

## Monthly Newsletter

### County Line Squares May 2018

#### Caller's Corner:

*Abe & Carol Maier*

We are entering the summer season. Did we have a spring season this year? If there was, it was only for a few days. Summertime is a good time to nurture the seeds of those friendships planted during the busy fall and winter classes. Now is the time to make them grow! Thanks to LeRoy, we have the list of club banner raids each week, but sometimes it takes that special invitation face to face, and if you are going to an out-of-town festival-like the one in the Baxter/Brainerd area, Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, invite some of the new dancers to go along with you. They might hesitate to go at all until they are invited by someone who could help and encourage them.

#### May Birthdays:

- 5 Maria Carter
- 9 Jim Egerman
- 14 Bonnie Stoick
- 18 Dale DeWitt
- 19 David Wilde
- 20 Lois Rademacher
- 22 Marlys Wilson
- 26 Alice Vetsch
- 27 Sally Vogt
- 30 Pat Giebenhain

#### May Anniversaries:

- 17 Rita & Paul Sigafus
- 26 Bonnie & Ken Stoick
- 31 Shirley Kostrzewski & Al Woyke

#### Thoughts from your president:

*Joan Halderson*

This is my last message to club members. Enjoy your summer, be kind to others as we all have our stories, and keep a smile on your face!

Thank you's and yellow rocks go out to Abe & Carol Maier for their guidance, patience, and vast knowledge during my presidency. Sandy Pearson, you were a great 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president; thanks for covering for me when necessary. To my car pool group of Carmen Fassenmaier, Tony Klingelhoets, & Gerlene Klingelhoets: I can't thank you enough for all the carrying, lugging, planning, encouragement, and extra help you gave me the past 3 years!

#### Member Spotlight:

*Fred & Alice Vetsch*

These 2 have been married since 1963 after meeting at Alice's brother's wedding. She was a bridesmaid, and he a bartender.

Alice was born at home in St. Michael, MN, and was 1 of 11 kids. Fred was born at home in Albertville, MN, and was 1 of 12 kids. Do they have lots of relatives? Yes, they do.

They both graduated from the Catholic High School in St. Michael. Three kids later, 1 boy (the oldest) and 2 daughters complete their family. Alice told the kids if you don't want to marry a cousin, get out of St. Michael. They also have 6 grandkids (2 boys & 4 girls).

Square dancing began in 2002, the year Ken & Bonnie Stoick, their son-in-law and daughter were president, although Alice had to pick between yoga and square dancing.

Right after high school Alice worked at the U hospital half of 1961 and 1962. She became a post mistress in 1973. Fred farmed with his dad after graduation until he was 22. He was a 40 year machine operator in St. Louis Park working for the same company until he retired.

Early hobbies were camping with the family. Now Alice bowls, golfs, quilts, attends bible study, and sings in a senior choir that visits nursing homes. Fred keeps up the yard work, garden, and flowers. He golfed on and off and rode snowmobile until his arthritis troubles began.

Alice has been active in County Line holding the office of president, sunshine lady, writing club news for the Roundup, and was a queen that also took care of the banners.

### Member Spotlight:

*Rick & Ruth Lehn*

Ruth is a younger sister to Alice. She is #9 of 11 kids and was born in a white house in St. Michael, MN, with a midwife attending. She attended school in St. Michael all the way through.

Rick is the oldest of 6 kids (4 boys & 2 girls). He was born in Minneapolis, MN, but grew up in Dayton, MN. He attended Dayton Elementary and graduated from St. Michael High School.

These 2 met in high school but didn't date till later. Rick serves in the Army and courted Ruth seriously the end of 1969 resulting in marriage in 1970. They have 4 children (3 boys & 1 girl) and 8 grandchildren.

Square dancing began in 2003. Ruth has been club president assisted by Rick, queen with Rick as her escort, and served 13 years as club historian.

Rick worked as a heavy equipment mechanic for 35 years. He now drives school bus part time. Hobbies are snowmobiling and singing in a choir twice a week that visits nursing homes.

Ruth worked at 3 banks, Dobezenski's, Northland Cabinets, receptionist positions, and did home care through the years. Her hobbies are singing in the choir at nursing homes, scrapbooking, going for walks, reading, and babysitting those grandkids!

### Dancing with Abe in May:

- 2 Beaux & Belles-St. Cloud
- 3 Hopkins
- 4 County Line-Monticello
- 6 Brainerd Jamboree
- 10 Hopkins
- 11 Park Rapids
- 17 Hopkins

- 18 Single Circles-Maple Grove
- 20 Bemidji
- 24 Hopkins
- 28 Happy Memorial Day!
- 31 Hopkins

### Banner Raids for May:

- 2 Beaux & Belles, St. Cloud (Abe Maier)
- 6 Rays Promenaders Paul Bunyan Jamboree, Baxter (Larry Johansen, etc.)
- 9 Spares & Pairs with Timbre Junction Band, Bloomington (Dick Rueter)
- 11 Friendly Squares, Park Rapids (Abe Maier)
- 12 Koronis Nite Owls, Paynesville (Larry Johansen)
- 16 Beaux & Belles, St. Cloud (Tom Allen)
- 18 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Abe Maier)
- 20 Rockin' Country Dancers Barn Dance, Sauk Centre (Larry Johansen)
- 23 ETTA Squares & Rounds, St. Cloud (Tom Allen)
- 30 Spairs & Pairs, Bloomington (Dick Rueter)

### Club Dance:

*Date:* May 4, 2018

*Theme:* Let's Go Fishing

*Caller:* Abe Maier

*Cuer:* Sarah Klaphake

*Hosts & Hostesses:* Lorraine Wilson, Lu Treague, Pat & Richard Giebenhain

**QUESTION?** What happened in 1988 (JoAnn Prochnow) and 2014 (Tony & Gerlene Klingelhoets)? **ANSWER:** They were County Line winners of the "Edythe Beard Traveling Banner" award. Susie Oachs just won the SAME award for 2018 at the "Magical Moments" 37<sup>th</sup> annual royalty banquet in Inver Grove Heights sponsored by Dakota Grand Squares. **CONGRATULATIONS!** She was recognized for 88 events.

Susie was supported by our newly crowned County Line royalty, Doug & Gael Zachman, president Joan Halderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-presidents Mavis Johnson and Don Lundell, past award

winner Tony & Gerlene Klingelhoets, past queen Helen Leinonen, and past king Willard Leinonen. Brodini, The Magician, invited Tony, Gerlene, Willard, and Gael to his stage for participation in his magic acts; they did a swell job!