



Coon Rapids, MN

# The Chatter

December 2023

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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## From Our Presidents

Hello Hotfoot Members,  
We are gearing up for a fabulous month. We look forward to December dances, time with family & friends, traveling, good food, music and Christmas lights.

Mark your schedule, there is a location change for December 4<sup>th</sup> lesson to Faith Lutheran Church as the school is unavailable. There are two more lessons, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 & February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 that will be hosted at Faith Lutheran all the rest are at Northdale middle school.

The next club dance is December 9<sup>th</sup> with Caller Mike Hogan with the theme "Christmas" and will be held at Northdale Middle School.

Hotfoot's volunteer treasurer, Guy Trudeau's term is complete at the end of December and he will pass the duties to Renee Hogan who will be the volunteer treasurer for 2024. Guy has done a wonderful job and we have enjoyed working with him. Thank you Guy for all the time you dedicated to our club this past year.

To the rest of the club members, if you have talents with balancing numbers, tracking and filing records please consider volunteering your time to be the 2025 treasurer. We need you! Hotfoot has a rock star team to collaborate with.



Hotfoot's new dancers have been putting in a lot of fun work and with Dan Sahlstrom's guidance have made fabulous progress.

Our club has two "New Dancer" dances coming up in January and February. We are excited to welcome all of our students to those dances and hope it will be the first of many future dances for them.

Hotfoot hosts Plus lessons from 6 to 7 pm before each mainstream lesson and those lessons have been on fire! We have consistently had five squares of dancers who are both new to plus and experienced. Dan is an amazing teacher and we are all soaking in the information. The cost of lessons is \$2 per dancer, both new and experienced for each lesson.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Let joy be unconfined – let's dance.



*Tammy & Keith Lakeman*  
Hotfoot Stompers Presidents

# Hotfoot November Dance

There were 13.25 squares from 11 clubs at our November 11<sup>th</sup> dance. Also in attendance were three cuers and three callers, besides Dan and Ken. Are we having fun yet? You bet'cha.



## HOTFOOT DANCE

**CALLER: DAN SAHLSTROM**

**CUER: KEN LABAU**



Dan Sahlstrom  
Andover MN

**November 11th**

Plus 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

MS: 8:00 - 10:00 p.m

Plus 10:00 - 10:15 p.m



Ken LaBau

**Theme: Remembering our Veterans**

★ NOTE LOCATION ★  
**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 11115 HANSON BLVD NW  
 COON RAPIDS, MN 55448  
 ENTER DOOR #1



Hmmm – see any resemblance?



Honoring veterans



Square Dancing at Faith Lutheran Church



Dan calling



John not calling



Colette & Cary  
Hotfoot Social  
Directors



President Tammy  
making announcements



Queen Renee  
being our Queen



Photographers Sandy & Robert



Veterans at our November 11<sup>th</sup> dance



Thanks to Peggy Decker for organizing the veteran theme dance display





**County Line steals a Hotfoot banner**



**Nancy Bishop with President Tammy**



**Oh yea, Robert Morgan's prize winning photo of the "Beaver Moon" on November 27<sup>th</sup> - Thanks for sharing Robert**

## From Hotfoot Queen Renee



**Queen Renee greets guests Jon & Kim from County Line Squares at our November 11<sup>th</sup> dance**

Hello friends.

As we move into December, let's continue to give thanks, just as we do in November (our Thanksgiving month) for our families, friends, especially all the new ones we have made just being part of a square dance club & getting out to dances.

Another great day of square dancing fun was at the annual Turkey Dinner dance at St. Cloud on November 19th. Tom Allen & Lanny Weakland were callers with a surprise caller, Dick Reuter, who showed up. The three of them gave us great entertainment and great harmony. Then we ended it with a delicious turkey dinner, where they feed 150 of us, with a dessert table beyond imagination. Well worth a nap on the ride home if you weren't, of course, the driver!

We look forward to the traditional delectable Christmas baked goods and Christmas themes at our December dances. Mike Hogan, a National caller, will be calling at our December 9th Hotfoot dance and don't forget to line up where you want to dance on Dec 31st, New Years Eve, and put on your best holiday attire.

Be on the lookout for pop up dances too, put on by Dan Sahlstrom. These are great fun and take the guess work of hmmm, what can I do tonight?

So in this seasonal letter I say, Feliz Navidad!

Remember to invite a new dancer in your square. I hope to see you in a square.

*Renee Hogan*

Hotfoot Stompers Queen

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## Demos



**Hotfoot caller John Bittner calls at Gracewood Senior Living in Lino Lakes 11-2-23**



## Banners



Hotfoot retrieves Super banner at Dan'sPac 11-4-23



Hotfoot at Gospel PLUS 11-24-23



Hotfoot earns a banner from County Line 11-10-23



Hotfoot at Dakota Squares -new caller Ben 11-26-23

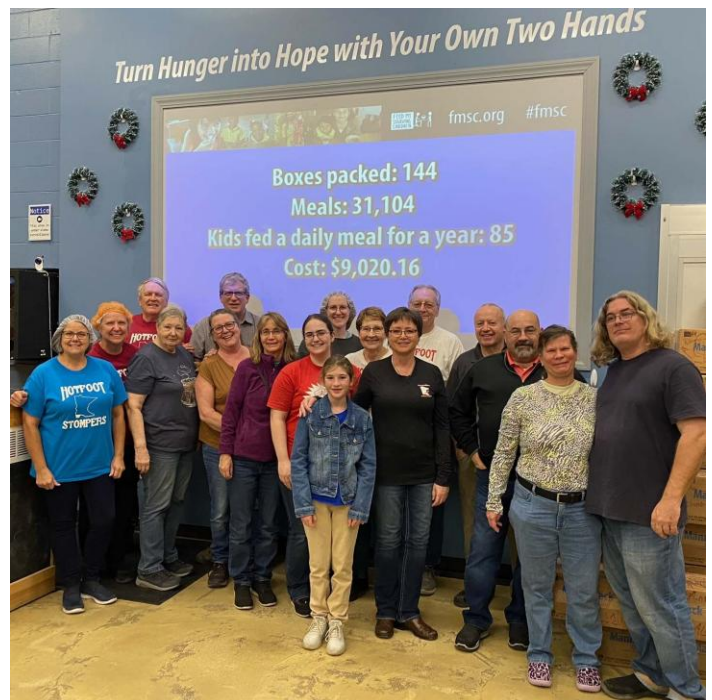


Hotfoot retrieves banner from Westonka 11-18-23



Lanny, Dick & Tom call -  
No banners at Whitney Senior Center in St Cloud but fun dancing and a delicious turkey dinner after the dance 11-19-23  
Sarah and Ken cued

## Social at Feed My Starving Children



Turn Hunger into Hope with Your Own Two Hands

Boxes packed: 144  
Meals: 31,104  
Kids fed a daily meal for a year: 85  
Cost: \$9,020.16



Lee doing a fine job packing up those meals 11-7-23



What?  
Me square  
dance?  
Bring it on  
down here  
next time you  
come –and  
have that  
young  
whipper  
snapper  
Caller John  
Bittner give  
us a teach



Together again – these two  
Past Hotfoot Presidents are  
huge contributors to  
Hotfoot- Thank you Peggy &  
Bruce

**Merry Christmas**  
Hotfooters



## Hotfoot Volunteers 2023-24

**President:** Keith & Tammy Lakeman  
**Vice President:** Anna Soland & Julie Bittner  
**Treasurer:** Guy Trudeau  
**Vice Treasurer:** Renee Hogan  
**Secretary:** Terri Axelson  
**Past President:** Julie Bittner & Anna Trudeau  
**Sunshine Contact:** Julie Bittner & Anna Trudeau  
**Queen:** Renee Hogan  
**Banner Chief:** John Bittner  
**Chatter Editor:** Gary Kemmetmueller  
**Historian:** \_\_\_\_  
**Photographer:** Sandy & Robert Morgan  
**The ROUNDUP Reporter:** Julie Bittner  
**Spotlight Editor:** \_\_\_\_  
**Website Webmaster:** Rachel Katkar & Cathy Gates  
**Caller Booker:** Les Marier

### -----Committees-----

**Decorating Committee:** Peggy & Bruce Decker, Rose Valentine, Coni Winterfeld, Bob Johnson (storage)  
**Door Prizes:** Fran Sorensen  
**Greeters:** Queen Renee Hogan, Margaret Theisen,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Lesson Set Up Committee:** Sandy & Jim Quasbort  
**Lesson Cleanup Committee:** Mark & Sheila Brouhard, Tom & Jan Hanson  
**Marketing Committee:** Audrey Cecko, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_  
**Mystery Caravan Committee:** Jerry & Nancy Knoth, Bruce & Peggy Decker  
**North Shore Weekend:** Peggy and Lee Kohl  
**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

We are on the WEB

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

## Hotfoot Stompers



Minnesota Square Dance Club  
Coon Rapids, MN  
Keith Lakeman 612-710-1885 &  
Tammy Lakeman 612-710-1885

### 2023 – 2024 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

**Dec 9 Mike Hogan – MS – Christmas** - potluck

\* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Nancy Knoth, \_\_, \_\_

\*\*Jerry Knoth, \_\_

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, Les Marier, \_\_ \*\* \_\_, \_\_

March 9 Bill VanBergan – MS – Tropical Paradise- potluck

\* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, Jerry and Nancy Knoth, \_\_ \*\* \_\_, \_\_

April 13 Dan Sahlstrom – MS – Royalty - pie/ice cream

\* Jim & Sandy Quasbort, \_\_, \_\_ \*\* \_\_, \_\_

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

\*Myrna Kostuch, Michele Kemmetmueller, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_ \*\* \_\_, \_\_

### Upcoming Event Reminders for December

**Dec 4 – Monday – PLUS lessons 6-7:00 PM, MS 7:00 – 9:00 PM – Faith Lutheran Church** Hanson Blvd

**Dec 11 & 18- Mondays- Plus lessons 6-7, MS 7-9 PM Northdale Middle School –**

Dan Sahlstrom teaching all lessons

**Dec 5 & 19 - Tuesdays Hotfoot Daytimers MS SD – 9:30-11:30 AM - Wayne Tauer calling at Coon Rapids Civic Center, 11155 Robinson Dr NW**



**Dec 7-15 – Happy Hanukkah**



**Dec 25 – Merry Christmas**

**Dec 27 - Wednesday- Hotfoot Breakfasts:** Women's and Men's, both 8:30 AM at Bakers Square at Riverdale in Coon Rapids across from CUB Foods