



# County Line Squares News

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## January Square Dances and Classes

County Line Squares Friday, January 10, 2021, and January 29, 2021 square dances have been cancelled due to the coronavirus and social-distancing requirements. The square dance classes scheduled to start on January 11, 2021 have also been cancelled.

## Zoom Meeting

County Line Squares next get-together will be via Zoom on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Char VanBergen will be setting up the get-together and sign-on information will be provided via e-mail before the event.

## 2021 Conventions

The 69<sup>th</sup> 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 at <https://mnsquaredanceconvention.com>.

The 70<sup>th</sup> 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/>.

## Anniversaries

21 Nancy and Daniel Blomgren

## Caller's Corner

Happy New Year Everybody!!

We are so sorry we couldn't do the "count-down to Midnight" with all of you this year!! Always a good way to end a year and start a new one.

Please remember everyone that is not well at this time. They are certainly in our prayers.

After this "down" year we've had, hopefully the next year will be a much better one.

God bless you all and stay well.

Abe & Carol

## 2021 Insurance and Dues

As we start 2021, 40 of our 79 current members have paid their insurance for 2021. The dues and insurance are for calendar year 2021 and the SDM dues are optional.

- County Line Squares – \$3 for dues
- USDA – \$5 for insurance (through SDM)
- SDM – \$5 for dues (optional for 2021)
- SDM – \$2 for directory (optional)

Make checks payable to County Line Squares. SDM Form 005, Membership Application, (available on the SDM website – [www.squaredancemn.com](http://www.squaredancemn.com)) needs to accompany your payment. Be sure to complete and sign the form and return it to Mary Elfmann, 741 Gowan Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358-4516.

## **Member Spotlight Gael and Doug Zachman**

Let's meet a couple of our members who have danced for a longer time. Gael Zachman has been dancing since she took lessons in 1984 (with time off from 1997-2002). She took lessons in Hibbing, Minnesota when she was living near Iron, Minnesota. In 1997, she moved to Buffalo and it took a while for her to find a club and get back into dancing, but in 2002, with her children mostly grown, she did brush-up lessons and joined County Line Square dancers. Noticing all the single women dancers, in 2003 she learned to do the left hand (man's) part and reviewed her plus dances so she could dance 2-3 times a week. She has three sons, and three grandchildren and one grandchild on the way.

Gael taught school for 10 years before she had her children and worked at Randy's Sanitation in Delano from 1997-2014, when she retired.

Gael's parents were square dancers in the 1950s and she can remember the outfits they wore. Her Aunt Kay was also a square dancer. It doesn't seem to run in the family though, since none of her children dance.

Doug Zachman is a life-time farmer. He has lived outside of St. Michael/Rogers on the Crow River on a farm that his grandfather and father farmed before him. He grew corn and hay and raised chickens, pigs, and dairy cattle. Milking to pay off the farm and then raising dairy heifers for another larger dairy farmer (which gave him time to roller skate and eventually to square dance). In 2011, while a member of a singles group, he danced with County Line Squares at Buffalo Days demo and got hooked and has been dancing ever since. Doug started taking lessons that fall. Gael said that they met at the Buffalo Days demo, but she doesn't think Doug remembered her when he came to lessons.

(Editor's Comment – How could anyone not remember Gael?)

Gael and Doug were married on March 29, 2014 (after a New Year's Eve proposal at a square dance – see photo below). They even danced at a demo the evening of their wedding, and had a free square dance with all their friends in May 2014. Since then they have danced at conventions, on cruise ships, and at many festivals.



December 31, 2013

Doug and Gael have held offices in the club, including president and now treasurer. Both of them enjoy dancing and the traveling to visit other clubs. Now that both of them are retired, they hope to travel more and maybe dance in a few more states.

### **Birthdays**

12 Tony Klingelhoets  
27 Darlene Hunz