



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2016-02-22

Meeting was held at Old Spaghetti Factory,
18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124
The meeting started about 7:00 and adjourned about 8:50.

<http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org>

Attendees:

Delegates: Attendees:

Columbia River Dancers:	Dale & Nancy Smith
Eager Beavers:	Nan Overall, Naomi Coorengel
Hayshakers:	Kathy Worthington, Sylvia Davis
Hoedowners:	Debra Welch, Mike Duyck
Mix N Mingles:	Janelle Janicke
R Square D:	Marv Pope, Mary McDaniel
Sunset Promenaders:	Janice Sminia, Donna Evers
Toe Draggers:	Kathy Roberts
Tri Squares:	Dale Brabham
Valley Squares:	Bill Calder, Bea Cook
Wave Steppers:	Carolyn Hindman, Bob Allen

Officers, Elected & Appointed, Attendees:

President: Gary Clark	Vice-President: Dale Brabham
Treasurer: Lane Clem	Secretary: Tom Sminia
State Delegate: Kathy Worthington	Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan
Past-President of the TVC, Insurance Chair: Kay Rogers	
Chairman 2016 Summer Festival, President of OFSRDC: Kay Rogers	
Caller & Cues Advisors: Daryl Clendenin & Yvonne Clendenin	
Oregon Federation Youth Advisor: Kathy Roberts	
TVC Webmaster: absent	OFN TVC Articles Editor: absent

Visitors Attending:

Ray Sullivan, & Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders), Dale Worthington (Hayshakers) Amanda Roberts (Toe Draggers), Jim Rogers (Eager Beavers), Betty Chips (Portland Area Council)

TVC Officer Reports:

President's report: (Gary Clark)

For my report I would like to encourage each of you to read the online OFN for March. It is out early and I got mine yesterday, Sunday the 21st. Thanks Tim Roberts for getting it out early. How many of you have read it already?

The Federation President, Kay Rogers, has written a good President's Corner article. In short the Federation can help the local clubs with whatever your needs might be. Delegates read this article at your next club meeting so the word gets down to the club level.

There is an article from a National Caller, Jon Jones, who had it published 2002. The title is "Where have all the Dancers Gone". This relates to today as well as 14 years ago. Print out this 3 page article and read it at your next club meeting. There is a lot of common sense in this article.

Another item for your attention is to click on the link under officer nominations. Even though your club secretary will be receiving a ballot soon, take a look at this page and review all who are running for State Federation office. Your club vote on this will be an agenda item before the ballot is turned in before May 1st. As you can see there are several TVC candidates on the ballot. YAH!!!!

Again support the Anniversary Dances of the Councils club's and most of all the April 30th, 5th Saturday, Spring Fling.

Vice President's report: (Dale Brabham)

Please remember to promote our next two TVC dances:

- April 30. Spring Fling. Aloha Grange, starting at 7:30, usual format. Caller is Jim Hattrick and cuer is Ken Pratt.
- August 21 (Sunday). Hahn Barn dance with potluck dinner. Caller is Terry Halley and cuer is Julie Stiers.

In between these dances it will be all hands on deck to promote and help make our Summer Festival the success we envision.

We are still considering the details of how to make the New Year's Eve dance represent what the majority want and will participate in. There are clearly strong feelings on several sides. The issues are:

1. Timing. For many it is late to have dinner and late to be out past midnight. It does let some of the air out of the balloon when many people turn in early. However, we feel resistance to end the celebrating before the New Year actually arrives.
2. Caller. Having a high level (high cost) caller adds to the excitement of the evening and may be a big draw. There is a risk of cost to underwriting a caller. If the people don't come, we lose money. A showcase of TVC callers is proposed as an alternative.
3. Dinner. Preparing food is time consuming. We have been blessed by a crew that has dedicated itself to providing a quality meal at a reasonable cost. Although it has been a tradition (that we would hate to give up), we could have the dance without the dinner.

So, this year when New Year's eve actually falls on a fifth Saturday, we have to ask the question: "How do we want to distinguish the New Year's Eve Dance from any other fifth Saturday dance?"

Treasurer's report: (Lane Clem)

- TVC expenses this period included paying annual TVC corporation fee of \$50.00 and \$55.54 for supplies for the Annual Presidents Dinner and Meeting.
- A note that the IRS is changing the reporting of the annual "990-N" form so after February 29th to file online go to "irs.gov/990n".
- Lane has a supply of "1099-misc" forms if your club needs any to file.
- Lane distributed to the Delegates the Treasurer's reports including:
 - TVC Profit and Loss YTD Comparison for January.
 - TVC Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison.
 - Profit and Loss – 2016 Summer Festival (July 29-31).

Secretary report: (Tom Sminia) No report.

State Delegates report: (Kathy Worthington)

- President Kay Rogers told us that there are about 2,000 dancers in Oregon. If any clubs needs help with lessons, advertisement, rent just to name a few the Federation is there to help. There are funds out there and officers to help with these things.
- At the Mid-Winter Festival there was about 1,000 dancers in attendance. If you have not gone to one I highly recommend going.
- Sylvia Davis with membership want to remind everyone the corporation dues are coming out soon.
- Kay Rogers with insurance said that everyone did a good job with their forms. Kay suggested for those that have lap tops or tablets to scan your insurance forms into your device and this way you have them available if you need it, also download the accident report.
- Past President Dale Worthington wants to remind people to do the Randall Award. You can get the form on line.
- The 2016 Randall Award was award to Billie Smith from South Coast Council, Beachcombers Club. (See attachment for Billie's bio).
- Kathy Roberts reported that 60 kids danced at the State Fair and 15 had scholarships for Mid-Winter. May 1st is the date Kathy needs to have the paperwork in for the college scholarship.
- Marilyn Schmit has added 1 day of round dancing at the State Fair.
- Floyd Barb has two trailers in his arena. He is wondering if someone can store them undercover at their place.
- Summer Festival 2017 is going to be put on by Mid-Willamette Area Council in Salem on July 13th to the 16th.
- In Sept. the Footnotes, the Washington State magazine for square dancers is going on line. It is reported that they have a little over 3,000 dancers.
- The Elk Horn club in Blue Mountains council is disbanding.
- Tim Roberts gave the delegates the job description for the OFN Editor. I have 3 copies if anyone is interested in doing this, don't everyone rush me to get a copy.
- I emailed all the TVC delegates that in Sept 2017 the council is responsible to put on a Federation dance and meeting. So far I have heard back two "no's" and "one we are thinking about it". I know I gave you until next month to decide because your clubs have a wide range on when you have your clubs meetings. I am giving this to whom ever ask first.

OFSDC Publicity Report: (Kathy Roberts)

The "Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs" Face Book page has been set up and is ready for your flyers and comments. This Face Book page has not been created to replace the OFN, but to work with it to help spread information and reminders about our dances and special activities. Please visit the Federation page, "Join" it, and start posting your flyers and reminders. I will try to post everything that I see on my personal wall, but I need help spreading the word! If your club or council has a FB page, please send me the name and I'll "Like" it so that I can help you keep the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs' page up to date with your dancing information. Please encourage all of your dancers to "Like" the Federation page too. Remember -- this page is to benefit the entire state and our clubs in Washington and California. If have information

on the National Convention, festivals, or dances that are in another state that you think Oregon dancers would be interested in attending, please feel free to post this information, too.

OFN, for Editor Tim Roberts: (Kathy Roberts)

Remember to send your flyers to the OFN. Tim will send a notice to everyone on the 21st of each month letting them know dance information is available. If you don't post it, no one will know you are dancing.

OFSRDC Education Report: (Kathy Roberts)

During the Summer Festival in Seaside – July 29-31, the Federation will host a workshop on how to create and use a Face Book page for your club or council. Amanda Roberts will give you step by step directions and a handout to take with you. She will also briefly touch on other forms of Social Media and how to use them to promote your square dances, including Google Drive.

If you would like to see another workshop or Round Table discussion, please let me know what you have in mind.

Oregon Federation Youth (Coordinator Kathy Roberts)

Remember to spread the word that the Federation has two different kinds of scholarships available for our square dancing youth. The Education Scholarship deadline for this year is May 1st.

For information, please visit the OFSRDC website and click on the Scholarship Link or read my article in this month's OFN. The second scholarship is available to help youth who need financial assistance to attend a state sponsored event like Summer Festival.

Report from the PAC Meeting: (Kathy Roberts)

The PAC's next dance is Friday April 29 at the Oak Grove Community Center. Scott Zinser will be calling with Lonnie Sycks cueing. Dance theme is: April Showers bring May Flowers.

The Clark County Square Dance Center is for sale for \$900,000. It is still available for rent until it is sold.

The PAC's annual summer picnic will be June 19.

Round dance for the month for March was picked by the cuers. Traditionally there dance selection is a classic dance. The cuers picked Tequila, phase 2.

Danny and Carol have agreed to chair the Starlight parade again this year. They are waiting back for confirmation on their caller. They need a pickup to pull a flatbed trailer.

March 6 will be the Silver City Squares' youth fundraiser for their trip to the Pacific Teen Festival.

On April 3, the Cut-ups and the PAC will be co-hosting a B-51 Jamboree at the Boring Barn from 1:00-3:00 pm. Caller information will follow.

The PAC's officer nomination currently is: Gil Shoemaker, President; Antony Egan, VP; Treasurer is continuing; Angie Davis, Secretary; Janet Bellcoff, State Delegate; Tami Helms, Alternate Delegate. Installation will be in June.

Keith sent out the 6 page TVC officer job descriptions Lane and Ferrous updated to the PAC. He has asked the PAC to adapt it also with a few minor changes (PAC instead of TVC)

Kathy Roberts

Past President report: (Kay Rogers)

As past President I am head of the nominating committee, and I did not get anyone to come forward. Perhaps some of you may have someone in mind who would run. How can we continue without TVC officers? We could only have meetings via email, if you have any ideas let me know. As a corporation we do have to have a President and a Secretary-Treasurer as far as I know. We could have an annual meeting, a meeting every three months, whatever we need to do to fulfill our legal obligations. If we do not have people step up and take these offices we are going to have to make drastic changes. What can you do for your council?

2016 Summer Festival (Chairman, Kay Rogers)

The Summer Festival has some items for sale that we want to sell at good prices, to get rid of them. We have registration forms for the Summer Festival available, please take some and distribute them and encourage people to go to the Festival. We have a plan for any profits we have that we will distribute them back to the TVC clubs. We still have some fabric available ready to sell. What we need right now is to have people register! We now have a little over 60-people registered right now, and make your registration for your hotel early to avoid a problem.

Sunshine report: (Dorothy Sullivan)

- Jim Rogers hurt his hand, and had surgery.
- Gary Clark's brother-in-law passed away.
- Bill Hults had surgery.

OFN Area Editor Report: (Ferrous Steinka) absent

Caller & Cues Advisors report: (Daryl & Yvonne Clendenin)

Nothing to report but can report that Jim Hatrick is doing very well, is calling dances, probably does have some fatigue issues, but overall he is doing very well we are very happy to see him doing so well.

Webmaster report: (Tim Roberts) No report.

PAC Rep: Gary introduce Betty Chips of the PAC and she plans on coming to the TVC meetings to represent the PAC but she lives in Aurora and it took her an hour and a half to get to the meeting. She asked to be put on the distribution list for the TVC minutes.

Old Business:

Discussion and Consensus about the NYE TVC Dance:

- Debra Welch of the Hoedowners stated they would still like to have the meal, maybe chicken dinner using already cooked chicken. If you cut out the dinner you cut some of the profit out, use a local caller to cut the cost. Another idea was to start out with square dance rather than round dance and start about a half hour later. Most of our club do not stay until 12:00.

- Janice Sminia of the Sunset Promenaders reported the club consensus was to use local callers to reduce the cost. Recommended to have round dance before the dance and have the dance start at 9:00 and go to 12:15, and not have a dinner just a dessert bar.
- Bill Calder of the Valley Squares reported the club thought timing should start later, no dinner but with an open break with finger food. Not concerned about the caller, so we can use a local caller or callers. Also, concerned about venue size, the halls we have are not big enough for large crowds to be comfortable.
- Kay Rogers' opinion included start the dance later, no dinner but good fancy desserts, maybe some good decorations, etc. Travel on NYE is not easy after midnight especially if you live out of the immediate area. Need to do a better job promoting the parking situation.
- Gary Clark stated the consensus of the council seems to be no dinner, have desserts, start later, local callers, and dance to 12:15. Gary made this a motion and it was passed by vote.

New Business:

Betty Chips report for PAC for the Star Light parade PAC needs someone to pull the trailers in the parade and also they are looking for a storage place for two trailers during the year. She thinks the date is Saturday the 4th of June.

Lesson results reports:

The **Toe Dragers** graduated 5-students. We decided to go ahead with the classes even though we lose money with less than 15. It was asked if the TVC will help with a club losing money and the answer is no, but the Federation may help, ask them. The TVC will pay up to \$200 for advertising to promote lessons but not for loses.

PAC (Betty Chips) told us the thing they have tried was like the "Burma Shave" signs along the road, they tried something similar to promote Square Dance Lesson and it seemed to work. An example was "Get off the couch, turn of the TV, come move your feet, come dance with me (with a website listed)." We did this over about a six week period.

Valley Squares (Bill Calder) advertised in the newspaper and got no response from that. Quite a few students came because of personal contact, and some came because of the banners on the grange. We did not get any from the community dances (demos), or from the TV program we did, but we think they were good for promoting Square Dance.

Sunset Promenaders (Joyce Clark) have about 16 students in class but several only come about half the time and at least one is taking a second lessons with another club at the same time. One thing that seems popular with the students is we offer them to pay for the whole series of lessons at a discount rather than paying each time, and students seem to like that with over half taking the package deal.

Eager Beavers: (Nan Overall) have just completed their second lesson in the Plus dance series. We have 18-students so far and all is going well.

Tri Squares: (Dale Brabham) we are graduating 6-students March 20th. We also have 9-students that are finishing two-step round dance lessons. We are willing to take a loss because we need the new dancers. We usually have three squares at each lesson with only six students.

R Square D: (Mary McDaniel) have six new dancers, and at the lessons we are having 3-4 squares. We feel we have to do the lessons to keep the club going. Four of our new dancers are also doing round dance lessons.

The Federation: (Kay Rogers) has funds to help clubs with the lessons if needed, so let the Federation know if you have a problem. If we are going to survive we have to get younger people into square dancing. We need to get younger dancers, callers, and fresh music, do advertising,

younger clothes, and older member have to be careful not to get in the way and discourage the younger new ideas; step out of the way. Don't make the younger dancers start another club to be able to do things their own way.

Columbia River Dancers: (Nancy and Dale Smith) are struggling with their class which Jim Hattrick is teaching, and CRD are seeing the Happy Hopper being so successful in their lessons. Dale and Nancy do not understand the difference between the two groups and are looking to find the answers.

(Gary Clark) Motion made and seconded to approve the revisions to "**Delegates Introduction to the TVC**" and motion past the vote. You Delegates please use this document to understand and do your jobs, and pass it on to your next Delegates. The document is also on online if you need it.

(Gary Clark) Now we have a discussion to approve the **TVC Sunday March 5th, 2017**, 2:00 to 4:30 with **Gary Shoemake calling for \$250**. This was an action item for the Delegates to decide if we want to do this or not. Lane acquired the Sunset Presbyterian Church gym for a \$100. This would be a ribbon dance. Gary made it a motion and it was seconded and passed. The plan on the cuers is to have a group of TVC cuers and have them do at least one tip. More details later, it is another year before this happens.

(Gary Clark) The next item for the meeting is the second nomination of officers for the TVC for the normal time period of June 1st, 2016 until May 30th 2017. Dale Brabham is nominated for President. Gary asked for nominations for Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. No one made any nominations.

(Gary) Gary opened a discussion about the Federation meeting in September of 2017. Many details about the meeting and dance were discussed and we have a year and a half to finalize the details but we need a date now. The Toe Dragers are considering to co-host the event and have the meeting at the Kinton Grange because of the availability of RV parking. The probable date would be the 5th Saturday of September (30th) 2017. More details to follow.

Club Delegate Reports:

Columbia River Dancers: (Dale & Nancy Smith Delegates)

Club dances 2nd and 4th Saturdays year round at Hazel Dell Grange, 7509 NE Hazel Dell Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665. The times 7 to 8 Plus dance, 8-10 Mainstream dance with Jim Hattrick as club caller and cuer. <http://www.ColumbiaRiverDancers.org>

The Columbia River Dancers have been enjoying our new home at the Hazel Dell Grange.

Jim Hattrick is back and you wouldn't even know that he had a stroke last month. He'll be calling our next dance. The B&Bs will be visiting us that night and told us to have a banner ready. So it's a good thing we visited the Toe Dragers last Friday where we retrieved one of our eight banners and had a wonderful time!

We are especially looking forward to our first anniversary dance, which will be Saturday, March 12. Special Guest Caller, Adam Christman from Spokane, will be calling. Our club colors are blue and green, so this will be our blue and green dance. We will be giving dangles commemorating our first anniversary to the first 50 attendees. We look forward to seeing you all there! Nancy

Eager Beavers: (Naomi Coorengel & Nan Overall Delegates)

Club dances easy plus every Monday afternoon, 1:15 to 3:15 PM, at the Sunset Presbyterian Church (14986 NW Cornell Rd., Portland, OR), which features an air conditioner and excellent wood floor. On holidays we dance at the Aloha Grange (the corner of 185th and TV Hwy). Daryl and Yvonne Clendenin are the caller and cuer on the 1st and 5th Mondays; Darrell Kalmbach calling and Joyce Hooper cueing on 2nd and 4th Mondays; Jim Hattrick is the Caller and Cuer 3rd Mondays each month. Dance starts with 15 minutes of easy pre-rounds. For information call 503-645-2414;
<http://www.eagerbeavers.info>

Afternoon Plus Lessons at 12 to 1:30 pm. At Sunset Presbyterian Church enter at East Side. Address 14986 NW Cornell Rd. Dance to three top callers for only \$4.00 including the lesson and the dance afterward.

Eager Beaver St. Patrick's dance will be March 14th; students, angels, and members come dance in costume. Naomi

Hayshakers: (Kathy Worthington and Sylvia Davis)

Hayshakers are now dancing the 1st Friday's from 6:30 pm. Harvey Hunsucker caller & cuer. Dance is at the Pacific Grange, 90475 Hwy 101, Cullaby Lake, at Warrenton, OR. Be sure to call first to make sure we have enough people for a dance. 503.325.8109, 503.861.2726, 503.325.2100.
<http://www.hayshakers.org>

No report this month.

Hoedowners: (Debra Welch, Mike Duyck 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. Pre-Plus and Intermediate Rounds will be called from 7:00-8:00 and Mainstream from 8:00-10:00. Our format is informal and friendly.
<http://www.hoedowners.info>

The Hoedowners' mainstream class completes February 24th with a potluck and party. Daryl Clendenin is continuing on Wednesdays with additional dancing at mainstream level for any who wish to participate.

February 27th will be the Hoedowners' 66th Anniversary dance. Chicken dinner at 6:15 p.m. and dancing at 7:00 p.m. This dance Plus will start at 9:10PM.

March 12th is the Trophy Dance/Stash Bash. Come win the Trophy and have the next Trophy dance at your hall. Richard Lane and Randy Lewis will be officiating.

March 26th Daryl and Yvonne Clendenin will return for "Spring Fever Dance."
Mike and Debra

Mix N Mingle: (Patty Bonney and Janelle Janicke Delegates)

Club dances Plus at the Winona Grange (8340 Seneca Street, Tualatin, OR) on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Pre-Rounds begin at 7:00 PM (Levels 4 & 5), 7:30 PM (Levels 2 & 3) and Plus from 8:00 – 10:30 PM with level 2-4 Rounds. The door donation is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. Randy Dibble is our club Caller and Jeanine Norden our club Cuer. www.mixandminglesquares.org

No report this month.

R Square D: (Mary McDaniel, Marv Pope)

Dance 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday from September thru May; June thru August dance 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA). We dance 7:30 to 8:00 Plus and 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream and refreshments after the dance. Craig Abercrombie is the caller and Lonnie Sycks is our Cuer. Our website is www.r-square-d.info Call 360-431-7553 or 360-636-3358 for more information.

Last meeting we planned the pancake feed for "Dancing in the Rain" dance on February 27th.

The dances are now \$6.00 donation at the door.

Pancakes will be served starting at 6:00 until 7:00 with the dance to follow.

Also working on planning the Washington State Festival in June 17th and 18th.

Our March dances are "St. Patrick's Dance" with Adam Christman calling and Lonnie Sycks cueing on March 11th.

The 26th of March will have Richard Lane calling and Lonnie cueing, as Craig Abercrombie is on vacation.

Jim Raupp will be doing workshop for the three weeks on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

Mary

Sunset Promenaders: (Janice Sminia and Donna Evers, Delegates)

Mainstream Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Dance starts at 7:30 with phase III round dances; then at 8:00 until 10:00 is our Mainstream dance with a plus tip at about 9:00, and a potluck break at 10:00. Our Caller is Mike (Julie) Stout and the Cuer is Ken (Dianne) Pratt.

The Club also has a Plus dance on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of the month. Dance starts at 7:00 with Intermediate Rounds and at 7:30 until 9:30 is a Plus dance with Darrell Kalmbach calling and Ken Pratt cueing, with a finger food break after.

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

February 6th the Sunset Promenaders had visitor from River City Dancers, Silver City Dancers, Toe Draggers, and other visitors; we had over six squares. We all had a great time.

The theme of the February 20th dance is "President's Day Dance".

The Club is planning on visiting the 66th Hoedowners Anniversary Dance on February 27th.

Our March 5th dance is our Annual Irish Fling. Come join us with Mike Stout calling and Ken Pratt cueing and enjoy the traditional Irish Baked Potatoes with many delicious toppings to choose from at the 10:00 break. There will be a winner of a prize for the dancers that gets lucky "gold" coins.

March 19th the Sunset Promenaders will be dark to visit the Valley Squares Anniversary Dance at the Aloha Grange. Let us all go dance with the Valley Squares for a big Anniversary Dance.

Starting on April 2nd our dance format will change to one hour of Plus with Intermediate Rounds starting at 7:00 until 8:00, and Mainstream from 8:00 until 10:00 with Mike calling. Ken will be on vacation and Julie Stout will do the cueing for us this night.

The Promenaders Plus dancers are continue enjoying the Plus calling of Darrell Kalmbach and Ken Pratt cueing from 7:00 to 9:30. Janice

Toe Draggers: *(Kathy Roberts, Delegate) Dance at the Kinton Grange on the 1st Friday 7:30-8:00 Pre-Rounds, 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream and on the 3rd Friday 7:30-8:00 Plus, 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream with the last tip Plus. Caller is K.C. Curtis; and Cuer is Bev Flint. Kinton Grange is at 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Beaverton, 97007. www.toedraggers.org*

The Toe Draggers will be celebrating the fun of St Patty's day on March 4 for our Luck of the 4-Sided Square. Be prepared for Irish music and green food ☺. On March 18, we will be holding our new "Annual Ducky Dance – the Rub A Dub in a Square".

April brings our new donation dance, "Raining Cats and Dogs". We will be accepting donations of dog and cat items for donating to Bonnie Hays Animal Shelter or the Humane Society during both dances on April 1st and 15. April 1st we will be at the Hillsboro IOOF Hall, 267 E. Main St. with additional parking across the street at the bank.

Bev Flint is continuing with her Round Dance lessons. Each dance is open and new dancers are welcome. She is currently teaching Two Step and will be starting Waltz soon. Contact Bev for more information.

Tri Squares: *(Dale Brabham and Adolf Eppich, Delegates)*

We dance on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month in the Tigard Grange at 13770SW Pacific Hwy in Tigard. Terry Halley is our Club Caller with Sandra Pinion as our Club Cuer. We dance year around, except when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. We Pre-Round dance from 7:30 – 7:45, dance Plus from 7:45 to 8:00 and Mainstream with Round Dances from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. There is a Plus Dance tip around 9:15. Refreshments are served at 10:00. www.trisquares.com

Our annual featured dance, "Mardi Gras", on Feb 19 was a grand success. There were 75 in attendance counting 47 guests. There were many masks and costumes of various types. Prizes were awarded for Glamorous mask, Creative Mask, Judge's choice, and Best Costume. Bob helped create suspense for the jackpot drawing, the big winner was present to collect the prize.

Our mainstream graduation is March 20 when 6 students will complete our lessons. We have 9 students who will complete two-step lessons.

Dale

Valley Squares: *(Bea Cook and Bill Calder, Delegates)*

Dance 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Plus level with Intermediate and Phase Two rounds from 7-8 p.m. with Mainstream and Phase 2 Rounds from 8-10 p.m. and refreshments at 10 p.m. with Chuck Garner Caller, Connie Clark Cuer. www.valleysquares.com

Attendance dropped off a little at our dances so far this year until last Saturday, February 20th. As a test run we started the dance with an hour of dancing for beginners who started in January classes, followed by an hour of mainstream then an hour of plus. It was well advertised and we finished up with 8-squares for the first hour at class level. The beginners came from 5 different clubs including some who were past the B51 level from September classes. Our door donation was half our normal door donation for visiting beginners. The atmosphere was party time, like it is at jamborees.

Our president was so pleased that she has sent out a request for feedback from the participants so we can **consider** the possibility for future dances.

Coming up in March we have a "Read Across America Dance" on the 5th and our **67th Anniversary Dance on the 19th**. Randy Dibble will be calling with our Chuck Garner for that dance. The two march dances will be reverting to our usual format of an hour of plus starting at 7:00 pm and mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 pm with an open break in the quilt room. For the **Anniversary Dance** we are raising the door donations for visitors to \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for youths to help cover the cost of the additional caller.

We will be hosting a B51 beginners' jamboree on Tuesday evening, March 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Chuck Garner will be the caller and he will be inviting callers from the floor. There will be no rounds at this jamboree, but we will be hosting another **almost mainstream** jamboree on Sunday afternoon, **May 22nd** from 1:30 to 3:30 pm and that jamboree will include one phase II round between each tip.
Bill

Wave Steppers: *(Carolyn Hindman, and Bob Allen Delegates)*

Dance 2nd Saturday March thru October. The dance is Mainstream, with one PLUS tip, every second tip at the Garibaldi City Hall (107 6th Street, Garibaldi, OR 97118) from 7:00 to 9:30 PM with guest Callers.

The Wave Steppers have nothing new to report this month.

Carolyn

Good of the Order:

(Kay Rogers) This year Deborah Carol Jones and husband John are coming back for our April 1st, 2nd and 3rd "Boots in the Blue Mountains" in Pendleton, Oregon. Pendleton has a lot of cool stuff; a great Underground City, a saddle factory, even their own whiskey, an Indian casino, and an Indian Cultural Center. Please consider coming to the dance.

(Kathy Roberts) Asked us to send her our club flyers so she can put on to the new Federation Face Book page.

Next TVC Meeting:

Monday March 28th at 7:00 pm at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124. If you wish to eat a meal prior to the meeting, the room is available after 5:45 and you can order from the full menu.

Respectfully edited and published by Tom Sminia, TVC Secretary