

Alice (Tulp) and Michael Winnick (Husband #2)  
Massapequa, NY

Current clubs: We dance with Lee Kopman in Rockville Centre, NY and with Todd Fellegly in Katonah, NY. Lee Kopman and Todd Fellegly have groups that are caller-run clubs. They do not belong to any association and they have no names for these groups. Lee's Monday groups are Plus and Advanced. Lee's Tuesday groups are C1, C2 and C3A. Todd's groups are C1 and C2.



How did you start square dancing?

Alice participated in a demo at the Sussex County Fair (formerly Farm and Horse Show) in Augusta, NJ. She took lessons with John Kaltenthaler at Sussex Spinners the next month, September 1980, and graduated in May 1981. Michael started square dancing (Eastern style) at county parks on Long Island. Someone told him about an open house with Lou Flego and he took lessons in 1978.

What year did you meet? Labor Day weekend 2002

And marry? October 21, 2004

Lee and Lilith Kopman volunteered their services as caller and line dance leader at our reception, held in the restaurant where we had first gone to dinner together.

Circumstances of your meeting and dating?

Alice: On the first day of the [National Singles Square Dance Convention in Richmond, VA], on the third tip, as I stood in a square with my hand up for a partner, I saw Michael spot me and I knew he was coming in my direction. He became my dance partner for the entire weekend. When he asked for my phone number and then called to see that I got home safely, I knew that was it.

Michael: When I saw Alice for the first time, on the escalator, I thought "She's the one!"

Michael proposed during a full eclipse of the moon, while we were attending a square dance at Country Promenaders on November 8, 2003. The caller was Jim Snyder, who did the song, "Alice, Alice, Who the Heck is Alice?" Then Steve Bradt cued "Could I Have This Dance?" which Michael had asked Mary Pickett to teach him, just so that he could dance it after he proposed.

When we met, I danced Advanced in square dancing and Michael danced C2; but I danced Phase V in rounds and Michael had never round danced in his life. So we made a deal. I had to get up to his level of square dancing and he had to get up to my level of round dancing. Now we both dance C3A and Michael is up to Phase IV.

Favorite square dance memories?

A square dancer who knew Alice and Michael had gone to a dance at Lakeland Squares, where she saw Ann and John. She walked up and asked "Where's your husband Michael?" Ann explained that we were identical

twins, and learned that this woman would be attending the National Square Dance Convention the following week at Detroit, MI (2011). As Alice and Michael walked into their hotel in Detroit to register, this same woman was ahead of them in line. She turned around and saw us and asked, "Where's your husband John?" Ann had set the woman up to ask us this question. We all had a good laugh.

Anything else?

I'd had a premonition that I was going to marry a square dance caller. Michael went to callers school in 2005 and has taught classes in Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced. He has run workshops for all levels from Mainstream through C3A. He has also called at two National Square Dance Conventions, doing Advanced and Challenge.