HOTFOOT STOMPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Chatter

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From Our President

Treasurer Rosemary Valentine healing well after knee replacement surgery stands with President Jerry Steinworth at Hotfoot's "Let's Give Thanks" dance on November 9th

Our house is starting to look like home. Within a week or two our back yard will be enclosed with a fence. I can't wait, taking our dog Peanut out on a leash every time he wants to go out is really getting old.

We are and look forward to having more ***fun with Hotfoot Stompers.***

Broken record time: we still need a **Vice President!** This year's dance season is half over. Now is the Time. Contact me at 763-913-5569 or jerry.steinworth@hotmail.com

Our square dances are a big success so far, and our Social Committee has a lot of events scheduled. The club is rolling fairly well. One area that needs improvement is transparency in communication and actions. To improve transparency, I am making the following executive orders until our annual meeting, where I hope to have them added into the bylaws.

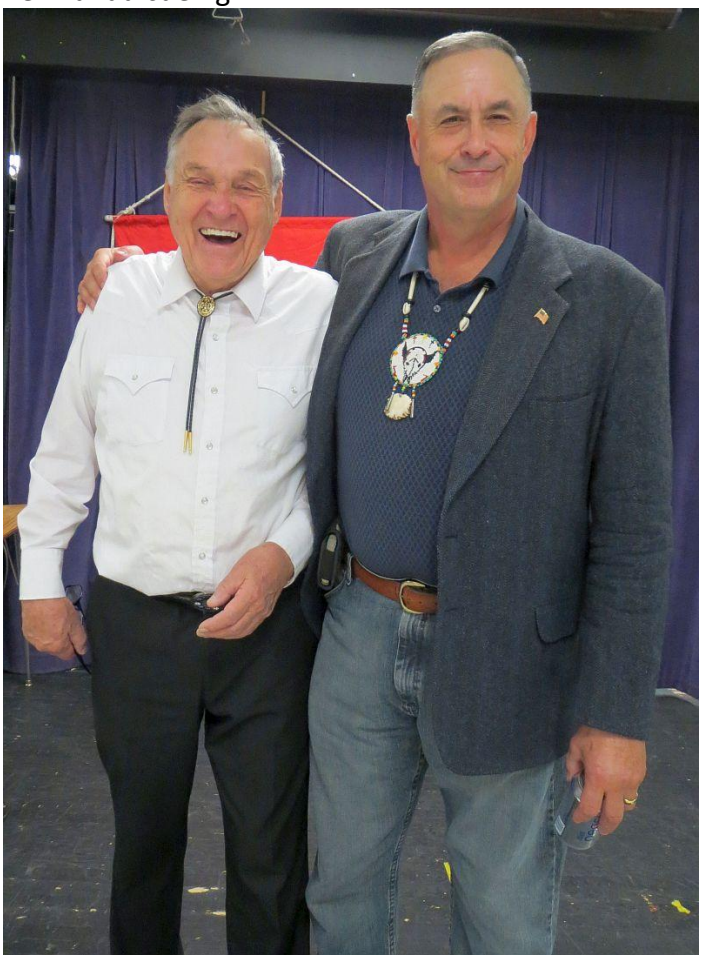
- All Hotfoot events (including demonstrations) will be announced to all the members. Hotfoot committee meetings will also be announced to all members.
- The President, Treasurer and Secretary will be notified of all Hotfoot events including rescheduling, relocating and canceling.

Last but not least, Fran and I will be hosting a ***Christmas Party*** at our house, 3325 140th Ave NW, Andover, ***Saturday, December 28, 6:00***, Potluck. We will provide plates utensils, coffee, lemonade, along with a special dish from Fran. RSVP 763-913-5569 or jerry.steinworth@hotmail.com

Jerry Steinworth
President, Hotfoot Stompers

Hotfoot Let's Give Thanks Dance

Twelve squares of fun raising dancers at our November dance with Dean Dederman calling and Ken LaBau cueing.



Okay Ken, what did Dean say to you?

Hotfoot Treasurers Rose and Terry having fun

Peggy and Marian setting up for our 40th anniversary dance in May

A friendly bunch

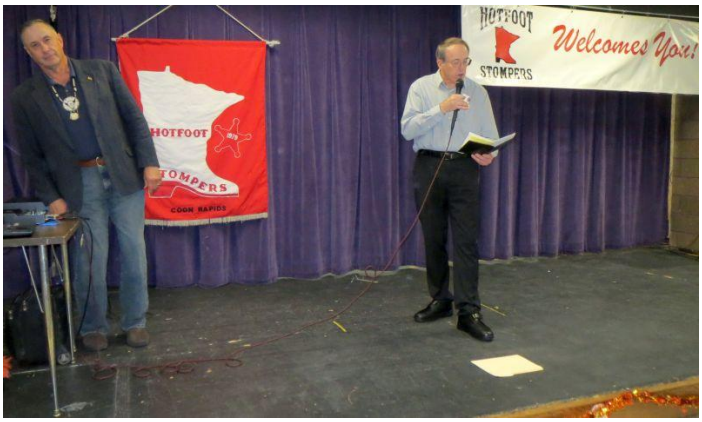
Round dancing – Hazel and Peter from Canada joined us

Getchen & Jim, Hazel & Peter and Michele

Marilyn, Carol & Louie watch while Mary looks through past Hotfoot albums – did I mention that President Jerry is supervising in the background?

Check out the potluck – and Marvin and Barbara

Look at those prize line dancers – I mean those prize bags and line dancers



Caller Dean Dederman is nearly blown away by President Jerry's welcome

Wayne and Fran – two dedicated Hotfoot Stompers- in fact, Wayne originated Hotfoot in 1979 and Fran is going to make movies of Hotfoot for our 40th

Tom & Marvin each win a door prize

Barb is a winner, Queen Danielle happy for her - Dean, wondering why he didn't win

Gloria seems to enjoy round dancing with our Hotfoot creator, Wayne Tauer (and they are both wearing their Hotfoot Stompers' badges which Wayne and his wife, Dianne designed back in 1979)

Three of our students came to see if a real dance is worth taking lessons for – Dean proudly called a beginner square in between a tip and a round, just for our students – you see how unhappy they were

Rick and Sharon discuss their next possible dance – or not – maybe they are wondering why I'm taking their picture

Lee dances with Lisa – Lisa's dad, caller Dan and Janet came to dance and share their well behaved family

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Banner Activity

Hotfoot earns another banner at Cambridge Corners November 1st with Roger McNeil calling

Photo by Mary Dahlheimer

Some future square dancers at Gospel Plus

Hotfoot pulls off another banner raid at Crystal Crosstrailers on November 8th with Wayne Tauer calling – hey, where is Rebecca with our banner

Look at that Hotfoot action at Single Circles on November 15th – with Myron Hollatz calling and Jane Simpson cueing – hey, where is Myron & Jane

Looks like we earned another banner at Gospel Plus on Friday, November 22nd – hmm, maybe Plus clubs don't give banners – we'll have to try again next January when they have their next dance

Hotfoot at Turkey dance November 17th in St Cloud

Congratulations to Evonne & Melvin

Evonne and Melvin Kirchenwitz married each other on November 3rd at a square dance – I wonder if they gave away any banners – likely weren't thinking about banners

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From Our Queen Danielle

Julie, Shylin and Queen Danielle at the social event in Ramsey, all three having a ball

I am so amazed with Hotfoot that I can hardly think of anything to write.

Hoping all of you wonderful Hotfoot Stompers had a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Have a very Merry Christmas.

Danielle Rust
Queen, Hotfoot Stompers

Get Well Wishes to …..

…Steve Mack with new dual chamber heart pacemaker implanted on October 23rd. He is doing his cardio exercises at Unity Hospital and will take it slow before coming back to square dancing.

…Sandy Amore who has finished her chemo treatment on October 30. She is doing well. Her immune system is down and so is her stamina which comes from the chemo treatment. Her spirits are good and positive. She and Frank are looking forward to coming back to square dance in January. Sandy wishes to say hi to everyone and thanks for your thinking of her. She misses everyone.

…Coni Winterfeld whose AF has returned. I asked Coni how things were going and she said "I got a new refrigerator". First things first. Will keep you posted as her next procedure is heart ablation.

Congratulations to Michele

Ten Square Dancers from Hotfoot Stompers and Wandering Wheels surprised and supported Michele Kemmetmueller at a luncheon on October 31st. Archbishop Hebda presented four St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards at the Church of St. Peter in Mendota Heights. Michele was awarded the Champions for Life Award for the *Person* Who *Embodies Consistent Life Ethics*. In 2015 Michele helped to start the new Life Matters ministry (which promotes reverence for all life from conception to natural death) at St. Stephen's in Anoka with the help of Robin Taaffe and members from St. Patrick's Church in Cedar. She has also learned from and collaborated with respect life ministries in 7 other nearby parishes. Michele has initiated new events each year and credits her success due to inspirations from the Holy Spirit and trusting in Jesus. Her favorite event was bringing a sonographer with an ultrasound machine from Robbinsdale Women's Center to St. Stephen's Church. The ultrasound was performed on 2 pregnant women after Sunday morning Masses and shown on a large screen. One of the women was pregnant with triplets!

Lessons Going Well

We had 18 students attending our November 25th lesson and 40+ angels. Our family of five was missing tonight as well as 7 others. Hopefully, they will return next Monday evening for lessons.

Wayne Tauer has nearly completed teaching the Basic Calls list – student are doing very well

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Spotlight on Clay Harris

Clay is holding a Certificate of Appreciation that he and his wife Val received June 15, 1991 from the Square Dance Federation of Minnesota for their many hours of service in square, round, folk, and contra dancing in Minnesota. He is also holding his Square Dance Federation of MN President badge – 1979-1981.

Clay was Vice President in 1979, President in 1980, and Advisor in 1981. He was Promotion Chairman in 1982-86. Prior to being a Federation officer, Clay was Chairman of the CE Region (we no longer have regions). Clay and Val graduated from Coon-oka Squares in Coon Rapids in 1978 (with Bob Sadler!). Coon-oka folded in 1981 or 82.

In addition to Clay's square dance volunteering, he was the Resident Chef at Prince of Peace Church for 40 years, stopped to take care of Val for 2 years before she passed away in May 2017, and now he will again be the Resident Chef. Also in his retirement, he mows the lawn at church and makes caramel rolls every Sunday morning at church. He also manages to fit in playing 500 cards 2-3 times/week and square dances (Clay returned to square dancing in 2018). Clay also is committed to daily exercise – walking a mile at the "Y", 200 pulls a day on his rowing machine, and exercise videos. Whew!

As you might have guessed, one of his favorite activities is baking. He especially likes to work with dough. He also enjoyed taking trips with Val. They toured every state except for Hawaii in their 12 ft. camper and sometimes took bus tours. Val & Clay also travelled to Israel and Nova Scotia. Clay also enjoyed fishing with his siblings and Val plus boating and water skiing.

Let's go back to Clay's birth in Cresco, Iowa, during the depression. Clay had 1 brother and 1 sister. His Dad was a Chef (the apple didn't fall far from the tree) and jobs were hard to find. His Dad had to move to find chef jobs which meant that Clay went to 18 different schools from elementary thru high school in the states of CA, OR, WA and finally settled in Minneapolis in 1945. It was very difficult to have friends. In 1948 Clay's Dad died. Clay joined the Army that year and was a Mess Sergeant until 1952.

Clay met Val in 1947 through a friend. When he first saw Val, he "knew he would marry her"! While he was in the Army, he moved to different states - TX, KS, OK and WI but wrote letters to Val. When he was stationed in McCoy, WI, he was able to see Val more often and they got married in 1951 while he was still in the US Army. Their first child was born in 1952. They had 3 girls: Linda, Laurie, and Kelly. Now there are 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Clay's work career always was connected to "food" and restaurants. He started to manage restaurants in 1959 at W.T. Grants in St. Paul and then on to Indianapolis for 5 years, Bowling Green, KY, back to St. Paul, then Minneapolis where he won a car for the highest sales increase of 60%, then on to Howard Johnson's, Country Kitchen, Canteen Corp and Deluxe Check (cafeteria manager). He also owned 3 restaurants including one on Nicollet Mall, which he sold after 1 year. He was also square dancing during this time and promoted square dance parties at the Newman Center on the U of M campus (30 squares) and at the Leamington Hotel for 2 years of New Year's Eve dancing with 75 squares! Those were "the good ole days" of square dancing! Today we have a huge challenge to recruit more square dancers and to fill the floor with squares!

Michele Kemmetmueller
Hotfoot Stompers Spotlight Editor

Hotfoot Volunteers 2019-20

President: Jerry Steinworth
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Lesson Cleanup Committee: Fran Sorensen, Rosemary Valentine, Margaret Theisen
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Summer Campout Planners: Roger & Carol Dahl, Terry Cathers
Telephone Committee: Cathy Gates (leader+ Hotfoot News+roster+communicator), Verena Greeninger, Vivian Gillespie
---------- Coordinators ----------
Community Ed Contact: Cathy Gates
Dance Service Coordinator: Peggy Decker
Student Coordinator: Michelle Jenson
Social Media Coordinator: **open**

We are on the WEB

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2019-20 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

December 14th, **Mike Hogan, MS, Jingle Bells** theme, potluck
* Jerry Steinworth**,** Chuck & Mary Kirchherr, Michelle Jenson,__,__,__,__ ** __, __

January 11th, **Mike Driscoll, ND, Happy New Year**, potluck
* Beth Boatz & Andy Hybben, Gary & Michele Kemmetmueller, __,__,__,__
** Margaret Theisen, Coni Winterfeld

February 8th, **Abe Maier, ND**, **Valentine's Dance**, potluck
* Gloria Regan, Terri Axelson, Bill & Lynn Smith, Roger & Carol Dahl, Bill & Pat Reichenborn ** Gary & Michele Kemmetmueller

March 14th, **Roger McNeil, MS, Shamrock Swing**, potluck
* Sharon Bahma, Joan Morphew, Kelly Landwehr, Jerry & Nancy Knoth, __, __,__ ** Cathy Gates, __

April 11th, **Dan Sahlstrom, MS, A Royal Affair**, potluck
* Lee & Peggy Kohl, Dave & Mary Dahlheimer, Colette Kilber, Cary Hebert, __, __ ** __, __

May 9th, **Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie, MS, Hotfoot 40th Anniversary**, potluck
* Steve Mack, Myrna Kostuch,__,__,__,__,__,__ ** __, __

Upcoming Event Reminders for December

Dec 3 & 17 Tue **Daytimers-MS,** 9:30-11:30 AM, at Coon Rapids Civic Center, Wayne Tauer calling

Dec 2, 9 & 16 Mondays **PLUS lessons,** 6-7 PM before MS lessons, Northdale Middle School, Wayne Tauer teaching

Dec 2, 9 & 16 Mondays **SD lessons,** 7-9 PM Northdale Middle School, Wayne Tauer teaching

Dec 7 Saturday Social to **Bentlyville** in Duluth, MN- meet at NMS at 12:00 noon to car pool. Return at 10 PM. Info & signup: Lee or Peggy Kohl 763-441-6934

Dec 9 Monday **used clothing sale** 6-8:00 PM - bring your old clothes or cash to purchase, to NMS lessons

Dec 22 - Sunday **Happy Hanukkah**

Dec 23 & 30th Monday **No SD lessons**

Dec 25 - 4th Wednesday **Merry Christmas**

Dec 31 Tuesday **No Daytimers** PLUS – Coon Rapids Civic Center Closed – Happy New Year's Eve