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[This article is part of a series highlighting people active in the NNJSDA.]

Bio: Sigrid Eisele

Square dancing has provided three decades of enjoyment for Sigrid Eisele, assistant treasurer of the NNJSDA since 2009.

Sig was raised in Newark, spending summers and weekends at her family's home in Towaco, where she eventually lived full time. Active as a teen and adult, Sig roller-skated at the Florham Park rink, rode her bike, and swam. She also danced at what were then called hoedowns. She bowled in several leagues and met her husband, Joe, at Herman's Morristown Lanes, which he managed for his father.

After the couple separated and their children, John and Kathy, were grown, Sig saw an ad for square dance lessons in a Randolph adult education flyer. She decided to take the plunge. At that Reelers introductory dance, her square dancing days officially began.



In Sig's first year of dancing, she attended the national singles square dance convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, along with the Lehigh Valley Bachelors & Bachelorettes. After joining the club, she met Peter Malivuk, a caller from Long Island, and together the couple called dances for churches, private parties, and Scout organizations. Traveling for pleasure in their RV, they danced in many states and belonged to the Garden State Square Dance Campers Association.

After Pete's passing, Sig became an angel for Al Weber, a new student at Lakeland Squares. Together, they enjoyed more dancing and traveling.

In addition to serving for many years as assistant treasurer for the NNJSDA, Sig is vice president and "sunshine person" at Lakeland Squares.

Now retired, Sig spent most of her career in accounting. She is active at First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway. She has two grandchildren, Becky and Sarah.

"Square dancing has led to many friends and great times," she says.

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