

Motiv8ors

Our alternate location, the American Legion in Fair Lawn, is now our new home. It is a wonderful, larger space with both heat and air conditioning for comfortable dancing throughout the year. We always have the welcome mat out for all Advanced and Challenge dancers – solos and couples, new and experienced – and our computer squares guarantee that everyone gets to dance.

Our club happily supported Paul Ingis's Advanced students, offering helping hands and encouragement as they gained valuable floor time at our dances. In the fall, a big "Thank you!" went to Curtis Kraut for organizing two full-day workshops for the new A2 dancers. Caller Daryl Murphy and a total of 17 angels helped them increase their understanding of the calls and build confidence. We welcome new members Susan Adam, Lacey and John Hill, Eleanor Jass, Mary Lundin, Phyllis and John McGrory, Debbie and Jose Obarrio, Arlene Remington, Cathy and Don Schlesinger, and Claire Zimmerman.

In February, two squares of Motiv8ors raided Bee Sharps at their annual Plus/Advanced dance. Mark Franks topped off the evening with a C1 tip.

Fred Meyer once again participated in the annual Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Association, supported by many of our members.

At the end of September, Barbara and John Marlowe traveled for two weeks in Ireland and Scotland. They visited a sheep farm, explored several castles, and enjoyed spectacular panoramic views. An unexpected treat was hearing bagpipers greeting guests for a Scottish wedding at one of the castles.

Fred Meyer and Rochelle Honigsfeld once again crossed the Atlantic on the Queen Mary 2. They took in the new Titanic Museum in Southampton, Stonehenge, and the beautiful Belgian countryside.

After participating in two series of CCNJ-sponsored classes taught by Betsy Gotta, Maryjane Clewell attended the Appalachian Callers School, which she declared "amazing!" After countless hours of daily preparation and mentoring by Paul Ingis back home, Maryjane was given the opportunity to call for Paul's Mainstream class in his absence. Congratulations, Maryjane!

The entire Schlesinger family joined Cathy and Don in Aruba for a week in December to celebrate their 40th anniversary and Cathy's special birthday.

Jan and Louis Thompson are thrilled to announce the engagement of their son Scott and the birth of a baby boy to their older son, Brian, and his wife.

We mourn the loss of Pauline Plummer, who will be remembered for her warm personality, bright smile, and beautiful handmade outfits. We were also saddened to learn of the passing of Norman Cohen, who always had a smile and hug at the ready.

The entire square dance community mourns Lee Kopman, the world renowned caller who wrote so many of the calls we currently dance.