



County Line Squares News

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Word(s) of the Month

If you know everything that is in “Word(s) of the Month” wonderful. However, we have found dancers, who have been dancing for years, do not know everything.

Treasurer

The treasurer collects or coordinates collection of entrance fees at all club dances; organizes all receipts and disbursements (keeps all financial records); prepares treasurer’s reports; pays central organization dues; ensures that all bank accounts have two signatures on the signature card; ensures that an annual independent audit or review of financial records is conducted; prepares IRS Form 1099-MISC “Miscellaneous Income” for anyone who was paid at least \$600 during the year; and performs other duties as required.

One of the reports that the treasurer prepares is the annual Financial Statement – Income/Expense and Balance Sheet. This report is submitted to Square Dance Minnesota, Inc. (SDM) and reflects the financial status of County Line Squares for the past fiscal year. SDM reviews the information and uses the report to prepare and submit the appropriate IRS Form 990, “Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax” to the Internal Revenue Service.

Secretary of State

County Line Squares is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization exempt from federal income tax. A nonprofit organization must be registered with the Secretary of State as a business and the registration must be renewed every year.

From the Internet

I know this, but sometimes I need to be reminded – Mavis:

If you see someone falling behind be kind,
Walk beside them.

If you see someone being ignored,
Find a way to include them.

Always remind people of their worth,
One small act could mean the world to them.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 at the Giebenhain Farm. We will gather at noon, and have a potluck lunch at 12:30 p.m. Paul and Rita Sigafus are heading the committee for this event, with help from Steve and Helen Leinonen, Maria Carter, John and Pam Ouellette, and Tony Klingelhoets.

Sunshine

Last month, we announced that Lu Treague (luwellynt@yahoo.com, 763-218-6064) is our new Sunshine person. Please let her know if County Line Squares members need cards.

Graduation

Graduation for our current class is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020. Paul and Rita Sigafus, as First Vice Presidents, are in charge of graduation.

President's Message

The November dance with Roger and Bernadette McNeil had nine plus squares from nine clubs. Thank you to the all the dancers, the hosts and hostesses, and all the dancers that help to make a good dance.

We have a busy and fun time coming:

December 7 – Christmas Party

December 13 – Jingle Bells/Christmas Dance

December 31 – New Year's Eve Dance

All dancers are welcome. Pickup flyers on these events.

Square dancers – are you doing what you can to welcome new dancers? Introducing yourself and offering to be there partner in the next dance. We all need encouragement and support when doing a new activity. We enjoy the people, physical and mental exercise, but mostly the joy when walking into a room of familiar faces and saying – Hi!

Yellow Rocks to all!

Mavis and Don
Presidents

Classes

New classes begin on Monday, January 13, 2020 (first class is free, \$4.00 a person each evening). Learn square dancing with professional square dance caller Abe Maier. Get your friends and those that aren't friends (yet) to join us at the Monticello Middle School (East Entrance, Door 20), 800 E Broadway St, Monticello, MN, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Caller's Corner

Last month we explained CALLERLAB, which is an international callers organization and Swingmasters, the Twin Cities callers organization. This month, we'll cover MSDCA (Minnesota Square Dance Callers Association). Primarily, callers that reside in Minnesota. We have been members since the late 70's. A couple of the main functions:

- To schedule callers for the State Square Dance Convention.
- To have seminars to help newer callers enhance their calling skills.

This past year has been good and we express our thanks to all those square dancers who have helped make 2019 a successful one. As square dancers, we must remember to continue to interest new people (and encourage them) into our activity. We hope that 2020 will be an even greater year for our beloved County Line Squares!

We wish to extend Holiday Greetings to all of you. Have a very Merry Christmas and remember the reason for the season.

Abe and Carol

Birthdays

2	Char VanBergen
3	Bill Gulbrandson
4	Rod Christoffer
4	Lu Treague
8	Dan Hunz
10	Tiffany Scott
14	Brad Neutz
25	Deborah Meyer
31	Carol Miller

Promenade with Abe!

- 2 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 4 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 5 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 8 Ar-Dale Dancers, White Bear Lake (Dance)
- 9 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 11 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 12 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 13 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)
- 16 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 18 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 19 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 31 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)

23 & 30 – No class, school is closed.

Square Dances

County Line Squares has two dances scheduled in December:

Friday, December 13, 2019, theme is “*Jingle Bells – Christmas*” caller is Abe Maier, cuers are Steve and Jean Philson. Plus from 7:30-8:00 p.m., Mainstream dance from 8:00-10:00 p.m., Rounds between tips, with potluck during the dance. Hosts and hostesses are Pat and Richard Giebenhain, Julie and Dave Pribyl, and Mary and LeRoy Elfmann.

Tuesday, December 31, 2019, theme is “*New Year’s Eve*” caller is Abe Maier, cuer is Jane Simpson. New Dancer dance from 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., January 1, 2020. Rounds between tips, Plus tips, with potluck during the dance. All County Line Squares members are the hosts and hostesses for this dance.

Anniversaries

- 31 Sandy and Dave Pearson

Banner Raids and Dances

- Wed, 4 Beaux & Belles, St. Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Fri, 6 South Metro Stars, Burnsville (Larry Fruetel)
- Sun, 8 Ar-Dale Dancers, White Bear Lake (Abe Maier)
- Wed, 11 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Sat, 14 Koronis Nite Owls, Paynesville (Larry Johansen)
- Wed, 18 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Fri, 20 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Larry Fruetel)
- Sat, 21 Westonka Whirlers, Mound (Tom Allen and Dick Rueter)

Out and About

County Line Squares members Michelle and Brad Neutz and Char and Bill VanBergen danced to Caller Steve Park from Natick, Massachusetts when he called for the Town Howlers, Portsmouth, Rhode Island on October 26, 2019.



Brad, Michelle, Bill, and Char
with the Town Howlers

The Town Howlers were located by searching for a square dance on the “Where’s the Dance” website (www.wheresthedance.com).

November Square Dance

The County Line Squares “Red, White & Blue” dance was held on November 8, 2019, with Caller Roger McNeil and Cuer Bernadette McNeil. Nine squares with dancers from Ar-Dale Dancers, County Line Squares, Gospel Plus, Hot Foot Stompers, Jolly Twirlers, Koronis Nite Owls, Single Circles, Spares & Pairs, and Westonka Whirlers were in attendance.



Westonka Whirlers retrieved their banner.



Spares & Pairs claimed a County Line Squares banner.



Koronis Nite Owls retrieved their banner.



Hot Foot Stompers retrieved their banner.

SDM Fall Festival

The SDM Fall Festival was held Saturday, November 2, 2019, at the Whitney Center in St Cloud, MN. Sixteen callers and cuers volunteered their services for a fun afternoon of square and round dancing. County Line Squares members receiving awards (presented by SDM Chair Barry Downs) were:



Carmen Fesenmaier
“Seventh Most Active Dancer”
January – June 2019.



Mary and LeRoy Elfmann
“Tenth Traveler Award”

Plus Blast

Square Dance Minnesota is sponsoring a Plus Blast on Saturday, December 28, 2019, at the Grandview Middle School cafeteria, 1881 Commerce Blvd, Mound, MN. Instructor is professional caller Dick Rueter. Pre-requisite is a solid knowledge of Basic and Mainstream calls. Blast starts at 10:00 a.m., potluck lunch at 1:00 p.m., instruction resumes approximately 1:30 p.m. until all calls are finished.

Dues

One of the requirements for County Line Squares to retain liability insurance is for all members to be insured. If you have not paid your calendar year 2020 dues, please see Mary Elfmann. County Line Squares – \$3, SDM – \$10 (which includes \$5 for USDA insurance), total – \$13. Cash or make checks payable to County Line Squares. SDM Form 005, Membership Application, needs to accompany your payment. Be sure to complete and sign the form.