



County Line Squares News

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President's Message

Condolence to Sandy Pearson and family on the death of her father, Claude F. Railsback, on December 29, 2018. He had been in the hospital since December 22. Visitation at 5:00 p.m., with memorial service at 6:00 p.m., January 10, 2019, Peterson Chapel, 119 Central Ave N, Buffalo, MN 55313. Please keep the Pearson family in your prayers.

Square Dances

While our New Year's Eve dance starts at 9:00 p.m. on December 31, 2018 it ends at 12:15 a.m. on January 1, 2019 and is a great way to start your new year dancing. It is also a new dancer dance, so the students are welcome and encouraged to attend. The dance will be held at Pinewood Elementary School, 1010 W Broadway, Monticello, MN. Abe Maier is the caller and Jane Simpson will be cuing rounds.

Our next dance will be Friday, January 4, 2019, theme is "Denim," caller is Bob Maiden, cuer is Sarah Klaphake. Plus from 7:30-8:00 p.m., New Dancer (Basic/Mainstream) from 8:00-10:00 p.m., with potluck finger food during the dance. Hosts and hostesses are Gael and Doug Zachman and Diane and Marlow Knuth.

Birthdays

12	Tony Klingelhoets
20	Jackie Streich
27	Darlene Hunz

Caller's Corner

We begin by wishing everyone a happy healthy New Year. Thanks to all for your positive comments. Let's continue to welcome our new dancers into our squares; they are a blessing to our County Line Club, and they will help preserve the heritage of square dancing.

Have you ever wondered where the term "tip" came from? It goes back to the good old days. Since the buggies and horses didn't have headlights to light the way home people would literally dance all night. A fiddler would provide the music and a caller would stand up and call out the calls. The dancers would all throw a little money in a hat to pay the caller and fiddler. If they gathered up enough "TIP" money the caller would do another set/tip of dancing.

Abe and Carol

Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 9, at Pat and Richard Giebenhain's facilities. Sixty-two members and guests attended, with plenty of food, door prizes, and caroling. The theme "Caring and Sharing" resulted in contributions totaling 96 pounds of food items and \$110 which was presented to the Annandale Food Shelf (which supports those in need in both Annandale and Maple Lake). Susie, Lu, Lorraine, Maria, Helen, Steve, and Willard did a great job as the party committee.

Promenade with Abe!

- 1 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)
- 2 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 3 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 7 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 9 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 10 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 14 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 16 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 17 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 18 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Dance)
- 21 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 23 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 24 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 28 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 30 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 31 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)

Classes

Classes resume on Monday, January 7, 2019, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Monticello Middle School. 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).

Mid-Winter Magic

The 40th Mid-Winter Magic is scheduled for January 26, 2019 at the Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins, MN. There will only be one session this year from 1:00-6:00 p.m. This dance is hosted by the Swingmasters callers and is another great opportunity for our new dancers to dance to other callers and get some additional floor time.

Banner Raids

- Wed, 2 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Sun, 6 Rockin' Country Dancers, West Union (Larry Johansen)
- Tue, 8 L & M Squares, Fargo (Roger McNeil)
- Wed, 9 Spares & Pairs, Bloomington (Larry Fruetel)
- Sat, 12 Hot Foot Stompers, Coon Rapids, (Roger McNeil)
- Sun, 13 Ar-Dale Dancers, White Bear Lake (Larry Fruetel)
- Tue, 15 Silver Treads, Rochester (Dick Severson)
- Fri, 18 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Abe Maier)
- Sun, 20 Westonka Whirlers, Mound (Roger McNeil)
- Wed, 23 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Fri, 25 Gospel Plus, Hopkins (Tom Allen)
- Wed, 30 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)

Fifth Friday Dance

Our fifth Friday dance in March will be a special benefit dance. County Line Squares is hosting a silent auction for Alzheimer's. We would like to have members put together gift baskets to be auctioned at this dance. More details will be in the February News.

Anniversaries

- 19 Barb & Bill Gulbrandson (return dancers)
- 21 Nancy & Dan Blomgren (new dancers)

County Line Square Banners

At the spring board meeting, Mary Elfmann volunteered to make new banners for County Line Squares. With some help from Elaine Windsperger (lettering), Mary completed one large banner, five medium banners, and five small banners.

Now a question: What to do with the old banners? The large banner, along with a brief history of County Line Squares, will be given to the SDM historian. That leaves five medium and six small banners available for those who would like to have a keepsake from County Line Squares. The banners will be available at our January 4 dance, as well as at lessons on January 7 and 14 for the taking. The banners not taken will no longer be available after the January 14 dance.

Square Dance Conventions

The 67th Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Convention will be held in St Cloud, June 14-16, 2019. And, the 68th 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.