

Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2015-11-23

Meeting was held at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124 The meeting started about 7:00 and adjourned about 8:00. <u>http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org</u>

<u>Attendees:</u> Delegates: Attendees:

Columbia River Dancers: Dale & Nancy Smith Eager Beavers: Naomi Coorengel Hayshakers: absent Hoedowners: Debra Welch, Mike Duyck Mix N Mingles: absent R Square D: Marv Pope, Mary McDaniel Sunset Promenaders: Janice Sminia Toe Draggers: Kathy Roberts Tri Squares: Dale Brabham Valley Squares: Bill Calder, Bea Cook Wave Steppers: Carolyn Hindman, Bob Allen

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

President: Gary ClarkVice-President: Dale BrabhamTreasurer: Lane ClemSecretary: Tom SminiaState Delegate: absentSunshine Chair: Dorothy SullivanPast-President of the TVC, Insurance Chair: Kay RogersChairman 2016 Summer Festival, President of OFSRDC: Kay RogersCaller & Cuer Advisors: Daryl Clendenin & Yvonne ClendeninOregon Federation Youth Advisor: Kathy RobertsTVC Webmaster: Tim Roberts (also Federation Webmaster, Parliamentarian, and Oregon Federation News Editor, etc.)

Visitors:

Keith Miles (PAC President); Ray Sullivan, Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders); Jim Rogers, Marie Clem (Eager Beavers).

TVC Officer Reports:

President's report: (Gary Clark)

It's the Holiday Season and may you enjoy all of the festivities with family and friends. The best part is that some clubs are holding special dances around the Holidays so get out and have fun, get good exercise and support each other's clubs.

We have the New Year's Eve Dance coming up so get your tickets and support this event. There is still time to make this a big event and have some fun on a night when celebrating a New Year is always great.

Remember we are looking for new officers for the year. According to the P & P's the first nomination will be in January and then in February for the 2nd nomination. 3rd nomination and election with be held in March. Throw your name out for an office or give us the name of a club member willing to take a leadership role in the TVC. Our Past President, Kay Rogers is chairperson of this nomination committee. All elected positions are open for nominations.

The TVC Recognition award is to be awarded at the January 25th TVC Meeting, that will be at the Presidents Pot Luck meeting. Please help me select a member who is going above and beyond for square dancing. I would like an email from you with the person's name and some accomplishments they have made. We need to recognize those that are doing an outstanding job in this Council. Please email me at: <u>clarknet@aracnet.com</u>, There will be no December TVC meeting. Again have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Vice President's report: (Dale Brabham)

Activities for the New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance are moving along, and I have a signup sheet tonight to ask for people to help during the event; including decorating, helping with the dinner, dessert, and helping on the door duty taking tickets, selling split the pot.

April 30th TVC Spring Fling Dance, 5th Saturday, is coming up and we will have Jim Hattrick Calling, Ken Pratt Cueing, and the Aloha Grange will be the dance location.

Treasurer's report: (Lane Clem)

Lane distributed the financial reports to the Delegates and had a few comments about the report. Just a couple of small expenses on the front page, on the Summer Festival report we took in \$300 in ticket sales.

Secretary report: (Tom Sminia)

Not a real report, but I would like to ask for someone to step up to the Secretary job for next year so I could show them what we are doing now; they can then start thinking of what they want to do next year. They don't have to do the job the same as I have been doing it, but this introduction would help them be prepared and have a process in mind. There are only 8 or 9 meetings a year to write minutes for but there are some other jobs associated with being the Secretary.

State Delegates report: Kathy Worthington is out of town, and there was no State meeting.

PAC Presidents report: (Keith Miles, President of PAC)

At the PAC meeting they had a report from the Evergreen Council that the Washington Round of the month was "Lucky Devil" and the State S. D. Festival will be at Longview at the Cowlitz Center on June 17th through 18th with Jet Roberts Calling, Kellee Ramirez Clogging, and Chuck & Sandy Weiss Cueing.

They were unable to find someone to go to the TVC meetings so they are going to attach the TVC Meeting Minutes to their minutes each meeting, in an effort to improve the communication between the councils.

The PAC does not have a Webmaster right now, anyone interested? The PAC is doing fund raisers through Burgerville, and are having the Clubs do the work and share the funds with the PAC.

The Pac is looking at having "festivals" during the year to raise money; this is all in the planning stage at this time.

The Silver Stars are going to start dancing once a month on the 4th Monday beginning in February. Kathy is able to get PAC flyers when she goes to their meetings; would you want Kathy scan them, send them to Tom, and Have him send out to the Clubs (Delegates)? Kathy Roberts reported Keith reported the TVC had 50-dancers at the Tri-Council Dance.

Oregon Federation Youth (Coordinator Kathy Roberts) Report is the same as last month. Kathy

2016 Summer Festival (Chairman, Kay Rogers)

I have ribbons and flyers with me tonight, and Lane is going to put together a couple packets for people willing to sell, and when we go to Mid-Winter we will be handing out packets for people all over the state. We will be looking for anyone that is willing to help promote the by making announces at their dances, etc. about our Summer Festival. We will be selling ribbons, distributing flyers. We do have fabric, shoe bags, "stickers" the new logo item, "Live Lively, Square Dance" that you can put on your car, bags, or other things. The stickers are \$0.25 per each.

Sunshine report: (Dorothy Sullivan)

TVC sent cards to:

Lois Oswald family, Lois passed away; she was a long time member of the Valley Squares, she has been living in Florida recently.

Charlotte Houghtlen, R Square D member, her daughter passed away from complications from diabetes.

Claire Enloe, a recent member of the Sunset Promenaders, is at home suffering with cancer.

Barbara Kleve is being treated for cancer, she is a member of the Eager Beavers and her husband, Harold, was the caller for the Sunset Promenaders for many years.

Helen Leu had a knee replacement; she is a member of the R square D.

Donna Evers, Sunset Promenader member, had surgery on her knee and is recovering.

Also, reported by the R Square D Delegate, Lonnie Sycks had knee surgery recently and is doing well.

And Tom Roberts of the R Square D had neck surgery this morning.

OFN Area Editor report: (Ferrous Steinka)

There are several proposed changes to the TVC Practices and Procedure document we, Ferrous and Lane, have been working on and these could be completed sometime in the next two weeks. After complete the Secretary will send the proposal via email to all the TVC Officers and Delegates. Then at the January meeting the TVC can decide to vote on or do more work on the proposal. The proposal basically is updating the P& P's which are guidelines the council uses to do things; as they have not been updated since 2010 and we have changed some things we do since then.

Gary wants to thank Ferrous for his efforts, he is doing a great job, and also Delegates take it back to your Club that their Club is doing well on the OFN reports as we are getting 100% of the Clubs reporting monthly.

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Caller & Cuer Advisors report: (Daryl & Yvonne Clendenin)

Daryl has six students in his caller's class. Yvonne reported that "Crash and Burn" is the Round of the month this month, it is a two-step dance.

Webmaster report: (Tim Roberts) No report.

Old Business:

- Promotion of Club visitation to Anniversary dances seems to be working well.
- The TVC Traveling Teddy Bear at the Oaky Doaky Club is still there, and we have not got a TVC club scheduled to go there yet, so Gary suggested they just give it to any club that comes along to get it moving.
- New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance celebration time change from 12 Midnight to 11:00 pm was brought up and the majority wanted it left at 12:00.
- Keith Miles reported concerning the street intersection square dance now nicknamed "Pedestrian Scramble Demo" in Portland at NW 11th and NW Couch, near the Powell Book Store. The Traffic Bureau of City of Portland is making an intersection crosswalk that allows pedestrians to cross the intersection any direction they want, including diagonally across the streets. So the City asked the PAC if they would like to do a square dance in this intersection as a public demonstration of how this crossing works. The person that came up with this crossing idea name is "Barnes" so they will call it a "Barnes Dance", anyway this is a way to publicize this new crossing to the public and the PAC is going to have people square dancing in the intersection and they would like to invite other dancers to come have some fun doing this too. This is scheduled to happen on Saturday December 5th at 10:00 in the morning and last probably an hour. This will probably be good exposure on TV and in the papers. Mike Halley has volunteered to call but all other callers are encouraged to come and participate. Square Dance Clothes would be nice but not required Keith's email is: <u>keithm_1945@hotmail.com</u> if you or your club are interested.
- Bill Calder contacted Channel 12 about having a demo dance like was done last year and was on the news in the early morning, and he got no reply. So he is going to check with Channel 8 about the same idea. If Bill is able to get something scheduled, he will contact the secretary and he will email the Delegates the details and we go from there because we don't have a December TVC meeting.
 - This item has to do with S. D. lessons successes and failures,
- Marie Clem reported on something the Eager Beaver Club is doing this year with their Plus lessons. Marie put a flyer in each of our files about what the Eager Beavers are doing on Monday afternoons from 12:00 to 2:00 starting on February 15th. The Plus lessons will be instructed by Jim Hattrick on 3rd Mondays, Darrell Kalmbach on 2nd and 4th Mondays, and Daryl Clendenin on 1st and 5th Mondays at the Sunset Presbyterian Church at 14986 NW Cornell Road. The cost is only \$4.00 for the lesson and the dance.
- Debra Welsh reported the Hoedowners have used "Groupon" process the last two years. It is not a financially good way to go unless the students join the Club. We sold 9-tickets on Groupon this year, one was denied, and two dropped out. So we had six left and out of that one did not show up at all, another couple showed up once, so we ended up with three. The Club only ends up with only about 25% of what your price is, but if the students finish the class and go on dancing it is a good thing. It ends up a lot cheaper than some of the advertising we have done; we spent \$1,200 on that.

New Business:

Club Delegate Reports:

Columbia River Dancers: (Dale & Nancy Smith Delegates)

Club dances 2nd and 4th Saturdays year round at the air-conditioned Clark County Family YMCA, 11324 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 986982. The times 7 to 8 Plus dance, 8-10 Mainstream dance with Jim Hattrick as club caller and cuer. <u>http://www.ColumbiaRiverDancers.org</u>

By now, I think the word is out that Jim Hattrick has agreed to be our "official" Caller, and will be calling the majority of our 4th Saturday dances and teaching most of our lessons. At first, he declined when we asked him to be our Caller, but then, much to our surprise, he later volunteered to do it! We feel we have the best of both worlds, having "The Master" call our 4th Saturday dances, and having a variety of Callers on the 2nd Saturdays.

Regarding lessons, all Vancouver clubs are having trouble attracting students with the exception of the Happy Hoppers, which is by far the largest square dance club in Vancouver and can also hold lessons in the square dance center. Now that Jim Hattrick and Mark Wheeler are teaching our lessons, Jim is urging the Hoppers students to double up on their lessons by also attending Wednesday night lessons with the Columbia River Dancers. This has helped to some extent, but we are still losing money on lessons.

We gave away our eighth and last banner to the Sunset Promenaders who made a big showing at our last dance which was called and cued by Mike and Julie Stout. So, last weekend, we attempted to go on visitations to recover at least one of our 8 banners, as all our banners are in the hands of other clubs who visited us. On Friday, our club had one of the largest showings at the Dan Nordbye Pumpkin Pie Promenade dance. While we had a lot of fun, this didn't get us any closer to recovering our banners. However, the next night, we got one banner back from the Hoppers though that didn't help much since they couldn't find it (even though it's LARGE and BLUE -you can't miss it!)

Jim Hattrick will be calling and cueing our dance this coming Saturday after Thanksgiving. This will be a Beginners dance, around the B-40 level. The dance starts at 7:00 with 1 hour of Plus, and then two hours of B-40. Please encourage your students to attend. We hope that people will want to dance to wear off some of the calories consumed on Thanksgiving.

Our 1st dance in December will feature Caller Cliff Nichols – a Caller that recently moved to the Salem area from Bellevue Wash., with Debbie Combs cueing.

We will be dark on 12/26 so we can all play with our new toys.

Washington S. D. Federation is having a State Festival on June 17th and 18th in Longview, Washington. Below is a link to the information about the Washington State Square Dance Festival: <u>http://onyerpockets.wix.com/nov-2016-fest</u> Nancy Smith

Eager Beavers: (Naomi Coorengel & Nan Overall Delegates)

Club dances easy plus every Monday afternoon, 1:15 to 3:15 PM, at the Sunset Presbyterian Church (14986 NW Cornell Rd., Portland, OR), which features an air conditioner and excellent wood floor. On holidays we dance at the Aloha Grange (the corner of 185th and TV Hwy). Daryl and Yvonne

Clendenin are the caller and cuer on the 1st and 5th Mondays; Darrell Kalmbach calling and Joyce Hooper cueing on 2nd and 4th Mondays; Jim Hattrick is the Caller and Cuer 3rd Mondays each month. Dance starts with 15 minutes of easy pre-rounds. For information call 503-645-2414; <u>http://www.eagerbeavers.info</u>

December we will have a Christmas dance on 21st.

Club will be attending the New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance on the December 31st at the Hillsboro IOOF Hall.

January brings up the TVC Presidents Potluck Dinner on Jan 25th at the Hillsboro IOOF Hall. All are looking forward to three days at Mid-Winter on January 29th through 31st.

We are all excited about our Plus lessons starting Feb 15. Naomi

Hayshakers: (Kathy Worthington and Sylvia Davis) (Traveling)

Hayshakers are now dancing the 1st & 3rd Friday's from 6 to 8. Harvey Hunsucker 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. <u>http://www.hayshakers.org</u>

No report.

Hoedowners: (Debra Welch, Mike Duyck 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 8:00-10:00. Our format is informal and friendly. <u>http://www.hoedowners.info</u>

November 28th: Soup and bread after the dance. December 6th: New dancers jamboree at Aloha Grange 1:30 to 3:30 pm. December 12th: Annual Toyland Dance. Bring a new toy to give. December 26th: Pajama Party January 9th: Black and White Sparkle Dance. January 23rd: Wild Wild West Dance.

Mike

Patty

Mix N Mingle: (Patty Bonney and Janelle Janicke Delegates)

Club dances Plus at the Winona Grange (8340 Seneca Street, Tualatin, OR) on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Pre-Rounds begin at 7:00 PM (Levels 4 & 5), 7:30 PM (Levels 2 & 3) and Plus from 8:00 – 10:30 PM with level 2-4 Rounds. The door donation is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. Randy Dibble is our club Caller and Jeanine Norden our club Cuer. <u>www.mixandminglesquares.org</u>

We will be dark December 5.

December 19 will be our annual Canned Food Dance, with all donated items going to the food bank.

Come join us for a fun-filled evening dancing to Randy Dibble and Jeanine Norden. Best wishes for a healthy, happy Thanksgiving!

R Square D: (Mary McDaniel, Marv Pope)

Dance 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday from September thru May; June thru August dance 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA). We dance 7:30 to 8:00 Plus and 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream and refreshments after the dance. Craig Abercrombie is the caller and Lonnie Sycks is our Cuer. Our website is <u>www.r-square-d.info</u> Call 360-431-7553 or 360-636-3358 for more information.

Southwest Council has cancelled their dance in July, 2016 and is recommending that the dancers attend the Oregon Summer Festival in Seaside, and are inviting the TVC Club's dancers to come and attend the Washington State Festival in Longview on June 17th &18th, 2016. http://onverpockets.wix.com/nov-2016-fest.

R Square D Club has one dance in December, the 11th and the theme will be "Toys Dance" with the toys donated to The Community House Family's.

The Club is co-sponsoring with the Ruff and Ruffles Club a New Year's Eve Dance in Kelso. Jim Raupp Calling, and Susan Healea Cueing.

First dance in January, on Friday 8th, will be a chili feed. Mary

Sunset Promenaders: (Janice Sminia and Donna Evers, Delegates)

Mainstream Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Dance starts at 7:30 with phase III round dances; then at 8:00 until 10:00 is our Mainstream dance with a plus tip at about 9:00, and a potluck break at 10:00. Our Caller is Mike (Julie) Stout and the Cuer is Ken (Dianne) Pratt.

The Club also has a Plus dance on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of the month. Dance starts at 7:00 with Intermediate Rounds and at 7:30 until 9:30 is a Plus dance with Darrell Kalmbach calling and Ken Pratt cueing, with a finger food break after.

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. <u>www.sunsetpromenaders.com</u>

Our November dance theme was "Giving Thanks" and we also had a food drive collecting nonperishable food for the Food Bank for the less fortunate in our local area.

13-Club Members went to the Columbia River Dancers Club on November 14th on a visitation; our Club's Mike & Julie Stout called and cued the dance.

Promenaders Plus dances with Darrell Kalmbach and Ken Pratt calling and cueing are continuing on the 1st, 3rd, and now 5th Thursdays each month.

Saturday December 5th Dance is a mainstream dance and December 19th is our Christmas Dance. Come dance with us; good friends, good dancing, good food.

List of banners that the Sunset Promenaders have collected include: 3- from Tri Squares (Tigard); 2from Wave Steppers Garibaldi); and 1- each from Silver Stars (Vancouver), Tumbleweeds (Milwaukie), Squarenaders (Sweet Home), Chaps & Petticoats (Aurora), Braves and Braids (McMinnville), Columbia River Dancers (Vancouver). Please do a visitation and re-claim your banners on first and third Saturdays. Janice Sminia

Toe Draggers: (Kathy Roberts, Delegate) Dance at the Kinton Grange on the 1st Friday 7:30-8:00 Pre-Rounds, 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream and on the 3rd Friday 7:30-8:00 Plus, 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream with the last tip Plus. Caller is K.C. Curtis; and Cuer is Bev Flint. Kinton Grange is at 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Beaverton, 97007 <u>www.toedraggers.org</u> The Toe Draggers are collecting toys at each of our dances in December. December the 4th we will be rocking around the Christmas Square with all singing calls. December 18th we will be a regular dance.

We would like all you dancers to come meet our students at our B-51 Square Dance Party with easy Rounds on December the 12th, with great friends, great music, and great food. The dance will be from 2 to 4 with a ham dinner at 4:15. KC and Terry Halley calling, and Bev cueing. Please bring two dozen cookies to the dance with a recipe, so we can have a cookie exchange. The dance is early enough that you will be able to go to your regular Saturday night club to dance.

We will be starting Round dance lessons starting with two-step January the 3rd at Kinton Grange.

Tri Squares: (Dale Brabham and Adolf Eppich, Delegates)

We dance on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month in the Tigard Grange at 13770SW Pacific Hwy in Tigard. Terry Halley is our Club Caller with Sandra Pinion as our Club Cuer. We dance year around, except when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. We Pre-Round dance from 7:30 – 7:45, dance Plus from 7:45 to 8:00 and Mainstream with Round Dances from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. There is a Plus Dance tip around 9:15. Refreshments are served at 10:00. www.trisquares.com

Six students have completed B51 level and are attending jamborees.

Our next dance, on December 5th, will be a B-51 dance. Terry Halley is calling and Sandra Pinion is cueing. Please consider bringing your students, but let us know how many are coming. Our mainstream and round dance lessons resume Jan. 10. Dale Brabham

Valley Squares: (Bea Cook and Bill Calder, Delegates)

Dance 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Plus level with Intermediate and Phase Two rounds from 7-8 p.m. with Mainstream and Phase 2 Rounds from 8-10 p.m. and refreshments at 10 p.m. with Chuck Garner Caller, Connie Clark Cuer. <u>www.valleysquares.com</u>

Our Trophy Dance was very well attended thanks to our friends from the Hoedowners who took home the trophy.

For the third Saturday dance we had five squares of dancers. We collected canned food for the Oregon Food Bank and re-introduced our Sheriff to boost our holiday donations.

On November 6th we visited the Toe Draggers and enjoyed a fine spaghetti dinner and a very enjoyable dance.

Fourteen of us visited the Dan Nordby dance at the Abernethy Grange on November 20th. Dan's calling made the dancing challenging by calling sequences that we were not accustomed to. Julie Stiers was the cuer.

This coming Friday we will be visiting the Valley River Dancers for their Gospel Dance.

Our mastering mainstream and beginning plus lessons are continuing on Tuesday evenings at the Aloha Grange. The instructor is Chuck Garner. The students have now learned all of the plus moves and the classes are continuing for four weeks of revision and dancing. They have also started plus dancing at the club level.

Anyone who wishes to brush up on plus could come to the Tuesday evening classes at 8:00 pm.

Bill Calder

Wave Steppers: (Carolyn Hindman, and Bob Allen Delegates)

Dance 2nd Saturday April thru October. The dance is Mainstream, with one PLUS tip, every second tip at the Garibaldi City Hall (107 6th Street, Garibaldi, OR 97118) from 7:00 to 9:30 PM with guest Callers.

Wave Steppers Tillamook Bay Club sadly accepted the resignation of Bob Kratz, our Club Vice President, and Chris Kratz, Club Secretary. They have sold their home here at the Coast and will be moving to the Valley the first of January. They have been a mainstay of our Club; we will miss them very much and wish them well. Many thanks go to them for all the time, energy and support they have given to the Club. We are still planning on lessons starting in January 2016. Once again the Tillamook Elks Lodge is where classes will be held; their generosity is greatly appreciated. Several of us are looking forward to Mid-Winter Festival at Albany. Our 2016 dances will kick again in March with a St. Patrick Day Dance at Garibaldi City Hall. Please keep us in mind when planning your visitations. Wave Steppers need your support in order for the Club to continue to survive. A very Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and May your Christmas & New Year's bring blessings and peace to all your families. Carolyn

Good of the Order:

Oregon Food Bank would appreciate any food donations your Clubs gather. Contact information via phone: 503-439-6510, address is 1870 NW 173rd Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006.

The Wave Steppers asked that because of their small size club if they could get a banner with only 6 dancers and it was agreed to by the TVC Clubs Delegates.

Communication: Kay Rogers, Oregon Square Dance Federation President, has as her goals this year to improve the communications between the Federation, Councils, and Clubs to the dancers for a better relationship between all of us. (Kay Rogers email: <u>rogers3045@comcast.net</u>, phone: 1-503-396-5537).

Nomination of Officers for the TVC is coming up so help the council to fill the ballot so we can have a good election.

Next TVC Meeting:

Next meeting is the "President's Potluck Dinner" at the Hillsboro IOOF Hall, 267 E. Main St., Hillsboro, OR 97123 (Additional parking at the Premier Community Bank parking lot). The meeting will be Monday January 25th, 2016. This is a potluck dinner, with dinner starting at 6:00 and meeting at 7:00. Delegates, please bring you past, present, and future presidents (all your members you can) to the meeting. The meeting is usually about an hour in length. The TVC wishes to thank all the presidents of the TVC Clubs for volunteering their time and efforts into this activity we all love. Also, at this meeting the TVC President will announce the winner of the Tualatin Valley Council "Recognition Award" for outstanding service in the Square Dance community.

Respectfully edited and published by Tom Sminia, TVC Secretary