



County Line Squares News

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President's Message

Here we are again. As I am writing this it is 8 degrees with 45 mph winds and piles of snow everywhere. It has been quite the winter. There have been several dances and lessons cancelled due to weather. We haven't had a winter like this in several years!

On a much brighter subject, our students are graduating!! We have a wonderful bunch of students (and angels) at lessons on Monday nights! We have had so much fun again this year! Our graduation will be at lessons on Monday March 18, at 700 p.m. (dinner at 6:30 p.m.). Please come to welcome our new members!

We will be having a club meeting on March 25, 2019. Everyone is welcome to come (including our new members). We will be voting on board members. If you are interested in being on the board, or would like to nominate someone for the board, there will be a sign up sheet at lessons.

Don't forget our Alzheimer's Benefit Dance March 29. If you are making a basket for the raffle please let Mary know. Have a great week and stay warm! See you in a square real soon!

Sandy

Demo

Saturday, March 23, 2019, 6:00-7:30 p.m.,
Caller Abe Maier, Nordvik family facilities,
19273 7th St SE, Princeton, MN 55371.

Caller's Corner

Happy March, Friends.

When the month of March rolls around we think spring. Usually I take a trip to the store to purchase garden seeds. This year though, Carol and the grandkids plan on making a snowman in the garden!

One of the main concerns of new dancers, and other dancers too, is making a mistake. This is my hint to them: If you do goof, forget it. Try not to beat yourself over the head about it. My advice is simply do the best you can and keep dancing. I know that County Line angels will still love you. One thing about square dancing, a person goes to a dance knowing no one and comes away with dozens of friends. What other activity exists today that can make that statement?

We are looking forward to graduation Monday, March 18 and County Line's March dances at Pinewood Elementary. Do plan on wearing something green March 8th and have you got something to offer for the silent auction on March 29th – our benefit dance for Alzheimer's? I know of someone who is busy embroidering towels for it! Let's make it a memorable dance, by showing our support by fighting Alzheimer's disease.

Abe and Carol

Anniversaries

29 Gael & Doug Zachman

Promenade with Abe!

- 1 Cambridge Corners, Isanti (Dance)
- 4 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 6 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 7 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 8 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)
- 11 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 13 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 14 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 15 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Dance)
- 17 First City Squares, Bemidji (Dance)
- 18 County Line Squares, Monticello (Graduation)
- 20 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 21 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 23 County Line Squares, Princeton (Demo)
- 24 Kato Plus, Mankato (Dance)
- 25 County Line Squares, Monticello (Workshop)
- 27 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 28 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 29 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)

Graduation

County Line Squares new dancers graduation is March 18, 2019, at the Monticello Middle School, 6:30 p.m., potluck meal (provided by the angels), with fun and dancing to follow. If you are helping to setup be at the school by 5:30 p.m. If you are bringing guests, there will be a sign-up sheet at the classes in March. Welcome to all of our new dancers!

Birthdays

- 17 Adrienne Madson
- 22 Craig Blomgren
- 24 Mary Elfmann
- 25 Willard Leinonen

Banner Raids

- Fri, 1 Cambridge Corners, Isanti (Abe Maier)
- Sat, 9 Koronis Nite Owls, Paynesville (Dean Dederman)
- Sun, 10 Ar-Dale Dancers, White Bear Lake, (Dean Dederman)
- Wed, 13 Beaux & Belles, St. Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Fri, 15 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Abe Maier)
- Sun, 17 First City Squares, Bemidji (Abe Maier)
- Wed, 20 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Fri, 22 Gospel Plus, Hopkins (Tom Allen)
- Sun, 24 Kato Plus, Mankato (Abe Maier)
- Wed, 27 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud (Tom Allen)

Biennial Meeting

Our biennial meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2017, 8:15 p.m., at the Monticello Middle School. If you are interested in serving as an officer or representing the organization as king or queen, or on the summer picnic committee, please let an officer know.

Workshops

Basic/Mainstream workshops begin March 25, 2019, and are every Monday night through the end of the school year at Monticello Middle School, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Great opportunity for the graduates to practice their newly acquired dancing skills, and for all members to get additional floor time.

SDM Winter Festival

The SDM Winter Festival was held Saturday, February 2, 2019, at the Whitney Center in St Cloud, MN. Awards were presented for the following programs:

“Live Lively” – to recognize chronologically enriched dancers who remain active within their organization.

“Most-Active Dancer” – to recognize those that participate in the most events for six-month periods ending June 30 and December 31.

“Traveler” – to recognize those that travel to other organization events as follows:

- 4 different organizations located 50 miles or less (one way)
- 4 different organizations located 51 to 100 miles (one way)
- 4 different organizations located 101 to 150 miles (one way)
- 4 different organizations located 151 miles or more (one way)

County Line Squares members receiving awards (presented by SDM Chair Linda Brotherton) were:



Sandy Pearson – “Live Lively Septuagenarian”



Barbara Hicks – “Live Lively Septuagenarian”



Gael and Doug (not present) Zachman – “Traveler Sixth Award”



Mavis Johnson and Don Lundell – “Traveler Eighth Award”



Willard Leinonen – “Sixth Most-Active Dancer”

Lorraine Wilson – “Fourth Most-Active Dancer” (wintering in Florida)



Mavis Johnson and Don Lundell –
“Third Most-Active Dancers”

Square Dances

County Line Squares first dance in March will be Friday, March 8, 2019, theme is “Green,” caller is Abe Maier, cuer is Sarah Klaphake. Plus from 7:30-8:00 p.m., New Dancer (Mainstream) from 8:00-10:00 p.m., with potluck finger food during the dance. The dance will be held at Pinewood Elementary School, 1010 W Broadway, Monticello, MN. Hosts and hostesses are Carol and Abe Maier, and Gerlene and Tony Klingelhoets.

The second dance in March is on Friday, March 29, 2019, theme is “Alzheimer’s Benefit,” Pinewood Elementary School. Plus from 7:30-8:00 p.m., Mainstream dance from 8:00-10:00 p.m., caller is Abe Maier, cuer is Ken LaBau. Hosts and hostesses are Rita and Paul Sigafus and Carol and Abe Maier. See following article for additional information on the Alzheimer’s Benefit Dance.

Alzheimer’s Benefit Dance

From 2000-2015, the number of Alzheimer’s deaths increased 123 percent while deaths from other major diseases, including heart disease, stroke, and HIV decreased. Costs for all individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and other

dementias are estimated to be \$277 billion in 2018 and could rise as high as \$11 trillion in 2050. Our fifth Friday dance, March 29, 2019, will be a special Alzheimer’s benefit dance. Proceeds from the dance (after expenses) will be donated and we would also like to have gift basket donations for a silent auction.

Here are some ideas for gift baskets:

Garden Supplies – packet of seeds, garden gloves, potting soil.

Movie Night – popcorn, peanuts, pop, DVD

Baking – favorite muffin recipe, dry ingredients, muffin tin, cookbook.

Home Spa – bubble bath, scented soaps, hand/body lotion.

You get the idea. The basket size is up to you. Please include a list of the contents of your basket (smaller items may not show when the basket is assembled and displayed), the theme of your basket and who donated the basket. Also, please include a beginning bid for your basket. Forms will be available beginning in March to fill out to go with your baskets.

Mary would like to receive as many baskets as possible ahead of the dance. This will help with coordinating the baskets and bidding tickets, plus it will help us know how many extra tables will be needed. You can bring your baskets to lessons or to our March 25 biennial meeting. Mary will also be happy to make arrangements to meet in Buffalo for a drop-off if that is more convenient for you.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Elfmann.