



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC)

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COUNCIL MEETING

November 23, 2009

Called to order at: 7:30PM

Attendees:

Officers:

Veleta Mullen (Pres.); Judy Schnase (Vice. Pres.); Donna Byars (Treas.); Carole Petranek (Co-Sec.); 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); Harold Kleve (Caller Advisor); George Clark (Cuer Advisor); Ferrous Steinka (OFN Area Editor); Tony Haskins (PAC Delegate to TVC)

Delegates:

Nell Killebrew (Coast Swingers); Michael McMullen (Coast Swingers); Cynthia Ekberg (Eager Beavers); Ferrous Steinka (Eager Beavers); Karen Steinka (Hoedowners); Linda Sycks (R Square D); Lonnie Sycks (R Square D); Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders); Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders); Amanda Roberts (Toe Draggers); Rex Williams (Tri Squares); Dorothy Reed (Valley Squares); Mike Tindall (Valley Squares)

Visitors: Caroline Ginocchio (President, Valley Squares); Dell Reid (Sunset Promenaders); Bill Siebert (Valley Squares); Janice Sminia (Sunset Promenaders); John Withers (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 January 25, 2010 meeting to Mary T. Withers john.mary.withers@gmail.com .	Before 1/25/10
All	TVC Practices and Procedures (Nov 2009). Note changes on TVC's P & P document: (1) "Substitute delegates are only permitted with the written permission of the club president." [Page 2, Section 4] and (2) "The OFN Area Editor has the responsibility of providing the OFN Editor with information necessary to create the OFN advertisement for the five scheduled TVC sponsored dances held each year." [Page 5, Section 7].	
Delegates	Attendance and Vote in March. Both delegates from each club should attend every TVC meeting, if possible. All delegates and the elected officers will vote for the TVC officers in March.	Each meeting
Delegates	TVC New Year's Eve Dance. Urge your club members to purchase 2009 New Year's Eve tickets at \$12.00 from Club Delegates or Donna Byars, 503-614-8622 or donnaby@verizon.net .	ASAP
Delegates Presidents	Les Seeley Education Seminar. Encourage your club's leaders, while at Mid-Winter, to attend Les Seeley's educational presentation entitled "Recruiting and Retaining Square Dancers". This will be held on January 30, 2010 (Saturday) from 10:00 – 12:30 in the Holiday Inn Express Room. Written material will be provided.	
All	State Directories. There are about 20 directories left. Contact Marilyn Schmidt (503) 508-0539 or marilynron@msn.com .	ASAP
Veleta Michael McMullen	Retaining New Dancers. Reschedule this topic for the January or February 2010 meeting.	

Mike Duyck	Dual Coverage Insurance. Mike Duyck will clarify the "dual coverage insurance" process with Kay Rogers and report back to TVC.	
All	Kay Rogers. Note the demographic changes. New Address: 59450 Barr Avenue, St. Helens, OR 97091; Rogers30450@comcast.net ; 503 396-5537.	
Presidents	Club Histories. Send club histories to the State historian, Zola Jones <rayzola@aol.com. Much of the older information was lost in a fire a couple of years ago.	
All	Wall Street Article Re Youth Dancers. Contact Lisa Kious or Kathy Roberts to recommend a youth dancer who might be interested in being interviewed by a Wall Street Editor, who is writing an article on youth dancers.	
Ferrous Steinka Mary T. Withers Tom Sminia	By-Laws, Constitution, P&Ps. Send the word documents to Tom Sminia so that as Parliamentarian, he can be the person responsible for updating, publishing, and distribution.	
Finance Committee Carole Petranek Dorothy Reid	Club Lessons Reimbursement. Carole Petranek and Dorothy Reid volunteered to serve with the Finance Committee to formulate reimbursement guidelines and to identify what reimbursement funds should cover.	
Tom Sminia	TVC's Practices and Procedures, State Constitution and Bylaws: Tom Sminia will read, compare practices and wordage, and determine if a committee needs to be formed to edit documents.	
Finance Cmt Parliamentarian Michael McMullen Mike Duyck	Financial Practice for 5th Saturday Dances and State Meetings. Veleta asked if the Finance Committee and Parliamentarian could work on 5 th Saturday finance dance recommendations. Veleta further requested that Michael McMullen and Mike Duyck work on the State Meeting financial recommendations.	

CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The October 26, 2009 minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Veleta Mullen_

TVC exists as an organization to keep our ten clubs bonded together and working together to support and promote the spirit of friendship, fun, and recreation we find in square dancing. A Council is only as good as the members, officers and the means of communication between the member clubs and the Council. The next few months, my goal is to provide information to the clubs on ways and means of promoting lessons---but more importantly--how to keep and make those students into active participating club members. We need to stimulate new members to take hold and become true "members" of our square dancing family. We always need fresh ideas and new workers to take hold of the responsibilities necessary for a club to work. This is also true of our Council. We need people to step up and volunteer to run for offices. We should not be asking the same people, over and over, to hold office. Things get "stale" really fast if we always do it the same way and don't try new ideas. Look at your club members. They do not have to be a delegate to TVC, if they have held an office in your club and done a good job, invite them to be an officer for TVC.

Secretary Report: Carole Petranek and Mary T. Withers

No report.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Byars

Account Balances: Checking \$ 1,222.97; Cash Box \$30.00; Youth Fund \$200.00;
Bank of America Savings: \$10,542.53. Total Assets: \$11,995.50.

2009 New Year's Eve tickets at \$12.00 ea. are available from Club Delegates or contact Donna Byars, 503-614-8622 or donnaby@verizon.net.

Due to the higher expenses of the Graveyard Dance prizes, it becomes necessary for us to pay the host club, Eager Beavers, from our general fund. I propose the amount of \$50.00.

Vice-President Report: Judy Schnase

New Year's Dance. Judy reported that the following volunteers are still needed for the New Year's Dance: (1) two people to greet people bringing desserts and place on dessert table in the dining room; (2) one person to make sure that all the dishes are kept full on the table for the buffet as long as we have guests coming through the line; (3) two people to assist during dinner to make sure water pitchers and coffee carafes are kept full, garbage picked up and to assist our guests with anything they might need for dinner; and (4) three people to clean up after the dance. Judy asked if noisemakers should be used. Carole Petranek suggested that noisemakers were a good idea.

TVC State Delegate: Mike Duyck

There are about 20 directories left. Contact Marilyn Schmidt (503) 508-0539 or marilynron@msn.com.

Mid-Winter:

- a) Les Seeley will present an education seminar entitled "Recruiting and Retaining Square Dancers" at Mid-Winter. This will be held on January 30, 2010 (Saturday) from 10:00 – 12:30 in the Holiday Inn Express Room. Written material will be provided.
- b) There will be a State delegate meeting on Saturday at the Holiday Express, about 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. (TBA)
- c) **2011 Mid-Winter.** There will be a leadership seminar at the **2011** Mid-Winter Festival. This is for club, council and State officers and anyone interested. Those who wish to participate are strongly encouraged to attend.

State Directory. The directory information needs to be sent in about July 1st for inclusion in the State directory.

Kay Rogers New Address. 59450 Barr Avenue, St. Helens, OR 97091; Rogers30450@comcast.net
503 396-5537.

State Practices & Procedures. I have given Veleta the state P & Ps.

Club Histories. Send club histories to the State historian, Zola Jones <rayzola@aol.com>. Much of the older information was lost in a fire a couple of years ago.

Square Dancer Scholarship Program. The Square Dance Callers scholarship program is being expanded to include high school and college students who qualify and complete a 500 - word essay. College students may reapply while in school.

Caller Education. Les Seeley is writing an article for the OFN about caller education that should be published in December.

State Trailers. The floors on the State trailers are to be reworked. This will require more funds than the \$100 maintenance allowance. This topic will be brought up at the January meeting.

USA West. The Ghost Riders are scheduled for USA West in 2011 at Longview. This will be August 18/20.

Wall Street Article Re Youth Dancers. There is an article being written on youth dancers by a Wall Street editor. She is looking for people to interview this month. Contact Lisa Kious or Kathy Roberts.
River City Riders' Trailer Fund. There was a discussion about supporting the River City Riders. They are seeking a trailer to transport their horses and have found one for \$5,800. They need funds to purchase, insure and transport this to their demonstration dances. This motion was tabled to allow further discussion and fact finding.

Insurance – Dual Coverage. Ray Sullivan reported that it is a problem when members belong to multiple clubs, as clubs end up paying the cost of insurance more than once. Mike Duyck said that Kay Rogers sends out “dual coverage” reports when multiple clubs have paid for a member’s insurance. It was suggested that each club communicate with their members to identify their primary club before sending in their insurance forms. Veleta asked Mike Duyck to clarify the “dual coverage insurance” process with Kay Rogers.

Alt State Delegate: Gary Clark
No report.

TVC Past President: Bonnie Deneke
A correction was made in the P&Ps regarding substitute delegates. It said “written permission of the TVC president” where it should have said “written permission of the *Club* president.” Mary T. also inserted the motion voted on two months ago that stated that the Area Editor sends the TVC ads into the OFN. Everyone will get an updated copy of the P&Ps dated November 2009.

OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka
No report.

Caller Advisor: Harold Kleve
In September 2009, Callerlab adopted a new teaching order. The call sequence is slightly re-arranged. This information will be important when a New Dancer dance is advertised. If you are going to advertise a level, it will be important to indicate if you are using the old or new sequence or perhaps you should indicate the name of the call.

Cuer Advisor: George Clark
No report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Chair: Gary Clark
Gary reported that the Hoedowners submitted a *Club Lesson Expense Reimbursement Form*, indicating they have spent \$359.51 on lessons and requesting reimbursement above the allowed \$100.00. Gary asked Mary T. to discuss the Hoedowner expenses and then requested a discussion at large regarding an increase in the reimbursement amount above \$100.00 and what the reimbursement should cover. Many members suggested that the reimbursement should be limited to public promotion, such as mailings and advertising. Tom Sminia suggested that the Finance Committee should identify specifically what the money should be used for. Carole Petranek made the following motion: ***TVC should raise the reimbursement amount from \$100.00 to \$200.00 to help cover the costs of advertising and promotion.*** Bonnie Deneke seconded the motion. It passed with one dissenting vote. **The motion was later amended to take effect in September of 2009.** Carole Petranek and Dorothy Reid volunteered to serve with the Finance Committee to formulate reimbursement guidelines and to identify what reimbursement funds should cover.

Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan
The following people received Sunshine notes:

- Lalani Radford because her brother and father passed away (Sunset Promenaders).
- Genevieve Churchill received a birthday card.
- Bev Flint had hip surgery (Toe Draggers).

Parliamentarian: Tom Sminia

Tom Sminia was asked the other day who is allowed to vote at a TVC meeting.

The TVC constitution states:

Article 5 Organization

- 1. This organization shall be administered by a council composed of two delegates from each member club. Each delegate to have one full vote.**
- 2. There shall be an executive board consisting of the elected and appointed officers and standing committee chairpersons. Each officer and standing committee chairperson shall have one full vote, said vote to be cast by the elected or appointed official. The spouse will vote only in the absence of the elected or appointed official.**
- 3. Only delegates and executive board members may vote at delegate meetings.**

Tom Sminia reported that there is conflicting wording/practice in the P & P's and the Constitution regarding this issue. Tom recommended that a committee should be formed to look over and update the P & Ps and Constitution.

Tom further requested that as Parliamentarian, he be given access to the word document of the P&Ps Constitution and bylaws and be the person responsible for making changes to those documents, when indicated, and then make a PDF document. Mary T. Withers suggested that there should only be one "keeper" of governmental documents for security purposes. Ferrous Steinka received copies of the Constitution, Bylaws, and P&Ps from Tim Roberts and will send them to Tom Sminia. Mary T. Withers has the most recent copy of the word and PDF document of the P&Ps, having just edited them. She will send her copies to Tom Sminia.

Website Chair: Tom Sminia www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org

The website has been updated and seems to be working with M/S Internet Explorer version 8. There is still a problem with some of the photos taking too long to load. To correct this will require reducing the file size of each photo and I have not had time to do that yet. As we add photos, I will replace the old photos or edit the older ones to a smaller file size. This should fix that problem eventually.

REPORTS FROM COURTESY POSITIONS

PAC Delegate to the TVC: Tony Haskins

The PAC had its meeting on November 16th at 7:30pm. Guest included Alyssa Sawyer, Keith Miles, Roy and Janet Belcoff and Lee and Barbi Ashwill.

New Delegate. John Miller from the Silver Stars was introduced as their new delegate to the PAC. Everyone made John welcome.

The Halloween Dance made money. Winners for the Pumpkin Carving Contest were Min Soon Meier from the Oaky Doaks. Mike Haight, Verna France and Lee Pugh all won poem respectively. Costume winners were Fay & Dave Krell (River City Dancers), Jerrie & Russ Rismsen (Moonlight Rounders) and Min Soon Meier (Oaky Doaks).

2011 Summer Festival Report.

1. The contract has been signed and first payment make to Reynolds High School (District).
2. Sharon and Casey Parker have been hired as the National Cuers. George & Patty Hermann will be our cuer host. Thanks to the Hermann's!!
3. Janet Shannon is the Caller Host for Deborah Carroll-Jones. Thank you Janet!!
4. Information will be going out to all club delegates and Presidents next week regarding the various committees needed for the Festival. There will be a meeting in January to sign up for these committees.
5. Festival Directory's page ads will be. 1/3 page \$35 – ½ page \$50 – full page ad \$100. Inside front cover on colored paper \$150.00. Back pages are also \$150 ea.
6. We've raised over \$6,000.00 so far. Way to go guys!!!!!!

Trailer. Square Dance Trailer is under cover and “ snug as a bug “ for winter.

AED. The Oak Grove Community Center will have an automated external defibrillator (AED) in the Hall soon.

Quilt. Keith Miles Displayed the Center Piece for the hand-made quilt that Dixie Reed is doing for the Summer Festival. It's going to look great!

PAC By-Laws are still under review. Mark Engerman asked that all elected and appointed officers write up their duties and e-mail them to him.

PAC Directories are in final stages for publication. Judy Bos passed a mock-up around for review.

Jan. 29th Dance Canceled. The January 29th 5th Friday Dance has been cancelled for Mid-Winter Festival. The next 5th Friday Dance will be April 30th. The Theme will be “Old Timers”.

Genevieve Church. The BnB's are having a birthday party for Genevieve Church Nov. 25th. Genevieve will be 98 and darn proud of it...at least, that's what she told me?

MDIA Benefit Dance. Vera Black noted the MDIA Benefit Dance Nov. 17th raised \$2,215 in donations. Thanks to everybody on that one. Way to go guys! Hats off to all of you!!!

State Officers. Mike Duyck and Tony Haskins are looking for state officers.

OLD BUSINESS

New Year's Eve Dance. (Donna Byars)
60 tickets have been sold to the New Year's Eve Dance.

Nominating Committee. (Bonnie Deneke)
Bonnie would like to have two nominees for each position for the final ballot for TVC officers, if possible. The slates of officers for the 2010-2011 year for the Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) are:

President	Judy Schnase, Sunset Promenaders
Vice President	Carole Petranek, Tri Squares
Treasurer	Donna Byars, Valley Squares
Treasurer	Lalani Radford, Sunset Promenaders

Note: Donna Byars is the incumbent TVC Treasurer. Lalani Radford is currently the Treasurer for the Sunset Promenaders. Lalani is an Accountant and has her own accounting business. Lalani and her husband Vince own and operate Pro-Line Construction based in Banks, Oregon. Lalani has been square dancing off and on since 1966.

State Delegate	Mike Duyck, Hoedowners *
Alternate State Delegate	Gary Clark, Sunset Promenaders *

* The term of office for the State and Alternate State Delegate starts in September 2010 and the other officers start their term at the TVC meeting in May 2010. Nominations for TVC officers can be made from the floor at the next two TVC meetings in January and February. We will vote for the TVC officers in March. Since there is more than one nomination for one of the offices thus far, we will have a secret paper ballot. We do not have a nominee for secretary at this point. Mary T. is going to use her talents to help her club. Hopefully, we will get two nominees who can run as a unit. It is very crucial that all voting members be at the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Financing of TVC Sponsored Dances – State and 5th Saturday. (Ferrous Steinka)
Ferrous Steinka discussed the financial impact of TVC-sponsored dances and gave the following report. Having looked over the balance sheet for the Coast Swingers State Dance and the Eager

Beavers Halloween dance, it appears that there is a problem with the way the dances are being financed. I believe that all costs beyond those required for a "normal" dance should be paid for by the TVC. It is the charter of the TVC to be helping the clubs and the idea of having fifth Saturday dances to provide a place for dancers is a good one, I think, but there should NOT be a burden placed on the clubs that are hosting these events.

What I consider "normal" costs associated with putting on a dance are, hall, caller, cuer, and food. All other "required" costs should be borne by the TVC for the TVC co-sponsored dances. All clubs advertise their events, and some create and distribute flyers, but those activities are almost always greater and at an additional cost compared to what a club normally does. It is rare that a club places a 1/2 page color ad in the OFN. It does happen, but only in very special cases.

Case in point:

State meeting/Dance:

\$120 for gifts to delegates
2 OFN ads each costing \$65.50
\$69.78 for Flyers

Halloween Dance:

\$150 Door Prizes
OFN ad costing \$65.50
\$19.59 for decorations

In the case of the State meeting/dance, the Coast Swingers, a small club with limited resources, put on a very successful dance. By all reports, it went very well and was well organized. With over 100 dancers in attendance there should have been a profit for the club, but, because the gift costs and the ads were included in the balance sheet, the Coast Swingers effectively paid 1/2 of the costs of those items and had a net \$0 as a result.

In the case of the Halloween dance, including the costs of the TVC authorized door prizes and OFN ad resulted in the hosting club receiving \$0. (There were no food costs as the Eager Beavers members donated all the pies etc., another cost to the club). I believe that both hosting clubs are owed money by the TVC.

Donna talked to me about this and said that she had offered both presidents some money, and that Rachel Nettleton and Nell Killebrew had both accepted this compromise. An amended balance sheet was sent out by Mary T. Withers yesterday at Donna's request.

My intent is to change the guidelines for these dances so that this can never happen again. Donna, as treasurer, cannot make a payment unless she is authorized to do so. It appears that the "guidelines" are fuzzy at best.

Lastly, there seems to be a few anomalies with the balance sheets. The split the pot proceeds and payouts appears to have been tallied differently between the two dances, Also, although there is a listing for 2 OFN ads in the State Meeting/Dance, it appears that was only tallied once.

I have talked to several people about this and some have told me that the State Delegate gifts were not a requirement by the State, only a suggestion, however, that is what has always been done in the past. We need to know if the State requires this, and if so, they should be the party who pays for it.

Donna told me that the State required the placement of two OFN ads. If this is the case, the State should be paying for this also. (I suggested that she send a bill to the State finance chair)

Bottom line: The OFSRDC is in place to support the Councils, and the Councils are in place to support the clubs. Let's make sure that this goal is actively being pursued and documents are in place to make sure it happens without putting financial pressure on a club.

A discussion from the members at large followed, with various ideas. Veleta asked if the Finance Committee and Parliamentarian could work on 5th Saturday dance recommendations. Veleta further requested that Michael McMullen and Mike Duyck work on the State Meeting recommendations.

Retaining New Dancers (Michael McMullen)

Note: This topic will be tabled until a later meeting.

Future TVC Events

12/6/09 (Sunday): *Hoedowners' New Dancer Jamboree.*

3:00 – 5:00 PM; Aloha Grange (3425 S.W. 185th Ave Aloha, OR 97006). “All Singing Calls”. Caller is Daryl Clendenin and Cuer is Yvonne Clendenin. **(Level: 1-50, plus Ferris Wheel).**

12/13/09 (Sunday): *Sunset Promenaders' New Dancer Jamboree.*

2 - 4:30 PM; IOOF Hall (Upstairs Hall @ 267 E. Main, Hillsboro, OR 97123). Harold Kleve is the Calling MC and Ruth Canby is the Cueing MC. **(Level: 1-50, plus Ferris Wheel).**

12/15/09 (Tuesday): *Tri-Council (Evergreen, PAC, TVC) Christmas Dinner.*

Hosted by TVC. 6:30 PM at the Home Town Buffet in Tigard (13500 SW Pacific Highway. Look for the Bi-Mart sign on the east side of the street, several blocks north of the Tigard Grange.). Dinner: \$11.99 (Senior Price \$11.29).

12/31/09 (Thursday): *TVC's "Rock Around The Clock" New Year's Eve Dance.*

Held at the IOOF Hall in Hillsboro. The Caller is Bob Ewing and Cuer is Connie Clark. The cost is \$12.00 ticket, which includes dinner and dancing. 7:30 Ham Dinner. 8:30 – 12:30 Mainstream Dance. Delegates and TVC Officers bring desserts.

1/25/10 (Monday). *Presidents Potluck.*

Held at the IOOF Hall in Hillsboro. All past and current club presidents, vice presidents are invited to join us and see how the TVC conducts business. Pot Luck at 6:30 with the meeting at 7:30. The TVC Recognition Award will be given at that time. It will be a regular (short) meeting.

~~January 30, 2010: TVC's 5th Saturday Dance cancelled because of Oregon Mid-Winter Festival.~~

4/ /10 (): ***TVC's "New Dancer Jamboree".***

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

7/31/10 (Saturday): *TVC's Hahn Barn Dance.*

~~October 30, 2010: TVC's 5th Saturday Dance cancelled because of Tri-Council Dance (see below)~~

10/30/2010 (Saturday): *2010 Tri-Council Dance.*

Hosted by Evergreen Council. Featuring The Crew (Randy Dibble, Darrell Clendenin, Les Seeley and Jim Hatrick). 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.*

Note:

(“Calendar Events – Outside of TVC” are listed in attachment #3)

(“TVC Club Events” are listed in attachment # 4)

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/

Fall is here and our snowbirds have flown the coop to warmer environs. Because of this, and other members being out of town and still others dealing with one variety or the other of the flu, we did not have a square for our dance on November 14th. David Trout, our caller for the evening, kindly workshopped a couple of rounds and then called some two couple squares. Those of us who were there had a fun time. David very graciously refused to accept the contracted fee; he simply asked for gas money instead.

We are trying something new with our new dancer class this winter. It is a variation on "Learn Modern Square Dancing in a Weekend, also known as a Blast Class, e.g. blast your way through the class – sounds more positive than "Crash Class". Our approach is to teach Mainstream over three Saturdays, with mid-week review workshops. We have also tied our classes into our club dances. Michael McMullen will be the caller/instructor for the class.

The schedule is:

Saturday Feb 13th: Basic Part A – Calls #1-30

two teach sessions starting at 1:00. A dinner break and then a "New Dancer Jamboree" at our regular club dance.

Then we will have two review/workshop sessions Feb 18 and 25

Saturday Feb 27th: Basic Part B – Calls #31- 51

two teaching sessions starting at 1:00. A dinner break and then our regular club dance will be full Basic.

This will be followed by two review/workshop sessions Mar 4 and 11

Saturday Mar 13th: Mainstream – Calls #52 – 68

starting at 1:00. A dinner break and then our regular club dance will be full Mainstream

We will then have four review/workshop sessions Mar 18 and 25, and Apr 1 and 8. The Class Graduation will be at our April 10th dance.

We will have only one dance in December, it is our Christmas Dance with Janet Shannon calling and cueing. We will start the evening with a Potluck Dinner and gift exchange at 5PM, with pre-rounds at 7 and squares and rounds from 7:30 to 9:30. Please come and join us.

Even though Mid-Winter is on the 5th weekend this coming January, we have decided to be dark on the 4th Saturday in January. Michael McMullen will be calling our "Singing in the Rain" dance on January 9th. We fervently hope that some of you will come to these events, as we are very small and struggling to stay afloat, especially with our snowbirds soaking up the sun elsewhere.

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 Hatrick is the caller/cuer every third Monday. Dance starts with 15 minutes of pre-rounds. <http://www.eagerbeavers.info/>

On Halloween night we were lucky to host what was probably the most fun TVC dance of the entire year. Ghosts & goblins, witches & bats and pirates and clowns were all on the dance floor for the "Graveyard Stomp", surrounded by coffins and gravestones and lots of eerie spiderwebs. Artful decors, great dancing and delicious pies and ice cream all added up to a grand time had by all!

A couple of weeks later 34 Eager Beavers descended on the Hoedowners' Turkey Toss dance---and trotted off with four of the ten turkeys up for grabs and Split The Pot What a coup!

We dance every Monday afternoon, but an added benefit comes around whenever there is a 5th Monday in a month---we have a Dine Out after the dance at a local restaurant. The next one will be November 30th, so come join us for both good dancin' and good eatin'!

Fireballs: (Mike Duyck for the Fireballs)

The Fireballs dance on the 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday. Craig Abercrombie is the club caller. Rounds begin at 7:30 with Mainstream at 8:00. They dance at the Scappoose Senior Center. www.freewebs.com/fireballsclub/

The Fireballs' last dance will be Dec. 11th at the Longview Square Dance Center (Longview WA). They will have both Craig Abercrombie and Darryl Clendenin calling and Lonnie Sycks Cueing. Come say good-bye to the Fireballs on their final night!!

Hoedowners: (Karen Steinka, Delegate)

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/>

Our 2nd annual Turkey Toss dance November 14th was a real hit. Nine squares attended. Twenty lucky dancers had their number drawn giving them a chance to win a turkey. Ten of them walked away with turkey in hand.

Please join us for our "Chips Ahoy" dance November 28th with dinner being served at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be Fish & Chips and Chicken Tenders, along with side dishes. December will be a busy month with our new dancer's jamboree scheduled for Sunday December 6th from 3 to 5 pm at Aloha Grange. December 12th will be our Fantasy Toyland dance; bring a new toy for a child. We will finish the month with our post Christmas dance on December 26th. Potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 before the 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/>

Check our website, [mixandminglesquares.org](http://www.mixandminglesquares.org) or phone 503-282-4414 or 503-235-3659 for information if we will dance if the weather is extreme, either icy or unbearably hot. Nothing special is going on.

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.

We had our toy dance early this year because we will be dark on December 5 in order to attend *Cougar Squares Thankful Christmas Dance*. Also we are getting ready to start our next set of lessons on December 2nd. The first hour will start basics again and the last hour will be mainstream lessons. Our visitation for the month was to Square & Circles' Anniversary Dance. It was a recession dance, half price door donation, stone soup at break, silent auction and lots of fun. Times were so hard one couple paid with all pennies. Our Christmas Dance will be December 18th but before that, at our club meeting on the 15th we will have Christmas goodies and a gift exchange. Merry Christmas to all!

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 have had two great dances in November, where we honored our Veterans with special decorations and lots of patriotic music. Last Saturday we found out how creative our members are with pumpkin and cranberries during our break, I noticed some recipes were being exchanged! We aren't through with November yet; we have a visitation planned for Thanksgiving weekend.

December will be another big month with a big party to decorate our hall then three special dances. First will be our "Kick Off the Holiday Season" dance on the 5th with Harold and Ruth providing some wonderful Christmas music for our dancing pleasure. On December 13th we will welcome all new dancers and angels to our New Dancer Jamboree from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. As our grand finale for 2009 will be our December 19th Christmas Dance filled with Christmas music for both squares and rounds, special food and lots of holiday cheer for all in attendance. This dance will be at a New Dancer level. We hope you will take time out from all your Christmas preparations to come and dance with us.

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/

On November 14th we had a visitation to the Checkerboard Squares and had a blast! Kinton Grange had their annual Turkey Dinner and again this year the Toes help and we served over 229 to go dinners and made a profit over \$4,000. Next dance is December 4th and it is our Toy Drive Dance.

Our cuer had hip replacement surgery on November 11. She will be back with us in January.

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 Hattrick 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/

Our December 5th (Saturday) dance is our Teddy Bear Dance. Scott Zinser will call and Doug Hatch will cue. Our last tip will be Plus. Our December 18th (Friday) dance is our Christmas Dance. Jim Hattrick will call and cue. We hope to have a large attendance at the TVC Dance. Our lessons are being held on Sundays from 2:30 – 5:00.

Valley Squares: (Dorothy Reed, Delegate)

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 November 21 Doernbecher Charity Dance with Live Music Backup was a jumping affair. Soup dinner and fellowship preceding the dance was greatly enjoyed. Dessert followed the dance. \$167 was raised for Doernbecher and over 100 teddy bears and other stuffed animals were collected to the lively calling of Ed Craig and the delightful musical back up of daughter Amber Craig (14). They kept us dancing non-stop.

December 5 dance will have Yvonne Clendenin cueing, substituting for Connie Clark. December 19 brings us "Rock Around the Christmas Tree" with all singing calls with Ed Craig and KC Curtis co-calling and Connie Clark cueing. A Christmas Pot Luck will follow the dance.

January 5, 2010 will begin our new dancers classes on our regular Tuesday nights, 7 to 9 pm. Ed Craig is our instructor who will be using some of the techniques from the Weekend Classes to enhance the classes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/11/09 (Friday). *New Dancer Jamboree.* (Rex Tolstrup)

Held at the Clark County Square Dance Center. Les Seeley will be calling and Tami Helms will be cueing. Dance begins at 7:30 PM. Clothing Resale begins at 6:30 PM. Proceeds from this resale will benefit the Evergreen Council, the Clark County Square Dance Center and the Happy Hopper Club. **(Level: 1-40 and mostly Phase II rounds).**

5/29/10 (Saturday). *Evergreen Council Dance.* (Rex Tolstrup)

Held at Clark County Square Dance Center. Jim Hattrick will be calling and cueing this dance. This is a mainstream dance with every third tip plus.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 9:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Petranek and Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting:

The **December** meeting will be part of the Tri-Council Christmas Dinner and will be held on **2/15/09 (Tuesday)**. This dinner is hosted by TVC. 6:30 PM at the Home Town Buffet in Tigard (13500 SW Pacific Highway. Look for the Bi-Mart sign on the east side of the street, several blocks north of the Tigard Grange.). Dinner: \$11.99 (Senior Price \$11.29).

The **January** meeting is the Presidents' Potluck on **1/25/10 (Monday)**. **It will be** held at the IOOF Hall in Hillsboro. All past and current club presidents, vice presidents, and all TVC members are invited to join us and see how the TVC conducts business. Pot Luck will begin at 6:30 with the meeting at 7:30. The TVC Recognition Award will be given at that time. It will be a regular (short) meeting.

The **February** meeting will be held on **2/22/10 (Monday)** 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.