



County Line Squares News

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President's Message

Hello everyone. I know not everyone gets a chance to come to all the meetings so I will try to update you on recent news for your club. We want to thank the outgoing officers for their hard work and let them know we appreciate all the time they committed to the office. I want to introduce you to your new board for County Line's 2018/2019 dance season. Joan Halderson will assume the position of advisor and Sandy Pearson will be the new president. Mavis Johnson and Don Lundell moved up to the position of 1st vice presidents. Rita and Paul Sigafus have agreed to be 2nd vice presidents. Mary Elfmann has agreed to continue as secretary and Gael Zachman will be our new treasurer. Lois Rademacher will continue as historian and Mavis Johnson will continue as sunshine person. I feel very lucky to be able to work with these people and thank them in advance for their contribution to the club.

The workshops will be moved to the Monticello High School starting June 4. On June 12, we will have a demo at 6:00 p.m. at Lake Ridge Care Center and then at 7:00 p.m. at Sturgis Park Shelter. On June 18, we will be back at the high school. Hope to see you at these events.

Don't forget our picnic will be July 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Sandy Pearson
President

Caller's Corner

Greetings everyone! We hope you are all keeping cool! We want to remind everyone that we have our first workshop which would include Mainstream and Plus, June 4 at the air-conditioned Monticello High School at 7:00 p.m. And, don't forget the Minnesota State Square Dance Convention in Saint Louis Park; with the Trails End dance June 7, and continues with the dancing on the 8th, 9th and 10th of the convention itself. Carol and I will be attending and I am doing some of the calling. We also have several demos this month to look forward to. Please try to attend.

Abe and Carol

Demos/Special Events/Workshops

A copy of the Summer Demo/Special Events/Workshops for 2018 is attached. Updates will be provided as changes are made to the schedule.

Anniversaries

- 1 Marcia and Leo Endres
- 6 Joan and Arlie Manz
- 12 Missy and Dale Olmscheid
- 13 Carol and Abe Maier
- 22 Deborah and Robert Meyer
- 27 Sally and Carl Vogt
- 29 Vi and Arlan Schlagel

Promenade with Abe!

- 4 County Line Squares, Monticello (Workshop)
- 7 Minnesota State Square Dance Convention
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- 9 Minnesota State Square Dance Convention
- 10 Minnesota State Square Dance Convention
- 12 Lake Ridge Care Center (Demo)
- 12 Sturgis Park (lower shelter) (Demo)
- 14 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 17 North Country Plus, Staples (Dance)
- 18 County Line Squares, Monticello (Workshop)
- 21 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 24 Pairs & Squares, Battle Lake (Dance)
- 28 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 30 Grad Party, Howard Lake (Demo)

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Banner Raids



- Jun 1, Fri Rays Promenaders, Brainerd (Larry Johansen)
- Jun 6, Wed Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Jun 13, Wed ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Jun 16, Sat Single Circles, Watertown (Dick Rueter)
- Jun 17, Sun North Country Plus, Staples (Abe Maier)
- Jun 19, Tue Bruentrup Heritage Farm, Maplewood (Larry Fruetel)
- Jun 20, Wed Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Jun 22, Fri Westonka Whirlers, Mound (Dick Rueter)
- Jun 24, Sun Pairs & Squares, Battle Lake (Abe Maier)

Minnesota Square Dance Convention

The 66th Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Convention “Dancing for Kicks on Route 66” will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton in St Louis Park, MN, June 8-10, 2018. For information and registration forms go to <http://mnsquaredanceconvention.com>. Featured caller is Jet Roberts and featured cuers are Paul and Linda Robinson.



County Line Squares donated this place setting as a raffle “basket” that will be awarded to the winning ticket holder at the convention.

National Square Dance Convention

The 67th National Square Dance Convention will be held at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, MO, June 27-30, 2018. Registration forms and information are available on-line at <http://www.67nsdc.com>.

Birthdays

- 9 Kristine DeWitt
- 10 Rita Sigafus
- 13 Helen Leinonen
- 13 Larry Wilson
- 19 Carmen Fesenmaier

2018/2019 Dance Schedule

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Caller</i> | <i>Theme</i> |
|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Sep 14 | Abe Maier | Mismatch |
| Oct 12 | Abe Maier | Autumn Leaves |
| Nov 9 | Tom Allen | Red, White & Blue |
| Nov 30 | Abe Maier | Give Thanks |
| Dec 14 | Abe Maier | Winter Wonderland |
| Dec 31 | Abe Maier | New Year's Eve/Holiday Glitter |
| Jan 11 | Bob Maiden | Denim Dance |
| Feb 8 | Abe Maier | Dancing in the Red |
| Mar 8 | Abe Maier | Green Dance |
| Mar 29 | Abe Maier | Alzheimer's Benefit |
| Apr 12 | Tom Allen | Western Roundup |
| May 10 | Abe Maier | Sports Night |

Dance Hosting

Hosts are needed for the County Line Squares dances listed above. Sign-up sheet will be at the summer workshops.

Member Spotlight

Helen Leinonen

Helen was born in North Minneapolis, MN. Her family consists of three brothers and one sister. She went to Mound School kindergarten through 2nd grade, grade 3 at St. Boni and went back to Mound Parochial for grades 5 through 8 and finished grades 9 through 12 in Mound as well.

After high school, Helen worked at TC Federal in downtown Minneapolis for 2 years as an accountant and teller. Marriage to her 1st husband and having three children kept her busy. This husband died when the oldest was 4. Helen remarried 1 year later to a Corcoran farmer and they had two sons. A career at Wal-Mart started in November 1990. Unfortunately, she was widowed again 2 months later. She hung in there and retired from Wal-Mart in June 2006.

Helen has eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Square dancing for Helen began in 2011 as a single. However, at Willard's spinning wheel party, she met Willard's son, Steve, and a courtship began resulting in marriage April 20, 2015.

Steve Leinonen

Well, guess who started square dancing in 2015? Yup, Steve did and probably from Helen's gentle persuasion.

One of two boys and four girls, Steve was born in St. Cloud, MN. He attended St. Timothy's in Maple Lake 1st and 2nd grade. Third grade through 6th was at Albion country school. High school graduation was from Annandale. Further education was a 2 year course at St Cloud Tech for machinist and he also did a 2 year program for auto body.

Jobs were at Frieberg doing welding (which is currently the Annandale Brew House), the Annandale Lugius gas station (which is now the 66), and FMC retiring in 1997. Steve states he is now a PP (professional putzer)!

Steve has been associated with Cub Scouts since 1986 and serves as cub master. Both he and Helen are involved with the Lions in Fairhaven.

Steve has 3 children, 2 step-grandchildren, 13 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. He was married but divorced in 1988, remarried in 1992 with this wife passing away in 2014, and is presently married to Helen.

Helen and Steve are past King and Queen of County Line Squares.