



County Line Squares News

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President's Message

Hello County Line Family,

There is an old Yiddish Proverb that sums up how the year has gone so far for square dancing, "We plan, God laughs." I am grateful for all the planners who volunteered to make this year a great one. Unfortunately, it hasn't worked out as planned. Just know that we are still here, hoping and praying in anticipation of being together soon and enjoying square dancing once again.

In the meantime, I thought it might be fun to learn a little of the origins of square dance. As Abe has told us, square dances were first documented in 16th-century England but were also quite common in France and throughout Europe. They came to North America with the European settlers and have undergone considerable development here. The Western American square dance may be the most widely known form worldwide, possibly due to its association in the 20th Century with the romanticized image of the American cowboy. Perhaps that is where square dance clothing got its Western style. Did you know that 19 U.S. states have designated it as their official state dance?

During this time when we can't gather in friendship, it is most important that we keep in touch with each other, to ensure we know we are not out there alone.

Hang in there. Remember, we are all in this together!

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Caller's Corner

Greetings to all of our square dance friends!

Carol and I still miss all of you and we hope all of you are healthy and ready to square-up again. But from where we are epidemic-wise, just don't see that happening very soon. Do you think we can be wearing a mask and not touch hands? Nobody would see our smiles!

We hope everybody knows about our Carmen winning the Edith Beard Traveling Banner. She attended a total of 90 dances throughout the year! What a good ambassador for our club!!! If you haven't seen her to congratulate her, send her a card or e-mail. Lastly, it was nice to see the member-spotlight featuring Lisa M. in the last Newsletter!! Hope it continues as to inform us about other members!

Stay safe!

Abe and Carol

Anniversaries

- 2 Marlys and Larry Wilson
- 12 Michelle and Brad Neutz
- 21 Gerlene and Tony Klingelhoets
- 27 Julie and David Pribyl

Workshops/Demos/Banner Raids

No workshops, demos, or banner raids scheduled at this time due to "social-distancing" requirements

2020/2021 Dance Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Caller</i>	<i>Cuer</i>
Sep 11	Abe Maier	Jane Simpson
Oct 9	Larry Johansen	Jane Simpson
Oct 30	Abe Maier	Sarah Klaphake
Nov 13	Abe Maier	Jane Simpson
Dec 11	Abe Maier	Ken LaBau
Dec 31	Abe Maier	Jane Simpson
Jan 8	Roger McNeil	Bernadette McNeil
Jan 29	Abe Maier	Jane Simpson
Feb 12	Abe Maier	Jane Simpson
Mar 12	Abe Maier	Sarah Klaphake
Apr 9	Tom Allen	Sarah Klaphake
Apr 30	Abe Maier	Sarah Klaphake
May 14	Abe Maier	Sarah Klaphake

Conventions

Since both the state and national conventions were cancelled this year, now is the time to start planning for the 2021 conventions.

The 69th Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Convention is scheduled to be held at Breezy Point Resort, June 11-13, 2021. The featured caller will be Mike Hogan from Nebraska and the featured cuers will be Kay and Bob Kurczewski from Texas. Registration forms should be available soon.

The 70th National Square Dance Convention is scheduled to be held at the Jackson Convention Center, Jackson, Mississippi, June 23-26, 2021. Information and registration forms are available at <https://70nsdc.com/>.

Birthdays

1	Dennis Bishop
4	AmyJo Farnum
5	Kalina Scott
5	Keanna Scott
7	Shirley Kostrzewski
9	Gerlene Klingelhoets
11	Greg Olson
13	Marlow Knuth
14	Diane Olson
18	Diane Knuth
20	Dan Blomgren
21	Mavis Johnson
21	Lorraine Wilson
28	Dixie Lane Holton
29	Rajah Wilson
30	Lora Loch

SDM Summer Festival

The Square Dance Minnesota, Inc. summer festival which was scheduled for July 25, 2020 at the Whitney Center in St. Cloud has been cancelled.

Memories



County Line Squares members at the 40th Anniversary Dance on March 31, 2017.

Member Spotlight

Julie and Dave Pribyl

Julie and Dave are both from Maple Lake. Julie is the third of 11 children raised by Julius and Monica Loch. Julie's father started Loch Jewelers in Maple Lake in 1949 shortly before she was born. Both graduated from Maple Lake High School – Dave in 1966 and Julie in 1967. Dave graduated from St. Cloud State University with a degree in Technical Engineering.

Dave worked in sewer and water construction, retired from construction in 2011. He and Julie also farmed – planting alfalfa, corn, and soybeans. They milked cows and farrowed and finished pigs. They retired from farming about 2014.

They were licensed foster parents in Wright County providing long term foster care for teenagers. From 1989 through August 2000 they provided emergency shelter for young children in Wright County and provided care for Crisis Nursery. You won't be able to guess how many children stayed at their home during that time! Julie became a parent liaison with Minnesota Adoption Support and Preservation in January 2000. Support groups were created providing support to both foster and adoptive parents.

Dave was a member of the Wright County Sheriffs Mounted Patrol from 1996 – 2018. They both worked hard but also played hard. . They enjoyed the Wright Saddle Club trail rides, parades, demonstrations at the Wright County Fair, and competing at the Minnesota State Fair Drills and Square Dance Horse competition.

Julie and Dave have 7 children, 16 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. They enjoy riding horse with their children and grandchildren. They also enjoy playing 500 with everyone. Julie also enjoys time spent with

her book club ladies. They have book club monthly, but also have their summer cabin weekend, deer hunting weekend without guns to Grand View Lodge, Las Vegas, and even last year to Mexico for a week. Julie commented that her children/grandchildren are her favorite hobby. They keep her busy and bring endless joy. Julie stated: "In our younger days we snowmobiled in Minnesota and had many adventures to West Yellowstone, Montana. I think square dancing is much safer."

Richard Giebenhain invited them several times to attend square dancing in Monticello. We appreciated his invite, but our two youngest daughters were still in high school. In October 2018, while Julie was visiting with her sister in law Lora Loch, Lora said she and Steve had been attending square dance classes in Monticello! What! Julie asked some questions then told Lora "we would drive them to square dance the following Monday night," and they did. The rest is history! Julie commented: "We spend a lot of time on bleachers at grandchildren's sporting events and we love that but it feels great to know we have opportunity to get out and dance on a regular schedule."

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