



County Line Squares News

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Hosts and Hostesses

Hopefully, County Line Squares will resume its monthly dance schedule in September. Since the board has not had a chance to meet to select themes and we have not had any summer workshops, we haven't had a chance to sign up for host and hostess at the dances. Attached is a schedule with the dances for the 2020/2021 dance season. Please send an e-mail to clsquares@aol.com or contact Mary Elfmann, 320-292-3585, to sign-up for the dance of your choice. Sign up early and get a date that works best for you.

Birthdays

- 2 Gael Zachman
- 7 Steve Loch
- 7 Arlie Manz
- 10 Sandee Blanchet
- 11 Don Lundell
- 15 Wendy Walker
- 16 Richard Giebenhain
- 17 Andy Schoenleben
- 20 Leo Endres
- 27 Lisa Murphy
- 31 Robert Meyer



Who is this dashing couple? Answer on next page!

Caller's Corner

Hi everyone!

Have all of you gotten used to wearing a mask or should I say "face covering"? This month (July) I just completed cataract surgery on both of my eyes. So far it looks like a success! Carol will have hers done in August.

How is everybody doing? The good news in our family is that our granddaughter and her husband gave us two more great-grandchildren. Twins – a boy and a girl, born Tuesday, July 21. Because of the pandemic we only get to see them on the computer. What a crazy world we live in now! We can all hope and pray that this virus will be brought under control soon.

It would be nice to have other members giving their updates on their happenings in the newsletter also. It seems like we could keep in touch with each other that way. [Editor Note: If you would like to include an update in future "News," please send it to clsquares@aol.com.] We sure miss everyone and the fun activity that we used to do, enjoying each other's company.

Thinking of all of you.

Abe and Carol

Workshops/Demos/Banner Raids

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

Member Spotlight

Marlys and Larry Wilson

Marlys Golie grew up in Minneapolis in the Uptown area and attended West High. As a freshman at the U of MN she found the square dance group that met at Coffman Union each week. Without formal lessons, the group learned the calls and formations for each tip. This became her 'social' group.

Larry Wilson grew up in Wayzata and commuted to the U of MN. He studied to become a math/science teacher. Occasionally, he would come to the dances at the Union where he met her. Two years later, they started dating. Larry graduated and went to Seattle to teach. He took square dance lessons.

When Marlys graduated as an elementary teacher with a librarian certificate, they were married. They continued dancing at the U. When their first child, Patrick, was 1 ½ years old, they moved to Japan so Larry could teach math and science in the Department of Defense system. Their goal was to get to Europe and visit Larry's exchange brother, Jaakko, from Finland.

In Japan, they both took square dance lessons. Most American bases had square dancing if there was a caller available. Their club had a Japanese caller. The business meetings were in Japanese, but the calls were in Engr(1)ish. Shortly before leaving Japan, their second son, Peter, was born.

The next adventure was in Germany. They checked out the local square dance club. These dancers became their best friends. The caller here was from England. Three years later, their third son, Paul, was born. They lived, traveled and danced in Germany for four years. Ask them about dancing in five countries in one day.

They moved again. This time it was to England. Square dancers helped them find a home to rent. Dancing was their date night each week.

After nine years teaching overseas, they decided it was time to return to Minnesota and extended family. Larry was hired as a math teacher in Buffalo where he continued to teach for 36 years. Marlys entered the school system as a Title I teacher for Buffalo when Paul went to school full time. She went back to college to become a sign language interpreter after their first grandchild was born deaf. She worked in St. Cloud for a few years.

Upon moving to Buffalo, they continued dancing with the Buffalo Squares until that club folded. They were with Wayzata Whirlers for a few years and then became members of County Line. They have been club presidents twice. Marlys was queen once and did the newsletter for many years. They have danced over 55 years and still love it.

Since retirement in 2002, they have traveled and danced in Europe, Japan and Taiwan. They have been on mission trips, visited each of the 50 states and done extensive family history research. Marlys is a Sunday school teacher, reader, and quilter. Larry does video work at church and is always busy developing creative artistic projects.

They are happy to be at lessons to help new dancers learn the calls. Without new dancers square dancing will fade away. It has kept them together all these years and they will continue as long as their bodies can do it.

Anniversaries

No County Line Squares anniversaries in August.