. Ten percent of these foster children have passed on from life style choices.

Greg and Diane started square dancing (couples decision) with gentle persuasion (well maybe persistent) from Larry Wilson and Richard Giebenhain. They graduated in 2011. Diane is presently our class coordinator.

Hobbies are canoeing, camping, hiking, biking (tandem before marriage), horseback riding, and Diane does tatting which she learned through a community education class.

Greg states his main hobby these days is mostly work, and he classifies himself as an undercover boss doing whatever needs to be done, and that Diane makes him look good!

Critters & Co. was formed in 1985. They entertained at the Royalty Banquet County Line hosted a few years back and at several Christmas Parties.

Independent Haven Inc. is another company formed providing independent supervised living services. This consists of 4 apartment buildings, 25 clients, and 50 units. Another company, Real Estate Management, was formed as this entity owns the buildings.

In September 2016, the Olsons hosted a barn dance for their clients. The staff noted County Line Square dancers included all and made their

clients feel valued. Again the Olsons are hosting another dance September 16, 2017, and staff asked can we bring our families? Of course, all are welcome and can bring others was the answer!!

Diane and Greg are blessed with gifts God gave them. They like people, their house is large, and animals share their downstairs. Holidays are shared with 40-50 people and any that need a place to go. It's potluck with the Olsons providing the meat.

Dancing with Abe in September:

- 7 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 10 Zion Lutheran-Buffalo (11:45 AM-12:30 PM)
Staff dances with us at noon
- 14 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 16 Olsons Barn Dance (4:00-5:15 PM)
- 17 North County Plus, Staples
- 18 Monticello Lessons begin (7:00-9:00 PM)
- 21 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 23 Pioneer Park, Annandale (1:00-2:00 PM)
- 24 Kato Plus, Mankato
- 25 Monticello Lessons (7:00-9:00 PM)
- 28 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 29 Cty. Line Club Dance @ Monticello
- 30 Riesberg's Barn Dance (7:00-8:30 PM)

Banner Raids for September:

- 6 Beaux & Belles (Tom Allen)
- 8 Friendly Squares (Larry Fruetel)
- 12 L & M Squares (Tom Allen)
- 15 Single Circles (Abe Maier)
- 17 North County Plus (Abe Maier)
- 20 Beaux & Belles (Dick Severson)
- 23 South Metro Stars (Noah Siegmann)
- 24 Kato Plus (Abe Maier)
- 27 ETTA Sq. & Rounds (Tom Allen)

Reminder: Club dues are now being collected to renew your club membership!

Wanted: Sewing supplies for

Uganda. Judy Johnson, a fellow square dancer and current president of Single Circles, is collecting supplies (fabric & other accessories for sewing, knitting, & crocheting) to set up a sewing center for women near a large refugee camp. Carol Maier is willing to collect items to pass on to Judy by September 6th at Single Circles first lessons. Please consider donating!

Reminder:

1st Club Dance is on 5th Friday
September 29, 2017
Abe is the caller & Sarah is the cuer.
Theme: County Fair
Hosts are Sandy & Dave Pearson and
Arlie & Joan Manz

Hunz Farewell Party:

Dan is on the move; his place has been sold!

Join him Sunday, October 1, 2017, at 1 PM,
eating at 2 PM, at a potluck gathering (meat
provided). Bring a dish to share as well as a
chair or 2. Coffee provided but bring another
beverage of your choice if so desired.

Square dancing by Abe, of course!

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