

Alice (Tulp) and Andrew Goodell (Husband #1)

Former clubs: Sussex Spinners, Kittatinny Rangers, Lakeland Squares, Western Wheelers, Motiv8ors, IDTT (I'll Dance To That), Cloud 9 Round Dance

How did you start square dancing?

I participated in a demo in August at the Sussex County Fair (formerly Farm and Horse Show) in Augusta, NJ. I took lessons with Sussex Spinners the next month, September 1980, and graduated in May 1981. John Kaltenthaler was the caller. My late husband had taken lessons the year before with Betsy Gotta in a combined class from Covered Bridge Squares and Rutgers Promenaders.

What year did you meet? 1980            And marry? 1983

The late Peg and Joe Dockry had been our round dance teachers and she volunteered to both call squares and cue rounds at our wedding. She was a cuer, not a caller, but she learned enough from fellow callers to do our reception, in the social hall of the church where we were married.

Circumstances of your meeting and dating?

My identical twin sister and I met our husbands the same night. John Lovatt and Andrew Goodell had gone to the student level "holiday" square dance at Kittatinny Rangers. Since they had never met us, they brought two women with them as dance partners. This was December 1980, and we had only had about 12 weeks of lessons. When Andrew walked in wearing his cowboy hat, cowboy boots, and Western style shirt and pants, I thought he was really cute. I remember thinking, "Wow, that's the man I want to marry!"

Favorite square dance memories?

We set up a square in the front corner of the hall where Bob Mitchell was calling at Lakeland Squares, when it was in Parsippany, NJ. Our square had extra dancers who kept jumping in and out, as we all took turns at wrapping the caller in toilet paper from his feet to his head, including his face! As other dancers started laughing, our square got more and more attention, until everyone realized what was happening. Bob had been "sight-calling" and ended the tip when he could no longer see.

Anything else?

Carl Ostertag was a local dancer (Kittatinny Rangers, Sussex Spinners) who always wore a badge that said "Panty Watcher." One night at a Sussex Spinners dance, Audrey Bolin approached him and asked him how he could tell us apart, since we are identical twins. Without missing a beat, Carl replied, "Oh, that's easy. Alice always wears her garter on the right leg and Ann wears hers on the left leg!" Ann and I looked at each other knowingly, and simultaneously we both pulled up our skirts and petticoats, each stuck out the appropriate leg, and said, "See?" Audrey's mouth fell open, flabbergasted, and she walked away without another word. Carl burst out laughing, as he had made the whole thing up, on the spot. Unknown to anyone, we had both left the house with the garters on our left leg. On the way to the dance, my leg was bothering me so, in the car on the way to the dance, I had switched the garter to the right leg for that night only. The only way to really *definitely* tell us apart is to observe in which hall we are dancing. Ann and John dance only the Mainstream and Plus programs. Alice and Michael dance every program from Mainstream through C3A.