

## 2016 Miami Valley Dance Council Honor Roll Dancer Linda Hasting

Twenty Five years of Dancing, Service and Leadership are full of significance for one special dancer, Miss Linda Hasting. Linda is the 2015 nominee for the Miami Valley Dance Council Honor Roll Dancer representing the Yellow Springs Yellow Rockers.

The saying goes “If you want something done, “Ask a busy person” and over the years Linda has been a very busy and dedicated volunteer to her club, the Yellow Springs Yellow Rockers, and to her Council, the Miami Valley Dance Council.

From the moment Linda stepped on the dance floor in 1989 square dancing shaped and changed her life. Always with a smile on her face and a square dance song in her heart Linda said yes and served in the positions of President, Vice President and Club Nominations Chairman. Linda also served her club as a behind the scene “worker bee” making sure home dances were set up, taken down, and helped angel both round and square dance classes.

Miami Valley dancers often found Linda dancing at many special square dance activities including Demo’s from Dayton to Xenia and everywhere in between and summer workshop classes and weekends in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

From 2005 thru 2014 Linda proudly represented the Miami Valley Dance Council in the positions of President, Vice President, Trustee, Michael Solomon Support Committee Liaison, Awards Chairman and Constitution and Nominations Committee.

Volunteering by Linda was not kept at the local level as Linda’s experience and expertise guided her thru a variety of Ohio State Square Dance positions. From 2005 thru 2011 Linda assisted the Ohio Dance Conventions as Publicity Show Participant, Showcase of Ideas Committee, Sewing Room Chairman, and Publicity Show Chairman including the writing and directing Miami Valley welcome skit performed in both 2010 and 2011. Dancers easily spotted Linda on the dance floor as she attended Ohio Dance Conventions from the early 1990’s in Toledo, Dayton & Columbus, to Cincinnati in 2005 thru Aurora in 2015.

With attendance at National Conventions in 2010 (Louisville) 2014 (Little Rock) 2015 (Springfield), and Pre Conventions at 2014 (Springfield) and 2015 (Des Moines) Linda now serves as Secretary of the Queen City Board representing the 66<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention in 2017 (Cincinnati). In 2008 Linda attended the Singles Square Dance USA Convention in Nashville as well as 2013 (St. Louis) and 2014 (Portland).

As a past active member of Super B’s, Xenia Hospitality Squares and A-Sharps, and a current member of Yellow Spring Yellow Rockers, Kittyhawk’s Square and Round Dance Club and Whirlaways, Linda’s commitment and dedication to all levels of Square and Round Dancing is nothing short of dazzling.

Easy going, giving and forgiving aptly describes Linda’s personality. She readily shares her warm smile and always has a Yellow Springs Yellow Rock for old friends and new acquaintances.

Linda’s children Tom and his wife Cammie of Pensacola, Fl and Michael and his wife Ashley in West Carrollton are the lights of her life. As a single Mother Linda knew what perseverance and determination was needed when she went to work and raised her young family alone. Today Linda’s beautiful grandchildren Donovan and Ursula bring special moments to her abundant and joyful life, full circle,

Born in Springfield and raised in Jamestown, Ohio Linda grew up on a farm and was the oldest of 5 children. Linda earned a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management at Wilberforce University, and worked as an Administrative Assistant and Librarian for over 31 years.

When Linda is not busy dancing to the beat of the music or working on the 66<sup>th</sup> NSDC, she enjoys researching Genealogy. Linda was a member Ohio Genealogical Society and held offices in the Greene County Chapter. Linda is both a charter and lifetime member of the Greene County Chapter

As member of her Church’s Women’s Group, Linda’s kind and caring nature and simple enjoyment just living her life makes her a leader, not a follower, in the many, exciting and satisfying services she warmly gives to others. Linda loves to learn new things, enjoys the company of others and easily accepts people for who they are.

Today you will find Linda happily researching and documenting information for a book she is writing on Xenia native Charles Grapewin, an American Vaudeville writer and silent and sound stage actor.

Linda’s passion is dancing and as she has been known to say, “Dancing is the loftiest...of the arts because it is no mere translation or abstraction from life; it is life itself.” Live life freely, Laugh with joy and Dance every chance you get.

