

Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2025-1-27

Meeting was held at the Hillsboro Odd Fellows Hall
The meeting started about 6:50 and adjourned about 7:35
http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org

Attendees: Delegates:

Columbia River Dancers: Dale Smith, Nick Johnson (both absent)
Eager Beavers: Judy Groom (absent), Tom Sminia

Hayshakers: Kathy Worthington (absent)

Hoedowners: Mike Duyck, Carolene Siebert (Carolene absent)

Mix'n'Mingle: Rick and Robin Faltersack (both absent)

Oak Hills Squares Terri Browning (absent)
R Square D: Chris Poole (absent)

Sunset Promenaders: Janice Sminia, Judy Schnase
Tri Squares: Charles McAuley, Dave Spaulding
Valley Squares: Pete Cooper (absent), Laura Irvan
Wave Steppers: Max and Lynda Sherman (both absent)

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

President: Sally Duyck

Vice-President: Ronnie and Joann Swanson

Treasurer: Marie Clem Secretary: Andis Garuts

State Delegate: Laura Irvan

Past-President of the TVC: Dale Brabham PAC Representative: Erin Kalmbach

Oregon Federation Youth Advisor: Kathy Roberts (absent)

Caller Advisor: Darrell Kalmbach (absent)

Cuer Advisor: Randy Lewis (absent) and Tami Helms

TVC Webmaster: Tim Roberts (absent) OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka (absent)

Visitors Attending:

Linda Brabham (Tri Squares)

Gary Clark (Sunset Promenaders)

Linda Kitchin (Oak Hills Squares)

Ed and Ginny Mickelson (Sunset Promenaders)

Dianne Pratt (Sunset Promenaders)
John and Edith Prouty (Tri Squares)

Floyd Wolf (Sunset Promenaders)

TVC Officer Reports:

President's report: (Sally Duyck) Welcome and introduction of Officers.

Vice President's report: (Ronnie and Joann Swanson)

The March flyers are on the table and in the hall.

At the Aloha Grange: March 29, Craig Abercrombie, caller; Connie Clark, cuer. Donations at the

door. Please come.

Treasurer's report: (Marie Clem)

Budget projection for FY 24-25 (-\$417.00) EOM December YTD Act: -\$348.001

December 31, 2024 reconciled check book ending balance = \$1327.19

Savings balance = \$4,993.19 December interest = \$0.21

New Year's Eve Dance Financials:

There were 62 people in attendance; 58 paid dancers. The total income from door receipts was \$488.00, and Split the Pot was \$42.00, for a total income of \$530.00.

The cost of the delicious dinner was covered by donations except for just \$3.07 – thank you to all who donated!

After all expenses for the dance were covered we had a profit of \$156.00, which was split with the Sunset Promenaders, who cohosted with the TVC; each received \$78.00. Thank you to the hardworking Promenaders!

The TVC highest club attendance banner was awarded to the Eager Beavers. They had 12 dancers in attendance, or 39% of their club membership. Sunset Promenaders had 24 dancers in attendance, or 54% of their membership, but since the Promenaders won the banner at the last New Year's Eve dance, the next highest attendance was awarded. TVC has a policy of awarding any club the banner only once a year.

Secretary report: (Andis Garuts) No report.

State Delegates report: (Laura Irvan)

From the state meeting -

Music license - Brooke Davison (Music License Advisor) reported that at least one square dance club was called and convinced that they needed a separate music license to cover their club and ultimately they were charged hundreds of dollars for a license which was not needed. Most clubs are already covered with a BMI license agreement and do not need to get their own. There are some circumstances where a club owns their building which may require a separate license. Brooke asks you to call her if you have any questions regarding the music license required.

Minimum number of club dancers needed to keep a club open - There was a discussion regarding the number of square dance members needed to keep a club open which was happening in our local area (TVC) which suggested that a minimum of 12 members were needed. People at the State level have verified that this information is false. There is no minimum number of dancers needed to keep a club open in Oregon.

National Convention sponsorship - will Oregon compete to do this? Tim Roberts presented a PowerPoint on the requirements for holding a national convention, from floor space needed, parking, number of volunteers, etc. and has included cities in Oregon that have facilities big enough including the costs involved in reserving them. The PowerPoint is available online to look at all of the research done by the committee. It is a major commitment including a minimum of 200 volunteers. Oregon previously hosted in 1994 and 2005. It will not happen right away but a committee has been started to keep on eye on when the right time to make a bid would be. Tim will be posting his PowerPoint to the Federation Web site in the future.

Social Media presentation by Kathy Roberts - There was a well attended social media information session given at the Mid-Winter Festival. If your club wants to do more on social media, Kathy Roberts, in addition to some of our local dancers named below are potential resources. Kathy covered facebook postings, instagram, converting flyers to .jpg, and other items in her presentation.

Yearly square dance insurance - Next year, Vicki will change the delivery of insurance papers for some councils. She will deliver the paperwork electronically to the individuals that are handling the insurance instead of physically handing off the paperwork via the State Delegate. TVC will most likely be part of the new methodology.

Included below is the report that I presented yesterday to the state meeting. Highlights - Advertising for Square dance events being created/utilized for TVC: Dance week!! from Melissa

James - a weekly email with square dance opportunities in the area including written descriptions and attaching flyers.

Social media - Susan Gillespie, Sarah Richmond, and Shawnee Daniel from the Hoedowners have been providing ideas and utilizing social media to advertise. They used "Meetup", "Nextdoor", "Craigslist", and "Facebook". More people looked than showed up but the idea of square dancing is getting out to the public. People who replied after their classes ended were directed to the Valley Squares for lessons.

Ideas from Sarah (edited)- Leverage posting flyers in stores and venues. If the flyer has a QR code it can take the reader to a website they can bookmark for reference later. Apparently a club in Chicago gets a lot of dancers just by posting flyers in multiple locations.

- 1. Post on Facebook there is a way to "boost" your posting
- 2. Post on Eventbrite
- 3. Google "things to do in Beaverton" or other cities near you to see what comes up and try to get on those sites. Googling this shows the following sites which may, or may not be worth exploring for Square Dancing...
 - https://www.reddit.com/r/beaverton/comments/1bb80yw/things_to_do/
 - https://tualatinvalley.org/cities-towns/beaverton/
 - https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g51765-Activities-Beaverton Oregon.html
 - https://traveloregon.com/places-to-go/cities/beaverton

Dance classes at PCC - At the September meeting, we briefly discussed the possibility of lessons at junior colleges. Below is a link to the process for creating a community class at PCC. The current pay for the instructor is \$26.24 per hour for instruction time. Other junior and 4 year colleges may have this same opportunity. From personal experience, the dance classes at PCC fill up quickly. https://www.pcc.edu/community/teach/

TVC meetings are now hybrid, an in-person meeting will also provide a Zoom option so those who are not located close to the meeting location can participate via zoom.

Lowlights - (why I've decided to do less square dancing in 2025) My expectations when I dance are to get some exercise and have fun, however, more and more I find that when I go square dancing, my religion, national pride, politics, and personal beliefs are being tested and judged. There are many dancing choices which don't include these negatives so I will be spending more of my free time at other types of dancing.

PAC report: (Erin Kalmbach)

PAC has a dance on January 31 at Oak Grove starting at 7. Flyer included. We had quite a discussion about what to do about low level dancers. One possibility is to have workshops. There were 2 review workshops offered at 2 clubs and it seemed to help a little. PAC is considering sponsoring the workshops next year. Another idea discussed is having students do a self evaluation to help them be aware of their struggles. It will all be discussed more next month.

Club Anniversaries: Feb. 8 is Rosetown Ramblers. Feb. 21 is Chaps and Petticoats 60th and the Flintstone dance. April 2 is B&Bs 50th. Cut ups Spring Fling dance with Andy Allemao is on May 9-11.

Attached please find the PAC monthly calendar for Feb. I hope the TVC Delegates will make copies and post in your hall. Thanks

Evergreen Council will host the 2026 Tri-Council dance. They will be having a Council dance Sunday, March 30 1;30-4 at the R square D hall with K.C. Curtis calling.

February is a pretty special month for Oregon—and the Portland Area Council! Here's a list of our upcoming dances.

The **Rosetown Ramblers** celebrate their 42nd year on Feb. 8, **Chaps & Petticoats** are celebrating their 50th year on the 21st, and Oregon celebrates our 166th Anniversary as a state, in February. So join us by going to a dance or two, or three, or ten!







Happy Hopper's Dance \$5 7^{PM} PL & RD Abercrombie





Country Cut-Ups' Dance \$7 7^{PM} PL / 7:30^{PM} MS Kalmbach & RD Helms





B 'n' Bs' Valentine's Dance \$7 7:30^{PM} RD Kalmbach / 8^{PM} MS Helms





Chaps & Petticoats' Dance \$7 7:30PM PL/8PM MS Zinser & RD Lozano





RCD Stuck On You Dancers' Dance \$7 7^{PM} PL / 7:30^{PM} MS Kalmbach & RD Helms





Heads to the Center A Dance \$5





4–6^{PM} AD Christman





Ramblers' Anniversary Dance \$10 7^{PM} SSD/PL Christman





Happy Hopper's Dance \$5 7^{PM} MS, PL & RD Abercrombie





B 'n' Bs' Dance \$7

7:30^{PM} RD Halley / 8^{PM} MS Helms





Chaps' Flintstone Anniversary Dance \$7 7:30^{PM} PL/8^{PM} MS Kalmbach & RD Helms





Country Cut-Ups' Dance \$7 7^{PM} PL / 7:30^{PM} MS Zinser & RD Stiers





River City Dancers' Dance \$7 7^{PM} PL / 7:30^{PM} MS Kalmbach & RD Helms Vancouver 7701 NE Ward Rd.

Boring

13987 SE Richey Rd.

Oregon City

15745 S. Harley Ave.

Aurora

25480 S Hwy 99E

Milwaukie

10666 SE 42nd Ave.

Oak Grove

14496 SE Cedar Ave.

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Vancouver 7701 NE Ward Rd.

Oregon City 15745 S. Harley Ave.

Aurora

25480 S Hwy 99E

Boring 13987 SE Richey Rd.

Milwaukie 10666 SE 42nd Ave.

MS Mainstream / PL Plus / AD Advanced / RD Rounds



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Cuer Advisor Report: (Randy Lewis) (absent)

OROM for February 2025 selected by Blue Mountains Council

"Tie A Yellow Ribbon" Two Step - Phase 2

Choreo: Ron & Georgine Woolcock

released: Jul 2024

music - "Tie A Yellow Ribbon" album - Tuneweaving - track 6 Artist - Tony Orlando & Dawn

You Tube listen

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxG9XFqHSFw

Cue Sheet available on Roundalab

https://www.roundalab.org/CuesheetsDL2/Tie%20A%20Yellow%20Ribbon%2C%20Woolcock%2C%20R%26G Two%20Step 2.pdf

Download - Amazon, I tunes, or similar.

Amazon

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From:

Randy Lewis

OFSRDC Publicity and Education Report: (Kathy Roberts) (absent) No report.

OFSRDC Youth Report: (Kathy Roberts) (absent) No report.

Past TVC President report: (Dale Brabham)

Introduction of Tri Squares guests at the Meeting.

Introduction of Club Officers at the Meeting.

Nominating Committe Report:

President: no nominations Vice President: Judy Schnase

Secretary: Andis Garuts Treasurer: Bonni Lesser State Delegate: Laura Irvan

Alternate Delegate: under discussion

OFN Area Editor Report: (Ferrous Steinka) (absent) No report.

Webmaster report: (Tim Roberts) (absent) No report.

Old Business:

No old business discussed.

New Business:

Presentation of the 2024 TVC Recognition Award: (Sally Duyck) Not only contributing to square dancing, they are very active in the community. They are CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) people. They have used their skills at the Hillsboro Air Show, Hood to Coast Relay, the Hillsboro Fourth of July Parade, and they are past members of South San Francisco CERT. They met at square dancing over 40 years ago, and since then they have been past Officers of the Pacific Moose Lodge in California, members of Forest Grove Elks, and have served as Club Officers at several Bay Area square dance clubs, including Past President of the Northern California Square Dance Association, Past President of the Golden State Roundup, owners of Swanson's Audio Visual, and they were the official photographers of the 2009 National Square Dance Convention. Presently they are members of the Sunset Promenaders and the Eager Beavers and serve as our Treasurers. They are also members of the Aloha Grange, but they are very instrumental in getting the Grange's chair lift. And that has been great for Connie and Jeanine. They have also started a Community Blood Drives, held quarterly at the Aloha Grange, and learned how to use the AED and CPR. And, they are currently our TVC Vice Presidents. The 2024 TVC Recognition Award is presented to Ronnie and Joann Swanson.

Club Delegate Reports:

Columbia River Dancers: (Dale Smith and Nick Johnson, Delegates) (both absent) Club dances 1st and 3rd Fridays year round at the Manor Grange, 17901 NE 72nd Ave., Battle Ground, WA 98604. The times 7 to 8 Plus dance, 8-10 Mainstream dance with Daryl Clendenin as club caller and cuer. http://www.ColumbiaRiverDancers.org
No report.

Eager Beavers: (Judy Groom (absent) and Tom Sminia, Delegates)

The Club dances every Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Aloha Grange, 185th and TV Highway. Darrell Kalmbach is our caller and Jeanine Norden is our cuer. Door donation is \$7.00. For additional information, call 503-645-2414 or visit our website at http://www.eagerbeavers.info

The Eager Beavers will be starting their Plus lessons on Monday, February 10. 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. Caller/instructor: Darrell Kalmbach. At the Aloha Grange.

Hayshakers: (Kathy Worthington, Delegate) (absent)

Hayshakers are now dancing the 4th Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Mark Wheeler caller & cuer. Dance is at the Pacific Grange, 90475 Hwy 101, Cullaby Lake, at Warrenton, OR. Be sure to call first to make sure we have enough people for a dance. 503.325.8109, 503.861.2726, 503.325.2100. http://www.hayshakers.org

Lessons are just about over and then we can dance Mainstream until lessons begin in the fall. We are all looking forward to that.

We had 6 Hayshakers go to the Mid-Winter Festival. They all had a great time.

Plans for the 2025 Seaside Sashay are underway. Many of you have come every year since we started the Sashay and we appreciate it very much. We had many new dancers this year and we hope to see you again.

Sylvia Davis Hayshaker

Hoedowners: (Mike Duyck, Carolene Siebert, Delegates) (Carolene absent)
Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Guest callers.
The Cuer is Randy Lewis. Mainstream and maybe Plus from 7 to 9:00 p.m. Rounds vary.
http://www.hoedowners.info

February 8th Dance: Come celebrate Chinese New Year with the Hoedowners. A special gift will be given to all that attend. Mike Kious calling and Randy Lewis cueing for your pleasure. Wear any combination of red, yellow or gold. The colors represent health, happiness and prosperity in Chinese culture.

February 22nd dance: The Hoedowner's 75th Anniversary. Mike Kious calling and Randy Lewis cueing to help us celebrate. Come at 6:00 p.m. to Lasagna dinner before the dance. Mike Duyck and Carolene Siebert Hoedowners Delegates

Mix'n'Mingle: (Rick and Robin Faltersack, Delegates) (both absent)
Club dances Plus at the Winona Grange (8340 Seneca Street, Tualatin, OR) on 1st and 3rd Saturdays.
Pre-Rounds begin at 7:30 PM and Plus & Rounds from 8:00 – 10:30 PM. The door donation is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. Randy Dibble is our club Caller. Guest Cuers.

<u>www.mixandminglesquares.org</u>
No report.

Oak Hills Squares: (Terri Browning, Delegate) (absent) (Linda Kitchin presented the report)
Oak Hills Squares meet on Monday evenings at the Oak Hills Recreation Center on 153rd and Oak Hills
Drive (2400 NW 153rd Avenue, Beaverton). 6:30 to 7:30 Class (start dates - February)
7:30 to 8:30 Mainstream (6:30 to 8:30 when no classes running). 1st Monday of each month from 7:30 to 9 Mainstream Singing calls and Rounds. Mark Wheeler is our Caller.

www.oakhillsquares.com

The Oak Hills Squares continue to meet every Monday, 6.30-8.30 p.m.

Our beginner classes are from 6.30-7.30 p.m. We currently have five new dancers.

On Monday, March 18 we will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day dance. 6.30-8.30pm. Mark Wheeler will be calling Mainstream and we have yet to confirm a cuer. Treats will be provided so please wear green and come and join us for some fun and dancing.

R Square D: (Chris Poole, Delegate) (absent)

We dance the 2nd Friday and 4th Saturday from September through May and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from June through August. Plus with intermediate rounds from 7 to 8; 8 to 9:30 Mainstream and rounds. The venue is Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA) and Craig Abercrombie is our Caller. Visit our website at www.r-square-d.info for more information. No report.

Sunset Promenaders: (Janice Sminia and Judy Schnase, Delegates)

Mainstream Dances 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Dance starts at 7:00 with mixed level Rounds, and then 7:30-9:30 Mainstream dance with mixed level Round dances, and a Plus tip at the end. Darrell Kalmbach calling and Tami Helms cueing. The Club also has Plus dances on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays. These dances start at 7:00 with Intermediate Rounds, and then the Plus dance from 7:30-9:30 with mixed level Round dances. Darrell and Tami also call and cue the Plus dances. The Club dances at the Hillsboro Odd Fellows Hall at 267 E. Main St. More information call (503) 640-3383 or visit www.sunsetpromenaders.com.

Sunset Promenaders dance this coming Saturday night, February 1, with guest caller Roger Putzler, Connie Clark as guest cuer.

Our Mainstream class was cancelled. Will try again at a later date.

On February 15 we will be having our Valentines dance, March 15 will be our Irish Fling, baked potatoes' served with lots of good toppings.

Promenader Plus dance the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of the month. January 30 will be our next dance.

Darrell Kalmbach our caller

Tami Helms cuer

Tri Squares: (Charles McAuley and Dave Spaulding, Delegates)

We dance on the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Kinton Grange, 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Beaverton, 97007. Terry Halley is our club Caller with Sandra Pinion Cueing. We dance from September to June. We are dark in July and August. Hearing enhancement devices are available. 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 4th tip will be PLUS. Refreshments are served at 10:00. www.trisquares.com

It's been a long time since we had a TVC meeting.

Tri Squares had the "Snowflake Ball (Black & White) dance back on Friday, Dec. 27.

Tri Squares had its "Home On the Range" on Friday, Jan. 10.

We were dark for the Mid-Winter Festival.

Our next dance is "Love Notes (Valentines)" dance on Friday, Feb. 14.

On Friday, Feb. 28 we have our special Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball (Mask contest).

Our Mainstream lessons are progressing well. We have 18 returning students after the Christmas break.

Our Plus lessons continue as well and I have to admit (me being one of those students) must be making progress because my square break down average is dropping. I am actually beginning to enjoy Plus. Don't tell anyone they may put an enjoyment tax on our fees.

Feeling tired on Sunday after lunch? Come work it off as an Angel at the Kinton Grange with TriSquares. Remember those calories have to go somewhere, may as well put them to good use.

Valley Squares: (Pete Cooper (absent) and Laura Irvan, Delegates)

Dance 1st Fridays and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy, year-round. Mainstream with every third tip Plus, with rounds from 7 to 9 p.m. Open break with refreshments. Callers are Scott Zinser and Mark Wheeler, Connie Clark

Cuer. www.valleysquares.com

The VS next two dances will be on Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 15. Terry Halley on Feb. 7, Scott Zinser on Feb. 15. Connie Clark at both events.

Our first three lessons were well attended, three squares at the first and two at the next two. We will be continuing our lessons every Tuesday night at the Aloha Grange, 7 to 9 p.m.

Wave Steppers: (Max and Lynda Sherman, Delegates) (both absent)

Wavesteppers dance every Tuesday afternoon, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Tillamook Senior Center, 316 Stillwell Avenue, Tillamook OR. We dance mainstream to our caller Anthony Egan. It is good idea to call to make sure we have a square. Website: www.wavesteppers.org/
No report.

Good of the Order:

The **Next TVC Meeting** will be on Monday, February 24 via Zoom, at 7 p.m.

Next TVC Meeting:

Monday, February 24 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The Meeting ID and Passcode will be sent with the Agenda.

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