



**Tualatin Valley Council (TVC)  
COUNCIL MEETING**

October 24, 2011

**Themes: New Dancer Jamborees, Angels, Awarding TVC Banners  
Called to order at: 7:00PM**

**Attendees:** (Note: The sign-in sheet was not returned, so the secretary is working from memory.)

**Officers:**

Debra Welch (Pres.); Ron Dobias (V. Pres.); Lalani Radford (Treas.); Mary T. Withers (Sec.); Judy Schnase (Past Pres.); Jim Rogers (State Delegate); Dorothy Sullivan (Sunshine Chairman); Mark Bendickson (Website Chairman); K.C. Curtis (Caller Advisor); Gary Clark (Finance Chair); Verna France (PAC Delegate to TVC); Linda Curtis (Alt. PAC Delegate to TVC)

**Delegates:**

Michael McMullen (Coast Swingers); Jim Rogers (Eager Beavers); Sylvia Davis (Hayshakers); Kathy Worthington (Hayshakers); Marian Kehoe (Hoedowners); Linda Sycks (R Square D); Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders); Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders); Peggy Lance (Toe Draggers); Natalie Schumacher (Toe Draggers); Vida Eppich (Co-D for Tri Squares); Karen Martiny (Valley Squares); Dorothy Reed (Valley Squares).

**Visitors:** Nell Killebrew (Coast Swingers); Kay Rogers (OR State Insurance Chair); Dale Worthington (Hayshakers)

<b>Action Items</b>		
<b>Who Is Responsible?</b>	<b>Announcements, Decisions, Motions, or Needed Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
All	<b>Minutes Corrections and New Reports.</b> Send corrections of the minutes and your new meeting report for the November meeting to Mary T. Withers <a href="mailto:john.mary.withers@gmail.com">john.mary.withers@gmail.com</a> .	Before Nov 28
Delegates	<b>TVC's New Year's Eve Flyer.</b> Display TVC's New Year's Eve flyer at your dancing venue.	
Delegates	<b>TVC's New Year's Eve Dance.</b> Encourage club members to purchase a ticket for TVC's New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance (Dec 31, 2011) to be held at Hillsboro's IOOF Hall. Tickets are \$12.00, which includes the cost of the wonderful chicken dinner. Daryl Clendenin is calling and Bev Flint is cueing.	Before Dec 31
Delegates	<b>Oregon Round Dance of the Month.</b> Encourage your club members to join Connie Clark on Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Aloha Grange to select the Round Dance for February 2012. Have members contact Connie Clark <a href="mailto:cdancinglady@earthlink.net">cdancinglady@earthlink.net</a> .	Before Nov 7
Club Presidents Delegates Jim Rogers	<b>Insurance Forms.</b> For those clubs that did not already submit their insurance forms to Jim Rogers, please mail them to him by Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> . Jim Rogers. 59450 Barr Avenue; St. Helens, OR 97051	Oct 30
Debra Welch	<b>Suggested Agenda Items for Nov 28, 2011 Meeting.</b> Insurance Coverage.	

**CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

The Sept 26, 2011 minutes were approved.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President's Report:** Debra Welch

This year TVC is focusing its efforts on helping clubs and their members become aware that club's practices and policies differ. Bringing these differences to everyone's attention and having discussions leads to knowledge and sometimes - change. The hardest part of this process is gathering information

and sharing our ideas. And sometimes our discussion brings up the need to discuss another topic. Such is the case this month. As we discuss how to award the TVC Banner, it makes us take a look at how our dancers are insured - a topic we will discuss next month. Thank you all, for your ideas and efforts.

The next TVC Dance is the New Years Eve Dance. Let's all volunteer to help out and get the information to our clubs and make it a smashing success.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lalani Radford

**TVC Account Balances as of 9/25/11 thru 10/24/11**

	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>		<b>2030.97</b>
	<b>INCOME</b>		0.00
	<b>EXPENSES</b>		
		Sunshine	<b>13.80</b>
		Hayshakers - Lesson Reimbursement	<b>170.00</b>
		R Square D - Lesson Reimbursement	<b>170.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>353.80</b>
	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>		<b>1,677.17</b>
	Summary		
	Cash Box		30.00
	Checking		1677.17
	Savings		9,555.61
	<b>Total</b>		<b>11,262.78</b>

**Vice-President Report:** Ron Dobias

- **TVC's New Year's Eve Dance.** The New Year's Eve Flyer is available as are the dance tickets. Please indicate the number of tickets you want in order to sell them to your club members.
- **Oregon Round of the Month.** TVC needs to select the Oregon Round of the Month for February 2012. Connie Clark, as TVC cuer advisor, will present the dance options on November 7<sup>th</sup> (Monday) at the Aloha Grange at 6:30. It would be fun to have several couples dance and then make a choice as to their favorite dance. TVC clubs should encourage couples to join in the dance. Please have them contact Connie Clark to let her know you will be dancing [cdancinglady@earthlink.net](mailto:cdancinglady@earthlink.net).

**TVC State Delegate:** Jim Rogers

I need the insurance folders by October 30<sup>th</sup>. Mail them in.

**OFN Area Editor:** Ferrous Steinka

Each month the OFN publishes Club Reports that Council Editors send to Vivian Fairburn, editor and publisher of the OFN. These reports are written by reporters from clubs in the State Federation and organized by Council within the OFN. Not all clubs submit reports, but the TVC is the exception with 100% participation. The TVC club reports, which deal with club activities, are sent to me in advance of a publishing deadline. My job is to receive these reports and edit them for; adherence to guidelines, brevity, accuracy, grammar, and spelling. I then send them on to Vivian for publication.

Every Council Editor is encouraged to file a Council report along with the individual club reports. The report that I write is a preface to the TVC club reports and is supposed to deal with Council news and

activities. Of course I cover the TVC dances, but sometimes find it difficult to come up with something to write about. I would like to take this opportunity to ask all of you to e-mail me with suggested Council topics.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Sunshine Chair:** Dorothy Sullivan

The following people received Get Well Cards:

- Cathy Degman had her tonsils removed (Toe Draggers).
- Ethel Simpson had poison oak (Toe Draggers).

The following people received Thinking of you Cards:

- Paula Cash (Toe Draggers).
- Bev Flint (Toe Draggers).

The following people received Happy Birthday Cards:

- Genevieve Churchill for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday (Eager Beavers).
- Pauline Hilden, who cued for the 4N8ers for many years, turned 100 on October 9th.

**Website Chair:** Mark Bendickson      [www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org](http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org)

The website hosting contract was renewed for another year.

## COURTESY APPOINTMENTS

**Verna France and Tony Haskins**

The PAC is gearing up for our annual Christmas Dinner which will be held on December 19th at the Old Spaghetti Factory located behind Target off Sunnyside Road in Clackamas. The time will be at 7pm and everyone is welcome to come. Please take this as an invitation from me to the TVC to come and let me harrass them

The PAC was sponsored by the Rockwood Grange #323 in the Teddy Bear Parade held in Gresham the last weekend in September. The Checkerboard Squares, Country Capers and friends danced to the calling of Terry Halley. This group promoted the Washington States National Convention to be held in 2012. There were big cut-outs of Apples plastered all over my truck and some of our group carried the Washington State Banner.

Elections will be coming up in a few months so I have ask for a 3-person committee to find officers who want to serve for the betterment of the Square Dance Community.

The Tri-Council Dance is in the hands of the PAC this year. Mark Engerman has reserved the Clark Co. Square Dance Center for September 29th, 2012 for this event. Dan Preedy will be the featured caller for this event. We have ask all PAC Clubs to be dark that night so the attendance will be up. There will be no 5th Friday dance in December as not to interfere with any of the clubs who are putting on special dances. The next 5th Friday Dance will be March 30th. Verna France will be in charge of that dance as Mark and Bev Engerman will be in St. Thomas at their vacation condo. I believe the Wild Cards have been asked to call that night.

The 5th Friday dance schedule looks like this: March 30th - June 29th (Cancelled for National Convention) - August 31st and November 30th.

Eric Foxman discussed his one-man O'Henry Show that is coming up on March 4th, 2012. It will be at 4pm at the Milwaukie Community Hall. He will have tickets available at the January PAC meeting. Tickets will be \$12.50 each. This will be a 2 hour plus show. This is a fundraiser for the PAC. Clubs who

sell tickets will keep \$5.00 on each tickets with the rest going to the PAC after expenses. Eric is donating his show to the PAC. Thank you Eric Foxman.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **New Dancer Jamborees** (Debra)

Should TVC consider sponsoring New Dance Jamborees in December and April, eliminating the need for the individual clubs to do so.

- Hoedowner Suggestion: We suggest that the club, whose lessons conflicts with New Dancer Jamborees, meet with their landlord to see if it is possible to have the hall rental fee waived for the day or two that they would like to cancel lessons and participate in another club's New Dancer Jamboree.
- Tri Squares Suggestion: Tri Squares does not want to take away time from actual lessons. Perhaps Tri Squares can find a club that would be happy to co-host a jamboree with us.
- Toe Draggers: We planned our New Dancer jamboree when we thought we would get a lot of people attending.
- Hoedowners: Our caller invites other clubs and callers to come and attend.

### **Insurance** (Kay Rogers)

1. Coverage takes place on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Angels** (Debra)

What is each club's policy regarding guest angels? Do clubs encourage/want angels from other clubs participating at lessons? Should angels from other clubs pay to dance? How do guest angels learn about requirements of being an angel?

- Hoedowner Suggestion: Guest angels must be proficient dancers in order to have the lesson fee waived. If it is determined that the Guest angel would benefit from lessons then the individual will be requested to sign up as a student and pay the lesson fee. The requirements of being a guest angel shall be posted at the registration table.
- Tri Squares Suggestion: TriSquares does not expect payment from visiting angels when they attend our square dance lessons. We very much appreciate their support and encourage other clubs to attend our lessons.
- Sunset Promenaders: Any dancer from any club can be an angel and they do not have to pay; however, the dancer must be a proficient square dancer. A few years ago, the Promenaders developed a form that lists a series of questions, directing the dancer to analyze whether they are proficient enough to be an angel.
- Toe Draggers. The Toes use their own club members as angels. If an experienced dancer from another club brings a new dancer to the Toes, they can serve as an angel.

### **Winning TVC Banners** (Debra)

Currently, a TVC club will win the TVC Dance Banner, if they have the largest percentage of their club members present at a TVC dance. This method presents a few difficulties: (1) Some clubs have members that never dance or attend a dance but remain on the club roster. Should there be 2 rosters, one for dancing members and one for all members? (2) Some clubs have members that belong to more than one club. Which club should a member list at the TVC dance – perhaps only the club that pays for the member's insurance? (3) Should the calculation for winning the TVC banner be based on (a) total number of club members, (b) total number of dancing members, (c) total number of club members that pay insurance?

- Hoedowner Suggestion: Recommend basing the calculation on the number of Club members who actually dance. Suggest having the option of listing all mainstream clubs that an individual belongs to at sign in table.
- Tri Square Suggestion: The TriSquares would like to see the calculation based on a percentage of total club members in attendance that have paid their insurance. This will be an easy calculation if a work sheet is made up listing all the clubs and their total number of paid insurance members.
- Joyce Clark. Believes it has always been based on number of insured members.
- Michael McMullen. Recommends basing the percentage on the census number on the Oregon

- Federation website as of Jan 1.
- Kay Rogers. Recommends basing percentage on insurance numbers.
- Lalani Radford uses insurance numbers as of June 1<sup>st</sup> and makes sure that she counts members, that have dual membership, in each of the represented clubs.
- Mary T. Withers indicated that on January 1<sup>st</sup>, when the insurance coverage for the new year began, the number of insured Hoedowner members on the insurance roster was quite different than actual Hoedowner numbers, due to attrition. For example, this last year we paid insurance for 88 Hoedowner members in October; by January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Hoedowners had 75 members. It seems that using the census data on the Oregon Federation website's "Club Information Form" would be a much more accurate representation of the actual number of a members.
- Other clubs did not seem to have such a wide fluctuation in the number of members from month to month as the Hoedowners did.
- Debra Welch believed that the majority of people were in favor of basing the number on the total number of insured, so that will be the method used.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Valley Squares** (Karen Martiny)

Valley Squares is discontinuing classes at the end of October. They will resume again after the first of the year.

### **Coast Swingers** (Michael McMullen)

The Coast Swingers would like to say a special thank you to the clubs who came to our last dance, Oaky Doaks, Country Cut-ups, Sunset Promenaders, B-n-B's, Eager Beavers, Tri-Squares, Chaps and Petticoats, Hoedowners, Buzzin' Bees, Tumbleweeds, Valley Squares and members of the Midwinter Festival Committee. Thank you all for coming out and supporting us at our last dance. And a very special thank you to those who also went to Genevieve Churchill's party in Woodburn prior to coming to our dance.

### **Country Capers** (Nell Killebrew)

Don't miss out on the Veteran's Day Mystery Dinner and Dance on Nov 11 (Friday). The dance is a New Dancer Dance and will be held at the Rockwood Grange (18305 SE Stark, Portland, Oregon). Doors open at 5:30 PM and Dinner at 6:15 PM. Mystery Dinner and Dance \$15.00 per person. Purchase your ticket in advance from Jane Blake. Call 503-408-1124 or email [Caperjane@comcast.net](mailto:Caperjane@comcast.net).

### **Eager Beavers** (Ferrous Steinka)

Sylvia Duncan has resigned as president (Chief Dam Builder). Dolores Fullmer, former VP, has assumed the presidency. Ed Warmoth is the current VP (Assistant Chief Dam Builder).

### **Kinton Grange's Annual Turkey Dinner, Bake Sale, And Bazaar (Oct 30, 2011)**

The dinner begins at 12:00 noon until 4:00PM. Adults \$10.00, (over 12); Children \$5.00; Toddlers Free. Family price (limited to 5 members) \$40.00. Drive Thru \$10.00 per dinner. Drawing for quilt will be at 4:00

### **Seaside Sashay** (Sylvia Davis)

53 TVC dancers have signed up to support the Seaside Sashay.

### **Sunset Promenaders** (Joyce Clark)

Ken Pratt is currently teaching Phase III Cha Cha and will begin a Rhumba Class when the Cha Cha Class is completed. Please Call Ken if you are interested. The beginning date for the Rumba has not yet been determined, it is dependent on the learning abilities of those taking the Cha Cha.

### **Toe Dragers** (Peggy Lance)

The Toes raised \$1,134.00 from their *Dance For The Cure* in order to support breast cancer research.

### **Tri Squares** (Deb Kapfer)

Tri Squares has officially filled the VP position with Gordon Keeney and the Secretary position with Ina

May Nilsen. Please update your TVC Directory with the following information.

**Vice President:** Gordon Keeney (Linda Ray-Keeney)

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**Secretary:** Ina May Nilsen (Henning Nilsen)

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### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 PM  
Respectfully submitted,  
Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting: The November meeting will be held on Nov 28, 2011 at the Pizza Caboose (3276 NW 185<sup>th</sup>) next to the 7-Eleven. Dinner and socialization begin at 6:00 PM. The meeting begins at 7:00.

### Schedule of Future Events

- **12/31/11 (Saturday): TVC's New Year's Eve Dance - Sparkle.** Featuring Daryl Clendenin (Caller) and Bev Flint (Cuer). Held at Hillsboro's IOOF Hall. Tickets are \$12.00, which includes the cost of the chicken dinner. Dinner at 7:30 and Mainstream dancing at 8:30. Daryl Clendenin is calling and Bev Flint is cueing.
- **3/31/12 (Saturday): TVC's 5th Saturday Dance.** Featuring Jim Hatrick (Caller) and Ken Pratt (Cuer).
- **7/29/12 (Sunday): Hahn Barn Dance.** Chuck Garner (Caller) and Connie Clark (Cuer) will serve as emcees and invite callers and cuers from the floor to participate.
- **Sept 29, 2012 (Saturday): 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Tri Council Dance.** PAC is hosting. Featuring Dan Preedy as Caller and held at the Clark Co. Square Dance Center.
- **12/31/12 (Monday): TVC's New Year's Eve Dance.** Featuring The Wild Cards (Callers) and Randy Lewis (Cuer).

### TVC CLUBS DANCE SCHEDULE

Date	Club	Dance Information
Oct 28,29	Hayshakers	Seaside Sashay in Seaside, Oregon; Friday: 7:00 -10:30. Saturday: 10 am – 10:30 PM
Oct 31	Eager Beavers	Halloween Dance. 1:15. New location. Following the dance, eat at the Home Town Buffet.
Nov 4	Toe Draggers	Regular dance and Canned Food Drive; Pre-rounds begin at 7:30; Mainstream begins at 8:00.
Nov 4	Valley Squares	6:30 PM: Soup's On; Following is the Mis-Match Dance. Inter Rounds 7, Pre-Rounds 7:30, MS with Rounds 8-10 pm. Then, a surprise 1st Anniversary of calling for Valley Squares for Chuck Garner, with cake and other goodies after the dance.
Nov 5	M & Ms	Birthday Dance.
Nov 5	Sunset Promenaders	Caller: Michael McMullen; Cuer: Lonnie Sycks
Nov 5	Tri Squares	Denim Dance. Caller and Cuer: Jim Hatrick
Nov 7	Eager Beavers	Regular Dance 1:15 – 3:15 At Sunset Presbyterian Church.

Nov 11	R Square D	Harvest Dance
Nov 12	Hoedowners	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Toss
Nov 17	Eager Beavers	Regular Dance 1:15 – 3:15 At Sunset Presbyterian Church.
Nov 18	Toe Draggers	Western Honky-Tonk Dance. Mainstream begins at 8:00 PM.
Nov 18	Tri Squares	Pumpkin Dance. Caller: Terry Halley; Cuer: Jackie Gale
Nov 19	Sunset Promenaders	George and Patty Herman will take on the Calling and Cueing at our Giving Thanks Dance. We will welcome donations of non-perishable food to be donated to the local branch of the Oregon Food Bank.
Nov 19	Valley Squares	"Strut Your Stuff, Turkey" Dance!
Nov 21	Eager Beavers	Celebrate Thanksgiving: 1:15 – 3:15 at Sunset Presbyterian Church.
Nov 26	Hoedowners	Regular Dance.
Nov 26	R Square D	Regular Dance.
Nov 28	Eager Beavers	Regular Dance 1:15 – 3:15 at Sunset Presbyterian Church. Dine out after the dance.

## CLUB DELEGATE REPORTS

**Coast Swingers:** (Carolyn Hindman and Michael McMullen, Delegates)

*Dance the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.coastswingers.com)*

Two squares of dancers had a great time at our Pie and Ice Cream Social dance on October 8, dancing to the calling and cueing of Mark Wheeler and Connie Clark. We had visitors from the Timber Twirlers, Corvallis Squares and the Sweet Home Squarenaders

WOW! – "What a great party it was!" to paraphrase Cole Porter, over 9 squares of dancers came to our last dance on October 22. The Wild Cards and Debbie Combs did a fantabulous job of calling and cueing at our Spooktacular 'neath the October skies. Current club caller, Michael McMullen, and associate caller, Janet Shannon each called a tip and club cuer, Connie Clark, cued a set of rounds. Janet was serenaded with "Fly me to the moon" by Mike, Terry and K.C. Clubs represented were Oaky Doaks, Country Cut-ups, Sunset Promenaders, B-n-B's, Eager Beavers, Tri-Squares, Chaps and Petticoats, Hoedowners, Buzzin' Bees, Tumbleweeds, Valley Squares and members of the Midwinter Festival Committee. Thank you all for coming out and supporting us at our last dance, a special thank you to those who also went to Genevieve Churchill's party in Woodburn prior to coming to our dance.

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

*Dance 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 185<sup>th</sup> 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>*

The Eager Beaver are having a Halloween Dance on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:15 in the afternoon at their new location. Come join us in a costume, square dance attire, or casual. After the dance, the Beavers will be eating at the Home Town Buffet.

The Beavers are dancing from 1:15pm to 3:15pm on Nov 7th and 14th as usual. Several Beavers will be joining Genevieve Churchill on a birthday cruise the second week of Nov. On the 21st Beavers will be dancing to celebrate Thanksgiving. After the last dance of the month on the 28th we will be dining out. Come dance with us!

**Hayshakers:** (Sylvia Davis and Kathy Worthington, Delegates)

*Until January 2012, dance Plus on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. In 2012, dance Plus on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. Location is at Astoria Senior Center (1111 Exchange St., Astoria, OR 97103). Start 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Dress in whatever you are comfortable. Caller and Cuer is Harvey Hunsucker. Hayshakers also put on the annual Seaside Sashay, a 2-day Mainstream dance on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday and Saturday in October. <http://www.hayshakers.org>*

The Hayshakers have been having classes on Saturday evening. There are 5 people that are taking classes regularly. Since we have been busy with classes and getting ready for Seaside Sashay we have not been busy with visitation. We have started Plus dancing again at the new location and plan on dancing once a month.

**Hoedowners:** (Marian Kehoe and Debbie Olson, Delegates)

*Dance the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185<sup>th</sup> 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>*

The Hoedowners New Dancers Class boasts nine squares that comprise of 38 enthusiastic new dancers assisted by 37 plus Angels. Our New Dancer Jamboree is Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Upcoming Special dances: November 12 - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Toss and November 26<sup>th</sup> is a Regular Dance and a good way to work off your turkey dinner. December 10<sup>th</sup> - *It's a Wonderful Life* dance. We will be accepting toy donations at this dance. We have canceled our fourth Saturday [Dec 24<sup>th</sup>] dance as this is Christmas Eve.

**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>*

We will have a really low-key Birthday Dance November 5, since it's up against Royal Romp. We are hoping that many dancers will support our Canned Food Dance December 3.

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

*Dance 2nd Friday and the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kelso, WA). 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](http://www.r-square-d.info)*

To start with, Octoberfest was great!! We would like to thank Les Seeley and Renee Rudd for calling and Tami Helms for cueing. What a great team! Saturday morning we had a badge dance at our new venue, the Kelso Senior Center, calling it the Woodchoppers Ball Badge Dance. Hopefully, there is a picture in the OFN. We do have a place for next years Octoberfest with plenty of parking and a big dance hall. It is the Catlin Grange.

October is a big month for us with moving out of our hall after 33 years, dividing up who gets what, finding a place for every thing, starting lessons and having our first dance at the Kelso Senior Center. Lessons started out good! Happy Hoppers visited our first dance and we had a great time!

November 11 will be our Harvest Dance and we will be dancing Saturday, November 26. Come join us and see our new hall!



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

*Dance 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays. First Saturday every month at 7:30 until 8:00 is a Square Dance Workshop. The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Cuer is Ken Pratt; we are currently interviewing for a Caller. We dance in Hillsboro at the Odd Fellows Hall Upstairs on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Main Streets above LaHaies and Of Earth and Air shops. [www.sunsetpromenaders.com](http://www.sunsetpromenaders.com)*

Our dances in October were great fun with some very interesting characters dancing at our Halloween dance. You all know we are searching for a new caller and that continues with the following candidates: November 5<sup>th</sup> Michael McMullen, December 3, 2011 David Trout and December 17<sup>th</sup> Mark Wheeler.

Ken will be absent in November so Lonnie Sycks will cue on November 5<sup>th</sup>. George and Patty Herman will take on the Calling and Cueing at our Giving Thanks dance on November 19<sup>th</sup>. We will welcome donations of non-perishable food to be donated to the local branch of the Oregon Food Bank. We will have our food donation boxes available at our November and December dances.

Round dance classes are going well with a large group of Phase II Two Step students and Phase III Cha Cha. Ken and Dianne Pratt are pushing us to excel and we welcome anyone who wants to improve their skills at these levels. The classes are on Sundays beginning at 5:30 pm at our IOOF dance location on Main Street in Hillsboro.

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

*Dance at the Kinton Grange on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.toedraggers.org)*

- Sunday, October 30th, 2011, The *Annual Turkey Dinner* with Bake sale, Bazaar, and Door Prizes. Begins at 12:00 noon until 4:00PM; Adults \$10.00, (over 12); Children \$5.00; Toddlers Free; Family price (limited to 5 members) \$40.00; Drive Thru \$10.00 per dinner; Drawing for quilt will be at 4:00.
- Friday, November 4th, will be a *regular dance* and canned food drive; Pre-rounds begin at 7:30; Mainstream begins at 8:00.
- Friday, November 18th, will be our *Western Honky-Tonk Dance*, so dress on up and come on over for some real swell dancin'. Mainstream begins at 8:00
- December 2nd will be our time to bring unwrapped toys to go under the tree. FYI save the date:
- June 15th, 2012, but can't let you know what it's all about yet, it's a surprise :)

**Tri Squares:** (Vida Eppich and Carol Roos, Co-Delegates)

*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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.trisquares.com)*

November Dances:

Saturday, November 5 Denim Dance Jim Hattrick Caller & Cuer

Friday November 18 Pumpkin Dance Terry Halley Caller, Jackie Gale Cuer

Visitation Schedule

- Oct 28-29 Seaside Sashey Convention Center
- Nov 12 River City Dancers
- December No Scheduled Visitation, Christmas Dinner Planned
- Jan 27-29 MidWinter Festival

Tim Roberts has agreed to be our new web master for the TriSquares.

A discussion was held regarding what flyers would be distributed to our club members by email. It was decided that all flyers will be printed and made available at our dances. With few exceptions we will only send information by email if it pertains directly to club business. The feeling was that people receive so much email, that they will disregard everything including important club business. This new policy will be added to our Procedures and Policy statement.

**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 and pre-rounds from 7:00-8:00. 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](http://www.valleysquares.com)

We reluctantly ushered in the fall season with our "Autumn Leaves" dance on Oct. 1. It sure seems like summer was awfully short.

There were nearly two squares of us who invaded the Hoedowner's dance on October 8. We all had a really great time!

Then we really got into the "spirit" of the season on Oct. 15 with our "Spooky" dance. We had several Draculas and even a lady police officer. Almost everyone wore appropriate Halloween colors so it was very festive and a very lively dance. Chuck put us through our paces with clever Halloween songs. A big hit was "The Addams Family" theme song. Everyone was grinning from ear to ear and we all had a lot of fun! Connie was also in the spirit of the evening with a lot of good spooky songs to dance to. Many thanks to all our visitors who shared the good time with us.

November 5 will be our popular soup dance to which everyone is invited. Soup at 6:30. It will also be our "Mismatch" dance so feel free to go hog wild with your crazy getups. To usher in Thanksgiving, on Nov. 19 we are having our "Strut Your Stuff, Turkey!" dance. We already have a fair number of turkeys who show up regularly but there will be an Extra Special Turkey Surprise at that dance. Let me just say that it will be very entertaining indeed!