



Coon Rapids, MN

The Chatter

March 2020

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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From Our President

Fran Sorensen and I still love our new home. We're getting ready for the Hotfoot North Shore Outing up in Two Harbors. That's always a good time. There's nothing like **fun with Hotfoot Stompers**.

The only hard thing about being President (aside from writing these articles for the *Chatter* every month) is when you want to take a vacation, but you can't because there is no Vice President to take care of the little day-to-day details while you're gone. I need a **Vice President** so I can take off for a week or two. Please sign up today! Contact me at 763-913-5569 or jerry.steinworth@hotmail.com. [It is more fun than work.](#)

This is the time when Hotfoot needs a strategic plan to best reach out to our communities with our limited resources. Before springtime, we need to decide which community events we want to participate in, and how: demo, parade unit, booth, etc. Then determine if we need any literature and if so, what kind and with what message. How many volunteers will be needed? We will be marketing not only for both new students in the fall, but also for experienced dancers to get active again. Are there charity events that Hotfoot can help with?

Hotfoot's number one resource is its volunteers. It was never more evident than during the first months of the 2019/2020 Lessons. We started out with almost **30 students** and **over 60 angels** showed up, week after week, to help them. **Thank You All!** We just need to make sure that the events we come up with for this Spring, Summer and Fall also have major components of fun to ensure volunteer turnout and involvement. Food is a good ingredient to any event.

A lot of people believe the Marketing Committee should develop this strategic plan. But this plan is bigger than just marketing. Also, the Marketing

Committee is just four people, including me. If anyone is interested in developing this plan, call me. Give me some feedback on this:

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Hotfoot Stomper's **Annual Meeting** will be held Tuesday, March 10, 5:45p.m. at the:
Northtown Library
Anoka Public Libraries
711 County Hwy 10 Frontage Road
Blaine, MN 55434.

Mark this on your calendar. Be there if you can. Students are welcome to attend.



President Jerry and Lee at Lake Superior on the North Shore Weekend

Jerry Steinworth

President, Hotfoot Stompers

Hotfoot Valentines Dance

Eleven and ¼ squares of Hotfoot Stompers, guests and students enjoyed using their newly acquired skills. Abe Maier called a fun dance for them and Ken LaBau cued rounds.



Carol and caller Abe Maier

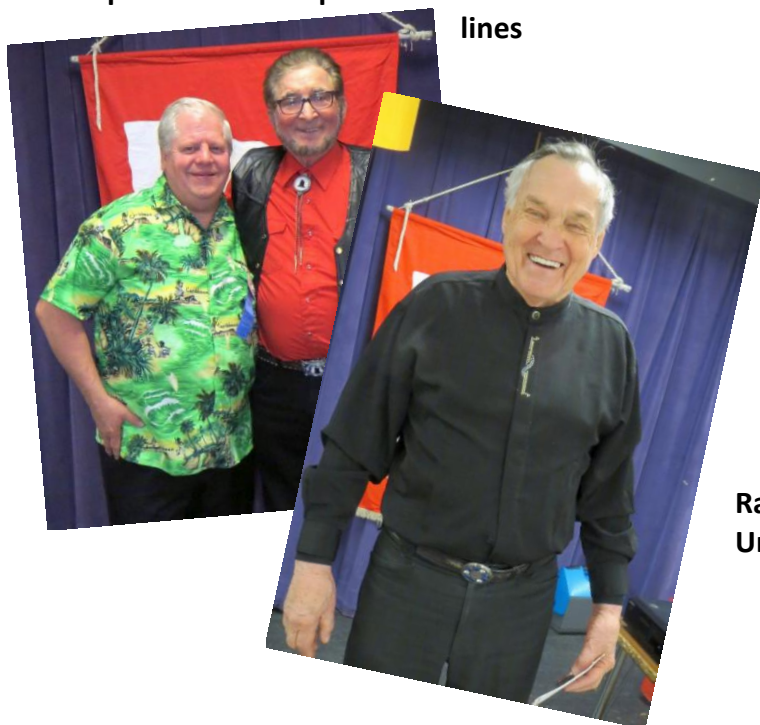


Greeting can be fun especially when Ursino arrives



Clay and Dan register with treasurer helper, Michele

Dan helped Abe call a tip and Ken cued rounds and lines



Ravi and Rachel hold their future square dancer, Ursino



Karen and Judy happy to be square dancers now



And who put all of that potluck out there - :o)



Hard to beat potluck with all those sandwiches, eh?



And more potluck from our service committee



Ask us if we like potluck at Hotfoot dances



President Jerry's able assistant, Fran does announcements in his absence



Bob wins # 3 door prize



Hotfoot student Adri, wins first door prize



Another door prize – Marion wins #4



Michele wins second door prize



Back to dancing with new dancers Kim & Mark



Oh boy, we're having fun



Sitting here enjoying each other's the company



Mary & LeRoy dancing rounds to Cuer Ken LaBau



This looks like a County Line Banner Raid group

Seems like a lot of red showed up for this dance – I wonder why





Student dancers pose while Ken cues lines – aren't they awesome – you too, Ken



Round Dancing for fun and exercise



Square Dancing for fun and exercise, too



Line Dancing for more fun and exercise



New Dancer dance Square dancing at Hotfoot Stompers Valentines Dance is an evening of love



The sound from caller Abe takes longer to reach the back square



Go Shylin.....



Did someone call "swing"?



County Line claims a Hotfoot banner

Banner Raid to Jolly Promenaders on Saturday, February 15th



Photo submitted by Rose Valentine



Hotfoot Student DeeDee, sings "Crazy" Karaoke after the Saturday, February 15th banner raid to Forest Lake
Photo by Rose Valentine

From Hotfoot Queen Danielle



Queen Danielle with guest Arnie & student Shylin



Hotfoot Banner raid to Single Circles February 21st

Hey Hotfoot Stompers,
I have been to at least 5 dances this month: Cambridge Corners, Jolly Promenaders, Square and Twirl, DansPac, and finally our Hotfoot dance. John, Julie and I are doing a C1 Blast this weekend with Dan Sahlstrom and Hunter Keller. Dan and Hunter are also at a Plus dance together on Saturday, February 29 that we are planning on going to. The three of us are also going to the Nationals this year.

Hope to see you in a square,

Your Queen,
Danielle Rust

At lessons Cool Dude Clay



Photo by Michelle Jensen

Get well wishes to

Colette Hebert's daughter in Indiana who has serious health issues.

Past Hotfoot President Dubs Decker slipped on some ice while snow blowing and broke his back. He spent two days in the hospital and is in a back brace and using a walker to get around.

Vivian Gillespie stumbled and broke her foot while on vacation in Mexico. She's getting around wearing a boot now.

Magical Caravan

The Magical Caravan will be on Sunday April 19, 2020.

In lieu of a bus trip this year, Hotfoot Stompers' club will be going out to eat and then to a dance at Square and Twirl. There will be more information on the restaurant later. The restaurant meal will be at the club members' expense. The dance cost will be covered by Hotfoot Stompers.

Sign up at lessons starting on March 2, 2020. You may come to dinner and the dance or just one or the other. There will be national caller Darryl Lipscomb and Dan Sahlstrom.

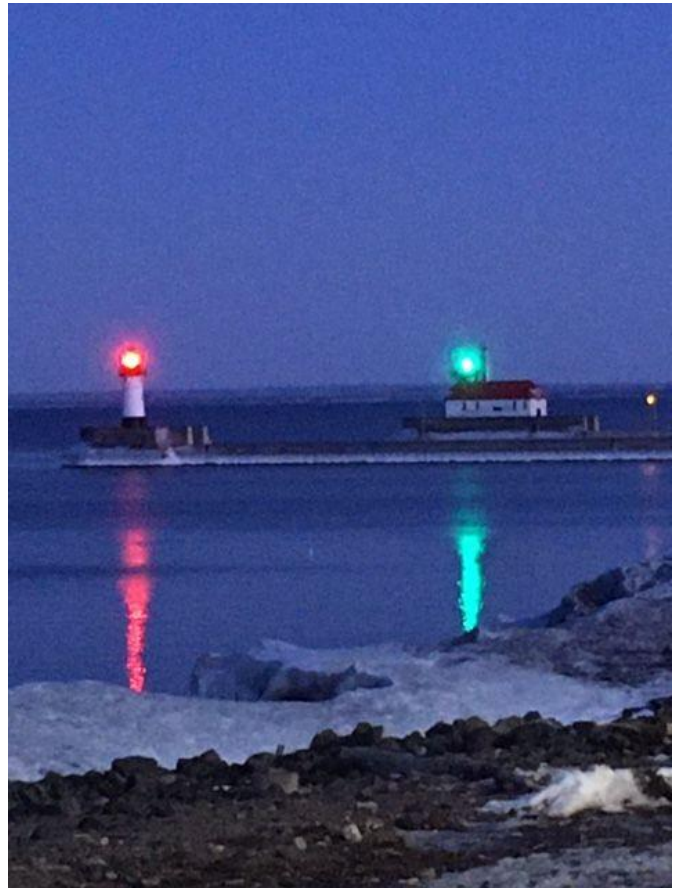
Nancy and Jerry Knoth

Welcome Back

Duane & Kay Selman. Duane is a Charter Member Of Hotfoot and Kay a 1986 graduate and past queen.

Mark & Tammy Grissman. The Grissman's were Hotfoot treasurers several years back.

North Shore Weekend



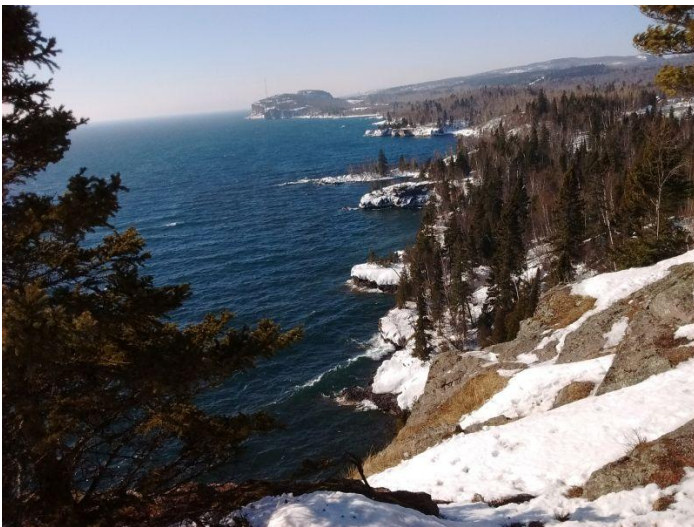
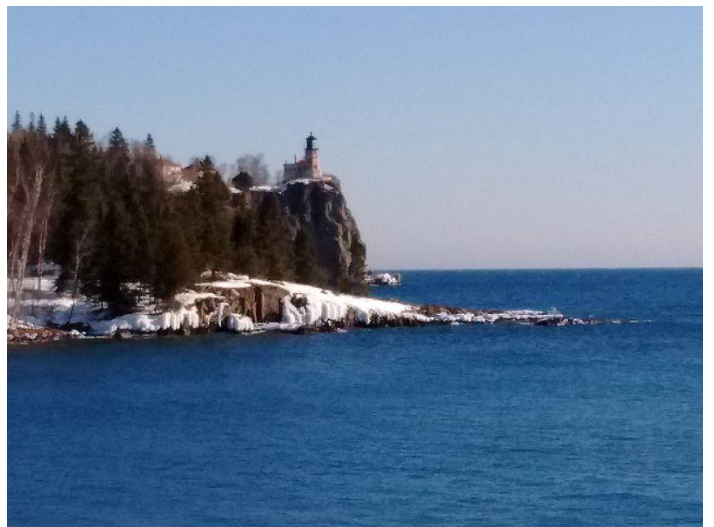
Photos by Jerry Knoth



North Shore planners, Beth Boatz and Any Hybben



Photos submitted by Andy Hybben



Photos by Fran Sorensen



Spotlight on Barbara Caliendo

Barbara found out about square dancing through her son Jonathan who was invited to lessons the fall of 2016. Barbara thought this was a “teen event” but when she dropped Jonathan off she saw adults there so she inquired for herself and also started lessons and graduated in 2017. She started Plus lessons in 2017 and started round dance lessons Feb. 2019 from Ken LaBau. Barbara has also done East Coast Swing & Lindy dancing.

Barbara was born in New York, moved out of the Bronx when 2, and lived in Rockland County from ages 2 to 22 years old. It was a close-knit neighborhood with stay-at home-moms. Her Dad left when she was 6. Barbara went to college for 3 years working on a nursing degree. She had to quit school to help her Mom financially. She worked in a factory during the day & went to school PT at night.

Barbara met her husband Charlie in 1982 when he needed a kidney transplant. They dated for 4 years. He received the kidney in 1986 and they married later in 1986 in NY. They moved to PA for 2 years, then moved to Virginia for 4 years and loved it. Charlie wanted to move to MN for a job but Barbara resisted. She said she needed a “sign”. During a pastor’s sermon one day “he spoke to newcomers and said try our church 3 times unless God wants you to move to MN!” They moved to MN in 1992. Charlie, a CPA, taught accounting at the U of M, and had MBA, Accounting, & Law degrees. Throughout their married life he had several serious illnesses including quadruple bypass in 2004, a 2nd kidney transplant in 2011, stage 4 cancer in 2013. He passed away in January, 2015. They had been married almost 30 years.

Barbara & Charlie have 3 sons. Jonathan is 22 and he works part-time in the kitchen at Casey’s near their home. Paul is 23 and a US Marine. He is a Virginia Military graduate and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. C.J. (Charlie Jr.) is 25 and an engineer at Lockheed Martin. He got his degree from Georgia Tech and he moved to Orlando recently. Barbara now thinks that MN is a great place to raise a family. Jonathan has Autism, ADHD, and has a speech and language disorder. Since his birth Barbara has been his caregiver. Having 3 sons close in age she had limited time and learned from a therapist, exercises

for Jonathan. She also had to get creative with the daily therapy she did with Jonathan to teach him how to eat, walk, & talk. She made up “games” to make it easier for him. At age 2 she taught him sign language since he was so frustrated trying to communicate. She still teaches him creatively and does not leave him alone for more than 5 hours. From Nov. to March, Jonathan plays hockey for MN Special Hockey and Barbara is an on ice volunteer helping players who can’t skate very well. Barbara started skating lessons when she was 27. Her husband Charlie also played hockey. He started in his teens. All of her sons have taken music lessons and Barbara just started taking piano lessons last summer.

Barbara, Charlie and sons always looked forward to taking a family vacation together in the summer. They traveled to Netherlands, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Argentina, England, Canada, Slovakia and Chile. Barbara & her sons also took trips to Mexico,



Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, Bahamas, Grand Turks & Caicos. They always focused on history of the countries and visited many museums. At times they even did some camping. Barbara and her sons went to Israel in August of 2018. Barbara is pictured with an Israel rug made by Afghanistan Christians.

Barbara also reads history books and watches PBS.

Barbara brought her boyfriend Jeff, to the January Hotfoot dance. They met in March 2019 through eHarmony. Barbara was upfront with being a personal caregiver for her son plus wanted a Christian man. Jeff is sweet and kind. He also plays hockey as do her boys. Jeff also likes to watch baseball, football and hockey with Jonathan.

Last summer Barbara’s 13½ year old Basset Lab passed away. He went with Barbara everywhere so she really misses his company.

Michele Kemmetmueller

Hotfoot Stompers Spotlight Editor

Hotfoot Volunteers 2019-20

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----- Coordinators -----
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Student Coordinator: Michelle Jenson
Social Media Coordinator: open

Hotfoot Stompers



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2020 Dance Schedule

Saturday, 7:30-8:00pm & 10pm Plus; 8:00-10:00pm, MS or ND and RDs & Lines by Ken LaBau between tips – potluck at 8:30pm

*Service Committee **Ticket vendors

March 14th, Roger McNeil, MS, Shamrock Swing, potluck

* Sharon Bahma, Joan Morphey, Kelly Landwehr, Jerry & Nancy Knoth, __, __, __

** Cathy Gates, Fran Sorensen

April 11th, Dan Sahlstrom, MS, A Royal Affair, potluck

* Lee & Peggy Kohl, Dave & Mary Dahlheimer, Colette Kilber, Cary Hebert, __, __** __, __

May 9th, Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie, MS, Hotfoot 40th Anniversary, potluck * Steve Mack, Myrna Kostuch, __, __, __, __

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Upcoming Event Reminders for March

March 2 & 9 Mondays PLUS lessons, 6-7 PM before MS lessons, Northdale Middle School, Wayne Tauer teaching

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March 3 Tuesday Daytimers Cancelled at Coon Rapids Civic Center due to elections

March 10 Tuesday Hotfoot Stompers' Annual meeting, 5:45 PM, Northtown Library, Anoka Public Libraries, 711 County Hwy 10 Frontage Road, Blaine

March 16 Monday Hotfoot Graduation, 6:00 PM potluck, 7-9:00 dancing at NMS - Wayne Tauer commencing

March 17 Tuesday Daytimers-MS, 9:30-11:30 AM, at Coon Rapids Civic Center, Wayne Tauer calling

March 25 - 4th Wednesday Hotfoot Breakfasts: Women's, 8:30 AM at Bakers Square in Northtown; Men's, 9:00 AM at Keys, Spring Lake Park

March 31 Tuesday Daytimers-Plus, 9:30-11:30 AM, at Coon Rapids Civic Center, Wayne Tauer calling

We are on the WEB

www.HotfootStompers.org