

# Monthly Newsletter

## County Line Squares February 2018

### Caller's Corner:

*Abe and Carol Maier*

Hi, Squares Dancers,

**February** is upon us, and we have many activities coming up.

Friday, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, is our club dance at Pinewood Elementary School. It's **Groundhog Day**, and that is the theme of the dance.

Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, is graduation. If you haven't attended lessons lately please do so, and meet our new dancers. They are a friendly fun group to dance with, and they are progressing very well. Don't forget Monday, **February 19<sup>th</sup>** is President's Day. School is closed and **we do not** have class.

Carol and I wish you a fun St. Valentine's Day...surprise someone with a random act of kindness!

### February Birthdays:

- 3 Rick Lehn
- 7 Linda Peters
- 9 John Sanko
- 15 Jerry Eich
- 15 John Ouellette
- 16 Joan Halderson
- 20 Carol Maier
- 25 Marsha Endres
- 26 Diana Miels
- 28 Al Steinbach
- 28 Carl Vogt

### February Anniversaries:

- 19 Diane & Greg Olson
- 26 Mary & LeRoy Elfmann

### Thoughts from your president:

*Joan Halderson*

**February** is my *ALL TIME* favorite month! Possibly since it's a month of many relatives and friends birthdays (my own included plus my twin brother), then throw in Valentine's Day and **Groundhog Day**, and besides who can resist a *piece of chocolate or birthday cake*?

**SOME INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS:** Be sure to sign in with Arlie and Joan Manz (our treasurers) on the sign in sheet provided at our club dances. This is how callers are paid depending on the number count, and how we make announcements.

We will be looking for a new 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president and king & queen. Please let me know if you are interested. You are welcome to nominate someone as well. With that said, keep in mind elections will be held at our next semi-annual meeting Monday, March 19, 2018.

### Member Spotlight

*Sandee Blanchet*

Sandee is the 8<sup>th</sup> child in a family of 10 and was born in Coon Rapids. She lived on a hobby farm with lots of animals. Her dad was a cement finisher.

Graduation from Coon Rapids High School and then marriage kept her busy with 2 children and now 4 grandchildren. She worked outside the home. Her last job was at Centre Care at the Monticello Hospital in accounting.

Sandee and her husband danced 35 years ago with Hotfoot Stompers and Ray's Promenaders. Her husband was housebound in his later years with Alzheimer's, and Sandee cared for him.

Sandee met Rod online and started square dancing again. Her hobbies are reading, crocheting, a big house and garden (canning), volunteering at church, Faith in Action (resources that help people), and the Monticello Senior Center.

### Member Spotlight:

*Rod Christoffer*

This newer County Line member was born in Eden Valley, MN, and grew up on a farm in the same area. Rod has 3 sons, 9 grandchildren (7 boys/2 girls), and a great granddaughter.

His first job was in Litchfield at Cargill, a local grain elevator, where he worked 8 years as a tandem truck driver. He retired from Super Value after 32 years working in the warehouse.

Hobbies are snow shoeing, walking, and biking. In his younger years, Rod went snowmobiling and spent many years at hockey rinks when his boys were young. He now volunteers at the Monticello Community Center and enjoys square dancing with Sandee!

**NOTICE:** Sue Johnson, a former County Line member who had knee replacement surgery last November, has square dance apparel for sale including boots (size 8), skirts (short & long), petticoats, pettipants, peasant & Western tops, Western jewelry, and other square dance items (decals, etc.). She can be reached at (763) 497-4443.

### **Dancing with Abe in February:**

- 1 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 2 County Line club dance, Monticello
- 3 Dakota Grand
- 8 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 10 Hotfoot Stompers
- 15 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 19 **No class at Monticello**  
(President's Day)
- 22 Hopkins (12:30-2:30 PM)

Classes every Monday at Monticello  
Classes every Wednesday at Maple Grove

### **Club Dance: New dancer dance!**

Date: **February 2, 2018**

Theme: **Groundhog Day**

Caller: Abe Maier

Cuer: Jane Simpson

Hosts & Hostesses: LeRoy & Mary Elfmann, Lois Rademacher, John & Pam Ouellette

### **Banner Raids for February:**

- 3 Dakota Grand Squares (Abe Maier)
- 7 Beaux & Belles (Larry Fruetel)
- 10 Hot Foot Stompers (Abe Maier)
- 14 Spares & Pairs (Larry Fruetel)
- 16 Single Circles (Monte Guenzler)
- 21 Beaux & Belles (Tom Allen)
- 24 South Metro Stars (Tom Allen)
- 28 ETTA Square & Rounds (Tom Allen)