



Coon Rapids, MN

# The Chatter

April 2020

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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## From Our President

It is a good thing that Fran Sorensen and I love our home, now that we are all required to stay in our homes. All this down time has enabled me to spend more time working on my HO scale train table. The coronavirus has made it very difficult to have ***fun with Hotfoot Stompers.***



**President Jerry, Peanut and Fran at home during the Coronavirus isolation March 24<sup>th</sup> (and beyond)**

Even though all Hotfoot events are postponed until the coronavirus is over, we are still planning and organizing future events so when it is over, we can get square dancing again.

**March 16:** 2020 graduation - postponed, will be rescheduled after coronavirus, maybe it could be included with the Hotfoot Awards Banquet.

**March 28:** Wabasha Street Caves Tour – postponed, will be rescheduled after coronavirus.

**April 5:** Last day for nominations for King and Queen (email nominations to me).

**April 11:** Hotfoot Royalty Dance – election for new King and Queen.

**April 19:** Magical Caravan.

**May 9:** Hotfoot 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance.

**May 18:** 2020 Hotfoot Awards Banquet at the Opulence Room in Blaine.

**June ?:** Hotfoot Business Meeting – Election of Officers, date & place to be determined.

**July ?:** First Summer Dance – at PCOM, date to be determined.

**August ?:** Second Summer Dance – at PCOM, date to be determined.

If seven days before each event, we are still operating under coronavirus shutdown rules, the current President (July 1<sup>st</sup> Les Marier and Audrey Cecko will become Presidents) will cancel or postpone that event. Members will be notified by email. If the Royalty dance is canceled, the election of King and Queen will be done by email. Details are being worked out.

During this unprecedented coronavirus crisis, I am trying to figure out how Hotfoot Stompers could help. Maybe we could donate money to a local nonprofit organization that is helping reduce the crisis. I would welcome any suggestions from you members. Given magnitude of this crisis, I think 500 to 1,000 dollars would be appropriate. The amount of course is also negotiable. Maybe we could do an online fundraiser for the organization and donate that from Hotfoot. If you have an opinion or suggestion, contact me at [jerry.steinworth@hotmail.com](mailto:jerry.steinworth@hotmail.com) or 763-913-0597.

Stay safe, stay well.

*Jerry Steinworth*

President, Hotfoot Stompers

## Hotfoot Shamrock Swing Dance

Zero squares of Hotfoot Stompers, guests and students. All enjoyed staying at home since our dance was canceled. :o(

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## Hotfoot Stompers 2020 Graduates

So, this month's Chatter will focus on our graduates who couldn't be afforded a timely graduation and potluck on March 16<sup>th</sup>. So, I am taking advantage of Student Coordinator Michelle Jenson's swell work creating student profiles. Now, you can read their bios from the comfort of your own home.



## Class of 2020

*Congratulations to the Class of 2020! We had a great year, in spite of the fact that we had to postpone our graduation ceremony. We will definitely re-schedule and what a party it will be. Until then, stay well, keep your chin up and we'll be dancing again soon! It is with pleasure that I present to you the Hotfoot Stompers graduation class of 2020. Love to all of you & be well –*

*Michelle Jenson*

Hotfoot Stompers Student Coordinator

## Cheryl Caitland



### What motivated you to try square dancing?

I enjoyed doing it as a kid; I was looking for an interesting, enjoyable, safe, indoor winter activity that

promoted positive social interactions and physical activity.

### Share a favorite moment from lessons?

I do want to share that the day we learned the Box the Gnat and every time I get to do that call brings great joy to me! I love that call, it is so FUN and makes me smile and laugh; Joy is GOOD! A couple of my other favorite calls are Dixie Style to a Wave and Spin the Top. I like these two calls because they involve a series of fast-paced moves-great fun! Thank you Wayne, all the Angels, and all the students! I learn so much from each of you each time we gather; you all have special gifts and are a treasure!

### What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?

I enjoy a variety of activities and interests which include: FISHING-it is all about the BASS, I grew up fishing and I intend to do it FOREVER; small town festivals and art fairs, wine-tasting at local vineyards, trying new activities, traveling to warm venues, music (classical, pop, rock, folk, country), dancing; giving and receiving handcrafted items made from the heart; the time, talent, and thoughts shared are priceless and create forever memories.

### Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment Fun Fact?

I have a heart for service. My career is focused on serving our community. I have always enjoyed, volunteering in a variety of ways. I enjoy visits from most all wildlife that visit my home except SNAKES! Within a few years I plan to split my time between a peaceful, relaxing MN or WI Lake home in the warm summer months and someplace much farther South that is warm and sunny in the winter months. I'm going to Live my Dream!

# Dee Dee Fish



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

Hearing about how much fun it was from Bo, and I really enjoy dancing.

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

Learning that

Jerry & Fran had gotten married!

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

Singing, Dancing, Ice Skating, Fishing, gardening, spending time with family & friends.

**Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment Fun Fact?**

I have 3 kids Danielle 22, Mitchell 18, and Olivia 16. Fun fact – I worked for Rottlund Homes for 21 years in purchasing - and all 21 years we contracted with Wayne's company (Pioneer Engineering) to provide surveys.

# Jocelyn Borgan



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

Demo at the Cowboy Church. I wasn't expecting to dance, but I was asked said why not?

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

Don't think I have a favorite moment. I have fun at all the lessons.

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

Reading, square dancing, working out on my elliptical and my cat.

**Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment Fun Fact?**

I have 3 kids and all 3 are autistic. My son is 25, my 2 daughters are twins – 15 going on 16 in November. *Their Golden Birthday!* I also took lessons from Jolly Promenaders and Graduated on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> of this year!

# Judy Wyatt



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

Social Event, music, dancing, exercise & memorizing of the calls.

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

Each week, seeing and feeling the dedication of the angels to carry on their love of square dancing to the students.

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

Friends, family & grandchildren activities together. People are my passion.

**Your choice...Kids? Travels?  
Employment Fun Fact?**

In 1990, a mission trip to Belize and a 10-day trip to Europe opened my eyes to this big wide beautiful world we live in and its people.

## Karen Iverson



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

Several years ago, my interest was piqued at a friend's barn dance with basic square dance lessons, called by Abe Maier.

Knowing that, I would soon have more leisure time in my schedule and my friend Judy asked me to join her in taking lessons!

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

About halfway through lessons, I finally got the timing down for the three claps during the Double Pass Thru! :-). It's amazing to see the angels devote so much of their time to ensure that we are 'getting it' and having fun!

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

I enjoy spending time with my two grandchildren, Bible studies, going to the gym daily, swimming, skiing, kayaking, bicycling, travel and sunshine!

**Your choice...Kids? Travels?**

**Employment Fun Fact?**

After a career in Sales/Marketing with 26+ years at the Science Museum of Minnesota, I retired! I was a National Ski Patroller for 25+ years at Afton Alps and Lutsen Mountains. I hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon twice within in a seven-month period. I can write cursive on an Etch-A-Sketch!

## Kathleen Fuery



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

I have always had a love for country music and dancing.

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

Any moment that we get it all right is a favorite.

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

I am the female lead singer at the Cowboy church. Prior to that, I was pretty well known for my drum skills. I jokingly refer to myself as a born again singer. I love spending time outdoors, hiking in the mountains and spending time near the water are two of my favorites.

**Your choice...Kids? Travels?**

**Employment Fun Fact?**

I am a mom to a 13-year-old girl. I spend as much time with her as possible as they grow too fast! We love to sing, travel and experience new things.

# Mike Click



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

Nudge from a friend.

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

Meeting new people.

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

Fishing & Golf.

**Your choice...Kids? Travels?**

**Employment Fun Fact?**

Enjoying retirement.

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

I don't have a moment to name. I have been impressed that the group is so friendly and inclusive.

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

I am a painter. I am currently teaching watercolor in Maple Grove, Anoka and Blaine. I also love history, especially Civil War, Native American, Minnesota and WWII. In addition, I have written my family history and continue to work on genealogy and meeting disconnected family members. I have had the honor of visiting and hosting my ancestral family from Norway.

**Your choice...Kids? Travels?**

**Employment Fun Fact?**

I have no children. I'm number seven from a Minnesota farm family of 12. I have been an art teacher, special education teacher, graphic designer and an activity director in senior living. Details and accuracy have been a requirement of my employment. I struggle with perfectionism with 'painting' and square dancing. I want to learn to let go and just have fun with life.

# Nancy Larson



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

I square danced in the 80s every week for about three years. Life happened. I finally retired. Word of mouth introduced me to a Hotfoot class

starting up. I was excited to return to dancing and to getting exercise doing something I loved.

# Shannon Reynolds



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

Kathleen Fuery / Cowboy Church.

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

7 Layer bar treats.

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

Music & Accoustic Guitar.

**Your choice...Kids? Travels?**

**Employment Fun Fact?**

I like to travel and the ocean.

## Shylin Eichele



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

Family.

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

My glasses went flying on the second lesson.

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

Soccer, Tennis & Reading.

**Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment Fun Fact?**

I work at Boondox.

## Abby Olson



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

My Parents.

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

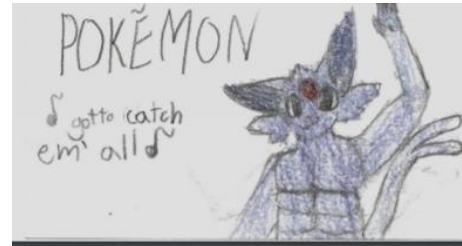
I don't have one, they're all pretty good.

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

Art, YouTube, Food, Art

**Your choice...Kids? Travels?**

**Employment Fun Fact?**



## Kim Olson



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

I was first introduced to square dancing in elementary school, then again in high school. I loved it so much, I took it as my gym credit in college too! We joined Hotfoot Stompers and graduated in 1996. We left in 1997 after our first daughter was born. A friend told us about the demo at the cowboy church and we were hooked.

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

There are many. It's such a great group. Although, I must admit I really got a kick out of the individual Grand Squares. 😊

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

I like doing crafts and have many favorite on-line games, several we play together as a family. I also like doing road trips and taking pictures!

**Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment Fun Fact?**

I do taxes, had a blast on our last vacation this summer at Yellow Stone & look forward to our oldest graduating from college this May! And watching and being amazed at Abby's art skills!

***Mark Olson***



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

A friend mentioned that a dance demo was coming to the

Cowboy church. My wife Kim and I had square danced many years before and it just sounded like fun to check it out again.

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

Being able to make mistakes and have the Angels work with us until it finally made sense.

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

Although, my profession involves computers, and I often play computer games in my spare time... I also like tinkering with cars and beer/pop can collecting.

**Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment Fun Fact?**

I really enjoyed a recent vacation our family took to yellowstone.

***Longstreet Family***



**What motivated you to try square dancing?**

We needed a family activity that was cheap and good exercise.

**Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

**Zoe** – Mid Winter Magic (our first dance)

**Ian** – Learning all the patterns by just watching people first.

**Melody** – Meeting new friends

**Holly** – The Food

**Adri and Nathaniel** – All the good-natured teasing.

**What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

The whole family: reading, gaming, movies and TV, and gardening.

**Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment Fun Fact?**

We are in the process of adopting more kids through the Foster to Adopt program.

# Phil & Jenni Johnson



## **What motivated you to try square dancing?**

Jenni and I tried square dancing at a wedding last summer and thought it was really fun. When we saw the Community Ed

class, we decided to give it a try. It's been a blast!!

## **Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

Favorite moment: When someone said to me, "Relax and smile. It won't be long and all of these calls will just come naturally." I'm still waiting for that day. :)

## **What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

Phil just returned from a missions trip to the Philippines and loved seeing hundreds of children at a school hearing the good news about Jesus Christ. I enjoy reading, traveling, and eating Alaskan King Crab and raw oysters!

## **Your choice...Kids? Travels?**

### **Employment Fun Fact?**

Jenni and I have four wonderful children ages 15-21 who we love spending time with. Phil is the CFO at Green Valley Greenhouse. It is fun being in Costco or Cub in the spring time when there is a frenzy for our hanging baskets and planters.

# Robert & Pamela (Johnson) Stixurd



## **What motivated you to try square dancing?**

Ecclesiastes 3:4 says, "...A time to mourn and a time to

*dance;*" Robert and I are making sense out of life's extreme difficult changes. We decided to plunge into a new life. I had danced twenty-five years ago and remembered the laughter and challenge of square dancing. Robert was willing to try. And so, without further ado, it is our time to dance.

## **Share a favorite moment from lessons?**

A favorite moment of mine thus far, is when another student and I were commenting, while dancing, on how mixed up we were. We learned very fast that talking and learning led us into trouble. The trouble led to laughter, the laughter led to a mix up, and the mix up led our square turning into a trapezoid. Our angels were able to de-trapezoid and re-square. But from that moment, "Trouble" was our a.k.a.

## **What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?**

**Robert:** Every Friday can find Robert at the gun range practicing his favorite sport, target shooting. Gunsmithing is becoming a favorite pastime.

**Pamela:** I am a published author of children's books. I write stories that spark children's imagination while giving adults a chuckle while reading. The series highlights moral lessons for young readers and their families.

# Tanuki

## Meeting New Friends



Pamela J. Johnson  
Illustrations by Jamie Myers

**Your choice...Kids? Travels?  
Employment Fun Fact?**

**Robert:** A retired fire fighter, a career in the steel industry, installed the score board in the Xcel Center and currently a school bus driver.

**Pamela:** A retired special education teacher, piano teacher and published author.

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A special Thank you to Michelle Jenson for being our Student Coordinator, to Cathy Gates for sending our students weekly updates with lessons that they had just learned and to our caller/teacher, Wayne Tauer for making an environment for our students to have fun and learn to square dance.

We have been blessed with so many good people who step up to volunteer where help is needed. Thank you to all active members, and you know who you are.

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## From Hotfoot Queen Danielle

Hey Hotfoot Stompers,

How is everyone doing? I hope everyone is staying safe during these times. Let's hope this doesn't last long and we can get back to square dancing. I personally can't wait to get back to square dancing. I hope to see you in a square soon.

Your Queen,  
*Danielle Rust*

## Banner Activity



Looks like we earned another super-banner from Cambridge Corners on March 6<sup>th</sup> and on Ralph Brenner's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday – Ralph is the one with all of the ladies around him



Ar-Dales lost a super-banner to Hotfoot March 8<sup>th</sup>

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## Social Distancing at Hotfoot



**The 40th anniversary committee planning meeting** Photo submitted by Michelle Jenson

In these times of Social Distancing this is good advice.

We found comfort in these words from Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky as we head into the weekend:

"Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place." "Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern." "Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise."

*Jerry Knoth*

## What are you doing during this period of stay home isolation?

I miss all of you!

I am keeping busy...

My first year tapping my one and only maple tree.

I have one good batch of maple syrup and a first batch that was a LESSON!

I have been working on my counted cross stitch projects.

I have enjoyed (sssh) working in my pajamas till noon, my kitty Aiden likes mom being home!

I am enjoying feeding a variety of birds and some others from the animal kingdom.

I am working remotely until further notice. Hennepin County was very proactive in protecting our employees and community while still providing service to our residents.

All good!

Now catch me up on your doings!

*Cheryl Caitland*

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## Get well wishes to .....

**Carol Dahl**, who slipped on ice up North attempting to get up off of an outdoor bench after a snowfall. Carol's wrist is pinned, plated and in a cast.

**Mary Dahlheimer**, who fell in their backyard while picking up dog poop on March 8th, and broke two ribs and hurt her shoulder.

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## Magical Caravan

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

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*

## Hotfoot Volunteers 2019-20

**President:** Jerry Steinworth  
**Vice President:** Les Marier & Audrey Cecko  
**Treasurer:** Rose Valentine  
**Vice Treasurer:** Terry Cathers  
**Secretary:** Terri Axelson  
**Past President:** Jerry & Betty Lou Elfert  
**Sunshine Contact:** Jerry & Betty Lou Elfert  
**Queen:** Danielle Rust  
**Banner Chief:** John Bittner  
**Chatter Editor:** Gary Kemmetmueller  
**Historian:** open  
**Photographer:** Gary Kemmetmueller  
**The ROUNDUP Reporter:** Gloria Regan  
**Spotlight Editor:** Michele Kemmetmueller  
**Website Webmaster:** Rachel Katkar  
**Caller Booker:** Jerry & Nancy Knoth

### -----Committees-----

**Decorating Committee:** Bo Diamon, Audrey Cecko, Beth Boatz, Bob Johnson (storage)  
**Door Prizes:** Fran Sorensen, Margaret Theisen  
**Greeters:** Queen Danielle Rust, Terry Cathers, Coni Winterfeld, Gloria Regan  
**Lesson Set Up Committee:** Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Sharon Bahma  
**Lesson Cleanup Committee:** Fran Sorensen, Rosemary Valentine, Margaret Theisen  
**Marketing Committee:** Bo Diamon, Audrey Cecko, Jerry Steinworth, Les Marier  
**Magical Caravan Trip Committee:** Jerry & Nancy Knoth  
**North Shore Weekend:** Andy Hybben, Beth Boatz  
**Pop Committee:** Kelly Landwehr, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sign Placer:** Bob Sadler  
**Social Committee:** Lee & Peggy Kohl, Cary Hebert & Colette Kilber, Dave & Mary Dahlheimer, Jeff Heichert  
**State Conv Dinner Planner:** Jerry Steinworth  
**Summer Campout Planners:** Roger & Carol Dahl, Terry Cathers  
**Telephone Committee:** Cathy Gates (leader+ Hotfoot News+roster+communicator), Vivian Gillespie

### ----- Coordinators -----

**Community Ed Contact:** Cathy Gates  
**Dance Service Coordinator:** Peggy Decker  
**Student Coordinator:** Michelle Jenson

## Hotfoot Stompers

Minnesota Square Dance Club  
Coon Rapids, MN

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612-466-0597

### 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

April 11th, Dan Sahlstrom, MS, A Royal Affair, **Canceled**

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



May 9th, Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie, MS, Hotfoot 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, potluck \* Steve Mack, Myrna Kostuch, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_    \*\* \_\_, \_\_

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### Upcoming Event Reminders for April

April 7 & 21 Tuesday Daytimers-MS, **Canceled**, at Coon Rapids Civic Center, Wayne Tauer calling when CRCC re-opens

April 19 Sunday Magical Caravan **Canceled** in place of a Mystery Bus Trip – signup: Jerry or Nancy Knoth

April 22 - 4th Wednesday Hotfoot Breakfasts: **Canceled**

Women's - 8:30 a.m. at Baker's Square in Northtown, Men's - 9:00 a.m. at Key's Restaurant in Spring Lake Park, Dubs Decker organizing when available

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We are on the WEB

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