



Coon Rapids, MN

# The Chatter

April 2022

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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## From Our Presidents



Greetings Stompers!

Spring has sprung, but seemed to be more of a teaser as old man winter and the ground hog must have had other plans! It's coming, we have faith in Mother Nature, she never lets us down! With spring comes lots of green aka the St Patrick's Day dances at clubs all over except for the far out psychedelic Hippie Dance at Hotfoot. We are ahead of the rest as we were preparing for all the colors ahead, yeah, that's it! April showers bring May Flowers they say - "Spring Colors" is our April theme with Dan Sahlstrom calling and "Colorful Flowers" is our May theme with Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie calling!

We had 5-7/8 squares from 6 clubs at our Hippie Dance, it was pretty wild man! We had Wolfman Jack calling and Dick Clark cueing! Ok..., it was really Brian Freed and Ken LaBau, but they were almost as cool though!

On Monday, March 21st, we proudly graduated 11 students (known as new dancers now)! Thanks to our Student Coordinators, our Students and all the Angels that contributed to their success! Now it's time for some serious dancing!

The end of lessons this spring was quite a bittersweet moment for Hotfoot, our club founder and lesson teacher extraordinaire - Wayne Tauer has finally decided to retire from teaching. We hope to see him from time to time when he comes out for a little fun at our club dances! We are both grateful and thankful for all of his contributions, his sense of humor and his willingness to always help our students. He will however, be continuing his part time calling at Daytimers. Thank you Wayne!

Coming next September, Dan Sahlstrom has been voted in to fill the void and teach our next class of students. We are excited that Dan was willing to teach for Hotfoot and we look forward to it. Time to start thinking of friends and acquaintances that you want to invite!

On Sunday, March 27th, our social committee came up with a new event - everything you wanted to know about tree tapping! What a creative idea. About 10 members attended. The tree tapping took place at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center in Roseville. So, when are we having a follow-up club pancake breakfast?

We didn't have a Mystery Bus Trip this year due to lack of volunteers. We will try to come up some other events this Summer, time permitting.

We wish everyone a Happy Easter!

*Audrey Cecko & Les Marier*  
Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

# March Hotfoot Hippy Dance

Brian Freed called and Ken LaBau cued to 5 7/8 squares from six clubs to the Hippy theme. New dancers especially enjoyed Brian's calling style.



Some line dance action by Ken



First door prize winner Jeanine



Second door prize winner Nancy



Third door prize winner, Hotfoot Treasurer Jocelyn



Student coordinators with students



Presidents Les & Audrey do announcements while Queen Sharon thinks about .....



Former Hotfoot Stomper Sandy came to check out her old club and show her husband Robert what fun is – good to see you again, Sandy – lessons start in September, Bob :o)



Past Presidents Nancy and Jerry Knoth are “hip” with the theme “Hippie Dance”

Why did the Easter egg hide?



He was a little chicken!

## From Our Hotfoot Queen Sharon



**Queen Sharon at Cambridge Corner Dance 3-4-22**  
Photo by Audrey Cecko

I grew up in a small town in Montana. I was the baby in a family with 4 other siblings so of course I was the “Little Princess” in the family. As I grew up, I always wanted to be a Queen - so thank you Hotfoot for allowing me to be a Queen for the past 2 years.

When Covid appeared, I started Round Dancing with Rick. From April 27, 2020 thru July of 2021, we danced on my patio, garage or basement depending on the weather 91 times on Tues & Thurs. I also went to 59 Friday evening Square Dances on Rick’s Deck from May 2020 thru July 2021, with Round Dancing the following day. That’s 209 dances during Covid.

I always liked dressing up and dancing so I was happy to add the Hotfoot Crown to my wardrobe for the past 2 years. So as I pass the crown to a new Queen, I hope she enjoys being queen as much as I have. I will always be happy as Rick’s “Dancing Queen”, because he had that engraved on my engagement ring.

*Queen Sharon*



**Greeting fellow “hippies” at Hotfoot March dance**



**Queen Sharon and Escort Rick at ArDales**

## Hotfoot Stompers 2022 Graduates

Questions asked of our students early on in classes so members could get to know them. Below are the questions with the student's answers.

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### Renee Hogan

1. What motivated you to try square dancing?  
Line dancing, the instructor is a square dancer  
Something fun to do indoors during the winter
2. Share a favorite moment from lessons.  
When Wayne called several moves that none of us newbies knew. We all just stopped and tried to figure out what to do next. It was chaos. Then he said "just kidding"
3. What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?  
Walking my dog, riding bike, snow shoeing, reading
4. Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment? Fun fact?  
I love to travel. I have an upcoming trip to Rome with my church in April. I hope it pans out. This is the third time they changed it due to Covid. I work part time as an administrative assistant at my church, St. Stephens, in Anoka



Renee

### Keith Lakeman

1. What motivated you to try square dancing?  
A friend's invitation,  
A desire to stay active
2. Share a favorite moment from lessons.  
Always a group of friendly faces
3. What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?  
BBQ, biking, snowmobiling
4. Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment? Fun fact?  
3 daughters and software engineer at Lumen



Keith and Tammy

### Tammy Lakeman

1. What motivated you to try square dancing?  
Debbie & Kerry Almen
2. Share a favorite moment from lessons.  
Seeing how many members there are and how welcoming they are to new dancers
3. What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?  
Gardening, reading, raising chickens, travel
4. Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment? Fun fact?  
Once a year my family comes together to make sausage with a secret family recipe

### Rheannon Kelcher

1. What motivated you to try square dancing?

Thought it was fun in 6<sup>th</sup> grade!

2. Share a favorite moment from lessons.

We like dancing in the same square 😊

3. What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?

I love dancing, planning & hosting events for our church group and traveling. I love to read also.

4. Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment? Fun fact?

We enjoy traveling many times a year. Looking forward to going to the Dominican in January.



**Rheannon and Dan**

### Dan Kinning

1. What motivated you to try square dancing?

I'll do whatever she wants...

2. Share a favorite moment from lessons.

We like dancing in the same square

3. What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?

I love playing soccer

4. Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment? Fun fact?

We have two four legged children...Dolly Parton is our Maltese and Coco is our cat.

### Carolyn Lane

1. What motivated you to try square dancing?

Recommended by Lois Pettman

2. Share a favorite moment from lessons.

Learning alongside my friends  
(Julius, Rheannon, Dan)

3. What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?

Biking, gardening, camping, canoeing, piano, serving

4. Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment? Fun fact?

Organic agriculture - 20 years

Love to travel (domestic and international)

Working with GiveHope2Kids orphanage in Honduras



**Julius and Carolyn**

### Julius Costanza

1. What motivated you to try square dancing?

Always interested in a fun event

2. Share a favorite moment from lessons.

Finally knowing the calls

3. What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?

Dancing, reading, serving

4. Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment? Fun fact?

2 incredible young ladies 33 & 34

Not much traveling

Retired

Native New Yorker, in Minnie almost 7 years

**Mike Brisbin**

1. What motivated you to try square dancing?

Love meeting people

2. Share a favorite moment from lessons.

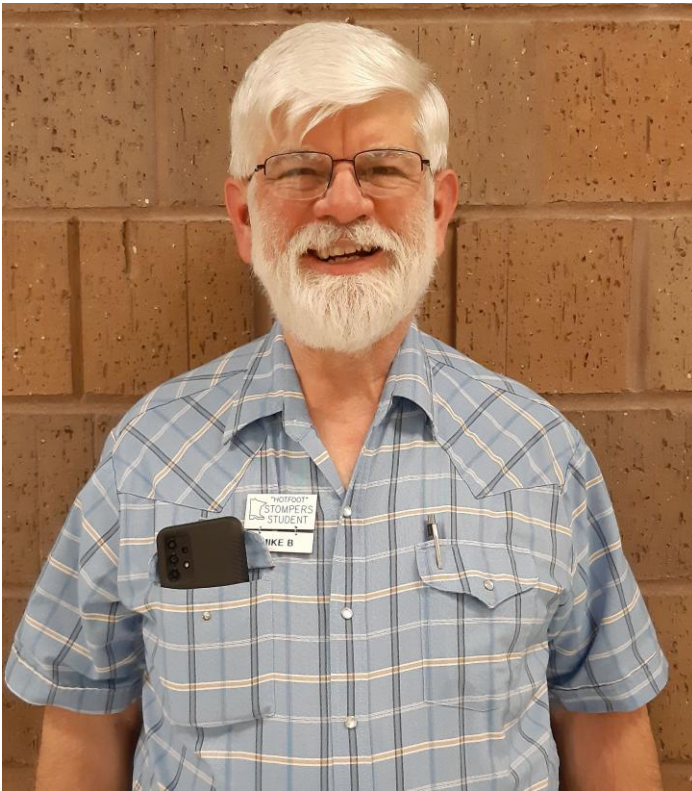
Angels teaching me

3. What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?

Singing gospel music, history, reading the Bible

4. Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment? Fun fact?

Visited D.C and the Smithsonian, family in rural Kansas



**Mike**



**Darin**

**Darin Eichele**

1. What motivated you to try square dancing?

Boredom

2. Share a favorite moment from lessons.

Random chats

3. What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?

Biking & working on cars

4. Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment? Fun fact?

Cars aka the Mazda Miata

**Tim Erickson**

1. What motivated you to try square dancing?  
My partner Tara invited me to come
2. Share a favorite moment from lessons.  
Learning & laughing
3. What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?  
Sports, church, kayaking, ATVing
4. Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment? Fun fact?  
I have 4 adult children  
I've had many travels around the world  
I am a chaplain – senior living  
Fun Fact: I am a Green Bay Packer's fan



**Tim**

**Eric Soland**

1. What motivated you to try square dancing?  
My fiancée
2. Share a favorite moment from lessons.  
Seeing progress
3. What are some of your hobbies or areas of interest?  
Swing dancing, video games, TV shows/Anime, religion, politics
4. Your choice...Kids? Travels? Employment? Fun fact?  
“It’s been said it’s better to say I’m unemployed and live in a van.”



What could make square dancing Turing complete?



**Anticipation one week before graduation**

## Hotfoot Stompers Graduating Class Of 2022



Congratulations Hotfoot Class of '22 – and to Wayne Tauer on his retirement from teaching lessons



Potluck dinner before the test and special dance at PCOM











The final written test is a good time to relate calls to Wayne's sense of humor



Tammy presents Wayne with special gifts for his patience and fun teaching the class



Wow – an Emmy award



Presidents Les and Audrey present Wayne with a thank you retirement gift from Hotfoot



Our four super stars – Anna, Danielle, Julie & Wayne



Former Hotfoot President Peggy Clark sells her wears

### Hotfoot Banner Runs



Cambridge Corners 3-4-22



Mike being Irish



Dakota Grand 3-5-22



ArDales 3-13-22



Both banners retrieved at Shenanigans PLUS weekend with Dan & Curt calling at Maple Lake 3-19-22



Hotfoot retrieves banner from Dakota Squares



Social at Harriet Alexander Nature Center 3-27-22

**Hotfoot Social** at Roseville's Harriet Alexander Nature Center on March 27th



Mmmmmmmmmmm - Maple syrup tree tappers



Dave looking for some sap (syrup)

## Hotfoot Volunteers 2021-22

**President:** Audrey Cecko & Les Marier

**Vice President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:** Jocelyn Borgan

**Vice Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:** Terri Axelson

**Past President:** Jerry Steinworth

**Sunshine Contact:** Jerry Steinworth

**Queen:** Sharon Bahma

**Banner Chief:** John Bittner

**Chatter Editor:** Gary Kemmetmueller

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**Photographer:** Gary Kemmetmueller

**The ROUNDUP Reporter:** Gloria Regan

**Spotlight Editor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website Webmaster:** Rachel Katkar

**Caller Booker:** Jerry & Nancy Knoth

-----Committees-----

**Decorating Committee:** Peggy Decker, Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Marian Love, Bob Johnson (storage)

**Door Prizes:** Sandy Quasbort

**Greeters:** Queen Sharon Bahma, Coni Winterfeld

**Lesson Set Up Committee:** Jim & Sandy Quasbort

**Lesson Cleanup Committee:** Rosemary Valentine, Beth Horak

**Marketing Committee:** Jerry Steinworth, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Mystery Bus Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**North Shore Weekend:** Lee & Peggy Kohl

**Pop Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Queen's Luncheon:** Marian Love, Sandy Quasbort, Peggy Decker - canceled

**Sign Placer:** Bob Sadler

**Social Committee:** Lee & Peggy Kohl, Colette Kilber, Cary Hebert, Dave & Mary Dahlheimer

**State Conv Dinner Planner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer Campout Planners:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Committee:** Cathy Gates (leader + Hotfoot News + roster + communicator), Vivian Gillespie, Marilyn Vialle

----- Coordinators -----

**Community Ed Contact:** Cathy Gates

**Dance Service Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Coordinator:** Julie Bittner, Danielle Rust, Anna Trudeau

## Hotfoot Stompers

Minnesota Square Dance Club  
Coon Rapids, MN

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### 2022 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 \*\*Ticket vendors

**April 09, 2022-** Spring Colors & Royalty - Dan Sahlstrom – Pie & ice cream

\*Terri Axelson, Kerry & Debbie Almen, Deidre Fish, \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* \_\_\_\_\_

**May 14, 2022-** Colorful Flowers - DeeDee Dougherty-Lottie – Potluck \* Margaret Theisen, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* \_\_\_\_\_

### Upcoming Event Reminders for April

**April 5 & 15 - Tuesday Hotfoot Daytimers SD MS –**  
9:30 – 11:30 AM - Wayne Tauer calling  
Coon Rapids Civic Center  
11155 Robinson Dr NW, Coon Rapids, MN

**April 19 – Tuesday Hotfoot Social** Feed My Starving Children - 401 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN –  
7:00-8:30 PM - Info: Peggy Kohl 763-441-6934

**April 27 - 4th Wednesday Hotfoot Breakfasts:**  
Women's and Men's, both 8:30 AM at Bakers Square at Riverdale in Coon Rapids across from CUB & Walmart

We are on the WEB

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