



Coon Rapids, MN

# The Chatter

March 2023

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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## From Our Presidents

Snow, snow, and more snow!

With March quickly approaching, so is graduation. Angels, do all of you remember your graduation? And the sadness of your last tip as a student? The fear of the upcoming test? The adventure of the "fun" tips? The excitement of getting your diploma? Yeah, that might be a



little overdramatic, but graduation is a fun and exciting time for the students. If you wish to join in the festivities and welcome all of our students officially into our club, you are welcome to join us on March 6th, starting with potluck, provided by the angels, at 6pm. Students, if you have family or friends you would like to invite, they are welcome to come and watch you graduate. We look forward to officially welcoming all of you into our club very shortly!

With graduation coming up and Hotfoot gaining some new members, here are a couple of reminders to all Hotfoot members. First, the food at our dances are potluck, provided by club members. This means especially if you plan on eating at our dances, you should be bringing some food to share. Our last dance was lacking a little bit in both variety and

quantity of food. Second, the club is run completely on volunteers. We still need people to sign up to help with set up and in the kitchen for both our April and May dances. If you are willing to help with either, please sign up! Pretty please? Along the same lines, the volunteer sheet for 23-24 dance season will be going around shortly. There are a variety of positions with varying levels of commitment, so don't worry about something being too much for you. There are tons of options.

We don't know about you, but we've been enjoying a rather relaxed February, getting out to a couple more swing dances again (which we hadn't gotten around to in awhile), but mostly curling up on the couch with some good books. Any good books that you've just been procrastinating getting around to? This is the time to do it! If we get another snow storm, curl up on the couch with your book, a blanket and a cocoa. If it gets warm-ish and sunny again, go on a walk, and maybe go to a park to read your book, depending on how warm it is.

Lastly! The Spring Out for Fun event is fast approaching (Angels, this is the Mystery Bus Trip without a bus). It will be on Sunday April 30th and costs \$30, which includes both dinner and the dance. If you are interested in going and have not yet signed up, get your name on the list! The more dancers we get going the more of a blast it will be!

See you in a square!

*Julie Bittner & Anna Soland*

Hotfoot Stompers President

## Hotfoot February New Dancer Dance

Abe & Carol Maier called to and Ken LaBau cued to 12+ squares at our February 11<sup>th</sup> new dancer dance.



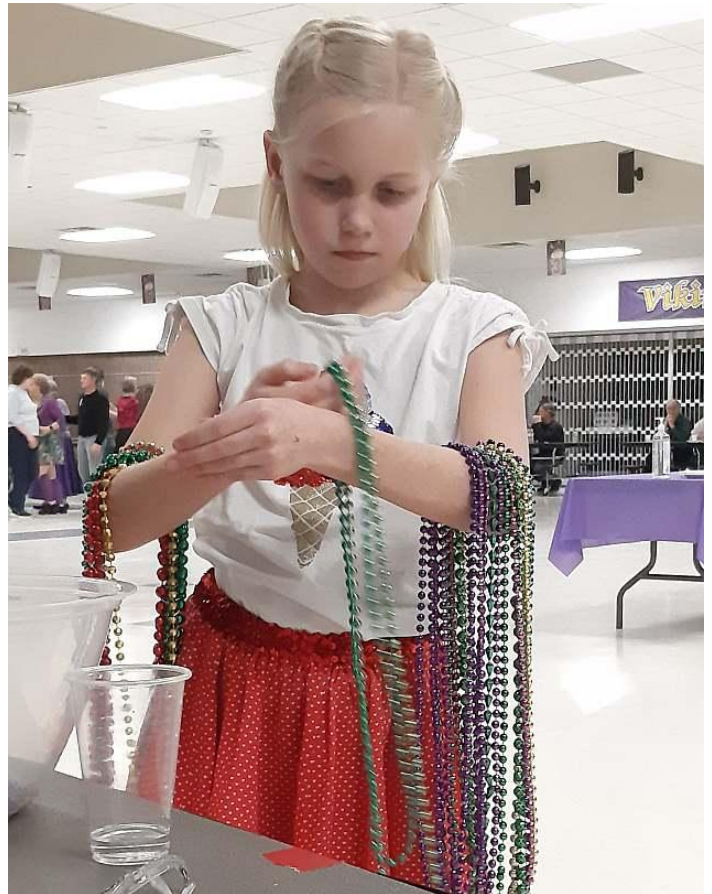
Caller Abe Meier, Jolly Promendaders Queen Jocelyn and Hotfoot Queen Audrey



New dancer Kim (left) from County Line invited family and friends to see the fun happening



Potluck Mardi Gras theme food table



Sara sorts Mardi Gras beads for dancers



Jocelyn admires her birthday cake – 39?



Renee round dancing with Don



Who are these Stompers?

### Banner Raids



Another banner earning from County Line 2-10-23



Hotfoot at Gospel Plus 2-24-23



Hotfoot at Dakota Squares 2-26-23

Caller John Bittner with Beth & Andy



## From Our Queen Audrey

At Mid-Winter Magic I was able to get our local Coon Rapids Cable Station (CTN) to come out to film and do a story on square dancing. My goal was to promote square dancing for ALL ages and the trydancingnow.com website that Les Marier created! The video is posted on CTN Coon Rapids Facebook page and YouTube. If you haven't seen it already check it out! <https://youtu.be/MowNI2zuxwE>



Queen Audrey with Caller Bryan Bush at Cambridge Corners January 2023

On the first Friday in February, I went with Renee to Cambridge Corners, on a very cold Friday night with Brian Freed calling. I went to the Caller Clinic dance in Richfield. The clinic gives new callers a chance to work on their calling skills. They were talking about the Chicken Plucker. I was wondering if they were *really* going to be plucking chickens?

Hotfoot Stompers had their second new dancer dance. Abe Maier called to 11 squares. Many of our students and new dancers from other clubs came ready to dance.

On Sunday, ArDales had their dance with Mike Hogan. What a fun dance that was. The dance floor was packed! It was good to see some of our students there for a challenging dance. They did a great job! Unfortunately, Mike's mother recently passed away and our condolences to Mike and his family.

I attended our social event, Feed My Starving Children. We had a lot of Hotfoot members attend. I think our group packed the most meals out of all the groups there, but I just might be biased!

Jocelyn and I attended the Crystal Crosstrailers dance at Sandburg Middle School in Golden Valley, as it has been the case recently but no one was there. Good thing Tara and Craig showed up there also. After checking our emails we realized we needed to be at the Plymouth Middle School location! EEK! We all hurried to Plymouth and finally arrived and danced to caller Tom Allen.

Rosalie and I attended the Jolly Promenaders dance. We actually found it this time! 😊 Another fun dance with Dan Sahlstrom and so many squares I could hardly count them all.

After all the snow that we've had this last few days, I decided it's time to get out and dance Friday night at Gospel Plus with Tom Allen.

Don't forget to encourage and invite students to a dance. We all have to do our part to make this a fun and friendly activity!

*Audrey Cecko*

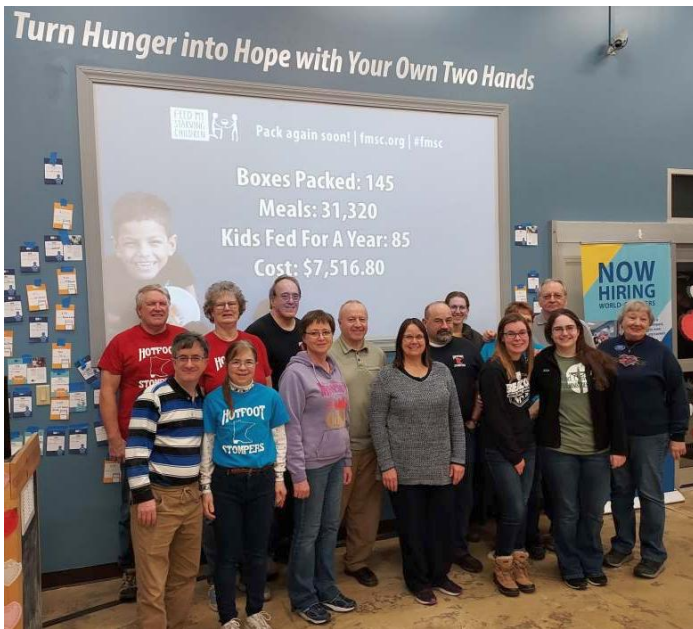
Hotfoot Stompers Queen

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## John's caller practice at Soland home



## Hotfoot Social Event



**Abacus on the wall shows that Hotfoot filled 31 boxes 2-7-23**

## Get Well Prayers and Wishes to .....

**Jeanette Boxeth** as she recovers from knee replacement surgery four weeks ago. Doesn't expect to be dancing for a couple of weeks or more.

**Roger Dahl** recovering at home after back fusion surgery on Feb 7. Roger is faithfully obeying his doc's orders not lifting over 5 lbs. He won't be dancing until after his doc apt at the end of March.

**Bob Sadler** has a declining back issue, however, that hasn't stopped him from putting up the Hotfoot dance signs at our lessons in front of school.

## From a Former Hotfooter

My parents square danced until they died in the early 1970's. They danced in the 1950's, 1960's & 1970's. They danced on channel 5 with 3 other couples from Sauk Centre, Mn (Sauk Centre Squares) & the club from Melrose, Mn. That old picture of the towels reminded me that my dad wore a towel on his belt, for every dance.

I grew up dancing at a young age, with my parents, when they had their festivals, with families invited. Dancing with my parents friends was fun too. Thanks again for the email. Ron wears a voice enhancer so he can hear better & we will continue dancing until we have to quit.

Jan Zaczkowski

## From the Past



St Paul Auditorium-photo by Paul Siegel Star Tribune 1-26-1952

## Save the Date

April 30, 5 – 9:00 PM **Spring Out for Fun**  
Mystery Caravan Dinner and Dance \$30/person payable to Hotfoot Stompers.

Mail to:

Jerry Knoth, 1217 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave N. Brooklyn Park, MN 55444 or sign up at lessons or dances.

## Hotfoot Volunteers 2022-23

**President:** Julie Bittner & Anna Soland  
**Vice President:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Treasurer:** Guy Trudeau  
**Vice Treasurer:** Renee Hogan  
**Secretary:** Terri Axelson  
**Past President:** Audrey Cecko & Les Marier  
**Sunshine Contact:** Audrey Cecko & Les Marier  
**Queen:** Audrey Cecko  
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### -----Committees-----

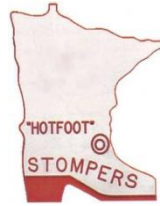
**Decorating Committee:** Peggy Decker, Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Bob Johnson (storage)  
**Door Prizes:** Margaret Theisen, Fran Sorensen  
**Greeters:** Queen Audrey Cecko, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lesson Set Up Committee:** Jim & Sandy Quasbort  
**Lesson Cleanup Committee:** Renee Hogan  
**Marketing Committee:** Audrey Cecko, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mystery Bus Committee:** Jerry & Nancy Knoth, Margaret Theisen, Fran Sorensen, Jerry Steinworth  
**North Shore Weekend:** Lee & Peggy Kohl  
**Pop Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sign Placer:** Bob Sadler  
**Social Committee:** Lee & Peggy Kohl, Colette Kilber, Cary Hebert, Dave & Mary Dahlheimer, Fran Sorensen & Jerry Steinworth  
**Social Media:** Julie Bittner  
**State Conv Dinner Planner:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Summer Campout Planners:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Committee:** Cathy Gates (leader + Hotfoot News + roster + communicator)  
----- Coordinators -----  
**Community Ed Contact:** Cathy Gates  
**Dance Service Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Coordinator:** Danielle Rust

We are on the WEB

[www.HotfootStompers.org](http://www.HotfootStompers.org)

## Hotfoot Stompers

Minnesota Square Dance Club  
Coon Rapids, MN  
Julie Bittner 763-276-8425 &  
Anna Soland 763-248-3002



### 2023 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. All dances are at Northdale Middle School, 11301 Dogwood St NW, Coon Rapids  
\*Service Committee \*\*Treasurer Assistant

**March 11 – Brian Bush – MS - St. Patrick – Potluck**  
Nancy & Jerry Knoth, Jerry & Betty Lou Elfert, Kerry & Deb Almen, \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* \_\_\_\_\_

April 8 – Dan Sahlstrom– MS - Royalty – pie & ice cream

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May 13 – DeeDee Dougherty- MS-Sports Night -Potluck

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### Upcoming Event Reminders for March

**March 6 – Monday no PLUS lessons - 6-7:00 PM potluck by Hotfoot to students- Graduation 7-9:00 PM- at Northdale Middle School**  
Dan Sahlstrom evaluating

**March 7 & 21 – Tuesday Hotfoot Daytimers MS SD – 9:30-11:30 AM - Wayne Tauer calling at Coon Rapids Civic Center - 11155 Robinson Dr NW, Coon Rapids**

**March 18 –Saturday Fun Lab 2-4:30 PM \$20/person**  
Details: Social committee  
or <https://thefunlabcenter.com/>  
10650 Baltimore St. NE, Suite 300, Blaine, MN

**March 22 - 4th Wednesday Hotfoot Breakfasts:**  
Women's and Men's, both 8:30 AM at Bakers Square at Riverdale in Coon Rapids across from CUB