HOTFOOT STOMPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

# The Chatter

Live Lively – Square Dance!

Coon Rapids, MN August 2026 161

Happy Summer!

We are the new presidents of our Hotfoot Stompers Club. We are Kerry and Debbie Almen and we have been dancing and a part of this great club since 2011. We were elected at a quick business meeting after our June banquet. We also elected a new Vice President, Tara Hammer, a new secretary, Keith Lakeman, and a vice treasurer Cary Hebert. We look forward to serving you for the 2026-2027 dance year.

Kerry and I enjoy everything outdoors hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, and gardening. We have been married for 43 yrs and are both now enjoying retirement.

As presidents we have been in the Blaine parade and at the two demo's we had at the festival. We also hosted our first summer dance this past Monday July 20th. We had a great turnout for the dance with over 8 squares in attendance from 7 different clubs.

We hope you've been going out and enjoying some fun summer activities. Check out the Hotfoot website and the Hotfoot news emails for upcoming square dance opportunities this summer.

Thank you to all of you that came to the Hotfoot picnic, brought yummy food to share and paid their yearly dues. It was fun to see so many of you there!

## Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

Kerry & Debbie Almen

Hotfoot Stompers' Presidents

# Hotfoot Stompers July Square Dance

Parade day!

Demo time!

Our presidents at the demo!

## Important Info

- **DAYTIMERS: Tuesdays, August 4 & 18** MAINSTREAM, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. High Level MS Wayne Tauer, calling $4, Coon Rapids Senior Center (part of the CR Civic Center). These are the last Mainstream level Daytimers dances. **All future Daytimers dances will be PLUS level dances starting in September.**
- **VOLUNTEER:**
- The new 2026 - 2027 Volunteer List is on the website. **Here are SOME of the jobs we need to fill:**
  - We need volunteers to place outdoor signs, clean up after lessons, clean up after dances, help set up for dances, and take photos.
- **SUMMER DANCE: Monday, August 24 6:30 – 9 p.m.,** PLUS, 7 -9 p.m. MS, Anoka United Methodist Church, 850 South St, Anoka, MN 55303, Parking in the back of the church as well as across the street, Caller: John Bittner
- **SOCIAL EVENTS:**
  - **BREAKFAST: Wednesday, August 12** 9:00 am. (Change to the **2nd Wednesday of the month**) Perkins in Blaine, near the Northeast corner of Main Street and Ulysses, close to Highway 65.
- **Not Just Hotfoot (and NOT a Hotfoot event):**
  - "**WESTERN DANCE**" **Tuesday, August 18,** Dinner at the LOL church at 5:30 p.m. followed by a dance, demo, and getting new folks into squares. LOL Seniors from Lord of Life Church are hosting: 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303. Hotfoot and square dancers from other clubs are invited by the LOL Seniors to this event. The caller is Dan Sahlstrom. Free will donation for the dinner and/or the dance ($5)
  - **17th ANNUAL MID-SUMMER MAGIC: Saturday, August 22, 2026, Dancing 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. MS, PLUS, ROUNDS, Kaposia Park Picnic Shelter, 1028 Wilde Ave South St Paul, MN 55075. $10 per person 18 & under $5, Casual Attire Welcome! Concessions For Sale! Recycled Clothing Sale 2 – 4 p.m.**

## Hotfoot Queen Letter

Happy Summer!

Sorry that I haven't been doing Chatter for the last couple of months. I have been busy moving and working this summer. Through out the summer I have been working in an elementary school having lots of fun with Kindergarteners and First graders. Between the field trips and all the energy, they have I have been very distracted. I also am finishing up moving into my first apartment (wish me luck). I haven't been able to make it to many square dance events, but I did make it to Minnesota State Convention where I saw a lot of Hotfooter's.

I also have gone camping a couple of times with my sister Danielle. We went down to Fort Ridgley which was such a cool Fort and had some amazing trails that we got to hike. There were some bumps in the road like buying the wrong propane and not sure exactly sure what we were doing. But it was an amazing weekend even with the bumps.

I have spent so much time outside enjoying the weather and celebrating both of my siblings birthday outside on our grandparents' deck enjoying some much-needed family time. I also got to spend a day driving the boat around and letting Danielle catch all the fish and making sure our dad didn't get any. I also was able to see the Dahlberg family put on a waterskiing show in Centerville. It was amazing to see their talent and being able to be there and cheering them on.

I hope to see everyone in a square and that you all have an amazing rest of your summer! It is almost school time!

Hotfoot Queen,
Shy Eichele

## Hotfoot Volunteers 2025-26

**Presidents:** Debbie & Kerry Almen
**Vice President**: _____
**Treasurer**: Doug Brodeen
**Vice Treasurer:** _____
**Secretary:** John Bittner
**Past President:** Robert & Sandy Morgan
**Sunshine Contact:** Anna Soland & Julie Bittner
**Queen:** Mary Jensen
**Banner Chief:** John Bittner & Julie Bittner
**Chatter Editor:** Shylin Eichele
**Historian:** ___
**Photographers:** Sandy & Robert Morgan & Tammy Lakeman
**The ROUNDUP Reporter:** Julie Bittner
**The ROUNDUP ads & dance listings:** Audrey Cecko
**Spotlight Editor:** _____
**Website Webmaster:** Rachel Katkar & Cathy Gates
**Caller Booker:** Les Marier

---------- Committees ----------
**Banquet Committee:** _____
**Decorating Committee:** Peggy Decker, Coni Winterfeld (Bob & Arlene Johnson storage), Marian Love
**Door Prizes:** Terri Axelson, Fran Sorensen
**Greeters:** Queen Mary Jensen, Margaret Theisen, Jocelyn Borgan
**Lesson Set Up Committee:** Sandy & Jim Quasbort
**Lesson Cleanup Committee:** Mark & Sheila Brouhard
**Marketing Committee:** Tammy Lakeman, Audrey Cecko, Jerry Steinworth
**North Shore Weekend:** Dave & Mary Dahlheimer, Peggy and Lee Kohl
**Sign Placer:** Mel Wallner
**Social Committee:** Shylin Eichele
**Social Media**: Sandy Morgan, _____
**Student Retention Committee:** _____
**Telephone Committee:** Marilyn Vialle, Cathy Gates (leader + Hotfoot News + roster + communicator)
---------- Coordinators ----------
**Community Ed Contact**: Cathy Gates
**Dance Service Coordinator:** _____
**Student Coordinator:** Danielle Rust, Anna Soland & Julie Bittner
**Demo Coordinator**: _____

**We are on the WEB** **www.HotfootStompers.org**

## Hotfoot Stompers

Minnesota Square Dance Club
Coon Rapids, MN

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Sandy Morgan 612-298-3770

**2026-27 Dance Schedule**

Saturday, 7:30-8:00 pm Plus, star tip at 10:00 PM, 8:00-10:00 PM MS**,** potluck **Northdale Middle School**, 11301 Dogwood St NW Coon Rapids - Rounds between tips

*****Service Committee **Treasurer Assistant