

Monthly Newsletter

County Line Squares December 2017

Caller's Corner: Abe and Carol Maier

Merry December greetings to all our square dance friends. We look forward to continued classes on Monday evenings. We have many special events coming up in December. On the 1st of December, we have our club dance, which includes the celebration of one of our club member's 75th birthday. Happy Birthday Gary Pfeifer! Then on December 10th we gather together at Richard & Pat Giebenhains for our annual Christmas party. We hope to see everybody there including the new dancers. Another event at the end of December is our New Year's Eve Dance at the MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL; both experienced and new dancers are welcome to come dance and ring in the New Year together.

One important reminder we haven't brought up yet and that is: you know we live in Minna-snow-ta! Right? Well, in case there is bad weather and Monticello schools are closed down-that means we will NOT have class and/or dance either! If you are in doubt about it, listen to the radio or TV for the announcement, or Joan will have it on e-mail. If you have any questions at all, call us at our # 320-558-6386.

December Birthdays:

- 1 Jack Krocak
- 4 Rod Christoffer
- 4 Lu Treague
- 8 Dan Hunz
- 25 Deborah Meyer
- 31 Carol Miller

December Anniversaries:

- 31 Sandy & Dave Pearson

December Birthdays New Dancers:

- 3 Robert Voigt
- 10 Tiffany Scott

Thoughts from your president: Joan Halderson

As November ends, I am mindful of all my blessings. Willard Leinonen invited me to the Hopkins Community Center Veterans program. Suzie Oachs, Mavis Johnson, and myself were honored to serve the many veterans that attended.

I hope Thanksgiving was a great day for everyone. I made my first pumpkin pie from scratch and surprise...it turned out...maybe I can compete with Willard, our master pie maker.

December brings many activities, and I hope you enjoy them all!

Member Spotlight: Pat and Richard Giebenhain

County music may have Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, but County Line has their own power couple in Richard and Pat. Both grew up on MN farms and met at Pat's cousin's wedding dance. Pat hails from the St. Michael area and Richard the Plymouth/Hamel area. They have four children (2 girls & 2 boys) and 14 grandchildren (4 girls & 10 boys).

Pat never wanted to marry a farmer, but it was a good way to raise kids she says with a chuckle. Richard was a dairy farmer for 30 years. Due to health reasons (bad back), the milking cows were sold in 1991, and the fireplace business was started in 1992.

Teaching school at a Big Lake christian school for 6 years became like a family to Pat with up to 50 kids attending. She was a 6 year para at Maple Lake as well.

Giebenhains started square dancing a dozen or so years ago with an invite from Rick Lehn who is a double cousin to Pat. Their daughter and 2

granddaughters have danced in the past making it a 2nd and 3rd generation wholesome activity.

Hobbies for Richard are restoring big tractors and being a member of the Oliver Club. Pat enjoys gardening and is past club president of County Line. Together this couple volunteers at church, enjoys grandchildren's activities, and consider it rewarding. They have hosted many summer picnics and Christmas parties as well.

Dancing with Abe in December:

- 1 Monticello Club Dance (FREE)
- 7 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 10 **County Line Christmas Party 1 PM**
- 14 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 15 St. Peter
- 25 **Merry Christmas**
- 31 County Line New Year's Eve Dance
9 PM to 12:30 AM

Location: **Monticello H/S**

Banner Raids for December:

- 3 Rockin' Country (Larry Johansen)
- 6 Beaux & Belles (Tom Allen)
- 8 Crystal Cross Trailers (T. Allen/D. Rueter)
- 9 Koronis Nite Owls (Larry Johansen)
- 13 ETTA Sq. & Rounds (Tom Allen)
- 15 St. Peter Squares (Abe Maier)
- 16 Westonka Whirlers (T. Allen/D. Rueter)
- 20 Beaux & Belles (Tom Allen)
- 22 Gospel Plus (Tom Allen)

Club Dance: FREE in honor of Gary Pfeifer's 75th Birthday

Date: Friday, December 1, 2017

Theme: Ice Cream Social

Caller: Abe Maier

Cue: Ken LaBau

Hosts & Hostesses: Alice & Fred Vetsch, Rick & Ruth Lehn, Ken & Bonnie Stoick

Annual County Line Christmas Party:

Date: Sunday, December 10, 2017

****Potluck****

Students welcome!

Time: Begins at 1 PM, **eating at 1:30 PM**

Where: Giebenhain Farm
7290 Elder Ave. NW
Maple Lake, MN 55358
(320) 963-5720

Basic Directions: Cty. Rd. 37 onto Douglas Ave. that becomes Elder Avenue

Monetary Donations are being collected for The Buffalo Community Center Toy Workshop that provides toys in MN, across the U. S., and globally. Checks can be made out to the Buffalo Community Center Toy Shop. In the past, County Line has contributed to Toys for Tots and local food shelves. Thank you for your generosity!

New Year's Eve Dance:

Date: Sunday, December 31, 2017

Time: 9:30 PM to 12:30 AM

Where: **Monticello High School**
5225 School Blvd.
Monticello, MN 55362

Remember to bring a door prize!