



Coon Rapids, MN

The Chatter

July 2023



Square Dance!

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From Our Presidents



(L-R) Our Queen Renee, Marketing past Queen Audrey, our President Keith and truck runner and past queen and past Treasurer, Jocelyn in the Blaine Festival parade on June 24th

Thank you for your support in our volunteer work to be our club Presidents for 2023-24. We extend a very special thank you to Anna Soland and Julie Bittner for all the work they have done this last year as presidents promoting the club, helping club members and all the administration tasks they performed. You have been a blessing for our group. Thank you to all Hotfoot Stomper members for all you do to support our organization.

We are looking forward to working with Anna and Julie while they transition the workload over to us and to working with all the Hotfoot 2023-24 volunteers. If you would like to connect with us, our email is: President@hotfootstompers.org

The 71st MN State Square and Round Dance Convention was on June 9-11th. There are pictures and videos of the event out on social media and on the following pages. Next time you're together with

club members, ask someone who attended to share their experience with you. Then get signed up for next year's MN convention.

The 72nd National Square Dance Convention was June 21-24th held in Mobile, Alabama. Hotfoot did have club members in attendance. We are looking forward to hearing about their adventures. The next national convention for 2024 is in Milwaukee, WI. We are signed up to attend the WI state convention August 10-13. Let us know if you're going too. For more information:

www.wisquaredanceconvention.org

GET ready to Dance! Hotfoot is hosting two summer dances-Monday July 10th & Monday August 7th, both dances will be at Faith Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Check out the Upcoming Events section in "The Chatter" there are more great events planned for this summer.

There are people who enter your life and make it a bit crazier, make you laugh a little louder, and who shine a little brighter – we love Hotfoot Stompers. ❤️

Let joy be unconfined – let's dance.

Tammy & Keith Lakeman

Hotfoot Stompers Presidents



Hotfoot Stompers June Dance

Opps, Hotfoot had no June Dance. We were all at the Minnesota State RD & SD Convention.

Minnesota State Square & Round Dance Convention in Austin, MN

Wow, it's all over. It was a fun weekend of dancing and venturing out into new territory. Curt Braffet was the featured caller as well as many other callers and round dance featured cuers Pat and Joe Hilton as well as area cuers. Was it a fun weekend? Ask anyone who was there.

Of course, we have to start the weekend with the tour of the SPAM Museum, the famous anchor of Austin, MN, Hormel's famous meat. Everyone seemed to enjoy the tours and the guides going hog wild over their history and longevity. Our new photography team, Sandy and Robert Morgan were there for us so those of you who couldn't make the tour, can see and appreciate what you missed.



SPAM sold all over our world, even in China - Russia, Greenland and Africa don't know what they are missing

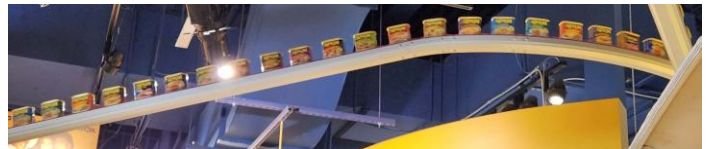


Here's your chance to ham it up – BTW, where's the bacon come from?

Open Your Taste Buds!



No shortage of varieties of SPAM - the TOCINO flavor SPAM is only available in the Philippines or the Austin Museum - just sayin'



Show and Tell conveyor of SPAN cans

There's a whole lot of history to be learned about the Hormel SPAM origins with the wars going on. The tour was free if you ever want to 'meat' one of the guides

Now for the convention





Here's the two famous sisters, former ROUNDUP Editor Nancy Bishop and Hotfoot soon to be famous photographer Sandy Morgan – we try to highlight volunteers in the Chatter



And New Dancer Bethany



Four callers all at once – Tom, Curt, Dee Dee & Dan



There's New Dancers Mark & Sheila



With Les, there's always a lot more



Our very own Debbie between friends



They are so tiny



Here's Sandy with her "key" partner, Robert



Dan and family call a singing call for all - special



There goes Danielle, our chief student coordinator last year and again this coming year



Why that looks like Debbie and maybe Debbie & Kerry- I think I see another former ROUNDUP Editor Cindy, too



I have a leaning toward family participation :o)

Okay, bigger

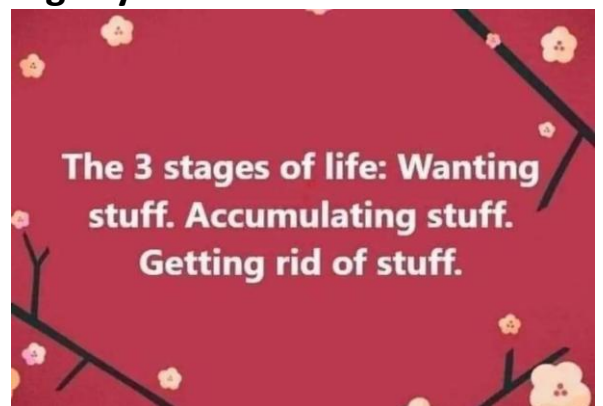


Hotfoot Stompers (mostly) in the Holiday Convention Center lobby



The Sprosty Twins – let's see, dancing to the carpet patterns – Bill, tell us what they are doing

Doug says



From Our New Hotfoot Queen Renee



Queen Renee at the Blaine Festival parade

I am honored to have been chosen Queen to represent our Hotfoot Stompers club.

There are three things you can do to become a good square dancer and really love what you're doing: floor time, floor time and more floor time.

What does a queen do? She attends many dances with many clubs as well as her own club dances. She may wear a crown and sign in as a dignitary, but the most fun is meeting and dancing with all sorts of fun, kind people who love to dance as much as I do and invite them to attend our club dances, too.

I snuck away to Ireland for 11 days with my brother & sister & had a blast. We were treated to a show of Authentic Celtic dancers. They were incredibly amazing, but I am sticking with square dancing, thank you. It is easier on the body.

On my return I attended Tom & Sally Allen's 50th wedding anniversary in St. Cloud, the Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Convention in Austin, took part in the Blaine Festival parade promoting square dancing for our Hotfoot club.

I did some demo dancing at the Blaine Festival & there are plenty of upcoming events to keep you dancing throughout the summer until we are back in full swing, or I should say, full square dance in the fall. Remember to include new dancers in your squares.

To stay updated on all the weekly dances you can attend, check out the Hotfoot website or subscribe

to The ROUNDUP for all the clubs dances. Hope to see you at a dance, soon.

Renee Hogan
Hotfoot Stompers' Queen

Congratulations

Rachel, Hotfoot web master, and Ravi Katkar on the birth of their son, Zorro, weighing in at 6 lbs 15 oz, 19" tall. Born on Father's Day, big brother Ursino, Mom & Dad are exhausted but doing well.



Ursino holding baby brother Zorro – Hey, where's Grandma Cathy?

Get Well Prayers and Wishes to

Bill Bump as he deals with loosing strength limiting his ability to square and round dance. Bill says "Hi! I miss seeing everyone".

Jerry Elfert after having his hip replaced on June 26th. He is home now in the loving care of his wife, Betty Lou. Jerry came home yesterday, June 28th. He is doing well, "in a good amount of pain", as Betty Lou stated.

National Square Dance Convention

It was June 21-24 in Mobile, AL.

The first picture is the square Danielle and I (Julie) competed with in the Last Square Standing competition. We took 2nd this year, again. Of course Dan and Janet were in the winning Square.



You might notice, there are 2 other Hotfooters in them, Lucy and new dancer below, Bethany.



The other photos are just a couple group shots of some of our friends from various other states.



It's been a blast so far and we still have another full day of dancing to go.

Past Hotfoot Stompers President Julie Bittner

6-24-23

The above was from Julie "on the spot" reporting direct to you from the National Square Dance Convention in Mobile, Alabama. Thanks for thinking of Hotfooters while away having loads of fun, Julie.

Hotfoot Biking Social



Hotfoot bike specialist Jerry Steinworth reported back his finding from the June 7th bike venture – that was one snappy bike ride

Next trips planned:

July 6th Thursday a ride to Lock Park at 5:30 pm

July 17th Monday at Chomonix Golf Course 5:30 pm

July 31st Monday, River Front Regional Park.

River Front Regional Park is South of 694 on East River Road. Go South on East River road and turn right onto 51st Way. Turn right into the park and right again to the picnic area parking lot. It has horseshoe pits and tables near the parking lot. We will meet there at 5:30 PM.

All the details will be sent to the people that signed up for bike rides. If anyone else wants to join, email Fran at f.folics@gmail.com. We have fun and usually stop off for a sweet treat of ice cream afterwards.

Thanks.

Fran Sorenson

Hotfoot 2023 -2024 Dance Themes

Sept - Crazy Hat

Oct - Pumpkin Patch

Nov - Thanksgiving

Dec - Christmas

Jan - Chinese New Year

Feb - Valentine

March - Tropical Paradise

April - Royalty

May - Let's Go Fishing

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(because I have nothing more to add)

Hotfoot Volunteers 2023-24

President: Keith & Tammy Lakeman
Vice President: Anna Soland & Julie Bittner
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Vice Treasurer: Renee Hogan
Secretary: Terri Axelson
Past President: Julie Bittner & Anna Trudeau
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Door Prizes: Fran Sorensen
Greeters: Queen Renee Hogan, Margaret Theisen, _____
Lesson Set Up Committee: Sandy & Jim Quasbort
Lesson Cleanup Committee: _____
Marketing Committee: Audrey Cecko, _____, _____
Mystery Bus Committee: _____
North Shore Weekend: Jerry & Nancy Knoth
Pop Committee: _____, _____
Sign Placer: _____
Social Committee: Peggy & Lee Kohl, Sandy & Frank Amore, Colette Kilber, Cary Hebert & Fran Sorensen
Social Media: _____
State Conv Dinner Planner: _____
Summer Campout Planners: _____
Telephone Committee: Marilyn Vialle, Cathy Gates (leader + Hotfoot News + roster + communicator)

----- Coordinators -----

Community Ed Contact: Cathy Gates
Dance Service Coordinator: _____
Student Coordinator: Danielle Rust

Hotfoot Stompers

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2023 – 2024 Dance Schedule

*Service Committee
**Treasurer Assistant

July 10 Monday – Dan Sahlstrom MS 6:30-8:30 PM
Faith Lutheran Church, Hanson Blvd NW Coon Rapids

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August 7 Monday – Dan Sahlstrom MS 6:30-8:30 PM

Faith Lutheran Church, Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

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Sept 9 Tom Allen - MS - Crazy Hat - Potluck

* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, John & Joanie Evans **Jerry Knoth, __

Oct 14 Bob Asp – MS - Pumpkin Patch - potluck

* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, __ __ ** Rose Valentine, __

Nov 11 Dan Sahlstrom – MS – Thanksgiving at **Faith Lutheran Church** – potluck * Jim & Sandy Quasbort, __ __ ** __ __

Dec 9 Mike Hogan – MS – Christmas - potluck

* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, __ __ ** __ __

Jan 13 Bryan Bush - **ND** - Chinese New Year - potluck

* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Frank & Sandy Amore ** __ __

Feb 10 Abe Maier – **ND** – Valentine – potluck -

* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Rose Valentine, __ ** __ __

March 9 Bill VanBergan – MS – Tropical Paradise- potluck

* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, __ __ ** __ __

April 13 Dan Sahlstrom – MS – Royalty - potluck

* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, __ __ ** __ __

May 11 Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie, MS Let's Go Fishing - potluck

*Myrna Kostuch, __ __ __ ** __ __

Upcoming Event Reminders for July

July 10 Saturday MS w/Dan Sahlstrom 6:30-8:30 PM
Faith Lutheran Church, Hanson Blvd., Coon Rapids

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

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

We are on the WEB

www.HotfootStompers.org