



# County Line Squares News

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## President's Message

Soooo, how is your summer? Seems it came a lot earlier than June 21st this year. Old wives tale says we will have 1 day below 0 for every day we have above 80. Guess we will have to wait and see!

We have been having a lot of visitors at our workshops on Monday nights. One from as far away as Georgia! Lots of fun! Also, Abe is workshopping Plus dancing for the last ½ hour. Our next two workshops will be July 9 and July 30. Come join the fun!

Wright County Fair is starting July 18 and we will be doing a demo on Sunday July 22 from 2:00 till 3:00 p.m. If you wear your square dance attire and your badge, you can get in the gate free. Just tell the gate attendants that you are there to do a square dance demo. The demo will be at the Free Stage.

Remember to sign up to be host and hostess for next year. We still have some openings.

Save the date! Our picnic will be July 15 at Pat and Richard Giebenhain's. It will start at 1:00 p.m. and we will have our potluck around 1:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share. We have such wonderful cooks in our club and the food is always better than words can say. Bring your appetite!

With that I will say, see you in a square!

Sandy

## National Convention

Ninety-four Minnesotans made the drive down Interstate 35 South to Kansas City, Missouri, to attend the 67<sup>th</sup> National Square and Round Dance Convention. Several Minnesota callers and cuers did our state proud calling and cueing in the various dance halls of the three and a half days of the convention. As of 2:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon there were 3,167 dancers attending the convention, some dancers came from as far away as Austria, Canada, Australia, Germany, Ireland, Sweden, and Japan. County Line Squares was well represented at the convention by Don, Mavis, David, Carmen, Susie, Lorraine, Sandy, Gary, LeRoy, and Mary. A good time was had by all.

## Demos

Jul 4, Wed, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Town Celebration, McGrath Town Shelter, Main St E & N 3rd St, McGrath, MN 56350

Jul 6, Fri, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Camp Mishawaka, 21525 Mishawaka Rd, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Jul 22, Sun, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Wright County Fair, Wright County Fairgrounds Free Stage, 1010 1st St, Howard Lake, MN 55349

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

## Promenade with Abe!

- 4 Town Celebration, McGrath (Demo)
- 6 Camp Mishawaka, Grand Rapids (Demo)
- 9 County Line Squares, Monticello (Workshop)
- 12 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 15 County Line Squares, Maple Lake (Picnic)
- 19 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 22 Wright County Fair, Howard Lake (Demo)
- 26 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 26 Wadena Whirlaways, Wadena (Dance)
- 30 County Line Squares, Monticello (Workshop)

## Birthdays

- 1 Dennis Bishop
- 5 Kalina Scott
- 5 Keanna Scott
- 7 Shirley Kostrzewski
- 7 Spencer Wilson
- 9 Gerlene Klingelhoets
- 11 Dale Olmscheid
- 11 Greg Olson
- 13 Marlow Knuth
- 14 Diane Olson
- 18 Diane Knuth
- 20 Fred Vetsch
- 21 Mavis Johnson
- 21 Lorraine Wilson
- 28 Dixie Holton
- 29 Rajah Wilson

## Condolence

Please keep Betty Curran in your thoughts and prayers. Her daughter, Joni Sperandio, passed on June 28, 2018 of complications of cancer (chemo). Funeral will be Friday, July 6, 2018, 11:00 a.m., Peterson's Funeral Home, Buffalo. Viewing will be one hour before.

## Banner Raids

- Tue 10 Silver Treads, Rochester (Mary Mehus)
- Tue, 10 Mocha Crunch, Rochester (Al Vesper)
- Wed, 11 Spares & Pairs, Bloomington (Dick Rueter)
- Wed, 18 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Fri, 20 Westonka Whirlers, Mound (Dick Rueter)
- Wed 25 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Thu, 26 Wadena Whirlaways, Wadena (Abe Maier)
- Sun, 29 SDM Summer Festival St Cloud (Tom Allen, et al)

## Dance Hosting

Hosts are needed for the upcoming County Line Squares dances. A sign-up sheet will be at the summer workshops.

## Anniversaries

- 2 Marlys and Larry Wilson
- 3 Jackie and Alvin Streich
- 21 Gerlene and Tony Klingelhoets

## Member Spotlight

### *Maria Carter*

Bernal, New Mexico, near the base of the Sangre de Crisco Mountains is Maria's birthplace. She has a half-sister, three brothers, three sisters and is the second oldest of her natural siblings.

Maria served in the Marine Corps for two years and met her husband while in the service. They married during her time in service and lived where her husband was stationed. He was in the Marines three years and in the Army three years.

They have a daughter and a son born 11 years apart; 7 grandkids, 3 step grandkids, and 5 great grandkids (4 girls\1 boy) of which there is a set of twins (1 boy\1 girl).

For a time Maria worked at a Vets Hospital. Her husband was an electronic tech who worked as a helicopter mechanic. After service, he worked on anything electronic working for dealers and at one time owning his own TV shop. Maria, of course, did the books and greeted people.

Her husband was from Indiana. After his parents died in a carbon monoxide accident in Cincinnati, Ohio, they moved to Minnesota to reunite as a family with two brothers who already lived in Minnesota.

Maria started square dancing in 2015 and graduated in 2016. When asked why, she said Steve Leinonen called, "Hi, Maria! Steve, your neighbor; do you want to go dancing?" Her reply, "Not today, I'm busy, maybe next week." The rest is history.