



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC)

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COUNCIL MEETING

April 26, 2010

Called to order at: 7:30PM

Attendees:

Officers:

Veleta Mullen (Pres.); Judy Schnase (Vice. Pres.); Donna Byars (Treas.); Carole Petranek (Co-Sec.); Mary T. Withers (Co-Sec.); Bonnie Deneke (Past Pres.); Mike Duyck (State Delegate); Gary Clark (Alt. State Delegate & Finance Chair); Dorothy Sullivan (Sunshine Chairman); Tom Sminia (Parliamentarian and Website Chairman); Harold Kleve (Caller Advisor); George Clark (Cuer Advisor); Ferrous Steinka (OFN Area Editor); Tony Haskins (PAC Delegate to TVC)

Delegates:

Nell Killebrew (Coast Swingers); Michael McMullen (Coast Swingers); Cynthia Ekberg (Eager Beavers); Ferrous Steinka (Eager Beavers); Karen Steinka (Hoedowners); Debra Welch (Hoedowners); Patty Bonney (Mix 'N Mingle); Linda Sycks (R Square D); Lonnie Sycks (R Square D); Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders); Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders); Amanda Roberts (Toe Draggers); Mike Tindall (Valley Squares)

Visitors:

Michael Kious (PAC); David Krause (Hoedowners); Karen Martiny (Valley Squares); Laloni Radford (Sunset Promenaders); Dell Reid (Sunset Promenaders); Adrienne Roberts; (Bill Siebert) (Valley Squares); Janice Sminia (Sunset Promenaders);

Action Items

Who Is Responsible?	Announcements, Decisions, Motions, or Needed Action	Date
All	Minutes Corrections and New Reports. Send corrections of the minutes and your new meeting report for the May meeting to Mary T. Withers john.mary.withers@gmail.com .	Before May 24
Delegates	OFN Article. Let your club members know that Vivian Fairburn would be very happy to place an article in the OFN that club members write. Topics should represent square dancing and/or round dancing. Submit to Vivian at ofn@squaredance.gen.or.us . (For more info regarding this topic, see the report by the OFN Area Editor.)	
Delegates	Club Rosters and Dates. By May 19th, email to Mary T. Withers your (1) new club roster (2) the <u>names, addresses, phone numbers, emails</u> of your new <u>officers</u> and <u>delegates</u> , (3) schedule of classes for the up n' coming year, (4) dates of any Jamborees, and (5) Anniversary Dance date john.mary.withers@gmail.com . This information is especially important for the TVC Directory, the State Directory, for emailing minutes and for Dorothy, who sends our "Sunshine" cards.	May 19
Delegates	New Delegates. Give the new delegates the handout regarding Delegate responsibilities and voting rights (see attachment #2.)	Before May 24
Delegates	Classes Reimbursement Form. Give attachment #3 to the person in your club responsible for class advertising/new dancer classes.	
Delegates	TVC's "Here Comes Summer" 5th Saturday Dance Flyer. Post the flyer for the 5/29/10 (Saturday) dance (see attachment #4.)	ASAP
Eager Beaver Hoedowner Tony Haskins	State Fair. Friday, August 27, 2010; 11am to 12:30 PM on Center Stage. Eager Beavers and Hoedowners will dance. Phone or email Tony Haskins to confirm your intent (503-674-0204) ynot50@netzero.net .	ASAP
Delegates	Tax Exempt. Report at next meeting if your club is tax exempt.	May 24

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Club Presidents Delegates Mike Duyck	<p>Please note. This is an Action Item Carryover for over 2 months. Only the Toe Dragers sent their information to Mike. Charitable/Non-Profit Status of Clubs. Email to Mike Duyck further information regarding the charitable works your club provided in 2009 – specifically the dollars or services rendered. Submit the information to Mike Duyck, who will give the information to Lee Ashwill. Lee will be using this information to support the charitable/non-profit status of our TVC clubs. This is part of our commitment to be a non-profit and is considered by the IRS in maintaining this status as a service group. (mikeandsally57@yahoo.com). The list of charitable activities that has already been listed, but more information is needed includes:</p> <p>TVC Club Charities in 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoptive Riding Institute • Kenton Grange • Family Bridge • Oregon Humane Society • Police Teddy Bears, Washington County Sheriff's Office • Toys for Tots • Oregon Federation College Scholarship Fund • St. Vincent DePaul food bank • Oregon Food Bank • Horses for the handicapped • Volunteer at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility • Teach a Toastmaster Class • Tigard Grange • Aloha Grange • H.O.R.S.E.S. • Portland Rescue Mission • Cub Scouts of America • Entertain at Senior Centers • Help with the Dinner/Dance Demo in Sept. for the foreign students at PSU. (FOCUS group BBQ and dance at Aloha Grange in September) & Cultural Home Stay International (International High School Students from China in July) 	ASAP
Finance Committee	Reporting Charitable Activities Form. Develop a form that clubs can use to track and report their yearly "Charitable Activities".	May 24
Delegates	OFN Reporters. Tell club OFN Reporters that the 135-word limit for their club reports has been lifted. There no longer is a maximum number of words. (For more info regarding this topic, see the report by the OFN Area Editor.)	ASAP
Delegates Presidents	Insurance and Non-federated dancers. In order to protect your grange/hall from liability, TVC recommends to place a sign near your sign-in sheet that reads: Non-federated Dancers Are Not Covered By The Oregon Federations' Secondary Insurance.	ASAP
Tony Haskins	Tri-Council Christmas Dinner. Discuss with PAC clubs whether the Tri-Council Dinner should be cancelled or held at another time.	
Judy Schnase	January President's Potluck and Meeting. Consider changing meeting to a Sunday instead of a Monday.	
Delegates	7/15 – 18/10 (Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday): Oregon Summer Festival in Pendleton Oregon. Encourage members to register.	ASAP
Delegates Presidents	4th of July Hillsboro Parade. The new TVC Vice President, Debra Welch is trying to determine how many TVC members might participate in the Hillsboro Parade – to determine entry cost of the parade. Please ask your club members to see who is interested in participation and email that number to Debra Welch debrajain@me.com .	ASAP

CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The March 22, 2010 minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Veleta Mullen_

Welcome Delegates. It is wonderful to have your attendance at tonight's meeting and your participation in TVC for the next year. I have printed off a document listing your responsibilities and voting rights. Please be sure to share this with any new delegates that were unable to attend tonight. At the next meeting in May, this year's officers will be in charge of the meeting through Old Business. The new officers will be installed and run the rest of the meeting beginning with New Business.

Secretary Report: Carole Petranek and Mary T. Withers

We have received:

- Club Rosters from the Hoedowners and Sunset Promenaders.
- Officer Information from the Coast Swingers and Mix N Mingles.
- Delegate Information from the Coast Swingers, Eager Beavers, Hoedowners, Sunset Promenaders, Tri Squares, and Valley Squares.
- Class Schedule from the Hoedowners and Sunset Promenaders.
- Jamboree Dates from the Hoedowners and Sunset Promenaders.
- Anniversary Dates from the Sunset Promenaders.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Byars

April 26, 2010 Account Balances:

Checking \$ 646.26; Cash Box \$30.00; Youth Fund \$200.00;

US Bank Savings: \$10,545.36. Total Assets: \$11,421.62.

The "April Showers" dance had a total income of \$161.00, dance expenses of \$288.55 for a total TVC loss of \$127.50.

Vice-President Report: Judy Schnase

Judy discussed the dance schedule. See information in New Business - "Future TVC Events" section.

TVC State Delegate: Mike Duyck

Mike continues to need data regarding the charitable activities that each club participates in and their respective dollar amounts. Hoedowners and Eager Beavers have sent their report and the Toe Dragers have sent a partial report.

Clubs reported that it was difficult to know how much money each charitable activity represented but it was suggested that clubs estimate the amounts. It was also suggested that the Finance Committee develop a form that each club could use to track their charitable activities.

Alt State Delegate: Gary Clark

No report.

TVC Past President: Bonnie Deneke

No report.

OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka

I have received all but three club reports for the June OFN.

Vivian has removed the 135-word limit for club reports. This limit was apparently a hold-over from the way the previous editor preferred the reports. She told me that it is usually better to have too many words than not enough. She or I can always cut the report down if needed but it is difficult to add content. The last couple of issues did not have as many advertisements as usual and she had some difficulty filling the space.

Please remember that Vivian is always looking for articles for publication in the OFN. Ask your club members if they would like to work on an article. If pictures are to be included in an article, they need to be submitted in the highest possible resolution, not e-mail size. The articles need to be square or round dance related. It is good opportunity to give your club more exposure.

The OFN ad for the May 29th Here Comes Summer Dance was submitted and will appear in the May issue. It is a ½ page color ad... cost \$65.50.

Caller Advisor: Harold Kleve

Harold Kleve proudly announced that Caller Lab invited him to belong to the Quarter Century Club.

Cuer Advisor: George Clark

No report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Chair: Gary Clark

The Finance Committee developed a form entitled "*Club Square Dance Lesson Expense Reimbursement Form*" designed for clubs to seek \$200.00 reimbursement for advertising their classes. Carole Petranek suggested that all requests for \$200 reimbursement should be acceptable and not be limited to expenses related to only advertising and promotion. Several people did not agree with Carole, suggesting that there would be a \$1800.00 (9 clubs x \$200.00) drain of TVC resources every year. In order to define the intent of the form more accurately, it was recommended that the word "Advertising" be added to the title of the form so that it reads "*Club Square Dance Lesson Advertising Expense Reimbursement Form*" (see attachment #3).

Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan

The following people received Sunshine notes:

- Genevieve Churchill because her sister passed away.
- Karen Martiny because her husband passed away (Valley Squares).
- Rex Williams because he had open heart surgery (Eager Beavers).
- Jean Evans because she had a ruptured appendix (Sunset Promenaders/Eager Beavers).
- Bill Mc Peak because his stomach cancer returned (Sunset Promenaders).

Parliamentarian: Tom Sminia

1. The Parliamentarian Committee has not been active this past month. The reason for the committee is to review, and expand with more details what the officers of the TVC do and when. These will be guidelines that are meant to help, especially the new officers, to understand what they are meant to do and when. The goal is to help the officers improve their planning of events; improve communication between TVC officers; and communication to the delegates. These improvements are meant to help new officers to understand the jobs of the TVC council officers, reduce the need for planning meetings, etc. These will be guidelines that will be meant to help do their work but not strict rules. The idea is to make the TVC more effective in promoting square dancing.
2. The Parliamentarian has been doing some organization and compiling efforts on the "position guide" for the vice-president but has not shared this with the rest of the committee yet. He has been reading and evaluating the work that Mike Duyck has published concerning what the clubs should do concerning liability and IRS regulations. As president of a club he is trying to understand and do the right things concerning these important issues to avoid future problems with insurance or the tax code. He feels the TVC needs to talk more about the issues to aid the clubs to do the things to protect the clubs from damage.

Website Chair: Tom Sminia www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org

No report.

REPORTS FROM COURTESY POSITIONS

PAC Delegate to the TVC: Tony Haskins

The PAC has been very busy the last few weeks in getting ready for the *Memorial Day Weekend Dance*, the *Pendleton Summer Festival*, and several other events that are up'n coming.

President Tony Haskins along with Vice-President Verna France attended the Adaptive Riding Institute's *H.O.R.S.E.S. Benefit Dance* on April 11th, 2010 in Bend, Oregon. What a great time we had dancing to the caller Bob Ewing and the cuer Dave Cooper. Both did a fine job and the Benefit seemed to be very successful. The PAC donated \$100.00 to the cause with other individuals helping out. (See State Publicity Report in the next issue of the OFN for more information.)

Janet & Roy Bellcoff were at the PAC meeting promoting the National Convention that's to be held in Spokane, Washington June 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 2012. Tony Haskins is on the National Convention Committee for Publicity.

The April 30th, 5th Friday Dance is a benefit dance for Jim Steele. Mike Kious and Tami Helms are calling and cueing with others from the floor at no charge. This will be held at the Oak Grove Community Center. The Center will donate the Hall and the Checkerboard Squares will do refreshments with all proceeds going to the cause. This includes "Split the Pot". Thank you everyone. This is a chance to show how much our callers and cuers mean to the clubs and dances. Please come and support this project.

Please don't forget the Memorial Weekend Dance to be held May 28th – 31st at the Milwaukie Community Club Center at 10666 SE 42nd Ave, in Milwaukie, Oregon. (Corner of 42nd and Jackson).

The Star Light Parade is coming up on the 5th of June. The River City Dancers are on the lead trailer with the Happy Rock'rs – Squaws & Paws – and the Chaps & Petticoats on the second trailer. Come on out and join us.

Please register for the Pendleton Summer Festival. Kay and Jim along with Pat & Ted Young have worked very hard in putting this venue together. Let's all back them up and keep these festivals profitable. Don't forget that Thursday Night is a free dance. The PAC is doing the After Hours Party on Saturday Night. Les Seeley and Daryl Clendenin will be calling with the Fiddle-Grass Band and with other callers from the floor. We will have a drawing for the 1st one hundred people who register for Summer Festival 2011 and the winner will receive free entrance into the Festival.

Don't forget Diamond Lake Festival at Diamond Lake, Oregon July 21-24, 2010. Nasser Shukayr and Wayne Weaver are calling with Casey and Sharon Parker cueing. This is also a great venue. The fishing is good, the dancing is great and it has some of the most beautiful views in Oregon. Crater Lake is just minutes away for your pleasure.

Carson Camp-Out is also coming in August. Flyers will be out later for this weekend of dancing and camping. Remember this is the last year for this festival. Let's all give support to the Gorge Dancers for what they've done over the years.

The PAC Picnic is June 21st at Clackamas Park at 6:30pm. Bring your own serving utensils and cups and plates. It's a Potluck, so bring a dish. Everyone is invited. This is where the new officers for the PAC take over for the new year.

PAC Square Dance Trailer Information:

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| 1. June 5 th , 2010 | Star Light Parade: (River City Dancers & 3 clubs on second trailer). Portland. |
| 2. June 26 th , 2010 | Tillamook Dairy Days: Tillamook, OR. |
| 3. July 3 rd , 2010 | TVC Hillsboro Parade |
| 4. July 8 th , 2010 | Sandy Parade: (County Cut-Ups). Sandy OR. |
| 5. July 24 th , 2010 | Garibaldi Days (TVC - Coast Swingers) Michael McMullen. Garibaldi OR. |

6. Sept, 25, 2010 **Teddy Bear Parade** (PAC – Checkerboard Squares). Gresham, OR. (Sponsored by the Rockwood Grange.)

State Fair Report:

- Friday, August 27, 2010; 11am to 12:30pm on Center Stage (This time slot is still open). **Note: Hoedowners and Eager Beavers want to do this.**
- Saturday, August 28, 2010; 11:30am to 1:00pm on Center Stage (This time slot has been requested by the Oaky Doaks).
- Sunday, August 29, 2010; 11:30 to 1:00pm on Center stage (This time slot has been requested by the Mid-Willamette Dancers)
- Monday, September 6, 2010 on Center State (This time slot has been requested by the Bachelor 'N' Bachelorettes)

Please phone or email me if your club wants to dance on Friday, August 27th.

PAC Summer Festival Report for 2011:

The Festival has ordered 200 T-shirts that will be sold – starting at the Pendleton Summer Festival. Our Pretty Pink Ribbons are in and look great. Registration forms have been approved and are waiting for printing. Lee Putman is in charge of all 3 Festival Registration Tables. We will display a Hand Made Quilt and sell tickets and also have tickets available for a trip up the Columbia River on the Stern Wheeler Dinner Boat.

The Silver Spinners (Wheelchair Club) has agreed to do a demo dance at the 2011 Summer Festival. Also the (2 Sister's and a Mr.) will do a USO Show at the Summer Festival on Saturday July 9th, 2011 from 6pm to 7:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person with the Public invited.

Life Fundraiser Benefit Dance sponsored by the Oaky Daoks will be on July 17th, 2010 at the Oak Grove Community Center. George and Patty Hernman will MC. There will be a silent auction. Admission is a donation for the Relay for Life.

The Happy Rock'rs are folding at the end of Summer 2010. A vote is needed but expects to pass. At the same time the PAC welcomes its newest club "Heads to the Center" a club called by Scott Zinzer.

I wanted also to introduce the new PAC Delegate to the TVC --- Michael Kiou. I will still be the alternate in case he can't make it or you toss him out.

OLD BUSINESS

Club Rosters, Officer and Delegate Information. (Veleta Mullen) In preparation for the TVC Directory, the State Directory, the Sunshine Chairperson, TVC class schedules and necessary information for the new year, please send to Mary T. (1) your club's roster, (2) club officer names, addresses, phone numbers, emails; (3) delegate names, addresses, phone numbers and emails; (4) club class schedule and date of New Dancer Jamboree, and (5) Anniversary Dance date.

Secondary Insurance For Non-Federated Dancers. (Mike Duyck) In a previous meeting, Mike Duyck had suggested that clubs place a sign at their sign-in table stating: ***"Non-federated dancers are not covered by the Oregon Federation's secondary insurance and must dance at their own risk"*** While it was suggested that the statement "dance at your own risk" appeared unfriendly to dancers and was untrue because the grange or hall's liability insurance covers non-federated dancers, others stated granges/halls do not have insurance that covers dancers. Mike Duyck brought Gary Gilchrist, an insurance specialist, to discuss this issue.

Gary Gilchrist indicated that the sign's language is correct. Insurance for many of the granges does not provide "Premises Medical Coverage". (Note: The Aloha Grange is one exception, as it does have "Premises Medical Coverage.") So if a ***"non-federated"*** dancer is injured due to their own negligence while dancing at "most" granges (or other venues that don't have premises medical), the ***"non-federated"*** dancer will have only their own personal coverage for medical expenses. (Note: If a dancer

is injured as the result of negligence of the property owner or another dancer, they do have the right to make a liability claim against and/or sue that party.) On the other hand, **federated** dancers have liability coverage under the Oregon Federation policy. They would be protected by that coverage if they hurt another person or damaged property while at a dance. The **non-federated** dancer would have no such protection and would have to rely solely on their own liability coverage, if any. It was suggested that TVC clubs develop a sign that reads: **Non-federated Dancers Are Not Covered By The Oregon Federations' Secondary Insurance** and place it near the sign-in sheet.

NEW BUSINESS

Cancel Tri-Council Christmas Dinner. (Veleta Mullen)

Veleta asked TVC members if they thought the Tri-Council Christmas dinner should be canceled because of lack of interest. This dinner is typically held the 2nd Monday in December. Amanda Roberts said that she enjoyed the dinner but suggested that participants needed to mingle more. Bonnie Deneke indicated that it was difficult for Evergreen members to drive to Beaverton. Tony Haskins said it is hard for people to get together when weather is bad. Most everyone agreed that they would prefer if this dinner was not held in December. Tony suggested that the councils get together in spring or summer for a picnic. PAC will have their picnic on June 21 (Monday). Tony will talk to PAC clubs.

January President's Potluck/Meeting. (Veleta Mullen)

Veleta asked if the President's January Potluck/Meeting should be discontinued and give the Recognition Award at a TVC dance. Generally, people indicated that they liked the dinner, meeting and awarding of the Recognition Award. It was recommended that the Potluck be held on a Sunday.

Future TVC Events

5/29/10 (Saturday): TVC's "Here Comes Summer" 5th Saturday Dance.

Hosted by the Toe Draggers and held at the Kenton grange.. 7:30 Pre-Rounds and 8:00 Mainstream. Caller: The Wild Cards; Cuer: Bev Flint. Door donation: \$5. Experienced clothing sale.

7/3/10 (Saturday): TVC's "4th of July Parade". Decorate float at 6:30 AM and Dance at 9:30 AM. Terry Haley calling. Meeting location To Be Determined.

7/31/10 (Saturday): TVC's "Hahn Barn Dance and Potluck". Held at the Hahn Farm, 37280 NW Hahn Road, Banks, OR. Michael McMullen calling and Ruth Canby cueing. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for youths and a family maximum of \$14. Since this is a "subscription dance", new and just renewed federation members will be admitted free. Be sure to bring your favorite potluck dinner to share! Dress is country casual. Potluck: 5:30 PM, Pre-Rounds: 6:30 PM, Mainstream 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

10/30/2010 (Saturday): 2010 Tri-Council Dance.

Hosted by Evergreen Council. Featuring The Crew (Randy Dibble, Darrell Clendenin, Les Seeley and Jim Hatrick). Pre-rounds will begin at 7:30 and square dancing from 8:00 – 11:00 PM. This is a mainstream dance with every third tip a PLUS dance. Costumes are optional.

12/31/10 (Friday): TVC's New Year's Eve Dance. (Details to follow.)

1/29/11 (Saturday): TVC's 5th Saturday Dance. (Details to follow.)

4/30/11 (Saturday): TVC's 5th Saturday Dance. (Details to follow.)

7/30/11 (Saturday): TVC's 5th Saturday Dance.. (Details to follow.)

CLUB DELEGATE REPORTS

Coast Swingers: (Nell Killebrew and Michael McMullen, Delegates)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturday in Garibaldi. Pre rounds at 7:00 pm; Mainstream 7:30-9:30. Dress is "Coast Casual". Feel free to come in your travel clothes (coast casual). Our Club Caller is Michael McMullen, our associate caller is Janet Shannon, and we also dance to guest callers.
www.coastswingers.com/

We celebrated Easter on April 10th with our *Easter Bonnet Dance*; Michael McMullen called. Michael taught us an old call "Spin Star Thru" (Burleson #1185) – a combination of Spin the Top and Star Thru. April 10th was also our club's annual meeting and election of officers. Our officers for 2010-2011 are President (Carmen Rost), Vice President (Robert Allen), Secretary (Opal Powell), Treasurer (Michael McMullen). At the meeting the club also voted to make Michael McMullen our club caller. Janet Shannon is still our associate caller and we will continue to dance to guest callers as well as our club caller and associate caller.

On April 17th, two of our members visited the Valley Squares, while two other members helped the Country Capers celebrate their 54th Birthday.

On April 24th, we celebrated Mark "Elvis" Wheeler's birthday with 11 club members and 25 visitors. Connie Clark was our cuer for the evening. Janet Shannon, co-caller for the Country Capers joined "Elvis" to call a couple of tips. Janet also cued a set of rounds. Clubs represented at our "Elvis Dance" included Chaps and Petty Coats, Country Capers, Hoedowners, Rosetown Ramblers, Sea Twirlers, and Valley Squares. Also present were several non-dancing guests. "Elvis" drove the ladies wild and even got down on the dance floor and joined in the dancing with a couple of squares. "Elvis" taught an old chestnut, "Carousel Promenade". Everyone present had a GREAT time!

We are holding our annual Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, Apr. 30, and Saturday, May 1, at the Tillamook Senior Center Tillamook 316 Stillwell Avenue, Tillamook, OR 97141 across from Safeway. Hours are Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Saturday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. If you are at the coast, please visit and check out what "buried treasure" you just might find.

We have arranged standing discounts, subject to availability, with both the Garibaldi House Inn and the Old Mill RV Park. Mention Coast Swingers when making your reservations in order to get the C.S. discount. Both facilities are a short walk from Garibaldi City Hall. The Econo Lodge in Garibaldi offers AARP and/or AAA discounts and is within walking distance of the hall, also.

We invite you to come join us on May 8th for our Mother's Day Dance and Club's 19th Anniversary. Janet Shannon and Connie Clark will be our caller/cuer team for the evening. As always we welcome all dancers, including class members, and love dancing with the new kids on the block as well as reminiscing with old friends.

Visit our website, www.coastswingers.com for the latest information.

Eager Beavers: (Ferrous Steinka and Cynthia Ekberg, Delegates)

Dance easy plus in the Elsie Stuhr Center (which features an air conditioner and excellent wood floor) every Monday afternoon, 1:15 to 3:15 PM. On holidays they dance at the Aloha Grange (the corner of 185th and TV Hwy). George Clark is the caller/cuer; Jim Hattrick is the caller/cuer every third Monday. Dance starts with 15 minutes of pre-rounds. <http://www.eagerbeavers.info/>

April was elections month for our club, and a loud vote by acclamation produced the following results: Sylvia Duncan, Chief Dam Builder; Carole Petranek, Ass't. Dam Builder; Marguerite Morin, Thumper (Sec.); Mary Johnson, Gnawer (Treas.); and Naomi Coorengel, TVC Rep. All will take office in May.

Our Plus lessons class on Wednesday mornings is still going well. Class is held from 10 AM 'til Noon at the Aloha Grange. Angels from other clubs are always welcome, too!

Sunday, April 25th found at least six squares of dancers on the floor of the Odd Fellows Hall in Hillsboro with many more folks watching them---and all were enjoying our club's 35th Anniversary Dance. Many

thanks to all who danced with us, and especially the Hoedowners and Sunset Promenaders; both clubs swelled our ranks with their visitations to our party. Barbara and Harold Kleve did an outstanding job of organizing the event and preparing the main dishes (and more) for our delicious pot luck buffet after the dance. Thanks to all who came to help us "party hearty"!

Hoedowners: (Karen Steinka and Debra Welch, Delegates)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Our Caller is Daryl Clendenin. The cuer is Yvonne Clendenin. On the 2nd Saturday we have plus from 7:30-8:00. The 4th Saturday is pre-rounds from 7:30-8:00. Mainstream is from 8-10. Plus tip from 10-10:15 then break. Our format is informal and friendly. <http://www.hoedowners.info/>

Our Rich Man Poor Man dance this past Saturday was a great dance. We had many visitors, but Tri-squares took home the banner with over two squares that came to join in the fun.

We have elections this week for new officers.

Join us May 8th for our dance "Under the Big Top". Find that clown costume up in the attic and come dance with us. On May 22nd we will be serving potluck dinner before the dance. Dinner will be at 6:30 and the *International Festival* dance will start at 7:30. Hope to see you there.

Mix 'N Mingle: (Patty Bonney, Delegate)

Dance, Plus at the Winona Grange 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Pre-rounds Level 4&5 at 7:30 PM, Level 2&3 at 8:00 PM and squares at 8:30-11:00 PM. \$4 per person at the dance for members, \$5 for non-members. <http://www.mixandminglesquares.org/>

Elections come around every year. Ours differed a bit this year. First, we chose Randy Dibble as our club caller. He has been calling many of our dances these past years. Besides choosing board members, we also passed some amendments. Our board is now streamlined to five officers, with appointed members taking over some jobs, such as producing the newsletter. New officers are president, Dan Knierim, vice president, Tom Dymowski, secretary, Patty Bonney, treasurer, Lindie Noonan, and member-at-large, Dick Naven.

R Square D: (Lonnie & Linda Sycks, Delegates)

Dance 1st Saturday and 3rd Friday at the Longview Square Dance Center. Pre rounds start at 7:30 PM with mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 PM and refreshments after the dance. Craig Abercrombie is the caller and Lonnie Sycks is our cuer. Call 360-431-7553 or 360-636-3358 for more information.

R Square D Lessons are going good. We have some young folk with us this time. They learn so quickly! For graduation we have decided to have a graduation party on our first summer Wednesday dance, June 2, for all of our students from all of our classes this year, free to students of course. Hopefully it will be a great way to kick off the summer, and keep them dancing. This Friday and Saturday a square and a half will travel to Yakima for their Spring Sashay! Should be a great weekend. We also helped with a LASDA coffee break last weekend. There was one incident that stood out, a busload of Harlem Globetrotters stopped by! Wow, all those TALL basketball players! Also there is a LASDA 5th Friday dance in Longview April 30th. Jim Raupp will be calling and cueing. Hope to see you at the Washington State Festival in Ellensburg June 18th, 19th & 20th. Our first Saturday dance in May is our *Cinco De Mayo* dance with tacos and all the trimmings for break with KC Curtis calling and Lonnie Sycks cueing. Don't forget our schedule change starting in September to the 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday.

Sunset Promenaders: (Joyce Clark and Ray Sullivan, Delegates)

Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays. First Saturday every month at 7:30 until 8:00 is a Square Dance Workshop. The 3rd Saturday every month is Pre-rounds from 7:30 until 8:00. Our Caller is Harold Kleve and our Cuer is Ruth Canby. We dance in Hillsboro at the Odd Fellows Hall Upstairs on the corner of 3rd & Main Streets above LaHaies and Of Earth and Air shops. www.sunsetpromenaders.com/

The Sunset Promenaders an AWESOME April! Recently we've been visiting at the Toe Dragers, the Valley River Dancers, the Hoedowners and the Eager Beavers anniversary.

We took 40 members and friends to Cape Kiwanda for one of the most fantastic weather weekends the Oregon Coast has seen for years. You had to be there to understand how much fun we had. Amateur caller Roy even wrote his own moves that were astounding to the song Sixteen Tons. We took a square to the April Showers TVC dance, sure wish more dancers would have attended.

Plan to attend our May 1st Fiesta Dance, we will offer a fantastic South of the Border Buffet and Harold will keep us moving with all singing calls. Ruth will feature many rounds that will make you shout out OLE! Then our second dance in May we will honor all Marvelous Mothers. Please mark your calendars for our June 6th Teddy Bear Dance which is a benefit for the Washington County Officer Buddy Bear program, purchase and new teddy or other stuffed animal and bring it to our dance. The bears will be used for children in crisis situations to give them a safe cuddle on a difficult day.

Please take our flyers and post them at your hall, including the one for the dancing demonstration at Stub Stewart State Park on July 24th. Even though the Sunset Promenaders were contacted and agreed to this demonstration, we need all the TVC clubs to support this. You can advertise your own lessons at this with your presence and we will be distributing lesson information from all TVC clubs to the many people that are expected to attend this Wild West Celebration at the newest state park in Oregon. Call Ray Sullivan at 503-324-7791 if you would like more information on this event.

Toe Draggers: (Amanda Roberts, Delegate)

Dance at the Kinton Grange on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. Their Caller is K.C. Curtis; Cuer is Bev Flint. First Friday dances will have pre-rounds at 7:30. Third Friday dances start at 7:30 with a Plus learning experience. Last Tip Plus. www.toedraggers.org/

Tri Squares: (Carole Petranek)

Dance on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month, except July and August at the Tigard Grange in Tigard. The first Saturday we use guest callers and cuers. The third Friday Jim Hatrick is our caller and cuer. We dance Plus from 7:30 to 8:00pm and mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., with one plus tip at 10:00. A social break starts at 10:00. www.trisquares.com/

We're looking forward to dancing to Roger Putzler on May 1st and Jim Hatrick on May 14th. We have decided to hire a club caller, who is Terry Halley. He'll be calling for us all year long with the exception of a few callers we want to bring in. YES, we're dancing during the summer. Come casually dressed to the Tigard grange. Our Friday night cuer will be Jackie Gale.

You can look forward to seeing Carol Roos and Vida Eppich as the two TVC reps.

Valley Squares: (Dorothy Reed, Delegate)

Dance mainstream the 1st & 3rd Saturday, at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th at TV Hwy. Dances are 7:30-10 pm. Pre-rounds begin at 7:00. Hearing enhancement devices are available. Ed Craig is the caller and Connie Clark is the cuer. www.valleysquares.com/

April! Spring! Our Top Tax Dance on April 17 was a roaring success with Scott Zinser Co-Calling with our Club Caller Ed Craig and our Club Cuer, Connie Clark. Our President Carolene Ginocchio and Bill Siebert have returned from being "Winter Texans" for four months. Welcome Back.

May 15 will be our 61st Anniversary Dance with the "Wild Cards" calling and Connie Clark cueing. It should be a boot stomping good time. Come join us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Demo Dance @ Stub Stewart State Park. Dance and camp with the Sunset Promenaders and attend the *Western Days Celebration* on July 24, 2010 (Sunday); 1:00 – 2:30 PM. From Metro Area, take Hwy. 26 Westbound to Hwy. 47 Vernonia Junction and head North on Hwy. 47, for approximately 4 miles. The campground is on the right. Dancing will be at the Day Use area. No charge for dancers. For reservations: oregonstateparks.org/park_255.php or call 1-800-452-5687. For more information call Ray & Dorothy Sullivan 503-324-7791 or Tom & Janice 503-848-3841.

Square Dance Cruise on Oct 8, 2011 (Lonnie Sycks). This cruise will be leaving out of Florida and going to the Caribbean. Right now all Lonnie knows is it will be leaving out of Florida and going to the Caribbean. Lonnie will have more information the second weekend in May. Don Wood calling and Lonnie Sycks cueing. For more information call 360-425-0701.

Paul Swenson. George Clark announced that Paul Swenson broke his arm roller skating (Eager Beavers).

Annadale Rooper (PAC Secretary). Tony Haskins announced that Annadale Rooper fell and broke 4 or 5 ribs near her spine in the back. She will be down and out for a while. Annadale is the current Secretary for the PAC - on the 2011 Summer Festival Committee - and Goodwill Ambassadors (with her husband Bill) for the State Federation. They have been in square dancing a long time. Her phone number is 541-296-6335 or you may email her at baroop@charter.net

7/15 – 18/10 (Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday): Oregon Summer Festival in Pendleton Oregon, entitled Back In The Saddle Again”

Held at The Pendleton Convention Center (1601 Westgate, Pendleton, OR). A free dance will take place on July 15th (Thursday); the community will be invited to dance, in hopes to interest people to begin square dancing lessons. Marshal Flippo of Texas and Daryl Clendenin are the featured callers. Ron and Georgine Woolcock, along with Susan Healea, will be the featured cuers.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Carole Petranek and Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting: The May meeting will be held on May 24th (Monday) at the Pizza Caboose (3276 NW 185th) next to the 7-Eleven. Dinner and socialization begins at 6:30 PM. The meeting begins at 7:30.