

# Monthly Newsletter

## County Line Squares

November 2017

### Caller's Corner:

Abe and Carol Maier

Greetings Square Dance Friends,

Another month is upon us, and we see those beautiful colored leaves fall to the ground and turn brown. Our summer demos are coming to an end, too. The last one will be on Halloween Day at 2:30 PM at Park Terrace Assisted Living in Buffalo. Thanks to all who participated in making them a success this past summer.

We received this, and we would like to pass it on to all of you.

YOU'RE A KEEPER: Sometimes, what we care about the most gets all used up and goes away never to return before we can say good-bye or say "I love you." So while we have it...it's best that we love it...and care for it...and fix it when it's broken...and heal it when it's sick.

Some things we keep...like a best friend who moved away or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make us happy no matter what.

Life is important, like people we know who are special, and so, we keep them close. Now it's your turn to send this to all those people who are "keepers" in your life. YOU'RE A KEEPER!

November Birthdays: NONE

November Anniversaries: NONE

### Thoughts from your president:

Joan Halderson

October completed some great demos. The last demo (Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>) at the Hunz Farm (Dan did sell) had great potluck fellowship and squares in his tin shed.

Dehn's Pumpkin Patch (Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>) had swell food (Famous Dave's) and a swell group of

neighbors from Minneapolis letting us lead them in a square (some were repeat dancers from last year).

Youth from YWAM (Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>) snagged onto the Cotton Eyed Joe line dance taught by a few of us County Liner's, and the Virginia Reel was a hit as well. One southern gal had enough bounce for her entire square.

A new event (Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>) sponsored by Knights of Columbus at Buffalo's St. Francis Elementary had 3 demo squares dancing and Santa Claus watching!

I believe communities do benefit from our outreach!

### Member Spotlight:

Tony & Gerlene Klingelhoets

This couple started dancing in 2008 and graduated in 2009. Larry Broll's invitation was accepted after a couple of liquid refreshments on Tony's part.

They are past king and queen (2013-2014) earning the Edith Beard traveling award. Presently they take care of the banners for County Line and help make sure a sign is in place while we dance.

Three children (2 boys-1 girl), grandchildren (2 boys-2 girls), and 1 great grandchild (girl) complete their family circle.

Gerlene first met Tony (14) at age 11 when her dad and sister were booking Tony's dad's band for a going away party for her brother. In later years they met again at the Blue Note In Winsted, MN, New Year's Eve after Tony completed service.

Tony was in the Army serving as a combat engineer from January 13, 1958, to September 2, 1960.

Tony's mom was very musical and played the piano by ear in every school in Wright County. Tony does not read notes, but remembers his music teachers Mr. and Mrs. Griffith from Buffalo.

He also remembers music contests with 5 Klingelhoets brothers and sisters in younger years earning 1<sup>st</sup> place for playing every month for 6 months. Grand prize was a \$35 gift

certificate (big money then) probably to Dayton. Other prizes for a talent show and radio program were Slim Jim's and a 3 cell flashlight.

Gerlene (1 of 10) and Tony (1 of 8) were born at home on their farms which was common back then. Gerlene started at Rasset School, then attended Buffalo for 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> was spent at Montrose through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and high school, 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, was at Buffalo. Tony's school years were at Waverly 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.

Tony was the 1<sup>st</sup> member who joined the Waverly Gun Club. He deer hunts, cuts wood, gardens (Gerlene does the the canning), plays Hawaiian guitar in nursing homes, sings in choir for funerals (no solos), and snowmobiles with family (Gerlene tends the wood stove while he is gone). He raced an 8 horse Arctic Cat in Buffalo on an oval track at age 24.

Gerlene crocheted afghans, potholders, and doilies in her younger years. Together they old time dance and square dance. They play 500, and their card club is 45+ years old. As a couple early on they fished Mille Lacs, did wiener roasts in the woods with their snowmobile club, and played softball (Tony at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Gerlene in the outfield).

### Dancing with Abe in November:

- 2 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 3 Isanti
- 9 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 16 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 17 Brainerd
- 18 Forest Lake
- 23 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 30 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)

Lessons every Monday-Monticello  
Lessons every Wednesday-Maple Grove

**Club Dance:** Friday, November 3, 2017  
Theme: Made in America  
Veterans: ½ price  
Caller: Royce Nelson

Cuer: Sara Klaphake  
Hosts & Hostesses: Mavis Johnson, Don Lundell, Adrienne Madson, Rita & Paul Sigafus

**Banner Raids for November** will be announced at our classes, dances, and on the web-site [www.countylinesquares.com](http://www.countylinesquares.com).