



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC)

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COUNCIL MEETING

March 28, 2011

Called to order at: 7:30PM

Attendees:

Officers:

Judy Schnase (Pres.); Debra Welch (V. Pres.); Lalani Radford (Treas.); Mary T. Withers (Sec.); Veleta Mullen (Past Pres.); Mike Duyck (State Delegate); Dorothy Sullivan (Sunshine Chairman); Tom Sminia (Parliamentarian); K.C. Curtis (Caller Advisor); Ferrous Steinka (OFN Area Editor); Verna France (PAC Delegate to TVC); Linda Curtis (Alt. PAC Delegate to TVC)

Delegates:

Nell Killebrew (Coast Swingers); Michael McMullen (Coast Swingers); Ferrous Steinka (Eager Beavers); Sylvia Davis (Hayshakers); Kathy Worthington (Hayshakers); Karen Steinka (Hoedowners); David Krause (Hoedowners); Patty Bonney (Mix 'N Mingle); Linda Sycks (R Square D); Lonnie Sycks (R Square D); Janice Sminia (Sunset Promenaders); Janelle Janicke (Toe Draggers); Carol Roos (Tri Squares); Karen Martiny (Valley Squares); Dorothy Reed (Valley Squares)

Visitors: Ron Dobias (Valley Squares); Carolene Ginocchio (Valley Square President); Garrett Hoerer (Valley Squares); Bill Siebert (Valley Squares); Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders); Karen Ungermann (Hoedowners); John Withers (Hoedowners); Dale Worthington (OR Fed Recording Secretary)

Action Items				
Who Is Responsible?	Announcements, Decisions, Motions, or Needed Action	Date		
All	Minutes Corrections and New Reports. Send corrections of the minutes and your new meeting report for the April meeting to Mary T. Withers john.mary.withers@gmail.com .	Before 4/25/11		
	Email Change. Veleta Mullen's new email address is: veleta17995@comcast.net			
Delegates	New Delegates. Email Mary T. Withers the name, email address, and phone number of your new delegates john.mary.withers@gmail.com . Begin to prepare the demographic information of your club officers, in preparation for the TVC Directory.	Before 4/25/11		
Delegates Presidents	Urgent Request Regarding 2012 National Convention. Please have your club/members write/email a letter to the following Chairs, requesting that members, who are unable to dance but are accompanying their partner, be allowed into the dance venue without paying admission fees. (See example of letter under New Business.) <table border="0"> <tr> <td>General Chairman Don and Cheryl Pruitt 158 Ash Loop Port Townsend, WA 98368 genchair@61nsdc.com</td> <td>Asst. General Chair Roy and Janet Belcoff 11308 NE 149th Street Brush Prairie, WA 98606 asstgenchair@61nsdc.com</td> </tr> </table>	General Chairman Don and Cheryl Pruitt 158 Ash Loop Port Townsend, WA 98368 genchair@61nsdc.com	Asst. General Chair Roy and Janet Belcoff 11308 NE 149 th Street Brush Prairie, WA 98606 asstgenchair@61nsdc.com	
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David Krause Judy Schnase	2012 National Convention Information. Invite Janet and Roy Belcoff to our April TVC Meeting to discuss the 2012 National Convention.	Before 4/25/11		
Delegates	Announcements. Please see announcements at the end of the TVC minutes.			
Judy Schnase	Suggested Agenda Items for the April 25th Meeting: (1) Discussion by Janet and Roy Belcoff regarding 2012 National Convention; (2) Ask Belcoffs to reconsider the policy of requiring non-dancing partners to pay admission fees.	Before 5/23/11		

CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The February 28, 2011 minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Judy Schnase

I would like to welcome Verna France, the new PAC Delegate to TVC, who will take the place of Tony Haskins. We will miss Tony but understand that he will be very busy in his new duties as PAC President. I would also like to announce that Linda Curtis will be the alternate PAC Delegate to TVC, when Verna can't make a meeting. We are very fortunate to have these two people support our council.

Secretary Report: Mary T. Withers

Because each of your clubs are potentially changing your delegates, please email their: (1) names, (2) email addresses and (3) phone contacts to Mary T. Withers. Soon TVC will be asking for all demographic information for your club delegates and officers, in preparation for the TVC Directory.

Treasurer's Report: Lalani Radford

TVC Account Balances as of 3/28/11

	BEGINNING BALANCE		1331.01
	INCOME		0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES		242.95
	ENDING BALANCE		1,088.06
	Summary		
	Cash Box		30.00
	Checking		1088.06
	Savings		9,551.24
	Total		10,669.30

Vice-President Report: Debra Welch

No report.

TVC State Delegate: Mike Duyck

No report.

Alt State Delegate: Gary Clark

No report.

TVC Past President: Veleta Mullen

No report.

OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka

I have received reports from five of our ten clubs with four days left before my filing deadline. The reporting clubs are Hayshakers, Mix 'N Mingle, Tri Squares, Toedraggers, and R Square D.

Caller Advisor: K.C. Curtis

Two TVC callers, Terry Halley and KC Curtis, attended the Wade Driver Caller School this month. The North West Caller Association, which includes PAC, TVC and the Salem areas hosted Tony Oxendine at the Hillsboro Odd Fellows Hall. There were 18 Valley callers in attendance. This area's square dancers will be benefiting from these two events for years to come.

Cuer Advisor: Connie Clark

No report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Chair: Gary Clark

The Finance Committee has received a reimbursement request for their square dance class advertising from the Toe Draggers. This request had been approved. If any other clubs that started class in September or January has receipts for square dance class lesson advertising, please submit them for reimbursement. Reimbursement will be up to but not exceed \$200.

Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan

The following people received Sunshine notes:

- Clare Enloe because she will have lung surgery (Eager Beavers).
- Shirley Mathews had surgery (Eager Beavers).
- Betti Hahn had surgery (Sunset Promenaders).

Parliamentarian: Tom Sminia

No report.

Website Chair: Mark Bendickson

www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org

No report.

REPORTS FROM COURTESY POSITIONS

PAC Delegate to the TVC: Tony Haskins and Verna France

I would like to introduce Verna France as the new PAC/TVC Delegate.

Elections were held at the last PAC meeting on the 21st of March. The new Officer's and Delegates will officially take over at the June 15th Picnic at the North Clackamas Park. They are as follows:

- **President:** Tony Haskins; **V-President:** Mark & Bev Engerman; **Secretary:** Mary Theirl;
Treasurer: Bill Rooper; **State Delegate:** Al Wolf; **Alternate State:** TBD; **Delegate:** Ann Skoe;
Area Editor: Enid Wheeler; **PAC/TVC Delegate:** Verna France; **Parliamentarian:** Dennis Marsh.
The remaining positions will be appointed at the next meeting.

The PAC discussed the 5th Friday Dance on April 29th. Tony made a small speech about attending both the 5th Friday Dance and also the Tri-Council Dance the following night. It was felt the PAC should back the TVC regarding this dance the same as they did us we when held it. Enough said on that.

The PAC is in a "slow churning process," developing a huge Fund-Raiser after the Summer Festival has taken place. A committee is being formed with Vice-President Mark Engerman as Chairman. More will come on this event at a later date.

The Star Light Parade will be on June 4th this year. The Oaky Doaks is on the first trailer and the County Capers will be on the second trailer. If you would like to be in the parade as a walker or dancer, please don't hesitate to call either one of those clubs. We always have a good time.

The Summer Festival Committee had a walk-through at Reynolds High School on March 22nd at 7:45am. There were 10-15 people on various committees taking last minute measurements and double-checking previous information. *Coffees On Espresso* will be located in the commons area near the Food Court selling hot coffee and "cold drinks" of your choice. T-shirt sales should pick up when the weather warms. We are at the break-even point with them. We make money on the Directory Ads that are sold. USO Show tickets have been selling very well. Two hundred have been sold thus far, with only 300 seats available. Most of these will be given out at the next Federation meeting and at local

dances. The USO show will be July 9th from 6pm to 7:30pm in the High School Auditorium.

State Fair Square Dancing is still waiting to hear from Eric Marcuse the Entertainment Director. Sara Hamler-Dupras is no longer with the Oregon State Fair. Eric contacted me several days ago and stated they were still in the beginning stages/talks and would be back in contact as soon as he had some concrete information.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **TVC Schedule of Events.** (Debra Welch)

- **4/30/11 (Saturday): Tri-Council 5th Saturday Dance.** (Details to follow.)
- **7/30/11 (Saturday): TVC's "Hahn Barn Dance and Potluck".** (Details to follow.)
- **12/31/11 (Saturday): TVC's New Year's Eve Dance.** (Details to follow.)

2. **Hahn Barn Dance** (Debra Welch)

- No clubs have volunteered to sponsor the Hahn Barn Dance. The Hoedowners, Sunset Promenaders and Hayshakers are considering co-sponsoring.

3. **Ambassador Badge** (Judy Schnase)

- The TVC members and Hayshakers unanimously approved the addition of the Hayshakers to the list of clubs required for the Ambassador Badge. This requirement would take place in June 2011 or with the publication of the new TVC Directory.

4. **Hospitality Room For The 2012 National Convention** (Mike Duyck)

The State did take a position to support the Washington committee. We as dancers are requested to take ownership of this request and provide money by donation, purchase of ribbons and volunteering. There is no ownership in the State providing a donation to 2012 National Convention. The ownership is involving the dancers in getting the ribbons and helping with the convention.

If you don't want to donate toward the hospitality rooms, my feelings will not be hurt but if TVC is not willing to help Washington with this event when requested, then we are not helping.

The State will bring this issue up at a later date. They also have a year. Can we bring this back up at TVC in a year and then start over with the State? They are looking to us to show leadership and support first. They are looking for support from the dancers.

The cost of the rooms is free. The food and drink, which was previously provided by the committee at nominal cost is now at an outlandish per cup (in a three gallon pot) and per cookie (on a large platter) price set by the vendor, as if sold individually. They charge by the cup for the water cups.

The Washington committee will pay all of the expenses for the convention. We were requested to support this area and, if supported, we will get acknowledgement for our support from the committee and nothing more.

If our dancers support this cause, they will probably also attend the event. If this cause is advertised at our dances, the dancers are more likely to notice and may take enough interest to locate the application and send for ribbons. Some may even become interested enough to volunteer for jobs.

Most of us remember how much work is involved in this endeavor; I worked the last Oregon convention, working on the Housing Committee and Registration. Each Oregon convention has resulted in a reduction of the dancers in this state but each of ours has been profitable and the clubs have benefited with funds. Several of the conventions following ours were not profitable or not as profitable.

We don't know what the books will show for the Washington National Convention and they will not know until everything is over. You can increase the price and see the resulting decrease in the number of dancers, if you had a computer simulation with the correct parameters and sufficient time to play with

it. Washington isn't out to gouge the dancers to make a profit. They, as we, are working for the best interests of the dancers.

You pointed out that our council/clubs are very active and overworked. You are correct. I am proud that our council/clubs are turning in money for the scholarship program on a regular basis (and I don't see this from the other council/clubs in their reports to the State). I am proud that our members are active, overworked, and usually willing to go beyond any request. There are others in the State that are also very active but are becoming fewer with each year.

My point. The State is looking to us. If we are looking to them, then nobody is doing all the work and nothing is happening. We must take this on and be successful in the three points; selling ribbons, volunteering and donating to this request by the Washington committee. To do this we have to be in front of our dancers with the applications and donation cans to advertise and make the dancers part of this. The only ownership that can be made is to involve the dancers.

NEW BUSINESS

▪ **Election of Officers.** (Veleta Mullen/Tom Sminia)

The following slate of TVC officers proposed for 2011-2012 year were unanimously approved by the TVC members:

- President: Debra Welch (Hoedowners)
- Vice President: Ron Dobias (Valley Squares)
- Treasurer: Lalani Radford (Sunset Promenaders)
- Secretary: Mary T. Withers (Hoedowners)
- State Delegate: Jim Rogers (Eager Beavers)

• **2012 National Convention – Admission Fees For Partners Who Cannot Dance.**

Historically, dancers who have been unable to dance but want to accompany their partners to national conventions have been allowed to register without payment. Unfortunately, this practice was abused at recent conventions, since non-paying partners were found dancing on the floor. Accordingly, the chairs of the 2012 National Convention in Spokane have decided that everyone must pay admission, even those who will never dance. The TVC Council urges TVC clubs and their members to write to the Chairs and the Assistant Chairs of the National Convention, urging them to reconsider the rule and to allow non-dancing members to accompany their partners without admission charge. The names, addresses and emails of the chairs are below. An example of a letter is as follows:

Dear Don and Cheryl Pruitt,

It has come to my attention that you are requiring non-dancing partners to pay full admission to the 2012 National Convention in Spokane. Our club would like you to reconsider this rule, as we have members whose partners are unable to dance any longer, but would like to accompany their partner into the dance arena. I understand that the practice of allowing free admission to non-dancing members has been abused in the past, but I can assure you that our non-dancing club members have a legitimate condition, which keeps them from dancing. Certainly, some people are clearly unable to dance as they are in a wheel chair or use a walker. It seems unreasonable to make them pay the entire fee. Although I don't believe it should be necessary to require proof of their condition, perhaps you could ask for a letter from their doctor, indicating their inability to dance, so that you can feel comfortable waving their admission fee.

At a time when the number of square dancers is declining, it is important to attract all dancers to the national convention, including their non-dancing partners, rather than set up admission barriers. There is no doubt that our members will not register for the convention, if they have to pay for their non-dancing partner. I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

*Mary T. and John Withers
Hoedowner Member (Tualatin Valley Council, Oregon)*

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- **Japanese Tsunami.** (Tony Oxendine via Mike Duyck)
Taken from – www.squaredancers4japan.org

Fellow Square Dancers:

*In 2005, the United States was hit with one of the most damaging hurricanes in history. Thousands of residents along the Gulf Coast were left homeless. Square dancers worldwide heeded the call, stepped up to the plate, and decided to help. Through the **Square Dancers for Katrina Fund**, square dancers delivered food and supplies and donated over \$100,000.00 to help the needy. One of the first donations to the Fund came from dancers in Japan. The Japan Square Dance Association (headed by Mr. Tatsuzo Takese) and the Japanese Caller Association gave some of the largest donations recorded.*

Last week, Japan was devastated by one of the worst earthquakes of all time. This earthquake and the resulting tsunamis have killed thousands and left many more thousands homeless, without food, water, or shelter. Many of these unfortunate people are fellow square dancers.

*Together, we can make a difference. Over the years, square dancers have shown themselves to be some of the most caring people in the world. It is time, once again, for square dancers to unite and come to the aid of their fellow man. The **Square Dancers for Japan Fund** has been set up for just that purpose. Grand Square, Inc. is a US IRS 501 (c) (3) USA non-profit foundation solely dedicated to promoting and preserving square dancing. Over the years GSI has been at the forefront in putting their time, energy and money to do just that. Through generous donations, GSI has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars worldwide to help promote square dancing.*

GSI has once again volunteered to help with this fund raising drive and to funnel the monies collected. We have been in contact with several of Japan's square dance leaders - Shozo Nishimura (Head of the International Affairs Committee) and Doc Hiraga (Official Contact Person of the International Affairs Committee). We are waiting to hear from Mr. Handa (Executive Director of the Japan Square Dance Association, headed by the President Tatsuzo Takase) to finalize everything.

*In the interim, you can help now. Make your checks out to Grand Square, Inc., and **CLEARLY** mark on the check that the money is to be earmarked for the **Square Dancers for Japan Fund**. All donations are 100% tax deductible. If you like, you can donate using VISA, MASTERCARD, or PayPal via our secure website – www.squaredancers4japan.org. Mail your tax deductible check to:
Grand Square, Inc., Square Dancers for Japan Fund, 2520 Sardis Road North, Suite 100, Charlotte, NC 28227*

TIME IS CRITICAL. Our Japanese brothers and sisters need help **NOW!!!**

Perhaps many of you have already donated to other national charities for this same purpose. However, this is an opportunity for the square dance world to unite for a common cause. If we, as a square dance community, can come together for the good of all, look at the positive impact that this may have.

Some fund raising ideas:

1. *Special fund raising dances*
2. *Donate the proceeds of a regular club dance*
3. *Collect money at all of your club dances*
4. *Solicit money from your area business*
5. *Contact your local or state dance/caller associations for a donation*
6. *Sponsor a club Yard Sale*

Or you can come up with some of your own..... Let's show the world that square dancers, in addition to being the nicest people in the world, are also the most giving.

We will be updating the website – www.squaredancers4japan.org on a regular basis to keep everyone abreast of our progress. Please check the site often. We need to get the word out quickly to as many square dancers worldwide as we possibly can. If you have a website, please post a prominent link to ours on your page. If possible send this letter out to any friends you have on the internet.

If you have any further questions, please email us at info@square dancers4japan.org, or you can contact me directly at [803-840-0746](tel:803-840-0746). Tony Oxendine, Grand Square, Inc.

If you would like to make a donation using your credit card but would prefer not doing it on-line, please contact Tony at [803-840-0746](tel:803-840-0746) and give him your information.

If you would prefer to send a check or money order, please make it payable to GSI International and clearly mark on the check that it is for the Square Dancers For Japan. Mail it to: Grand Square, Inc., Square Dancers for Japan Fund, 2520 Sardis Road North, Suite 100, Charlotte, NC

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). 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

Despite the earthquake in Japan and the tsunami it generated dancers from the TVC, PAC, and Mid-Willamette Council along with some independents had a fun time at our Shamrock Swing dancing to Wade Driver and Connie Clark. Thank you to all the dancers who attended our Shamrock Swing; those who didn't make it missed a great pair of dances.

Our dance on Saturday March 26th was a visit to "the happiest place on earth" (Disneyland), it started on Main Street with the Electrical Parade and a medley of songs from Song of the South, Mary Poppins, the Jungle Book and Pinocchio. This was followed by Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah. We then danced to "Colors of the Wind" from Pocahontas, You'll be in my Heart from Tarzan, The Lion King and Hakuna Matata both from the Lion King. We closed the dance with the Mickey Mouse Club March and When You Wish Upon a Star. Everyone one present had a fun time. Prior to the dance on the March 26th we had a club meeting during which we discussed the future of our little club. We made the commitment to finish out the year 2011, but if we are unable to grow or get more support from fellow dancers we will have no choice but to fold. During the winter when we don't include rounds, it takes 3 squares paying \$5.00/head to cover expenses for a dance. During the spring and summer when we include rounds, it takes 4 squares paying \$5.00/head to cover expenses for a dance.

We will be having our annual meeting on April 9th prior to our Spring Fever dance called by Michael McMullen. We want to extend a special invitation to the Sunset Promenaders, who will be camping at Cape Kiwanda that weekend to come join us on April 9th.for a touch of "Spring Fever". On April 23rd we add rounds back to our dances, come join us for an All Gospel Singing Call dance with Ed Craig. Melinda McClure will be cuing the rounds that night.

As always attire is coast casual and we're only a 90-minute drive from the Beaverton/Hillsboro area.

Eager Beavers: (Ferrous Steinka and Naomi Coorengel, Delegates)
Dance easy plus in the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton (which features an air conditioner and excellent wood floor) every Monday afternoon, 1:15 to 3:15 PM. On holidays we dance at the Aloha Grange (the corner of 185th and TV Hwy). George Clark is the caller/cuer; Jim Hattrick is the caller/cuer every third Monday. Dance starts with 15 minutes of easy pre-rounds. <http://www.eagerbeavers.info>

Four Eager Beavers were seen dancing at the Shamrock Swing in Garibaldi with Wade Driver calling and Connie Clark cueing. A great Saturday afternoon, and evening dance.

Lately the Eager Beavers have had several dances at the Aloha Grange at times when the Stuhr Center is not available. The next two dances at the Aloha Grange are April 18th and May 30th. The alternate locations are always posted on our website.

Coming up next month is our 36th anniversary. The dance will be on Sunday, April 17th at the Oddfellows Hall in Hillsboro from 1PM to 4PM. There will be a potluck dinner at 3:15 with chicken and meatloaf, salads, vegetables, and deserts. This is one of two dances each year where we dance mainstream. This is an opportunity for those seeking the TVC Ambassador Badge who do not dance plus to get their application signed by a plus club.

The very next day, April 18th, we will be dancing at the Aloha Grange at our annual "Poor Man's Ball". We have prizes for the best costumes. Come dressed how you feel after "Tax" day has passed. We have had everything from tuxedos, to bindle toting hobo's.

Hayshakers: (Sylvia Davis and Kathy Worthington, Delegates)

Dance Mainstream on the 2nd Friday and Plus on the 4th Friday of each month, except during the summer. Location is at the Wickiup Grange in Svensen, Oregon, 98683 Svensen Market Road (Turn away from the Columbia River at the flashing yellow light in Svensen). Start 6:30 pm to 8:30 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 4th Friday and Saturday in October.
www.hayshakers.org

The Hayshakers made a visit to the Coast Swingers when Wade Driver called. Five members along with two non-members from our area went. One Friday when we didn't have enough for a Plus square we had a mainstream workshop. We had enough dancers that hadn't danced for a while to make a square. After the "Angles" stepped out, they seemed to have a better time. Our dine-outs are still very popular. We have a few past members that come to these and they like to keep up with what is going on with our club.

Hoedowners: (Karen Steinka and David Krause, Delegates)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Our Caller is Daryl Clendenin. The cuer is Yvonne Clendenin. 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>

Two squares of Hoedowners visited Valley Squares on March 19th at Aloha Grange for "A date with Elvis". We kicked up our heels and had a great time. Chuck Garner seemed to enjoy our enthusiasm. Hoedowner's "Rock and Roll" dance on March 26th was a lot of fun with many dancers dressing as they did in the 50's, 60's and 70's. Valley Squares came to get their banner back. Chuck Garner called a tip and did several singing calls with Daryl.

Our April dances coming up are April 9th and April 23rd, which will be our "Wild Wild West" dance. Please join us for our great plus and mainstream dances.

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 be holding our election in April. We are looking forward to the April 2nd dance with Randy Dibble and Stephanie Kroft, and the April 16 dance with Randy Dibble and Jeanine Norden.

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

Dance 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday 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. 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

April 6th we start a new set of Basic & Mainstream lessons. Our plus lessons are continuing. Our next

visitation will be to Lacey Daisys for their 50th anniversary on April 2nd.

We are doing a demo at the Rainier High School in Oregon on Tuesday, April 5th and Craig said the kids will be participating. Then on April 16th we will take part in a potluck, open mic, fun night at the LASDA Hall. Neil Rosevear will MC the evening and Lonnie Sycks will have his computer set up for karaoke. Any one wishing to take a shot at calling or cueing is more than welcome to join us.

Afterwards there will be games and or cards, just a fun get together night. Our *Teddy Bear Dance* turned out great. One of our members, whom I will not mention, was trying to give away the bears that were decorations and were part of a members collection. Friday, April 8th, will be our *58th Anniversary* and we would love to have you come help us celebrate.

Sunset Promenaders: (Tom Sminia and Janice Sminia, 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. Mainstream continues from 8:00 – 10:00 with a break at the end. 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 highlight of March for the Promenaders was our Irish Fling dance. Our hall was full of square dancers and Irish dancers, who put on a wonderful demonstration and then joined in on our squares and rounds. Some of their dances are very similar to the square dance calls so they were able to dance very well before we all partook of authentic Irish baked potatoes with lots of toppings. All dancers got a share of our pot of gold and three lucky dancers found the winning mark on their gold coins and took home a lottery ticket that may bring them even more green. We enjoyed all the visitors that came especially the large group from the Eager Beavers.

Our round dance lessons are going strong with a group learning Phase 3 Waltz. We will soon be changing rhythm and learning Cha Cha before we end the lessons for summer. Our phase 1 and 2 waltz lessons are turning out a new crop of round dancers. Ken and Diane Pratt are turning out to be excellent teachers even though we sometimes try their patience; it is hard to teach old dogs new tricks! Ken is proving it can be done!

April will begin with a bang at our *Carnival Dance* on April 2nd with guest cuer George Clark. There will be games of skill and chance, special carnival food and lots of fun so bring your spare change and see if you win the prizes. Our beach trip/campout is also scheduled for April and we always have lots of fun with club members and guests at Cape Kiwanda. April 16th will be the date for our *Empty Pockets Dance*. Our theme was inspired by our own empty pockets after paying the tax man and we know most can identify with the feeling of poverty. Ken Pratt will be back to cue this dance and we will enjoy the calling of Mike Kious, since Harold and Barbara will be vacationing for the next month.

Mark your calendar for our *Fiesta Dance* on May 7th, when we will welcome George Hermann as the caller and Ken cueing.

Toe Draggers: (Janelle Janicke and Jim Steele)

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

Our basket is filled and ready to go. We've named it "A Day Spa at Home for Her"

New officers for June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012: Big Toe: Tim & Kathy Roberts; Vice Toe: Dale Stobbe & Loretta Flint; Toe Recorder: Pat Young; Toe Counter: Bruce Plunkett; Member-at Large: Janelle Janicke; TVC Delegate 1: Esther Dexheimer; TVC Delegate 2: (to be filled)

April 1st - *April Fool's Dance*; April 15th - *A Really Taxing Dance*; April 17th - *Square and Round Dance Graduation*; May 6 – *Dance to Honor our Randall Award winners (Tim & Kathy Roberts)*; Come join us

in special honor of the Roberts. Mark your calendars now!!!

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

Dance on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month at the historic Tigard Grange in Tigard. This year we will not be dancing in July. Starting in August, Terry Halley will be our club caller. Jackie Gale will be our Friday cuer. Doug Hatch will be cueing for most of our Saturday dances. 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. A social break starts at 10:00. www.trisquares.com

The Tri-Squares held a March 7 Board meeting at Marguerite Morin's home. The Nominating committee has almost completed their task of filling all the leadership positions for next year. We're still looking for that special person to be in charge of lessons. Our members will be poled on which guest callers they would like to have scheduled for the next year. We will invite 1 guest caller every quarter.

Gordon Keeney has developed a yearly organizational plan for all club officer positions. All duties and deadlines are listed for each month of the year.

Our TVC gift basket is filling up nicely. It will be ready for the April 30 dance.

We have asked that Ferrous Steinka continue on as our web-master for the coming dance year. We appreciate his service to our club and look forward to our on-going web-exposure.

Jackie Gale continues to teach our round dance classes. We have a steady 24 people taking the lessons. We should be graduated from the 2-step by mid-April.

The Tri-Squares have been invited to give an afternoon demonstration dance at the Newberg Grange on April 30. Terry Halley has agreed to call. We will have a potluck dinner at the Roos home in Newberg after the demonstration dance and then go straight to the TVC dance after dinner.

April 2 will be our *T-Shirt Dance*, with Terry Halley calling and Doug Hatch cueing. April 15 will be our *Empty Pockets Dance* with Terry Halley calling and Jackie Gale cueing.

Valley Squares: (Karen Martiny and Dorothy Reed, Delegates)

Dance mainstream the 1st & 3^d 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. Chuck Garner is the caller and Connie Clark is the cuer. www.valleysquares.com

March was a busy and fun time for the Valley Squares. On March 5 we had our "Soup's On" dance, an event which is always very popular. To make it even more of an occasion, we had a visitation from about a dozen members of R Square D, which certainly added to the festivities. We were delighted to welcome them and all of our other guests with a good soup dinner.

On March 19 we cranked up the excitement for our "Date with Elvis" dance. Elvis was dressed in a Mark Wheeler costume and he was a big hit co-calling with Chuck Garner. Everyone really had a good time at that dance.

The very next day, March 20, a lot of people who were there Saturday night came back to join us at our New Dancer Jamboree. We also had new dancers from Oaky Doaks and Toe Draggers, so it was a very lively dance with several callers calling a tip.

Last Saturday about ten Valley Squares had a visitation to the Hoedowners, which is always exciting and a lot of unexpected fun, especially with the music from the 60s and 70s. It even included hot roll throwing from Sally Duyck. Don't ask: You had to be there!

Of course we Valley Squares are very excited about our *Anniversary Dance* on April 8 with Mike Sikorsky calling and Connie Clark cuing, and on April 16, Renee Ruud co-calling with Chuck for a

theme of "All Gospel Music." We're also gearing up for "April in Paris" on April 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Email Change (Veleta Mullen)

Veleta Mullen's new email address is: <veleta17995@comcast.net>.

Square Dancing Article (Michael McMullen)

Michael McMullen suggests reading an interesting square dance article from the youth perspective, found at the following website: <<http://www.dfw.com/2011/03/09/421015/younger-generations-square-up.html>>.

April 2, 2011 - Happy Hoppers Anniversary Dance. (Rex Tolstrup)

Happy Hoppers will be celebrating their anniversary with a wonderful dance on April 2nd at the Clark County Square Dance Center. This will be a mainstream dance with every third tip plus. Pre-rounds begin at 7:30 pm and Squares from 8:00 – 10:30 pm. Jim Hattrick is the caller and cuer. (See Attachment 2.)

April 17, 2011 (Sunday) – Eager Beavers Anniversary Dance. (Kay Rogers)

Held at Hillsboro Odd Fellows Hall. 1:00 – 4:00, Potluck Break at 3:30. Caller and Cuer: George Clark. (See Attachment 3.)

April 21, 2011 (Thursday) - Oaky Doaks – New Dancer Jamboree. (KC Curtis)

Held at the Oak Grove Community Center (14496 SE Cedar, Oak Grove). 7:30 PM; Level: Basic + Ferris Wheel. Caller: Mike Halley and Callers from the Floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting: The April meeting will be held on April 25, 2011 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.