



County Line Squares News

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President's Message

County Line Squares held its bi-annual spring meeting on March 21, 2022. Thirty-three members and three guests attended the meeting. Thanks to those that attended the meeting and that volunteered to fill positions and committees. See the Bi-annual Meeting section for actions taken at the meeting.

County Line Squares 45th Anniversary will be celebrated at our square dance on April 29, 2022. The caller will be Abe Maier and the cuer will be Sarah Klaphake. Plus from 7:30-8:00 p.m. New Dancer/Mainstream from 8:00-10:00 p.m., rounds between tips, with potluck during the dance. All members are the hosts for this dance, so please come out and support it.

LeRoy

Anniversary

- 20 Helen and Steve Leinonen
- 21 Lois and Dennis Bishop

Square Dance

County Line Squares next dance is April 8, 2022, the theme is "Beach Party," caller is Tom Allen, cuer is Sarah Klaphake. Plus from 7:30-8:00 p.m., New Dancer/Mainstream from 8:00-10:00 p.m., rounds between tips, with potluck during the dance. Student dancers are encouraged to attend. Hosts are Michelle and Brad Neutz, Char and Bill VanBergen, and Anita and Bill Hauglid.

Caller's Corner

April (spring) greetings to all of our square dance friends!

Mother Nature is playing tricks! It's supposed to be April showers bring May flowers! (Rain not snow.) Looking out the window it looks like Christmas, not Easter. Here's hoping you are all well.

Update on lessons. Our new student dancers are doing extremely well! A big THANK YOU to the angels that show up and help them. It does help to make them feel welcome! If you haven't met them, come on a Monday night at the Middle School and enjoy a little square dance friendship.

We've both (Carol and I) been busy, having our annual medical check-ups and minor medical attention.

Don't forget to get involved with our 45th County Line Square's anniversary celebration on Friday, the 29th of April! Should be fun!!

Have a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Abe & Carol

Birthdays

- 10 Mary Tessmer
- 19 Steve Leinonen
- 24 Doug Zachman

Promenade with Abe!

- 1 Cambridge Corners, Isanti (Dance)
- 4 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 6 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Dance)
- 7 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 8 Friendly Squares, Park Rapids (Dance)
- 11 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 14 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 18 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 21 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 23 Jolly Twirlers, Willmar (Dance)
- 25 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 28 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 29 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)

Bi-annual Meeting

Dance start times were discussed with a motion passed to change the start time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting in September, provided the time would work with the school. The school was contacted and has agreed with the new start time.

Michelle and Brad Neutz become presidents and Char and Bill VanBergen become the first vice presidents. There were no volunteers to take on the second vice president position, so Brad Neutz volunteered to be second vice president instead of co-president. Gael Zachman and Mary Elfmann agreed to continue as treasurer and secretary, respectively. A unanimous white vote was held to approve Brad, Gael, and Mary.

There were no volunteers to take on the historian position. Unanimous vote to print an extra copy of the monthly newsletter and the secretary would maintain that for historical purposes.

Lisa Murphy volunteered to be the banner coordinator and manage the banners and dance signs at club events. Gerlene and Tony Klingelhoets and Carmen Fesenmaier were thanked for doing this job for many years.

Graduation will be held on May 23, 2022. The following members volunteered to be on the graduation committee: Tiffany Scott, Brad Neutz, Andy Schoenleben, and Helen and Steve Leinonen.

The Royalty Program and royalty luncheon were discussed. Since there were no volunteers for next year's queen or king, a motion to discontinue the club's participation in the Royalty Program was passed by a vote of 26 for and 7 opposed. Discussion about possibly having an ambassador was tabled until the fall bi-annual meeting.

Motion to have a summer picnic was approved with three no votes. Committee volunteers were Sandy Pearson, David Wilde, Lisa Murphy, and Marlys Wilson. Committee will determine date, time, location, etc.

Discussion on future dance prizes resulted in a vote to do away with prizes. Instead the club will give away one free entrance pass for every three squares in attendance, with a minimum of two. Hosts will start paying the dance entrance fee at the next dance since they no longer need to bring prizes.

County Line Squares 45th Anniversary dance is April 29, 2022. All members are hosts for this dance.

Banner Raids/Dances

- Fri, 1 Cambridge Corners, Isanti
(Abe Maier)
- Sat, 2 SDM Spring Festival, St Cloud
Tom Allen, et al)
- Wed, 6 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud
(Abe Maier)
- Sat, 9 Koronis Nite Owls, Paynesville
(Larry Johansen)
- Sun, 10 Ar-Dale Dancers, White Bear Lake
(Larry Johansen)
- Wed, 13 Spares & Pairs, Bloomington
(Larry Fruetel)
- Sat, 16 Westonka Whirlers, Mound
(Monte Guenzler)
- Wed, 20 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud
(Tom Allen)
- Fri, 22 Gospel Plus, Hopkins
(Tom Allen)
- Sat, 23 Jolly Twirlers, Willmar
(Abe Maier)
- Sun, 24 Dakota Squares, West St Paul
(John Bittner)
- Wed, 27 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud
(Tom Allen)

Themes for Next Year's Dances

The County Line Squares board will be deciding on the themes for next year's dances. If you have any suggestions, please send them to clsquares@aol.com.

2022 Conventions

The 70th Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Convention is scheduled to be held at Breezy Point Resort, June 10-12, 2022. The featured caller will be Mike Seastrom from California and the featured cuers will be Larry and Susan Sperry from Montana. Information and registration forms are available at <https://mnsquaredanceconvention.com>.

The 71st National Square Dance Convention is scheduled to be held in Evansville, Indiana, June 22-25, 2022. Information and registration forms are available at <https://www.71nsdc.org>.

March Dance

We had seven squares from Afternoon Squares, Ar-Dale Dancers, Beaux & Belles, Cambridge Corners, Hotfoot Stompers, Koronis Nite Owls, Spares & Pairs, and Westonka Whirlers at our March 11, "Green" dance.



Westonka Whirlers retrieved their banner.

Out and About

Some of County Line Squares members March activities:



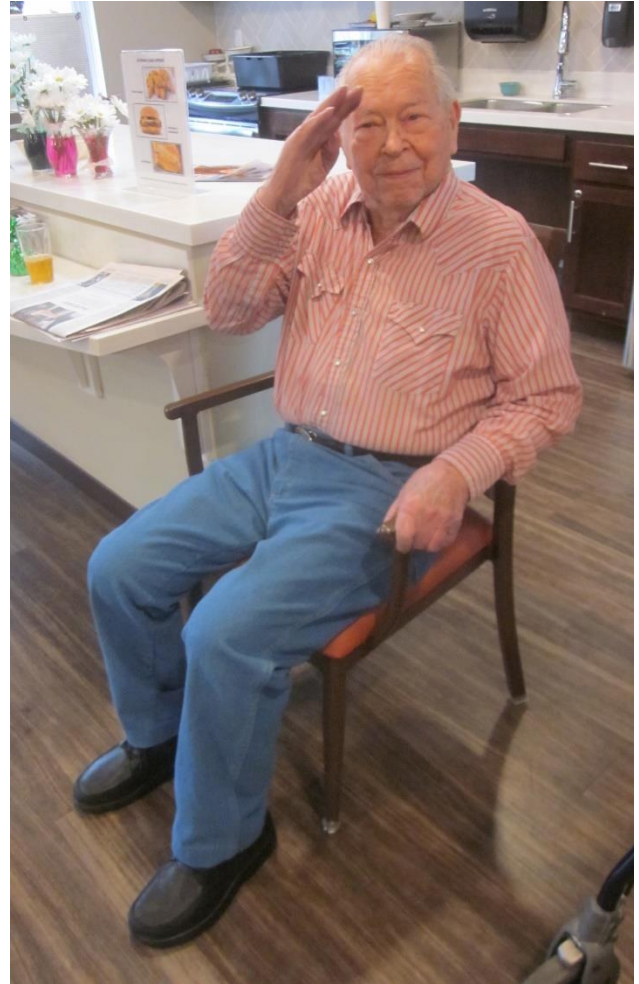
Koronis Nite Owls – March 12 (retrieved our banner)



Beaux & Belles – March 16 (already had their banner)



Westonka Whirlers – March 20 (claimed their banner)



Willard Leinonen celebrated his 97th birthday on March 25
(Two squares from County Line Squares helped him celebrate)



Gospel Plus – March 25