



## Tualatin Valley Council (TVC)

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### COUNCIL MEETING

January 23, 2012

*Themes: President's Recognition Award & Host A State Meeting Sept. 2013*

Called to order: Following Dinner

***Congratulations, Ferrous and Karen Steinka for becoming the 2011 recipient of TVC's Recognition Award!***

#### Attendees:

#### Officers:

Debra Welch (Pres.); Ron Dobias (V. Pres.); Lalani Radford (Treas.); Mary T. Withers (Sec.); Judy Schnase (Past Pres.); Dorothy Sullivan (Sunshine Chairman); K.C. Curtis (Caller Advisor); Ferrous Steinka (OFN Area Editor); Linda Curtis (Alt. PAC Delegate to TVC)

#### Delegates:

Carolyn Hindman (Coast Swingers); Naomi Coorengel (Eager Beavers); Marian Kehoe (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); Vida Eppich (Co-D for Tri Squares); Carol Roos (Co-D for Tri Squares); Karen Martiny (Valley Squares); Dorothy Reed (Valley Squares)

#### Visitors:

Robert Lee Allen (Coast Swinger President); Laura Castien (Sunset Promenader); Dan Danielson (Hoedowner); Bob/Syliva Duncan (Eager Beavers); Mike/Sally Duyck (Eager Beaver/Hoedowner); Claire Enloe (Eager Beaver); Loretta Flint (Toe Dragger); Garrett Hoerer (Valley Squares); Joyce Hooper (Eager Beaver); Deb/Tom Kapfer (Tri Squares President); Doug Morgan (Valley Squares); Nan Overall (Eager Beavers); Tom/Janice Smina (Sunset Promenader); Karen Steinka (Hoedowner); Dale Stobbe (Toe Draggers); Chris Stover (Valley Squares); Ed Warmoth (Eager Beaver); John Withers (Hoedowner)

<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 February meeting to Mary T. Withers <a href="mailto:john.mary.withers@gmail.com">john.mary.withers@gmail.com</a> .	Before 2/27/12
Delegates	<b>TVC Recognition Award.</b> Let members know that Ferrous and Karen Steinka received the TVC's President's Recognition Award.	
All	<b>Carol Roos Email Address.</b> Please change the email address of Carol Roos (Tri Squares Delegate) to <a href="mailto:midacres01@gmail.com">midacres01@gmail.com</a> .	
All	<b>TVC Board Positions.</b> Ask club members if they would be willing to serve as TVC Board President, Vice President and Secretary next year.	Before 2/27/12
Delegates Presidents	<b>Provide A Dance Venue For State Meeting in Sept 2013.</b> Ask club members if they would be interested in providing their dance venue when TVC hosts a State Meeting in September 2013. The dance must take place on a Saturday and meetings on the Saturday and Sunday. 5 <sup>th</sup> weekends must be avoided. Since TVC is the host, they will select and contract the Caller and Cuer. (For more information, read the section under Old Business entitled "TVC Club/s Host A State Meeting in September of 2013")	
Delegates	<b>Etiquette Topics.</b> Bring your list of etiquette topics that you would like to discuss at future TVC meetings. Topics already identified are: (1) How to deal with single dancers; (2) Formality of Dance Clothes; (3) Impact of jewelry and perfume/aftershave when dancing; (4) Applauding caller/cuer; (5) Allowing non-dancers to dance in club dance before they complete lessons; (6) Admission fees for callers/cuers and student callers/cuers; (7) Noise level during rounds.	2/27/12
Debra Welch	<b>Suggested Agenda Items for February Meeting:</b> (1) Dancing Etiquette; (2) Sept 2013 State Meeting	2/27/12

## CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The November 28, 2011 minutes were approved.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**President's Report:** Debra Welch

**Welcome:** *Welcome everyone. What a wonderful dinner we had tonight. The President's Recognition Potluck and Meeting is a great tradition and an opportunity to recognize some very important members of our square and round dance community. Thank you, for taking the opportunity to come this evening.*

**Michael McMullen:** *Usually, very important announcements are given toward the end of our meeting, but I felt it important to acknowledge that Michael McMullen died this past week. Most of you know that Michael was the Coast Swinger's Caller, a TVC Delegate for several years, and a person very interested in promoting square dancing. His death was a shock to us all and he will be sorely missed. Several of you have asked how to send a card to his family and we are trying to get the address of his mother.*

**Year In Review:** *It is hard to believe that half of my President's term has come and gone and that we are now actively looking for new people to step up to assume our council positions. But I want you to know that I am very proud of how you all have supported this council. Your participation has made my role much easier. Let's review a little of what we have accomplished this year.*

#### **TVC Meeting Focus:**

- 1) *We changed the time of when the TVC meeting begins from 6:30 to 6:00. This half hour change has been a big help to our members who live far away.*
- 2) *The focus of our TVC meetings has changed. We now focus on what is important to club operations and club moral. At the beginning of the year, you took a short survey and indicated your club needs. This information helped guide the focus of our meetings, so now we stress what is important to you.*
- 3) *We shortened our meeting time. Our club meetings now take an hour or less. You requested that club reports NOT BE READ in our meeting because members could read them when the minutes came out.*
- 4) *Topics: Our meeting topics have been engaging and helpful. We have a better understanding of how each other's club operates and what is important to them.*

**Delegate Training:** *Our delegates, of course, are the real heart of TVC – the real communication between TVC and their respective clubs. Thank you for volunteering your time and thank you for taking the opportunity to receive Delegate training at the beginning of the year. Your participation has been fabulous. And speaking personally, I know that your comments and suggestions have been very helpful to my club - the Hoedowners.*

**Website:** *The design of our TVC website by Mark Bendickson is a wonderful addition. It offers important information, contacts, and dates in a format that is easy to use and easy to read. As we complete new TVC resource documents, they will be added to this site for all to read.*

**Future Goals:** *We still have a ways to go before the end of this term. We have to (1) develop good TVC job descriptions and (2) together with the Oregon Federation, create a year calendar that is helpful for clubs to get their business done. Thank you, everyone, for your help in making this a successful TVC year.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Lalani Radford

**TVC Account Balances as of 11/28/2011 Thru 12/31/2011**

	BEGINNING BALANCE		
<b>INCOME</b>	NYE Dance		1,700.00
	NYE Split the Pot		88.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Mary T Withers	Copies	23.18
	Hoedowners	Lesson Reimburse	170.00
	Daryl Clendenin	NYE Caller	200.00
	Bev Flint	NYE Cuer	100.00
	Montezuma Lodge	NYE Hall Rent	100.00
	Ron Dobias	Dinner	366.30
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>959.48</b>
	ENDING BALANCE		<b>2,387.18</b>
	<b>Summary</b>		
	<b>Cash Box</b>		30.00
	<b>Checking</b>		2,387.18
	<b>Savings</b>		9,557.27
	<b>Total</b>		<b>11,974.45</b>

**Vice-President Report:** Ron Dobias

**3/31/12 (Saturday): TVC's 5th Saturday Dance.** Featuring Jim Hattrick (Caller) and Ken Pratt (Cuer).

**7/29/12 (Sunday): Hahn Barn Dance.** Chuck Garner (Caller) and Connie Clark (Cuer) will serve as caller/cuer/emcees and invite callers and cuers from the floor to participate. This is a subscription dance.

**Sept 29, 2012 (Saturday): 5th 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 State Delegate:** Jim Rogers

No report.

**TVC Past President:** Judy Schnase

TVC needs to identify a President, Vice President and Secretary to replace the current TVC Council officers. Please ask your club members to volunteer for these important jobs.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Sunshine Chair:** Dorothy Sullivan

The following people received *Get Well Cards*:

- Glenn Faires for a hernia operation (R Square D).
- Nell Killebrew was in the hospital for several days (Independent, but used to be Coast Swinger).
- Alan Schmidt had stomach cancer surgery (Fireball)
- Charlotte Powell had a hip replacement (Used To be a Cuers wife).

## OLD BUSINESS

### **TVC Club/s Host A State Meeting in September of 2013:** Debra Welch

According to the Rotation Chart in the Oregon Federation's Practices and Procedures document, the Tualatin Valley Council is scheduled to host the September 2013 State Meeting. The State Executive Board meetings are to be held in accordance with the Or Fed By-Laws, Article 6.

A State Meeting can bring in an additional 50+ people to a dance, adding revenue to the club. Before making a decision, the *Oregon Federation's Practices and Procedures* document provides the following information regarding Hosting a State Meeting:

1. Avoid 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Motion.** A motion was made: ***TVC should host the State Meeting/Dance in Sept of 2013.***

A discussion followed:

- It was recommended that the motion be amended to allow a TVC Club to host the meeting, rather than TVC, since clubs typically host State meetings. The reasoning behind this suggestion was: if a TVC dance occurs on the same night as a Club dance, the club will not want to go dark to attend the TVC dance. It was further suggested that it is much easier for a club/s to be responsible rather than the TVC board members.
- Sally and Mike Duyck offered to be in charge of the State Meeting, providing a club could be the host.
- The motion passed.
- Discuss with your club members if your club would be willing to provide the venue. Since TVC is the host, TVC will select the caller and cuer as well as pay for the cost of the dance.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **2011 TVC Recognition Award:** Debra Welch

Each year, the TVC President is allowed the unique privilege of recognizing people within our organization who have made great contributions. First of all, I get to recall all the special people who have contributed to our organization in the past. And secondly, I get the honor of recognizing a new recipient of the annual TVC Recognition Award.

### **Club Presidents and Past TVC Presidents and Other Officers**

Past club residents/officers and Past TVC presidents/officers were asked to stand.

### **TVC Recognition Award**

The TVC Recognition Award is awarded by the TVC President to a person or persons who have made a significant contribution to our dance community. The award began in 1994, when Otis and Lila Jones received it. A total of 17 recipients have received this award. Please stand, when your name is called.

1994: Otis & Lila Jones	1999: Mick & Shan McKinney	2004: Gary & Joyce Clark	2009: Bill Young
1995: Lloyd & Colleen Coventry	2000: Ted & Pat Young	2005: Jim & Kay Rogers	2010: Mike & Sally Duyck

1996: David & Kathy Krause	2001: Lee & Perky Kilbourn	2006: Bill & Bea Cook	2011: Ferrous & Karen Steinka
1997: Loretta Flint	2002: Harold & Barbara Kleve	2007: Ray & Dorothy Sullivan	
1998: Tom & Janice Sminia	2003: Tim & Kathy Roberts	2008: Paul & Diane Capp	

### 2011 TVC Recognition Award Recipients

This year, I know you'll agree that we have wonderful recipients for the 2011 TVC Recognition Award.

- **Couple:** It is a couple that loves to square dance, a couple who actually took lessons when they were younger and then took a break, and then returned to dancing within the last decade.
- **Ambassadors:** These dancers are wonderful ambassadors. They have outgoing personalities and can be seen dancing at lots of dance venues. You will recognize them for their graciousness. You will always notice that they approach the caller after the dance with a big handshake.
- **Mentors:** These dancers are excellent mentors. They love to mentor new dancer couples and always make sure that the new dancers are contacted and invited to events and made to feel that they are important club members.
- **Multiple Club Members:** These recipients belong to more than one club and their allegiance to each club is strong and true!
- **Public Relations Specialists:** These recipients are Public Relations Specialists. They understand the importance of advertising dances, keeping the public informed by using various print media and promoting dance through the use of photos and articles.
- **Webmasters:** And perhaps most importantly, these recipients are incredible Web Masters – not just for one website, but for several websites. These recipients single-handedly developed and currently maintain multiple TVC club websites. Most internet visitors don't understand what it takes to keep a website up and running – it takes a whole lot of talent, an incredible amount of communication and a whole lot of dedicated, personal time. Webmasters are expected to know HTML coding language – a language these recipients learned in order to do their job. Webmasters need to CONSTANTLY refresh the information on the sites – which means developing new pages and new information. Do you ever need to get to a club website easily, but don't have the Internet address? These webmasters have developed a list of club links in alphabetical order, so that you merely click on the link to get to the site. Do you ever need to locate directions to a club and need a map? These webmasters have developed a list of clubs and their maps. The multiple TVC club websites that they have developed are beautiful, work well and up-to-date. We are very lucky that these recipients volunteered to bring many of our TVC clubs' websites into the modern age.

I am greatly honored to introduce the multi-talented and very gracious 2011 TVC Recognition Award Recipients – **Ferrous and Karen Steinka.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunset Promenaders.** (Joyce Clark) Our search for that special person to become part of our square dance family as the Sunset Promenader Caller, but we are pleased to announce that we have hired someone special for our May 5<sup>th</sup> dance. That's right, Cinco de Mayo will be extra special at the Promenaders with Dan Preedy calling and Ken Pratt cueing. We are selling ribbons for this special dance \$15 per couple or \$8 for one. Ribbon sales are limited, so get yours soon.

**Toe Draggers** (Peggy Lance). Save The Date - June 15 (Friday) for a very special happening with the Toe Draggers.

**Eager Beavers** (Naomi Coorengel). Feb 13, 2012. Monday. 1:15 PM. The King and Queen will be chosen at our dance. Anyone can win.

**Tri Squares** (Deb Kapfer). Our dance schedule is changing for the months of February and March. We will begin with Round dancing from 7:30 – 7:45, Plus from 7:45 – 8:00, Mainstream from 8:00 – 10:00 with the 4<sup>th</sup> tip also Plus.

**Valley Squares** (Ron Dobias). We are planning special dances on April 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday) and 21<sup>st</sup>

(Saturday). Doug Davis will be calling both nights. Friday will be a Plus dance and Tammy Helms will cue. Saturday will be a Mainstream dance and Connie Clark will be cueing.

**Eager Beavers** (Sally Duyck). The Eager Beavers Anniversary Dance will be the last Sunday in April on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 PM  
Respectfully submitted,  
Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting: The February meeting will be held on 2/27/13 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.

## CLUB DELEGATE REPORTS

**Coast Swingers:** (Carolyn Hindman Delegate)

*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)*

We are busy working on building our Club. It will take some time & lots of hard work but we do have some interested people. We now have a contract in place with the a Caller & the Tillamook Elks to begin dancing the end of March. One of our club members, Joe Wrabek, is taking part in Darly Clendenin's Caller School. That too will take some time but eventually we look forward to having a Caller at the Coast. Meanwhile we are enjoying visiting other Clubs.

**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>*

February is an exciting month for the Beavers. Feb 13 will be the Valentine Dance. A King and Queen of Hearts will be Elected by the members. Come and dance with the Beavers and enjoy the festivities. On the 20<sup>th</sup> Jim Hattrick will be calling and cueing. He's always fun to dance to.

**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. [www.hayshakers.org](http://www.hayshakers.org)*

**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 is going well with 25 plus-or-minus, eager-to-learn dancers, dancing up a storm Wednesday evenings. They are doing so well they were invited to the Hoedowners

January 14<sup>th</sup> dance. The Club is very proud of how well the class has taken to the dance. We look forward to dancing with them at our dances from now on.

Reminder - the Hoedowners will be dark January 28<sup>th</sup> for Mid-Winter. See you in a square in Albany. Upcoming dances: February 11<sup>th</sup> – *Romance with Chocolate*; February 25<sup>th</sup> – *62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dance*; Chicken dinner at 6:15 P.M. (Callers: Daryl Clendenin, Les Seeley with Renee Ruud; Cuer: Yvonne Clendenin); March 10<sup>th</sup> – *Regular Dance*; March 24<sup>th</sup> – *50's Rock and Roll*.

**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>*

**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). Plus goes from 7:30 to 8:00, mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 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)*

We held our annual Christmas meeting and party at Bob & Helen Leu's house. Lots of goodies, lots of fun but because of the stairs we are changing the venue for 2012 to the Kelso Senior Center. It is more centrally located and no steep stairs. In January we visited Prairie Steppers and danced to the lively calling of Don Wood and cuer Lonnie Sycks. On the way up we hit snow right in the middle of the trip, almost a white out, and on the way home it started snow as soon as we got within 10 miles of home. Very glad we all made it safe! Up coming visitations include; March 10 Hoedowners, April 6 Toe Dragers and May 5 Sunset promenaders. Our 59th Anniversary will be on April 13 and we hope to fill our hall that night. The Senior Center really likes us. So far we have helped plant shrubs and flowers, clean up out side, put in speakers, help plumb a sink and put in an outside spigot, and clean out 4 rooms upstairs. We have been busy! See you in a square!

**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)*

Ken and Dianne are keeping us entertained at every dance with our Phase III Waltz and Cha Cha from 7:00 to 7:30 (We'll soon add rumba!) Pre-Rounds are from 7:30 to 8:00 pm on our dance nights. In case you were wondering, NO, we haven't made a decision on a new caller yet. You might want to come to hear some of the great callers trying out for our club and others we have scheduled as guest callers until we make our decision. Coming up in February on the 4<sup>th</sup> is Tim Kane who will be calling our Cupid's Capers dance. Then on the 18<sup>th</sup> is our Teddy Bear Picnic dance with Mike Kious calling. At that dance we will be collecting stuffed teddy bears for the Washington County Sheriff's office to use when helping children in a crisis situation. Coming to our stage in March will be Daryl Clendenin and Don Hart.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have our carnival dance with Mark Wheeler caller. We will be dark on April 21<sup>st</sup> so we can all attend the Valley Squares Anniversary dance. It is not too late to get your ribbons for our Cinco de Mayo dance (May 5<sup>th</sup>) featuring Dan Preedy calling and Ken Pratt cueing. Ribbons are available from club members, but you might want to get yours soon as quantities are limited.

Round dance classes are going well with a large group of Phase II Two Step students and Phase III Rumba. 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)*

- June 15<sup>th</sup> (Friday): Save the date ... something fun is coming!
- Sept 21<sup>st</sup> (Friday): We are having a *Joint Anniversary Dance* with Tri-Squares. Location and decisions will be forthcoming, but save that date!
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> (Friday): Regular dance, pre-rounds at 7:30 and dance at 8:00, at Kinton Grange.
- February 17<sup>th</sup> (Friday): *Sadie Hawkins Dance*, 8:00, at Kinton Grange.

**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. Starting in February, we round dance from 7:30 – 7:45, dance Plus from 7:45 to 8:00 and Mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; the 4<sup>th</sup> tip will be PLUS. Refreshments are served at 10:00. [www.trisquares.com](http://www.trisquares.com)*

Tri-Squares will hold their "Western Themed Dance" on Saturday, Feb.4, 2012, with Terry Halley as caller and Doug Hatch cuer. On Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, our "Valentine's Dance" will feature Terry Halley as caller and Jackie Gale as cuer. We will welcome Les Seeley on March 3, 2012, as caller and Doug Hatch cuer with our "All Singing Calls" dance.

Our Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, "New Dancer's Jamboree," with a Las Vegas theme, sported over seven squares and welcomed new dancers and angels from the Hoedowners and the Toe Draggers. The Toe Draggers took home a Tri-Squares's banner. Thank you for the great turn out.

Graduation for the new dancers was held on Sunday, Jan. 22,2012, including a party with cake and followed by a pizza party. At least eleven students have joined the club officially.

**Valley Squares:** (Karen Martiny and Dorothy Reed, Delegates) (effective January 7, 2012)

*Dance 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Plus with Intermediate and Phase Two rounds from 7-8 p.m. Mainstream and Phase Two rounds from 8-10 p.m. with Plus tip following. Refreshments at 10 p.m. Chuck Garner caller, Connie Clark cuer. [www.valleysquares.com](http://www.valleysquares.com).*

After recovering from the TVC's bang-up New Year's Eve dance, we went casual on January 7 with our "Tailgate Party." This was a very relaxed dance and many team colors were in evidence.

For our second dance we went "Caribbean Dreamin'". Chuck and Connie pulled out some really good songs with a tropical theme and it was a very fun and colorful dance, with lots of bright colors and flowery outfits. Thanks to the Hoedowners and our other visitors for coming to have some fun with us.

Our first dance in February on the 4th will be "Chocolates, Hearts and Flowers" and Les Seeley will be co-calling with Chuck. Les and Chuck together will be quite the team! We start our lessons on February 7 at 7 p.m. First lesson is free on either Feb. 7 or Feb. 14.

Lots of us are excited about going to Mid-Winter. See you there!