

CIRCLE EIGHTS – Hillsdale**MS-PL tips**circle8s.nnjdsda.org**3 Fri. Sept.-June Hillsdale United Methodist Church, 349 Hillsdale Ave. 07642
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Spring swung with the annual Circle Eights luncheon at the Glen Rock Inn. After a delicious meal and socializing with current and past members, membership dangles were awarded to: Cathy and Jono Kant (five years); Barbara and Bob Graziano (10 years); and Gerry and Rick Savino (10 years). Voting for the 2019-20 Member of the Year resulted in a tie, so Janet Churchill and Terry Wunk both got free admission to next year's dances. Paul Smolen did an excellent job of chairing the luncheon.

In May, Circle Eights took part in a demo for the 50+ Club that meets at our dance location. Stephen Ingis, who just returned from college, warmed up the room with a line dance and then had participants squared up in no time.

The May club dance was called by Arizona's Rick Gittelman. It was followed by our annual membership meeting, where the following officers were elected: Pat and Tom Duemig, president; Gerry and Rick Savino, first VP; Alicia and David Weschler, second VP; Lacey and John Hill, third VP; Janet Churchill, secretary; and Arlene Remington, treasurer. The club thanked outgoing officers: Dolores and Dick Smith and Cathy and Jono Kant.

In June, congratulations were extended to our graduates: Lorraine Coppola, Larry Finucane, Rose Lisi, Vernice Miller, Karla Norfleet, Rosetta Slattery, Frieda Trichter, and Terry Wunk (who learned the lady's part). All attendees were entertained with dinner, after which the graduates earned dangles for dancing blindfolded.

Circle Eights ended the dance year with its annual Ice Cream Social, featuring an ice cream cake acknowledging caller Jonathon Weiner's high school graduation. More than eight squares, including raiders from Hunterdon Flutterwheels and Kittatinny Rangers, joined in the celebration.

On another note, two members, Janet and Walt Churchill, were featured in an article on square dancing in the spring 2019 issue of *Autumn Years*, a magazine dedicated to celebrating life over 60. Will fame go to their heads?

Excitedly, a dozen members/friends took a three-hour eco-cruise on the Hackensack River. In addition to learning about the Meadowlands and spying the "usual suspects" (blue herons, egrets, cormorants, ducks, gulls, etc.), they saw an osprey on her nest and spotted a bald eagle perched in one of the trees. This unique experience was followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Pat and Tom Duemig and Lacey Hill were among the NNJSDA members who enjoyed a square dance cruise to Alaska, which culminated at the Alaska State Square and Round Dance Festival weekend in Fairbanks.

The Circle Eights fall forecast is for a free intro dance and Mainstream lesson with Paul Ingis on September 17, followed by a second free intro dance on September 24. Both will be held at East Brook Middle School in Paramus.

Hold open Sunday, April 19, 2020, for our 60th anniversary dinner-dance.
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