



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC)

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COUNCIL MEETING

March 22, 2010

Called to order at: 7:30PM

Attendees:

Officers:

Veleta Mullen (Pres.); Judy Schnase (Vice. Pres.); Donna Byars (Treas.); 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); George Clark (Cuer Advisor); Ferrous Steinka (OFN Area Editor)

Delegates:

Nell Killebrew (Coast Swingers); Michael McMullen (Coast Swingers); Cynthia Ekberg (Eager Beavers); Ferrous Steinka (Eager Beavers); Karen Steinka (Hoedowners); Patty Bonney (Mix 'N Mingle); Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders); Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders); Amanda Roberts (Toe Draggers); Dale Stobbe (Toe Draggers); Rex Williams (Tri Squares); Mike Tindall (Valley Squares)

Visitors:

Raina Boswell (Toe Draggers' Guest); Loretta Flint (Toe Draggers); Laloni Radford (Sunset Promenaders); Janice Sminia (Sunset Promenaders); Karen Ungerman, Hoedowners

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 April meeting to Mary T. Withers john.mary.withers@gmail.com .	Before 4/26/10
Delegates Veleta Mullen Mary T. Withers	Club Rosters and Dates. By May 19th, email to Veleta Mullen and Mary T. Withers your (1) new club roster (2) the names and addresses of your new officers and delegates, (3) schedule of classes for the up n' coming sessions, (4) and dates of any Jamborees so we can be sure no two clubs are holding them at the same time veletam@aol.com and john.mary.withers@gmail.com .	May 19th
Mary T. Withers	Club Class Schedule. Develop a handout, listing the dates of club classes so that it can be handed out at the 4 th of July Parade.	May 20th
Delegates Tom Sminia	Update Website. Send Tom Sminia the changes in the names of your club's elected officers, callers, cuers, and contacts tomjan2@verizon.net .	ASAP
Delegates Mike Duyck	Issues To Discuss At Club Meetings (For more info, read the section under TVC State Delegate - Mike Duyck). 1. Should clubs post a sign at dances that reads <i>"Non-federated dancers are not covered by the secondary insurance and must dance at their own risk"</i> ? 2. Should clubs Offer Non-Federated Dancers An Associate Membership So That They Can Receive Secondary Insurance? 3. Are clubs remembering to send their class roster to Kay Rogers in order that students are covered by secondary insurance?	Before May
Mike Duyck State Officers	Secondary Insurance For Non-Federated Dancers. Mike will discuss with State officers to determine if the words <u>"dance at their own risk"</u> in the following statement is misleading <i>"Non-federated dancers are not covered by the Oregon Federation's secondary insurance and must dance at their own risk"</i> - because the grange or hall's liability insurance covers non-federated dancers? He will report back at the April meeting.	Before 4/26/10

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Club Presidents Delegates Mike Duyck	<p>Please note. This is a Action Item Carryover from last month. Only the Toe Draggers 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: 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
Delegates	Club Photos For TVC Website. Send club photos to Tom Sminia so that he can place on website tomjan2@verizon.net .	ASAP
New Officers Tom Sminia	Photos and Bios of New Officers. Please write a short bio and submit it and a photo of you (and your spouse) to Tom Sminia for the TVC website. Tom Sminia can take a photo, if you don't have one tomjan2@verizon.net .	
Old & New TVC Officers	Meeting for New and Old Officers. Officers are to meet on April 21 (Wednesday) at Veleta's house.	4/21/10
New Delegates Old Delegates	Introduction of New Delegates. Old delegates invite new delegates to the April TVC meeting and be prepared to make an introduction.	4/26/10
Finance Cmt Carole Petranek Dorothy Reed	\$200.00 Reimbursement for Cost of Classes. Develop a document that specifies the process and rationale to receive a \$200.00 reimbursement to help cover the cost of classes.	4/26/10
All	Hahn Barn Dance & Potluck – Subscription Dance. Encourage everyone to attend the Hahn Barn Dance on 7/31/10 (Saturday) and renew or begin their OFN subscription.	7/31/10

CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The February 22, 2010 minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Veleta Mullen

This is an exciting time, as we elect new officers and bring in new talent, ideas, creative spirit and a unifying force into the TVC. The “old” officers will always be on tap to help guide the new leaders, but it is the new group’s responsibility to make sure that all the clubs in the Council have an opportunity to express the best way to keep Square Dancers dancing and Cuers cueing and Callers calling.... And F U N for all!!!

I will need a lot of information from the clubs to finish out my term. By the May meeting, I need your (1) new club roster (2) the names and addresses of your new officers and delegates, (3) schedule of classes for the up n’ coming sessions, (4) dates of any Jamborees so we can be sure no two clubs are holding them at the same time. Please also notify your clubs of the dates of any TVC events, so you do not schedule any club activities for the same time. I am asking for the roster so the Sunshine Office can have member information at her fingertips.

Secretary Report: Carole Petranek and Mary T. Withers
No report.

Treasurer’s Report: Donna Byars
Account Balances:
Checking \$ 749.92; Cash Box \$30.00; Youth Fund \$200.00;
US Bank Savings: \$10,544.74. Total Assets: \$11,524.66.

Vice-President Report: Judy Schnase
Judy discussed the dance schedule. See information in “Future TVC Events” section.

TVC State Delegate: Mike Duyck
Mike Duyck presented four major issues that were discussed at state. Mike would like clubs to discuss these issues at their meetings:

- **Insurance Coverage Of Non-Federated Dancers.** There is a requirement to post a notice at our club dances that states *“non-federated dancers are not covered by the secondary insurance and must dance at their own risk”*. It seems that few clubs post this notice. Mike is concerned that non-federated dancers are not included in the secondary coverage policy at our events and that failure to notify may result in our clubs being personally responsible for someone’s medical bills (which could easily be in the thousands of dollars to be paid by the club and club officers).

Michael McMullen disagreed by stating that each grange/hall’s liability insurance should cover everyone. To put the sign “that only federated members are covered” is a mistake or misleading. Mike Duyck said he would check on that.

- **Offer Non-Federated Dancers An Associate Membership So That They Can Receive Secondary Insurance.** Mike is nervous that no TVC club offers an “Associate Membership” to dancers who do not want to be active in a club but who would like to be federated for the sole purpose of receiving secondary insurance. Mike believes this process would be easy and would be good for both the clubs and dancers. Clubs could collect a minimal fee to cover the costs of insurance and club expenses; this would ensure that more dancers could become “Associate Members” and receive secondary insurance coverage. Mike believes this would increase the number of events and dances the Associate Member would attend and might increase the possibility of becoming full members at a later date.
- **Insurance Coverage For New Dancers.** Kay Rogers noted that our new dancers need to be added to the club’s insurance list to receive coverage. This process is begun by sending Kay the class roster after the third class. The “student” dancers automatically receive secondary insurance -free-of-cost. Upon their graduation and membership into a federated club, the new dancers will be required to pay for their secondary insurance. Bill Reid noted that the insurance coverage of class members is a good step toward showing that the class is part of the square dance community for IRS purposes.
- **Charitable Works By TVC Clubs in 2009.** Lee Ashwell has requested additional information be included to show what these charities actually are as well as what was

contributed to each. I will need the assistance of each delegate and club to increase the information for each of the entries we have previously listed and to include additional entries as they are located. We do need this completed shortly for Lee to use. Please see attached document.

Following Are Verbatim Excerpts From the January State Minutes - To Use In Your Club Discussion

From the CPA firm as suggestions for the Oregon Federation on IRS requirements:

Some suggestions, and I would totally recommend that we come to terms with these and get these completed. On lessons and new dancers it would be important to include them in the membership, such as, some designation like associate member, some non-voting status, but still keep them as members of each group. Therefore when they are paying for lessons, it is member revenue rather than non-member revenue. The other thing that they have recommended is that we, in each club's by-laws, include language that allows for reciprocal agreements between the clubs so that we allow members of another club to attend our dance as members. So each club's language in their by-laws allows for members of another club be treated as members when they attend a dance. All this sounds like just a bunch of stuff, a bunch of BS, but to protect our assets from the Internal Revenue Service we need to do some of these things.

The final requirement is that most of the clubs do have non-member and unrelated income. We need to start tracking those revenues and we need to start tracking the expenses related to those revenues. Any time that you have that situation it is suppose to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. There is exemption for small. It doesn't matter how big, how little, whatever. You do have a \$1,000 exemption from income of unrelated income, but that comes off of your reporting to the IRS. In other words, you have to report to them what you actually had in unrelated income, subtract \$1,000 to see if you have any taxable situation for the Internal Revenue Service. So the things to protect ourselves are to do things a little bit differently and including new dancers in our membership, and including language in our corporate structure to allow for dancers from other clubs to be members when they attend dances of our club. Are there any questions at all about that?" (Bill Reid)

Kay Rogers: I wanted to clarify that when you are given your insurance paperwork every year you are also asked to supply a list of supplemental members. It is a secondary list and each club has been given that. It is up to you to list members who dance with your club or who belong to your club. You could expand that list without liability and that covers you so that my records show that all people are a member of your club. The way the insurance database is set up, and we can thank Tim for this, it shows me who is paying your insurance and what your number one club is. So far the only thing I have used it for is to see if I can find someone that belongs to two clubs and neither one is paying for them, because each one thinks the other one is doing it. That is in place, available and already in operation and perfect for this purpose.

Kay Rogers: I need to clarify a couple more things too. When you have class members that are dancing, if you send me your class list, then they become listed on paper as being a class of your club. That automatically makes them members. You can do that free and they don't have to pay for that until they graduate from classes and join the club. Also on your sign-in sheets at the front desk, you could change your heading from guest to other members.

Bill Reid: The insurance documentation goes a long way. What we need to couple with that is a change in either the Articles of Incorporation of member clubs or a change in the by-laws of the individual clubs to recognize that they do have members in their association or club that are not full members, they are new dancers members, associate members or whatever we want to label them. We need to get the language right in order to protect ourselves from the IRS. That is all that I am after. I am not after any changes other than some corporate language changes and record keeping.

Cece Glidewell: One of the things that the KC Squares do is that in their By-laws it states that any person who shows up, whether it be a workshop or a dance, once they pay the fee they become a non-voting associate member of the club. That is how they deal with not having non-members.

Tim Roberts: I wonder if I could provide a little historic context for those that might not know this. The Federation was audited in the mid-1980, about 1985 or so. The IRS actually threatened to withdraw our tax-exempt status because we had not been following these rules. The excellent 8-page article in the Practices and Procedures from Jean Brigl, who was the Financial Advisor at that time, came out of that because everyone was terrified about the possibility of having to pay back taxes for 30 years. Basically, what's in Jean's article is almost word for word what Bill has been saying today. Partly one of the reasons I hoped we would go through this process was to update that article, throw it out, or revise it. It sounds like, in a large part, it is still accurate. Over the years since then, the terror has faded away. That is a bit of a danger. When you start losing your terror of the IRS that is a big danger.

Alt State Delegate: Gary Clark

Gary will attend the September State meeting in place of Mike Duyck.

TVC Past President: Bonnie Deneke

It is the custom for the outgoing club delegates to invite the incoming delegates to the April TVC meeting and to introduce them to the council. Hopefully, everyone leaving an office has a notebook to hand down complete with copies of the minutes or at least this month's minutes and also a copy of the Practices and Procedures and the Constitution. When the committee has finished their review we have a new copy of the P&Ps and the Constitution.

OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka

I have received four club reports for the May OFN from the Eager Beavers, Mix 'N Mingle, Toedraggers, and Sunset Promenaders. It is not unusual to have only four of the nine clubs reporting with more than a week to the deadline. The TVC ad for the May 29th *Here Comes Summer* Dance is being worked on for submission to the OFN.

Caller Advisor: Harold Kleve

No report.

Cuer Advisor: George Clark

No report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Chair: Gary Clark

No report.

Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan

The following people received Sunshine notes:

- Lee Ashwell because he was injured falling off the roof (Pres. Ore. Fed. of Square & Round Dance Clubs).
- Nan Bushell because her husband, Clint, passed away (Eager Beavers).
- Ken Crocker because he had a stroke (Sunset Promenaders).
- Claire Enloe because she had a blockage in her leg and had a bypass. (Sunset Promenaders and Eager Beavers).

Parliamentarian: Tom Sminia

1. The constitution has been changed to state the wording as voted on at the last meeting. This change means the people voting at this meeting for next years TVC officers will be limited to the club delegates and elected officers. Appointed officers will not be able to vote. The officers elected at this meeting will be taking office at the May TVC meeting.
2. 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.

Website Chair: Tom Sminia www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org

The website is up-to-date, as far as I know.

We will be adding the TVC *Constitution, Bylaws, Practices and Procedures* documents in the future to the website.

We could use some new photos to add to our website if anyone has some TVC event's photos they would like to share.

After the March election of TVC officers, I will need photos and short bio of the newly elected officers. This is voluntary of course.

As the individual clubs have any changes of elected officers, callers, cuers, and contacts I would appreciate the information to update the website.

REPORTS FROM COURTESY POSITIONS

PAC Delegate to the TVC: Tony Haskins

The Portland area council is holding a 5th Friday Dance on April 30th, 2010 at the Oak Grove Community Center in regards to Mr. Jim Steele. Mike Kious and Tami Helms are calling and cueing with others from the floor. The Community Center donated the rent, the caller/cuers donated their time and the checkerboard squares are donating all money from refreshment to the same cause. Split the pot will also be donated. Please come and show support for our down and out callers/cuers.

The Officers for 2011 have been elected. They are as follows:

Tony Haskins – President
Mark Engerman – Vice President
Verna France - Secretary
Enid Wheeler – Treasurer
Al Wolf – State Delegate
Ann Skoe – Alternate State Delegate
Mike Kious Appointed PAC/TVC Delegate
Norma Harrington Appointed Special Events Coordinator

Tom Gay (chairman) for the Memorial Weekend Dance (May 28th – 31st, 2010) discussed the activities for that event. Announcements, display boards, fliers, and schedules will be put out. He said there were some RV parking and the River City Dancers will be providing labor for the Pot Luck Dinner.

The Checkerboard Squares has a new web-site. It is

www.checkerboardsquares.wordpress.com

Club elections for the State Federation Offices should be final and turned in to the State Membership Chairman by June Meeting so they can be processed in time for the July State Meeting.

PAC has a new club. They are the “Heads to the Center”. They dance at the Milwaukie Grange. They dance plus and advance levels. Scott Phillips is the President and Scott Zinser is the caller. Welcome to the “Heads to the Center”.

The Annual Picnic will be at the North Clackamas Park on the third Monday in June and is a potluck. Everyone is invited. It starts at 6:00 – 6:30pm. Bring your own dishes, cups, and other eating tools.

We discussed the Star Light Parade, which will be June 5th at Dusk. The River City Dancers will be the 1st Trailer and the Chaps and Petticoats, Happy Rock'rs and the Squaws and Pa's will be on the 2nd Trailer. If you want to dance please show up about noon for a potluck and decoration of the floats/wagons. State Fair Dancing is on again this year. I have the Willamette Dancers, The Oaky Doaks, the Country Cut-Ups and the Bachelor 'n' Bachelorettes slotted for the openings.

If you want to dance please call one of those clubs and put your names in.

We have cancelled our October 29th, 5th Friday dance to support the Tri-Council Dance and our December 31st, 5th Friday Dance because of the other New Years Eve Dances.

2011 Summer Festival Committee has ordered the Ribbons (which has already been shipped).

Dwight Jacobsen has designed our registration forms and the design for the front of our Summer Festival T-Shirts. They will sell for \$10.00 each. A follow up walk though has been completed at the Reynolds High School. The Silver Spinners (a wheel-chair club) has been confirmed to do a Demo for us at the summer festival. The next PAC Meeting will be at the Oak Grove Community Center on April 19th at 7:30pm. The next State Federation Meeting will be on May 22nd and 23rd in Grants Pass, Or.

OLD BUSINESS

Slate of TVC Officers. The Nomination Committee offered the following slate of officers for the 2010-2011 year for the Tualatin Valley Council (TVC):

President	Judy Schnase, Sunset Promenaders
Vice President	Debra Welch, Hoedowners
Secretary	Mary T. Withers, Hoedowners
Treasurer	Lalani Radford, Sunset Promenaders
State Delegate	Mike Duyck, Hoedowners
Alternate State Delegate	Gary Clark, Sunset Promenaders

Veleta Mullen asked for nominations from the floor. As there were no nominations, Ray Sullivan made the motion to unanimously accept the names. Bonnie Deneke seconded the motion and it passed.

\$200.00 Reimbursement for Cost of Classes. The Sunset Promenaders requested their \$200.00 Cost of New Dancer Classes Reimbursement from TVC but neglected to remit their receipts. The Promenader's request reminded Veleta that the Finance Committee, Carole Petranek and Dorothy Reed were going to develop a document that specifies the process and rationale to receive a \$200.00 reimbursement. Veleta asked the committee to finalize recommendations and present them at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Future TVC Events

4/18/10 (Sunday): TVC's "April Showers New Dancer Dance and Benefit".

Hosted by the Tri Squares and held at the Tigard Grange. 2:30 – 4:30 PM; Ed Craig calling and Jackie Gale cueing. Dancers are encourage to donate non-perishable food items for the "Washington County Food Bank".

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

Hosted by the Toe Dragers 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.

7/31/10 (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, and include an all-you-can-eat picnic and dancing. 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 at 5:30 PM, Pre-Rounds at 6:30 PM and 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 Hattrick). 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.

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).

www.coastswingers.com/

Spring arrived early out on the coast. Our dance on March 27 was our Crazy Hats dance with Janet Shannon calling for us. Some of the hats were interesting to say the least, but the strangest one to me was ½ of an Easter egg completely decorated. Janet must also have had a wizard's hat in her collection because something magical happened; we had two guests from a different type of Square dancing, Contra dancing. They said they found us on the World-Wide Web and came for a visit. Janet changed her program from what she had planned to a First Nighter so that our guests were able to participate in most of the tips. Janet prompted the Virginia Reel for them and our Club members enjoy something new. Our guests had a great time and promised to be back.

The leprechauns worked their magic for our Wearing of the Green dance on March 13th as our two guests were back with three friends in tow. The change in the energy level in the hall was instantaneous when our five guests walked in – it was like the sun breaking through the fog and clouds of winter. Our caller for the evening, Michael McMullen, changed his planned program to be a First Nighter so that our guests could dance with us. Amid the wearing of the green and lots of Shamrocks, Michael taught and old square dance figure, Venus and Mars. Our guest had so much fun that they would be back for our next Dance on March 27 with more dancers, especially men. Maybe our WEB site is starting to pay off for us in reaching prospective dancers along the coast.

Our dance on March 27 will be Hurry up Spring with Michael calling for us. If our new-found friends return with the energy level they bring, spring has definitely sprung. I don't know what old (new to us) call Michael has in his bag of tricks for us on the 27th. If our new dancing friends come back with more dancers, we are planning to offer to conduct a 6-week Blast Class for them. We are still doing work shops until the April 24th dance with Connie Clark cuing for us that evening and Elvis (Mark Wheel) will be in the house that evening as our caller.

The club is gearing up for one of our annual garage sales at the Senior Center in Tillamook the last Friday and Sat. of April. If you are at the coast, please visit and check out what you just cannot live without.

At our March club meeting several members brought up the fact that some of us regularly visit other TVC clubs, help angel TVC club classes, and/or helped with demos, but we rarely see any of the other clubs returning the favor. If each club had just one or two couples join us on our dance nights that would help us break even. It would only be one or two times a year to visit with us and on the plus side your class members are always welcome. We would love to meet the new dancers on the block and also see some of our old friends. The roads are clear, weather is great, so come join us for a FUN time.

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/>

Now that Spring has arrived, the Eager Beavers find a bit more bounce in our step as we enjoy our dances every Monday afternoon. Hope you can join us!

Our Plus Lessons classes on Wednesday mornings are going well, with six new students and many angels. Members of other clubs are welcome to help us angel, too. Class is held from 10

AM 'til Noon at the Aloha Grange.

Wednesday, March 24th will find us at the Bachelor 'n' Bachelorettes in Oregon City on a visitation, with our caller George Clark as the featured caller that evening.

April 19th will be our "after taxes" Poor Man's Ball when we have fun dressing in "rags or riches", depending on whether we owe money or will get a refund. Come out and dance with us in your best get-up!

April 25th we'll celebrate our 35th Anniversary with a dance from 1 to 4 PM at the Odd Fellows Hall in Hillsboro, with a delicious potluck at 3:30. George Clark will call and cue, with callers and cuers from the floor, as well. This will be a Mainstream dance, so folks earning their Ambassador Badge can add us to their list.

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/>

The Crew called for our 60th anniversary dinner dance in February. It was a fun dance and well attended. We had 25 squares, and we want to thank everyone that came to help us celebrate.

Our class graduated at the end of February and we have 18 new members.

On March 27th our dance will be *Rock n' Roll*. Feel free to request your favorite song. Please come and join us April 10th for our *Wild Wild West Dance*, and April 24th for our *Rich Man - Poor Man Dance*.

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/>

M' n Ms have nothing to report for March.

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. We have quest callers and Lonnie Sycks is our cuer. Call 360-431-7553 or 360-636-3358 for more information.

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 had a great March with two outstanding dances. First, our Hillbilly Hoedown where Hillbilly Hultz and his Pardner Peggy snuck in his Grand pappy's squirrel gun, which he used to scare off revenooers from his backwoods still.

Our 25th annual Irish Fling had our floor full to overflowing not only with square dancers from all over the TVC, but also a group of dancers from The Winds of Donegal Irish Dance Club. They demonstrated several types of Irish dances and then joined us in squares and rounds. A few of them were able to stay until the end of our dance and partake of our authentic Irish baked potatoes with a plethora of toppings. We also celebrated Ken Crocker's 65th birthday and his

continued recovery from a life-threatening stroke. Ken had been brushing up on his dancing with lessons at the Valley Squares when he was felled by the stroke.

Coming up for us in April is our Easter Parade Dance, be sure to wear your best Easter Bonnet to our dance on April 3rd. The next week we will trek to Cape Kiwanda for our Beach trip and campout. All dancers are welcome to join us at the campground or at the Inn at Pacific City where some of our members prefer to "camp". Call Ray Sullivan for campground information if you would like to join us for a weekend of casual fun.

Joyce Clark has the information you will need to see so you can join all our family friendly activities. We will close out April with our Empty Pockets dance on the 17th which is the state many of us will be in after the IRS is finished with us! We also have a full schedule of visitations coming up beginning in April and hope to make it to many of the TVC clubs over the next few months.

Big plans are also underway for May 1st at our 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 call out OLE'!

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/

Thank you so much for coming to our Jamboree on the 7th. We had a blast! Thank you for the wonderful jamboree on the 14th at the Valley Squares. Our class enjoyed it! Hope you found us on the 19th since we were at the IOOF Hall.

April 3 - Kinton Grange – "Easter Egg Hunt"; May 29th – "Spring Fling" – Hosting

Tri Squares: (Rex Williams, Delegate)

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/

Thank you, all of you, for visiting our club. Visitations are very important to all clubs.

Our future dances are:

April 3rd: Daryl Clendenin calling and Yvonne cueing.

April 16: Jim Hatrick is calling. Costume dance.

May 1st: Roger Putzler calling and Randy Lewis cueing.

Valley Squares: (Dorothy Reed and Mike Tindall, Delegates)

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/

Our March 14th "New Dancers Jamboree" was a great success with The Crew, K C Curtis and Ed Craig calling. March 20th we had Craig Abercrombie co-calling with Ed Craig. On April 17th we have our "Top Ten Tax Dance" with Scott Zinser co-calling with Ed Craig. Be sure to watch for our "Valley Squares Anniversary Dance" on May 15th. 10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hahn Barn Dance (Ferrous Steinka). Ferrous encouraged delegates to encourage their club members to attend the Hahn Barn Dance, as it is a Subscription Dance. Ferrous further reported that Vivian Fairburn, editor of the OFN, has not received enough money for several months, so we need to find more subscribers and groups to place ads. The annual cost of the OFN is \$15.00 a year but will rise to \$17.00 in October. So it makes good sense to renew or become an OFN subscriber at the lower cost.

Oregon Summer Festival in Pendleton Oregon, entitled Back In The Saddle Again” - 7/15 – 18/2010 (Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday): 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: 8:15 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Carole Petranek and Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting: The April meeting will be held on 4/26/10 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.