



# County Line Squares News

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## President's Message

The holiday season is upon us. Thanksgiving is over but we should remember all the things we are thankful for all year long. Christmas isn't far away. Shopping, tree trimming, present wrapping, cookie baking, feast cooking, and friends and families gathering. What a wonderful season. We want to wish all our square dance friends a wonderful Christmas.

Then comes the fun filled New Year's Eve. Gathering of friends, dancing, and celebrating the new year and what is to come. We are looking forward to our New Year's Eve party and "coming out" party for our students. We are very blessed to have several very special new dancers joining our club. They have started to love square dancing as much as the rest of us do. During lessons you can look around and see a sea of smiles. What a wonderful feeling it gives to share this activity and bring others the joy we share at each dance.

See you in a square real soon!

Sandy

## Classes

No classes on December 24 and 31, 2018, due to the school being closed for the holidays. Reminder that if the Monticello Schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be no class that evening. Students and angels will be notified by e-mail and phone (for those that do not have e-mail).

## Caller's Corner

We hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. Now we can look forward to Christmas. Don't forget about our get together at Richard and Pat's for our annual Christmas party. It is always a fun time for the members and the new dancers.

We know Christmas is a hectic time of the year, but remember to stop and take time for yourself. To borrow from an old song, "It's the most wonderful time of the year." Enjoy life, enjoy your family, enjoy your friends!

At this time Carol and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and may all your Christmas wishes come true.

Abe and Carol

## Style Show/Clothing Sale

At class on Monday, December 3, we will have a style show. Angels are asked to wear square dance attire. This will give our students an idea of how we dress for a square dance.

If you have square dance attire you would like to sell, this is an opportunity to do so. Please have your clothes marked. What you do not sell, you must take back home with you.

## Anniversaries

31 Dave and Sandy Pearson

## Promenade with Abe!

- 3 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 5 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 6 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 10 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 12 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 13 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 14 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)
- 17 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 19 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 20 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 31 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)

## Square Dances

County Line Squares has two dances scheduled this month.

County Line's December dance is Friday, December 14, at Pinewood Elementary School, 1010 W Broadway, Monticello, MN. The theme is "Winter Wonderland." Abe is calling and Jane Simpson is cuing. Hosts for this dance are: Helen and Steve Leinonen, Pam and John Ouellette, Lisa Murphy, and Maria Carter

Our New Year's Eve dance is a new dancer dance (students are welcome and encouraged to attend). The dance will be held at Pinewood Elementary School, 1010 W Broadway, Monticello, MN. The theme for this dance is "Holiday Glitter." All County Line Squares members are hosts for this dance. Sloppy Joes and buns will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and a door prize. Since all members are the hosts, please help ensure that the food table is monitored throughout the dance. We will need decorations for the 15-18 tables that will be set up. Please bring item(s) to the dance if you would like to decorate a table. For example, you can bring a table topper and a snow man to sit on top of it.

## Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas party is Sunday, December 9, at Pat and Richard Giebenhain's, 7290 Elder Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN. The theme for this event is "Caring and Sharing." Please bring a donation for an area food shelf. Social starts at 1:00 p.m., and we plan to eat at 1:30 p.m. This is potluck for angels. All dancers (students and angels) are welcome. If you would like to bring a guest, you are welcome to do so.

## Banner Raids

- Sun, 2 Rockin' Country Dancers, West Union (Larry Johansen)
- Wed, 5 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Fri, 7 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Roger McNeil)
- Sat, 8 Koronis Nite Owls, Paynesville (Larry Johansen)
- Wed, 12 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Sat, 15 Westonka Whirlers, Mound (Tom Allen)
- Wed, 19 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Fri, 28 Gospel Plus, Hopkins (Tom Allen)

## Dues

Mary Elfmann is collecting the dues for calendar year 2019. County Line Squares – \$3, SDM – \$10 (which includes \$5 for USDA insurance), total – \$13. Cash or make checks payable to County Line Squares. A SDM Form 005, Individual Membership Application, needs to accompany your payment, be sure to complete and sign the form.

## Square Dance Conventions

If you haven't heard, the 67<sup>th</sup> Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Convention will be held in St Cloud, June 14-16, 2019. And, the 68<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention will be held in Atlanta, GA, June 26-29, 2019. You can register on-line or registration forms are available if you are interested.

## Dance Hosting

Hosts are still needed for the upcoming dances. A sign-up sheet will be at the December 14, 2018 dance.

## Birthdays

02	Char VanBergen (new dancer)
03	Bill Gulbrandson (return dancer)
03	Robert Voigt
04	Rod Christoffer
04	Lu Treague
08	Dan Hunz
10	Tiffany Scott
14	Brad Neutz (new dancer)
25	Deborah Meyer
31	Carol Miller
31	Isaac Olmscheid