

**KITTATINNY RANGERS – Newton****MS/PL**[kittatinnyrangers.com](http://kittatinnyrangers.com)**2, 4 Fri. Sept.-May****Long Pond School, 707 Limecrest Rd., Newton, NJ 07860****Beth Benson: 201-787-2038****Cell for dance: 201-787-2038**

Greetings from the Kittatinny Rangers! We have a new dance location, not far from our former home: Long Pond School, 707 Limecrest Road, Newton.

It has been a wonderful summer highlighted by our annual picnic at the home of our gracious hosts, Lise Greene and Mark Bippes. It is always fun to see everyone as members of Kittatinny and our sister club, Reelers, relax and visit overlooking Lake Hopatcong.

We also participated in NNJSDA dances, and appreciated the welcome we received while raiding Reelers for their graduation dance, Lakeland for a Night at the Movies, Circle Eights for an Ice Cream Social (see photo below), and Belles & Beaux for a Blueberry Festival.



It is a joy each summer to see square dancing presented to Mainstream graduates as they experience the fruit of their labors. They also see the dedication of angels in every club who work to sustain the fun and friendship that is the foundation of square dancing. Lest you think that your contribution is not appreciated, Karen Alonge, one of our 2019 graduates, has given permission to share part of her speech delivered at the Kittatinny Rangers graduation.

“I didn't quite understand why you were called angels until those lessons started! Who knew we would have an angel as a partner, at the corners, and across the way to push us forward and to spin us around, and there were always those wings to take us home. Sometimes it was a long trip and sometimes I was home and didn't know it. As angels you taught us the other right and left we didn't know about. And somehow you kept us in the square we should be in. You taught me. I could listen and pay attention and dance at the same time. I graciously and humbly thank you for your constant encouragement, patience, dedication to the dance, passion for paying it forward, and spreading something you love and enjoy to newcomers. I hope you know that you brought more than joy to our lives. You gave time, spirit, lectures, and smiles.”

We look forward to your visits and raids, appreciate your friendship, and love dancing with each and every one of you. You will find current information on our Facebook page and website, [kittatinnyrangers.com](http://kittatinnyrangers.com).

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