



Coon Rapids, MN

The Chatter

April 2023

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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From Our Presidents

Wow! Spring actually feels like it's here, and close to on-time considering the first day of Spring was March 20th (now let's just hope I didn't jinx anything by saying that). Did you break out any of your Spring gear and shove your cold gear to the back of your closet yet? I did! And since Easter is not quite yet upon us, Happy Lent!

Our Hotfoot new dancers have been getting out and showing off their new badges and skills. Good job at getting out! To those who haven't yet, a little anxiety is perfectly normal. Still, no time like the present! Try to get out as much as you can in these early months as it is the best time to cement all the skills you have learned. Also, there just isn't as many dances during the summer, so take advantage of all of the dancing opportunities until then!

The Spring Out For Fun event is coming up on April 30th. If you have not already signed up, please do so! The club used to do a mystery bus trip every year and we have so many fond memories from those trips. While there is no bus this year, we know the committee has been working very hard to put this event together. There is still a dinner and a dance that will remain a mystery until closer to the date.

Lastly, some things to note about our upcoming April dance. The second Saturday is actually the day before Easter. Yes, we are dancing that day, April 8th. It will be our annual Royalty dance, which means pie and ice cream! Please bring a pie for potluck! Additionally, it is the night we crown our next queen. For our new dancers, the main goal of the queen is to get out and represent our club, going to as many dances as you can. At our own dances, she is a greeter and gets to draw the door prize tickets. Any ladies who have not yet been queen and have been dancing at least a year who are interested in becoming queen, please let us know so we can get your name on the

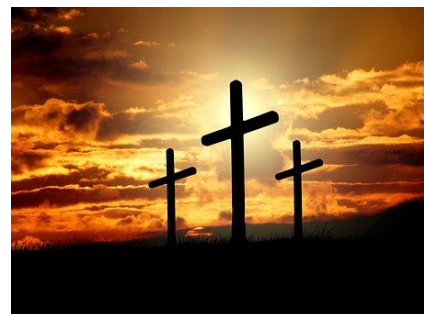
ballot. It's not a very interesting vote if there is only one or two people running.



Presidents Anna and Julie negotiating announcements while caller Bryan Bush looks on 3-11-23

Anna Soland & Julie Bittner

Hotfoot Stompers Presidents



Easter Blessings Hotfooters

Hotfoot Graduation 2023

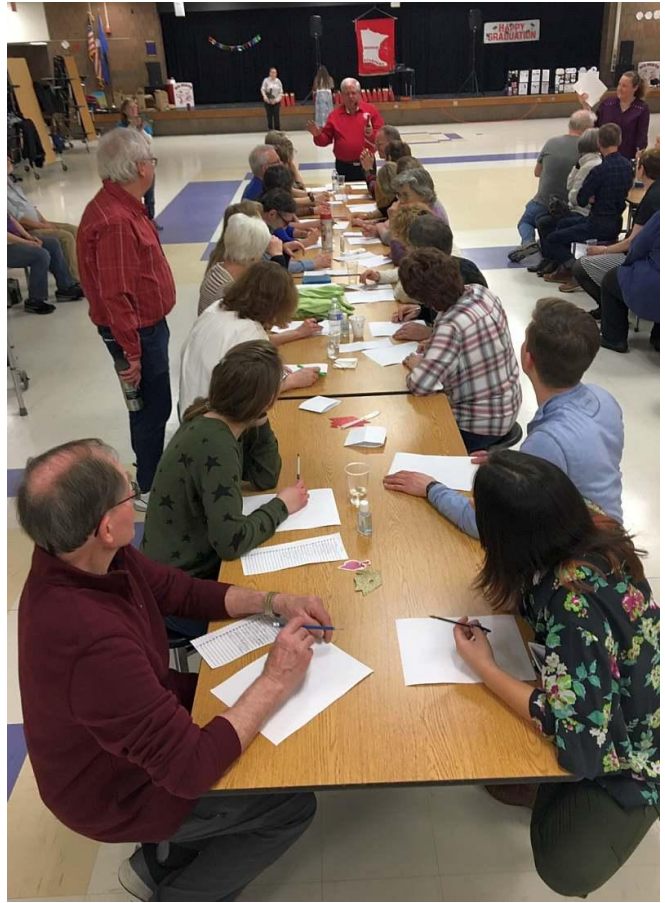
March 6th was an exciting event with 22 students passing the tests from Dan to become official Hotfoot Stompers. Congratulations to our new Hotfoot Stompers' members.



Students gather before potluck



President Julie, Student Coordinator Danielle and President Anna can be proud of our graduating class



Students take the pre-grad test by Dan



Preparing the potluck line for our students



Dave who?

Hotfoot Stompers' Class of 2023



Congratulations new members

Hotfoot March 11 St. Patrick Dance

Bryan Bush called to and Ken LaBau cued to 9 squares from 8 clubs at our March 11th main stream dance to the St. Patrick theme.



Dans'pac took a banner with Bryan Bush calling

Get Well Prayers and Wishes to

Jeanette Boxeth as she recovers from knee replacement surgery. Not able to dance yet but came to graduation.

Roger Dahl recovering at home after back fusion surgery on Feb 7. Roger can't make it to the dance floor yet but has successfully made it to Hotfoot gatherings.

Bill Bump who continues with his recovery from the his completed chemo and radiation therapies, continues dancing as much as he is able to.

Don Bauer who dances regularly at Hotfoot Daytimers and our dances, fell and fractured his hip. He is in transitional care and would love to have visitors or a phone call. His cell phone # is 651-492-7403. He's at the Walker Methodist Westwood Ridge facility, 1 Thompson Ave W, West St Paul, MN.

From Our Queen Audrey

In March we had daylight savings, yay! How nice it is traveling to dances during the daylight hours! We had to deal with some weather conditions earlier in the month and some dances were canceled. Now that we are at the end of March, the days are starting to warm and the snow is finally melting.

I made it to Dan Sahlstrom's Pop-Up dance, Saturday, March 4th. Many dancers turned out and it was a wonderful time.

The snow didn't keep me away from Hotfoot's dance the following Saturday with caller Bryan Bush. I'm glad the dance wasn't canceled earlier in the day due to the snowy conditions. We had a smaller crowd, but I was happy to see those who came.

I attended several dances with Tom Allen calling at Jolly Promenaders, Dakota Squares and Crystal Crosstrailers.



Hotfoot at Dakota Squares 3-26-23

Dan Sahlstrom had another Pop-Up dance March 24th. I'm glad Dan and Janet are having dances again at Faith United Methodist Church. Hopefully, they will continue having more Pop-Up dances throughout the year!

I was at Westonka with Brian Bush calling. Westonka always has a fun dance with a lot of new young dancers. I was sad to hear that Harlan Schmeig passed away. He was very sweet man and he will be greatly missed. When he saw me, he would say, "a pretty girl in a pretty dress." I will miss hearing those words, but I



will always remember those words in my heart.

As my time as Queen is coming to a close, I want to remind everyone to keep inviting our new graduates to dances!

I wish you all a Happy Easter!

Audrey Cecko

Hotfoot Stompers Queen

Banner Raids



Large banner from Cambridge Corners 3-3-23



Hotfoot at Dan's Pop-Up Dance 3-4-23



Hotfoot at Westonka Whirlers 3-18-23

North Shore Social Outing

Here's some pictures from the North Shore Weekend. There were 18 of us that stayed at the Northern Rail Traincar Inn at Two Harbors. We hiked at Jay Cooke State Park, Gooseberry Falls State Park, and Split Rock Lighthouse State Park. It was a *great weekend with lots of food and games, plus hiking!*

Colette



Hotfooters having fun and never going hungry

Hotfoot Social Event at Fun Lab

Here are a few pictures from the Hotfoot social event. On March 25th eight of us went to the Fun Lab in Blaine. We drove bumper cars, went mini bowling, got through the laser maze and played laser tag! After, we went out to eat at Clive's.

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How many **Hotfooters** does it take to serve pie and ice cream? We'll find out at our April 8th dance.



No picture eating at Clive's – No scores from laser tag, either – hmmm – did you lose, Cary?



Hotfoot Volunteers 2022-23

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Vice Treasurer: Renee Hogan
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----- Coordinators -----

Community Ed Contact: Cathy Gates
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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

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

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

* Jerry&BettyLou Elfert, _____ ** _____

Upcoming Event Reminders for April

April 4 & 18 – Tuesday Hotfoot Daytimers MS SD – 9:30-11:30 AM - Wayne Tauer calling at Coon Rapids Civic Center - 11155 Robinson Dr NW, Coon Rapids

April 26 - 4th Wednesday Hotfoot Breakfasts: Women's and Men's, both 8:30 AM at Bakers Square at Riverdale in Coon Rapids across from CUB

April 30 – Sunday Mystery dinner and dance \$30/person – Riverside 123 Jump- just kidding – location available to a select few – see Jerry or Nancy Knoth to pay up and reserve a spot

Have a Happy Easter

