

Monthly Newsletter

County Line Squares October 2017

Caller's Corner: Abe and Carol Maier

Carol and I think our first evenings of beginner lessons went very well. We are happy to see so many people wanting to learn to square dance. Thanks again to all our dear angels that have been there welcoming our new students. We are all excited about introducing our favorite activity to them. We want the students to relax and enjoy themselves.

Remember club members, we still have several demos coming up. **Please look at the demo schedule sheet for the latest ones.** If you haven't been to a demo recently--please come—we always need more dancers. October is a fun time to dance so wear your autumn outfits and colors. On October 7th at 7 PM, we are at Dehn's Pumpkin Patch in Dayton. Arrive a little early and enjoy all the Halloween decorations on display. There are many kinds of pumpkins and fall crafts to see. On Friday, October 13th, we will be at Youth with a Mission near Buffalo where we dance with fun loving Christian youth. October 21st will be a demo at St. Francis Elementary in Buffalo. Last but not least on Halloween, October 31st, at 2:30 PM, we are having a demo at Park Terrace Assisted Living in Buffalo. Bring your dancing shoes, Halloween spirits, and smiles.

October Birthdays:

- 17 Paul Sigafus
- 24 Dave Pearson

- 29 Sandy Pearson
- 30 Jennifer Hartmann
- 31 Ray Slight

October Anniversaries:

- 7 Richard & Pat Giebenhain
- 17 Jack & Ellie Krocak
- 28 John & Pam Ouellette

Thoughts from your President: Joan Halderson

Many vehicles traveled to Rollag for the annual steam threshing reunion Labor Day weekend. Long time County Line members, Dave and Sandy Pearson, have been WMSTR members for 26 and 27 years respectively. They have volunteered many hours in many different capacities including square dancing there and even doing tractor square dancing.

Dar Hunz and I traveled there as well but babysat her granddaughters and saw Rollag through a child's eyes taking in riding the big and small train, the wooden horse carousel, the "real thing" pony rides, ice cream, bee stings, and doing the hokey pokey with other square dancers.

Demos are still in full swing. ZFest at Zion Lutheran included a tip with a blind dancer. I really felt pride in the fact our caller, Abe, and fellow square dancers got him through the tip! Olson's barn dance included children, adults from all walks of life, and the Virginia reel as the grand finale (a crowd pleaser). Even a clown danced tips at Pioneer Park in Annandale.

Over a dozen new dancers have joined us for beginner lessons and more appear each Monday. Remember dancers, a **smile** and **positive attitude to all dancers AND BETWEEN DANCERS** is much appreciated. We are all in this together and need to support each

other. We dance to have fun! **NO NEGATIVITY ALLOWED!**

Member Spotlight: Carmen Fasenmaier

Five children, 8 grandchildren, and 2 greatchildren keep Carmen busy.

She was born in Delano, MN. Her dad worked at The Creamery in Delano, but died when she was 4 years old. Attending Delano School, marrying at 16, and proudly obtaining her GED later in life were her timeline events.

One childhood memory is skating on the Crow River by open water with no accidents. "Never would that be allowed in these modern days," says Carmen!

Carmen line danced with Keith and Karen Parchem, past County Line dancers, who convinced her to give square dancing a try.

She had spent many faithful years as housekeeper and companion to the same clients. Her hobbies are still line dancing, of course square dancing, but also gardening, reading, traveling, and many family activities.

CORRECTION: On Diane and Greg Olson's last month's spotlight, it should have read that their fathers were orphans not them.

Dancing with Abe in October:

- 1 Dan's Party (demo) Clear Lake
- 5 Hopkins
- 6 Monticello Club Dance
- 7 Dehn's Pumpkin Patch (demo) Dayton
- 8 Battle Lake
- 12 Hopkins
- 13 Youth with a Mission (demo) Buffalo
- 19 Hopkins

- 21 St. Francis Elem. (demo) Buffalo
- 22 Balsam Lake
- 26 Hopkins
- 29 Bemidji

Classes every Monday – Monticello and classes every Wednesday-Maple Grove

Banner Raids for October:

- 4 Beaux & Belles (Tom Allen) St. Cloud
- 8 Pairs & Squares (Abe Maier) Battle Lake
- 11 Spares & Pairs (Tom Allen) Bloomington
- 15 Rockin' Country (Larry Johansen) West Union
- 18 Beaux & Belles (Royce Nelson) St. Cloud
- 20 Single Circles (Larry Johansen) Maple Grove
- 22 Friendly Twirlers (Abe Maier) Balsam Lake, WI
- 25 ETTA Sq. & Rounds (Tom Allen) St. Cloud
- 27 Steele Steppers (Lanny Weakland) Owatonna
- 29 First City Squares (Abe Maier) Bemidji
- 29 SDM Fall Festival (Tom Allen, etc.)

Thank you from: Lois Rademacher

I would like to thank all my square dance friends for their thoughtful prayers and cards after my recent fall. I am doing better, but still have to take it a little slow for a few more weeks so I can be in a square soon.

NOTICE: Our fall club meeting will be held October 16, 2017, about midway through lessons. Please plan to attend!

