



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC)

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COUNCIL MEETING

July 25, 2011

Theme: Delegate Training and Needs Survey Results

Called to order at: 7:30PM

Attendees:

Officers:

Debra Welch (Pres.); Ron Dobias (V. Pres.); Lalani Radford (Treas.); Mary T. Withers (Sec.); Judy Schnase (Past Pres.); Mike Duyck (State Delegate); Tom Sminia (Parliamentarian); K.C. Curtis (Caller Advisor); Verna France (PAC Delegate to TVC)

Delegates:

Carolyn Hindman (Coast Swingers); Michael McMullen (Coast Swingers); Naomi Coorengel (Eager Beavers); Sylvia Davis (Hayshakers); Kathy Worthington (Hayshakers); Marian Kehoe (Hoedowners); Debbie Olson (Hoedowners); Patty Bonney (Mix 'N Mingle); Linda Sycks (R Square D); Lonnie Sycks (R Square D); Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders); Peggy Lance (Toe Draggers); Natalie Schumacher (Toe Draggers); Julia Surtshin (Tri Squares); Karen Martiny (Valley Squares); Dorothy Reed (Valley Squares)

Visitors: Robert Allen (Coast Swingers President); Tom Black (Wash. Co Fair Boosters VP); Glenna Dryden (Friend of Tom Black); Carolene Ginocchio (Valley Squares President); Nell Killebrew (Independent); Nan Overall (Eager Beavers); John Withers (Hoedowners); Dale Worthington (OR Fed Rec Sec)

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 August 25, 2011 meeting to Mary T. Withers john.mary.withers@gmail.com .	Before 8/25/11
Debra Welch Ron Dobias	Sept. Tri-Council Dance. Determine if PAC is holding the Tri-Council Dance on 9/29/12 (Saturday) and inform Ron Dobias.	
Ron Dobias Dance Committee	Dance Calendar. Ron Dobias meet with his Dance Committee to complete the 2012 dance calendar.	Before 8/25/11
Delegates	Club Meeting Discussion Regarding Traveling Banner/Flag Exchanges: Discuss with your club members and report back at the August TVC meeting: (For more information, go to page 6 to read the discussion thread regarding this topic.) 1. Participation: Do you believe that Travel Banner exchanges encourages club visitations, so that your club wants to participate in Traveling Banner exchanges? Or stated another way: Would you like to give a traveling banner to visiting clubs that have the required number of dancers visiting and would you like to receive a banner when you visit another club and have the required number of dancers? 2. The Number of Dancers Needed To Earn Banner: How many dancers are needed for a traveling banner exchange? The discussion needs to remember that some clubs have very few members and other clubs are larger. (Go to page 6 to read the discussion thread regarding this topic.) 3. The Number of Banners Distributed: Can more than one banner be given/received, if the required number of dancers visit? 4. Type of Banner Distributed: Should the visiting club earn their own club banner back, earn the banner of the visiting club, earn both if they have the required number, or be able to choose which banner they earn?	Before 8/25/11
All	Delegates Introduction To TVC Document. Make the following edit: On page 3, in the section entitled "TVC Meetings", first sentence, the meetings are held on "Monday" not "Thursday"!!!	
TVC Delegates	TVC Badge, Bar, Name Tag. Let Judy Schnase know if you need a TVC Badge, Bar and/or Name Tag, so that she can order them <judy.schnase@frontier.com>.	8/10/11
Delegates	Hosting A State Meeting. The Oregon Federation has requested that TVC or one of its	

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Presidents TVC State Delegate	clubs consider hosting a state meeting in the summer of 2012 – perhaps in July. Typically, state meetings are held at the Summer Festival, but there will be no Summer Festival in 2012 because of the National Convention. Initially, the State wondered if any of the clubs sponsoring the <i>2012 Summer Fest</i> (a specially planned dance) in Seaside were interested. A State Meeting can bring in an additional 50+ people to a dance, adding revenue to the club. Before making a decision, the <i>Practices and Procedures</i> document provides the following information regarding Hosting a State Meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Avoid 5th Friday/Saturday weekends 2. Saturday: Host provides 2 meeting rooms for the Officers Meeting and the Delegates Meeting. The host Area Delegate serves as Chairperson of the Delegates Meeting. The meetings are approximately 2 hours in length. 3. Host club provides a dinner before the Saturday dance. This dinner may be a potluck. Hosts may ask for a \$2.00/person donation to defray the cost and/or put out a “kitty”. 4. Saturday Night Dance (Introduce State Officers) 5. Sunday: General Meeting from 9:00 – 1:00. Tables must seat 37 and an additional Seating Area for 75 people. Coffee break at 11:30 with the host providing a snack. 6. Host provides a sound system. 7. Host places an Ad in the OFN by the first of the month, 2 months before the meeting. 8. If interested, contact TVC State Delegate, who will contact the Oregon Federation. 	
Delegates	Dance Flyers. Please remember to pick up the packet of dance flyers at the TVC meeting and place them in your halls.	
Debra Welch	Suggested Agenda Items for August Meeting: (1) Traveling Banner/Flag Exchanges; (2) Informing Clubs of Visitations In Enough Time; (3) Change TVC Meeting Time	8/25/11

CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The July minutes were approved after one correction: The Oaky Doaks’ new caller is Mike Halley and the Cuer is Helen Halley.

OFFICER REPORTS

President’s Report: Debra Welch

I want to let you know how inspired I am to serve as your TVC president this year. I didn’t think I’d ever be here in this position - for many reasons - but thank you for the challenge.

Let me take a couple of minutes to share with you some of the directions the Council is heading this year.

For the first few months, I’m going to work with committees in the following 5 areas:

1. Delegate Leadership and Effective Meetings

This year’s meetings are themed and have a purpose. You filled out the *Needs Survey* and let us know what your needs and thoughts were. Delegates will be involved in the discussion and decision-making process. Delegates have already heard a little about this earlier this evening. Thank you, Delegates, for the extra hour you shared with Mary T. tonight.

2. TVC’s Sustainability in Terms of Yearly Operational Costs

My Finance Committee and I are already looking at formulating a budget based on realistic operational costs, separate from dance revenues.

3. Successful and Profitable Dances

How can TVC make sure dance attendance is high and profitable? The profits should ultimately be used to support the clubs. Two examples of how dance profits can benefit the clubs are (1) continue to reimburse clubs for advertising their lessons and (2) coming up with ideas such as club rewards for the most attendance at TVC dances. That money has to come from somewhere and we are looking very carefully at how we accomplish high attendance from our TVC club members.

4. TVC Calendar

I'm working on a Calendar that is easy to use and that will contain club information, TVC information, State information and National information. Also, we are looking into how to get TVC's and our club's calendar information on the web.

5. TVC Supports Member Clubs

At the end of the year, we all want to make sure that TVC has made a difference with our clubs – that TVC has helped to enhance the club's square and round dancing experience. We all know that this takes a lot of cooperation and commitment, which is what our dancers are famous for. So together, we can make this year great.

Vice-President Report: Ron Dobias

TVC Directory Update: Everyone renewed and we got a new ad from Minuteman Press. Thank you to Karen Martiny for her help.

Treasurer's Report: Lalani Radford

TVC Account Balances as of 7/25/2011:

BEGINNING BALANCE		1892.76
	10 Club's Dues	287.00
	Voided Check	5.45
INCOME	Directory Advertising	175.00
TOTAL INCOME		467.45
	Copying Costs	11.80
	OFSRDC Dues	230.00
	Sunshine	15.80
	OFN – Hahn Barn	32.75
TOTAL EXPENSES		290.35
ENDING BALANCE		2,069.86
Summary		
Cash Box		30.00
Checking		2069.86
Savings		9,552.85
Total		11,652.71

The year's proposed budget was presented. A motion was made to accept the projected budget. The motion passed.

TVC State Delegate: Mike Duyck

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TVC Past President: Judy Schnase

Let Judy Schnase know if you need a TVC Badge, Bar and/or Name Tag, so that she can order them.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan

The following people received *Sunshine* notes:

- Linda Curtis began cancer treatment (Toe Draggers and wife of KC Curtis).
- Mary Johnson broke her hip (Eager Beavers).
- Pete Cooper had a heart attack (Valley Squares).
- Bill Siebert broke his ankle (Valley Squares).
- Bill Cook was scheduled to have lung and heart surgery (Valley Squares).
- Ruth Canby had foot surgery (former cuer for the Sunset Promenaders.)

The following person received a *Thinking Of You* card:

Rita Hermens has gland melanoma (Eager Beavers).

The following person received a *Sympathy* card:

Larry Shaumburg and family (Astoria Hayshakers Caller) because his wife Barbara (Astoria Hayshakers Cuer) passed away.

REPORTS FROM COURTESY POSITIONS

PAC Delegate to the TVC: Verna France

NEW BUSINESS

- **Delegate Introduction To TVC Training:** (Mary T. Withers)

Informational Document

Our 19 Delegates participated in a one-hour training session entitled “Delegate Introduction To TVC”. They received a training document that had been sent to Club Presidents and which will be sent out with the minutes, so that everyone knows what was covered. This Delegate Training was recommended by past delegates and was recommended in the “Needs Survey” comments as well. It was clear that the Delegates did not have a clear expectation of (1) what they were being asked to do and (2) how to do what they were being asked to do. The training document may have appeared very large and daunting to the new Delegates. However, most of it is informative in nature – questions to answers that Delegates in the past have asked. There is a section on “Robert’s Rules of Order” made simple; a list of Delegate duties; information about the Randall Award and how to get the nomination form, etc.

Shared Responsibility

It was also clear from the comments on the “Needs Survey” that most people consider “TVC” or the “TVC Officers and Delegates” separate and different from “the club members”. We read comments such as, “*TVC wants us to change our Anniversary Dates*” or “*I’m not on TVC, so I don’t have to help with the dances*”. Let me tell you a story about a friend of mine, who I encouraged to serve on TVC a few years ago. This friend did not want to be on the TVC Council because she was not sure what TVC did and didn’t think TVC did anything for our clubs. This friend of mine failed to see she was already an essential part of TVC – that she was TVC; she simply failed to take ownership of that role. Well, that friend is Debra Welch, who stands before you as TVC President.

Debra wasn’t and isn’t the only one who has this “Us and Them” mentality – it is pervasive with many of our club dancers. So our Delegates were challenged to believe that they have just as much responsibility toward the success of TVC and our clubs as the Council Officers. And that working together to address the needs of clubs is critical. The people within TVC may have different talents and

different roles to perform, but every dancer within TVC - is TVC - and has a shared responsibility to make sure that our dancing mission is met. Hopefully, by the end of this year, you will recognize how we together helped TVC and the dance community succeed ...we as officers, we as Delegates, we as spouses, and we as dancers.

Delegates Make A Difference

For the last 2 years, I have heard from the Delegates that they don't feel they make much of a difference in TVC. That was never the intent of this council. The 2 Delegates from each club were supposed to be the (1) liaisons from the clubs to the council; (2) the spokesmen from the club to TVC and back again; (3) the facilitators of discussion; and (4) people knowledgeable about issues, able to represent the views of their club and vote appropriately. Some clubs thought that the second Delegate was a fill-in for the first Delegate, when he was absent; some clubs felt that a warm body was all that was necessary to represent their club, rather than a person who had the desire and skills to perform the duties. On the contrary, the "founding fathers" of TVC believed that the Delegates were the most important part of the TVC council, so they decided to have 2 of them represent each club. That way there was a strong voice representing the dancers.

Changes

There really are only 2 changes to the Delegate responsibilities. We have made one job easier and one job a bit more demanding. There will be no more oral Delegate Reports. The "Needs Survey" was very clear about this change. Clubs indicated that reports took way too much time, they often duplicated what was found in the OFN, people could not remember what was said and they accomplished very little. Delegates should feel free to send a written report on the Wednesday before a TVC meeting and their written report will be included in the Minutes. Minimally, we ask that Delegates list the dances that will be in the up 'n coming month.

Secondly, since the role of the TVC meetings is focusing on club needs - the Delegate's responsibility will be strengthened with this refocus because they will become the "Chief Discussor" by communicating with other TVC members and their club. Delegates will share ideas which will support and strengthen member clubs. Each month the agenda will focus on a subject that will benefit clubs, as chosen by the Delegates.

We also gave the Delegates a Calendar – a Draft Calendar. We are currently in discussion with the State, so that we make sure our information is up-to-date and accurate.

- **Needs Survey Results & Selection of Next Topic** (Debra Welch)

Seven of the 10 TVC clubs participated in the *TVC Needs Survey*. The issues that presented the largest concern for clubs were: Club Financial Sustainability; Advertising for Classes; Club Officers; Member Retention; Cooperation Among Clubs; TVC Delegates; Recruitment of New Members; Visitations; New Member Classes; Dance Facility; Membership; TVC Communication; and TVC Dances. The Club results and comments are shared in a results document (see attached for a copy of the document).

The Needs Survey also asked each club the following question: ***How Important Is It That Your Club Receive Reimbursement For Advertising Your Lessons?*** The 6 club answers were as follows: 4 Clubs Rated this as "Very Important" and 2 Clubs Rated this as a "Little Bit Important".

Debra Welch began a discussion regarding "Visitations" because clubs had rated that as a large concern. She focused the discussion on "Traveling Banner Exchanges". The comments that clubs had previously shared in the Needs Survey were as follows:

Survey Comments: Clubs need to inform us when they are visiting in plenty of time; We need to make more visits. Clubs should dance once a month and visit on the other dance night. What can we do to get more visitors?; Our club needs to recruit more visitations so we can pay the bills; Belonging to 2 councils makes it hard to visit all clubs involved. There are not enough weekends in a month; We have been able to have at least a square of club members for visitations this past six

months and hope to coordinate with other clubs to make visitations more exciting for everyone.; Not sure what the protocol is for traveling banners.

Club Meeting Discussion Regarding Traveling Banner/Flag Exchanges:

After a discussion, Delegates decided that the issue of Traveling Banners/Flags should be further discussed with their clubs. Accordingly, 4 questions were formulated:

1. **Participation:** Do you believe that Traveling Banner exchanges encourages club visitation, so that your club wants to participate in Traveling Banner exchanges? Or stated another way: Would you like to give a traveling banner to visiting clubs that have the required number of dancers visiting and would you like to receive a banner when you visit another club and have the required number of dancers?
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Following were some of the discussion threads made during the meeting:

- 1) **Incentive:** Exchanging traveling banners can be an incentive to promote visitations, which then helps clubs make a profit. Issuing Traveling Banners has been a promotional method for years. Typically, a Visiting Club receives a banner, if they bring 8 dancers (a square) to the dance. If they bring 16 people, they can earn another banner or “steal back” their club’s banner if it is at the venue. Then the Visited Club returns the visitation with 8 dancers, in order to retrieve or “steal back” their banner.
- 2) **Number Flexibility:** Do we need to have a uniform TVC rule regarding Banner Exchanges or could we have a flexible rule, which would allow more clubs to participate? Some clubs are not large enough to have 8 dancers visit a club. So perhaps the rule should be flexible to fit the needs of each club? For example, can small clubs use a percentage of the total number of club dancers rather than eight dancers – while larger clubs use 8 dancers as the requirement for receiving a banner?
- 3) **Required Participation:** Clubs should not be required to participate in traveling banner exchanges.
- 4) **Who Participates:** It’s nice to know what the other TVC clubs are doing with this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barn Dance At the Washington County Fair (Tom Black, Wash. Co Fair Boosters VP)

Come participate in the Barn Dance at the Washington County Fair in Hillsboro on July 29, 2011 (Friday), from 5:30 to 10:30 PM. There will be Contra Dancing and 2 live bands. No dancing experience is necessary. For more information go to www.fairboosters.com.

Community Advertising of Square Dancing (Carolene Ginocchio)

I have been putting our club dances into the community papers to keep square dancing in the public eye as much as possible. I also have been putting articles on our dances (usually after they occur) in the Oregonian blog. The Saturday Community News (Oregonian) picks up articles of interest to put into the Community News in the appropriate areas from the blog. We have had our anniversary dance and our Potty dance published. I think it would be a great idea if all of our TVC clubs would follow this format. I have contacts for the blog, Hillsboro Argus and Beaverton Valley Times. If we saturate the community news with our events, maybe we can get more people interested in square and round dancing.

The best thing to do is to contact Kjerstin Gabrielson, [503-294-5958](tel:503-294-5958), kgabrielson@oregonian.com listed below in your area, set up an appointment for them to come to you and get you started. They want a reference to your area (mine is Aloha and I always put the Aloha Grange in the article) and have you sign the article with your title (Carolene Ginocchio Valley Squares President).

They love photos and will assist you in putting them in. List who took the photo, who is in the photo, what the occasion is.

Besides the blog, I post every event Valley Squares has in the local newspapers (ours are the Hillsboro Argus and Valley Times Beaverton. The more we put square dancing out to the public, perhaps the more new dancers we will get.

Kjerstin Gabrielson writes:

Thanks for spreading the word about the public blogs on OregonLive. We'd love to see news from clubs throughout the Portland metropolitan area.

Our public blogs (you can see all of the communities served at www.oregonlive.com/local) offer readers and contributors an open invitation to post news, information and opinions about issues that hit readers close to home. Our editors monitor the public blogs for articles to feature in print (in our Community News sections) and more prominently on OregonLive.

Before you can write a blog entry, you have to create an account with OregonLive, but that's free and as simple as creating a new online email account. You'll also have to choose a display name. I always recommend using your full or the name of the organization you represent. We really appreciate when our public blog writers also sign their names and explain their affiliation (as you do in your posts for the Valley Squares).

We also love to see photos from our readers. You can post photos on OregonLive here. As long as you put the city name in the tag field, we'll be able to find it:

<http://photos.oregonlive.com/photogallery/upload.html>

Feel free to pass around our contact information for our community news web editors to help folks get started.

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Square and Round Dance Demo (Carolene Ginocchio)

On August 30, Valley Squares will be putting on a square dance and round dance demo for the City of Beaverton Arts & Music at the Round. Square dance performance will be from 6 to 6:15 pm, and round dance performance from 7 to 7:15 pm. There is a live band performing there and were are the break entertainment. □□We will be allowed to have a booth (no charge) to promote square dance and round

dance classes. They estimate there will be about 1,000 people attending. We will need the TVC clubs class schedules to have in the booth along with ours. And we probably could use some help with dancers for both square and round. Chuck plans on using our class members as much as possible, as that is a Tuesday, the same night as our classes. Connie, I think could use some more round dancers, please check with her. We will have time to discuss this at the next TVC meeting.

Eager Beavers – New Dance Hall (Nan Overall)

As of next Monday, the Eager Beavers will no longer dance at the Elsie Stuhr Center. They are moving to the Sunset Presbyterian Church at 14986 NW Cornell Road. The dancing will be in the East Wing, so when you enter into the parking lot, turn left. The venue has a beautiful floor and air conditioning.

Eager Beavers – Special Caller (Nan Overall)

On Monday, August 8th, national caller Larry Ward will be calling at the Eager Beavers with Jim Hatrick. This plus dance will be held at the Eager Beaver's new dance facility, the Sunset Presbyterian Church, 14986 NW Cornell Rd, Portland, OR 97229.

R Square D – New Dance Hall (Linda Sycks)

R Square D is moving into another hall and they have narrowed their choice to 2 venues. Their last dance at the Longview Square Dance Center in Longview, Washington will be the Octoberfest on September 30th and October 1st, featuring Les Seeley (Caller) and Tami Helms (Cuer).

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 9:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting: The August meeting will be held on August 25, 2011 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.

(Club Delegate Reports Follow)

CLUB DELEGATE REPORTS

Coast Swingers: (Carolyn Hindman 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 our club cuer is Connie Clark. We also dance to guest callers and guest cuers. www.coastswingers.com

We had fun dancing to the calling and cueing of Chuck Garner and Connie Clark at our Crazy Hats dance on June 11th, and Mike and Helen Halley's calling and cueing at our Dads Rock dance on June 25th. Also on June 25th we had a Dairy Days' Taste of Square Dancing from 2-4 PM at the Old Mill RV Park's Summer Bazaar in Garibaldi. Michael McMullen will be calling.

We netted \$425.00 at our June Rummage Sale

We were not simply surprised, but shocked to learn that the Coast Swingers had been awarded the trophy for having the greatest number of club members by percentage of total membership at Summer Festival.

Mike Stout officially made his calling debut at our '50's Sock Hop dance on July 23rd. This was Mike's first solo dance as a caller. He had the support of other NWCA members, David Trout, Chuck Garner and Michael McMullen. David and Chuck each called a tip. Melinda McClure- Brenden was our cuer for the evening; she was assisted by Julie Stout and David Trout. We had visitors from the Toledo 49ers, Hoedowners, Diamond Cutters and several independent dancers.

Our Beach Party dance is on August 13th and will feature the calling and cueing talents of Maxwell Rounds and Jackie Gale. Our dance on August 27th is a Tools for Schools dance, we are asking everyone to bring school oriented donations to the dance. Our dance masters for that dance are Terry Halley, caller, and Helen Halley, cuer.

As always attire is coast casual and we're only a 90-minute drive from the Beaverton/Hillsboro area.

Eager Beavers: (Naomi Coorengel and Jim Rogers, Delegates)

Dance easy plus in the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton (which features an air conditioner and excellent wood floor) every Monday afternoon, 1:15 to 3:15 PM. On holidays we 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 easy pre-rounds. <http://www.eagerbeavers.info>

Ferrous did a great job installing the new officers in May. Good luck officers.

June 4th At least 20 Beavers danced at "The Potty Dance" held by the Valley Squares. The dance was held to earn money to remodel the men and women bathrooms. Two squares at a time danced in the rooms while Chuck Garner called in the hall. Ten Beavers won a dangle. What fun!!!!

June 17th 15 Beavers danced at the Tri-squares for an official visitation for their Hawaiian Luau Dance.

Some of the local dancers went to the Nationals in Detroit. There were 5 Beavers dancing. Hope to see you all in Spokane.

July 7,8,9 Rose Promenade Festival. Beavers had a great time at the festival. The wood floors were ever so easy on the feet!

The Beavers are looking forward to dancing at the Hahn Barn on July 30th. Be sure and join the potluck dinner before the dance.

Beavers are having their annual picnic at Noble Woods Park Aug 3rd at 3pm. Save your calories for some great food!!

Hayshakers: (Sylvia Davis and Kathy Worthington, Delegates)

In the winter, we dance Plus at the Wickiup Grange in Svensen, Oregon (98683 Svensen Market Road) on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. The time is 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Caller and Cuer is Harvey Hunsucker. At other times of the year, we dance Mainstream in the Pacific Grange in Warrenton, Oregon (90475 Hwy 101, Warrenton, OR by Cullaby Lake). We dance the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. We find guest callers and cuers. CALL TO MAKE SURE WE ARE Dancing. Dress in whatever you are comfortable. Hayshakers also put on the annual Seaside Sashay, a 2-day Mainstream dance on the 4th Friday and Saturday in October. www.hayshakers.org

Hoedowners: (Marian Kehoe and Debbie Olson, 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 8-10. Our format is informal and friendly. <http://www.hoedowners.info>

Mix 'N Mingle: (Patty Bonney, Delegate)

Dance Plus at the Winona Grange (8340 Seneca Street, Tualatin, OR) on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Pre-Rounds begin at 7:30 PM (Levels 4 & 5), 8:00 PM (Levels 2 & 3) and Plus from 8:30 - 11:00 PM. Randy Dibble is our club caller and Jeanine Norden our club cuer. \$4 per person at the dance for members, \$5 for non-members. <http://www.mixandminglesquares.org>

Our report for Monday's meeting is that our Red, White, and Blue dance was such a success that we plan to repeat the idea next year, complete with homemade ice cream, blueberries, and strawberries or raspberries. Our dance on August 6th is the Root Beer Float Dance. We are not dancing the first Saturday in September. Casual is always an option in the summer, even if the weather is cool.

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

Dance 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday 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. www.r-square-d.info

July has been very interesting because we have been looking for a new venue to dance in. We have narrowed it down to two places. Now to work out the details and settle in for our October 14th dance. Octoberfest will still be held at Longview Square Dance Hall. July 21st some of us danced with Cougar Squares. Where there is an ice cream social you just might find R Square D. July 23rd & 24th we did a coffee stop at the Toutle Area Rest Stop and it was a big success. The figures aren't in yet but unofficially we did very well. Wednesday August 10th we will host National Caller Larry Ward and August 17th there will be a trail in dance for USA WEST at LASDA allHall with Daryl Clendenin & Don Wood calling and Lonnie Sycks cueing. Saturday August 27th we will have a back to school dance with the school supplies donated to Rose Valley Elementary School. Hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

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. Mainstream continues from 8:00 – 10:00 with a break at the end. 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

We had a great mystery trip; organized by Judy Schnase, Ray and Dorothy Sullivan. The weather was perfect for all twenty-three of us as we boarded a Raz bus. The bus took us to several interesting places; including the only olive orchard in Oregon, Sleigh Bell Christmas shop, eating at a Chinese

restaurant, and then dancing at the Squaws and Paws with Randy Dibble calling. We left Forest Grove at 1:00 pm and got home at 1:00 am, what fun we had.

Summer Festival was very enjoyable; we had a group of nineteen Sunset Promenaders that went and they said it was fun. We want to thank the PAC for planning and putting on the festival; providing great callers, cuers, wonderful weather, and a nice venue.

Our club is looking forward to our picnic August 7th.

We are inviting all you dancers to our Farewell Dance for our caller and wife. Harold and Barbara Kleve have been the club caller for fifteen years and we want to do something special for all the work they have done for the club over the years. Harold and Barbara and the club would ask that you come to the party.

The club has started the process to find a new club caller and have invited several callers to try out for the job starting in September. As we have these callers please come visit us and enjoy the dances; we always enjoy having visitors.

Toe Draggers: (Peggy Lance and Natalie Schumacher, Delegates)

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

Sheriff, Tony Gray, hosted our July business meeting in his apartment, which is located upstairs of the funeral parlor in which he works. We had our potluck and then went downstairs to the Parlor to conduct the meeting. Afterwards we squared up and danced in the casket room, in which we brought pictures to pass around. There were no clients in the parlor! The silly pictures are super-imposed, so not to worry about our trying out the caskets for size. It was a great time! (If you would like to see pictures talk/e-mail Natalie-nschu211@aol.com)

Our next important events are: August 5th is our Island Paradise Dance; August 19th, we are going dark; August 26th-27th we have our summer campout at Devil's Lake RV Park; Dance for the Cure will be held September 11th. It is a pink dance honoring Linda Curtis; September 16th is our 36th Anniversary Dance. George and Patty Hermann will be our guest caller and cuer; Our Annual Progressive Dinner is scheduled September 25th and will be a murder mystery theme.

Tri Squares: (Vida Eppich and Carol Roos, Co-Delegates and Julie Surtshin, Delegate)

We dance on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month at the historic Tigard Grange in Tigard. Terry Halley is our club caller with Jackie Gale cueing on Friday and Doug Hatch on Saturday. We dance year around, except for the July 4th and Labor Day weekends or when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. Hearing enhancement devices are available. We dance Plus from 7:30 to 8:00 and Mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., with one Plus tip at 10:00. Refreshments are served at 10:00. www.trisquares.com

Tri Squares would like to announce that Nadine and Frank Collett have been nominated for the 2011 Randall Award. They have been stalwart supporters since the inception of Tri Squares and active square dancers long before that.

We were very sorry to lose Perky Kilbourn who has been a valued Tri Square member for many years. Our club raised \$100 which has been donated to the Adaptive Riding Institute, an organization she heartily supported, in her name.

We would like to let the Toe Draggers know that we plan to visit them on Aug. 5th. And speaking of visitations Tri Squares would like to know what the current TVC policy on notifying a club that they will

have a visitation. Our Hawaiian dance was a smash success with 40 visitors, which is a lot for a club that often finds it hard to get three squares on the floor. We love visitors. Eager Beavers brought more than a square, thank you! And Hoedowners had almost a whole square, thank you, too. But we spent all week trying to find out if you were really coming. It is hard to be ready for a crowd on a moment's notice. We would like the TVC to help with this problem.

Our lessons are scheduled to begin on Sept. 11, 2011 from 3:30 to 5:30, at the Tigard Grange. Terry Halley will be teaching.

We will hold our anniversary dance on Sept. 16, the third Friday of Sept. And we know that the TVC has concerns with our anniversary and the Toe Draggers being on the same night, however, Tri Squares feels strongly that clubs should be allowed to celebrate their anniversary on their anniversary. It really is no different than when a club calls in a special caller for a dance on a night when two clubs hold their regular dances. There are bound to be some conflicts.

Valley Squares: (Karen Martiny and Dorothy Reed, Delegates)
Dance mainstream the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th at TV Hwy. Intermediate rounds 7-7:30. 1st Saturday Mainstream workshop, 3rd Saturday Pre-rounds from 7:30-8:00. Dance from 8-10 p.m. with a Plus tip following. Refreshments at 10 p.m. Chuck Garner is the caller and Connie Clark is the cuer. www.valleysquares.com

Our dance theme on August 6 will be "Blueberry Hill."

Valley Squares WILL BE DARK on August 20 for USA West.