



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC)

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COUNCIL MEETING

October 26, 2009

Called to order at: 7:30PM

Attendees:

Officers:

Veleta Mullen (Pres.); Judy Schnase (Vice. Pres.); Donna Byars (Treas.); 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); George Clark (Cuer Advisor); Ferrous Steinka (OFN Area Editor);

Delegates:

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

Visitors: Caroline Ginocchio (President, Valley Squares); Eric Mowry (President, Hoedowners); Bill Siebert (Valley Squares); Janice Sminia (Sunset Promenaders); Bart Welch (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 11/23/09 meeting to Mary T. Withers john.mary.withers@gmail.com .	Before 11/23/09
All	Change of Email Address: Please note the email address change for Barbara Schaumburg: barbarale.schaumburg@gmail.com	
Mary T. Vivian Fairburn	New Dancer Jamborees. Send approved TVC New Dancer Jamboree info to Vivian Fairburn.	ASAP
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 other representatives.	ASAP
Delegates Judy Schnase	TVC New Year's Eve Dance Preparation Volunteers. Judy Schnase will determine the number of volunteers that are needed for various tasks required for the New Year's Eve Dance (decorating, cooking, beverage, clean up). Delegates are to request that their club members volunteer for duty at the New Year's Even dance and give the volunteer's name and phone number/email to Judy Schnase < judy.schnase@verizon.net >.	Before 11/23/09
Delegates	OFN. Remind Club Reporters that the deadline for the December report to Ferrous Steinka is November 1 st .	ASAP
Mary T.	TVC Dances. Make TVC flyers for 5 th Saturday dances.	On-Going
Delegates	TVC Board Candidates. Make recommendations of potentially qualified TVC Board candidates to Bonnie Deneke bonita2@comcast.net .	ASAP

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Delegates	Coast Swingers' Banners. Call Nell Killebrew (Coast Swingers) to inform her which clubs have Coast Swingers' banners (503) 970-1942.	
Delegates	<p>New Dancer Jamborees. Encourage members to support new dancers by attending the 3 New Dancer Jamborees that TVC clubs offer this fall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valley Squares 11/7/09 (Saturday): Pre-Rounds at 7:30 PM and Dancing at 8:00 PM; \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for Youth. Aloha Grange (3425 S.W. 185th Ave Aloha, OR 97006). Potluck follows the dance. <i>(Level: A level that the new dancers from the Hoedowners and Sunset Promenaders can dance.)</i> • Hoedowners Dec. 6, 2009 (Sunday); 3:00 – 5:00 PM; Door Donation is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for youth (under 18 years), and \$16.00 maximum Family Rate. Located at Aloha Grange (3425 S.W. 185th Ave Aloha, OR 97006). "All Singing Calls". Caller is Daryl Clendenin and Cuer is Yvonne Clendenin. <i>(Level: 1-50, plus Ferris Wheel).</i> • Sunset Promenaders December 13, 2009 (Sunday); 2 - 4:30 PM; Door Donation: \$5.00 per adult (18 years of age or more); \$3.00 per child (under 18 years of age); \$20 per family maximum. Located at IOOF Hall (Upstairs Hall @ 267 E. Main, Hillsboro, OR 97123). Harold Kleve is the Calling MC and Ruth Canby is the Cueing MC. <i>(Level: 1-50, plus Ferris Wheel).</i> 	ASAP
Delegate Veleta, Michael McMullen	Identify 3 examples of effective recruitment methods and email to Veleta Mullen, veletam@aol.com , and Michael McMullen, cdogs@agora.rdrop.com , or bring the examples to the next meeting.	Before 11/23/09

CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The September 28, 2009 minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Veleta Mullen
No report.

Secretary Report: Carole Petranek and Mary T. Withers
TVC and the Coast Swingers received a thank you card from Cheryl Lundine, (Corresponding Secretary from the OR Federation) for hosting the State Meeting. They had a wonderful time.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Byars
Account Balances:
Checking \$ 907.36; Cash Box \$30.00; Youth Fund \$200.00;
Chase CD \$10,542.31. Total Assets: \$11,679.67. CD will expire October 29, 2009.

Vice-President Report: Judy Schnase
Information regarding *Future TVC Events* can be found in the New Business section of the Minutes. Following is the progress for scheduled events:

TVC's Halloween Dance. The Decorations Committee for the Halloween dance is meeting on Thursday at 1:00 PM at Hillsboro's IOOF Hall.

Tri-Council Christmas Dinner on Dec 15th. Judy Schnase is responsible for decorations and Joyce Clark has volunteered to do the entertainment. TVC Delegates and Officers bring dessert.

TVC's New Year's Eve Dance. Judy would like delegates to ask their club members to volunteer to work for the New Year's Eve dance and email her their names. This dance will have an open break. Mary T. Withers will make the flyer.

TVC State Delegate: Mike Duyck

Mike has not received Insurance reports from Tri Squares and Valley Squares. He has Mid-Winter Tickets.

Alt State Delegate: Gary Clark

No report.

TVC Past President: Bonnie Deneke

This is the time of year that we start thinking about the new officers for the upcoming year. I would appreciate it ever so, if everyone here would help the nominating committee out. This can be done by one of three ways:

- (1) Let me know who in your club would make a good officer.
- (2) Let me know if you wish to volunteer for a certain position.
- (3) Nominate a worthy candidate from the floor. (It is a good idea to check with said worthy candidate before putting forth their name for nomination.)

It would be well if we had two people running for each office because that would give the eligible voters more of a choice. Somehow it never seems to work out that way!

OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka

The second reminder for the club reports for the December OFN has been sent to the club reporters. The deadline for the December report to me is November 1st. I have received four reports, Mix 'N Mingle, Sunset Promenaders, Valley Squares, and Toe Draggers. Monthly, I send two reminder e-mails to the club reporters, one two weeks and another one week before the deadline. If no report is received by the deadline, your club will not have a report in the TVC section of the Club Reports in the OFN. Although it was not the policy before I started this position, I have begun the practice of sending out a third reminder two days before the deadline. This message is also CC'd to the club President.

Caller Advisor: Harold Kleve

No report.

Cuer Advisor: George Clark

No report.

As an aside, George said it was critical that the flyers for New Dancer jamborees list by number the calls that will be used at the dance, so that the dancers are successful. Ex: Basic 1-30

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Chair: Gary Clark

Classes Reimbursement. Gary reported that no club had sent in their expense receipts with the attached TVC Reimbursement form – for reimbursement of class expenses up to \$100.00.

Mary T. Withers reminded Gary that at last meeting he said he could consider increasing the amount of reimbursement that clubs would be allowed. Gary indicated that the council's practice reflects TVC's past recorded motion to reimburse each TVC club up to \$100 for advertising expenses for their upcoming class, no matter what time of the year it was held. A discussion arose among the group - some suggesting that the dollar amount should remain the same and others stating that the reimbursement amount should represent what clubs need to recruit and sustain students in classes. Another suggestion was that clubs, which have already received their \$100.00 allotment, could re-

submit their receipts for more money, if additional money existed, after all clubs had submitted their receipts.

Mary T. Withers suggested that this topic is much more important than just discussing whether clubs should receive a \$100.00 (or more) reimbursement. The dollar amount that clubs receive is related to the issue of "recruitment" and should reflect each club's recruitment success and accountability, especially in light of the number of clubs that are failing. Gary suggested (perhaps in humor) that it appears a Recruitment Committee is in order.

Mary T. Withers suggested reimbursement amounts should not be determined in isolation but rather after identifying successful recruitment techniques and how much they cost. Veleta asked each delegate to send 3 suggestions regarding effective recruitment methods to her and Michael McMullen, the Chair of the Recruitment and Marketing Committee.

Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan

The following people received Sunshine notes:

- Otis Jones was in the hospital with peritonitis caused by his kidney dialysis. He is home now. (Sunset Promenaders)
- Craig Abercombie because his daughter passed away. (Fireballs Club Caller)
- Dorothy Reid broke her wrist. (Valley Squares)
- Both Don and Cheris Cook had bronchitis that turned into pneumonia. (Sunset Promenaders)

Parliamentarian: Tom Sminia

Tom reported that TVC received a note from Bob Bosch concerning the correct progression of our meeting agenda. Bob's comment was that TVC should have the Delegate Reports before the New and Old Business, so that the Council makes motions on business that comes out of the Delegate Reports. The following is Bob's original email and Tom's reply to him. Tom requested that the group discuss this issue in order that he could form an action on this matter.

On Thu, Oct 22, 2009 Bob Bosch, Parliamentarian, NAP, OR wrote:

"All reports have to come before old or new business. Reason: After the business has been completed, any motions that come out of the reports cannot be acted upon until next meeting."

Tom Sminia's response to Bob Bosch follows:

"Thank you for your comments concerning the TVC agenda order. We will take your advice and consider changing the order of our meetings in the future. From a practical stand point if there is a motion required for the current meeting, the club delegate with the motion should email or phone the information to TVC President and the Secretary. The President would then revise the agenda and include the information into the "new business" part of the agenda. If a motion does become necessary after a club report is given, the club delegates would need to go back to their club to present the information and get a consensus of the club prior to the delegate voting. In this case the next TVC meeting would be the correct time for a vote on the matter. Would you please expand your explanation more fully so we may discuss it in more detail at our next meeting? Thank you for your advice."
Tom Sminia, TVC Parliamentarian

The discussion highlights are: Joyce Clark reported that she had never heard a motion elicited from a club report because the reports are informative in nature. Bonnie Deneke referred to Page 2 of TVC's *Practices and Procedures* document, which explains the order of business. She further indicated that if a motion comes out of a Delegates Report, the board could act on it at the next meeting. Veleta asked if everyone was satisfied with the current meeting sequence and all responded they were satisfied and that there was no reason to change the order.

Website Chair: Tom Sminia www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org

It has been noticed that there is a problem accessing our website with the Microsoft Internet Explorer Version 8. Tom has tried to troubleshoot this problem but has not been successful. Tim Roberts is aware of the problem and checking on what has to be done. Tom will report back on this next month as to what we are going to do. One of the options is to use different software to correct this, which would probably mean starting over and rebuilding the site from scratch. Tom is sorry to have to report this and will work on resolving this soon.

REPORTS FROM COURTESY POSITIONS

PAC Delegate to the TVC: Tony Haskins

Good Evening Everyone. It's nice to see you all again. Looks like winter is here – the rain – the wind and the Holidays.

I would like to start off with the Teddy Bear Parade I was involved in on Sept. 26th in Gresham. The Rockwood Grange and staff along with the Checkerboard Squares and the Country Cut-ups with Friends danced to the Calling of Mark Wheeler. Our Travelin' Teddy was sitting on the back of the truck with Mark. Mark made a point to sing "I want to be your Teddy Bear" by Elvis several times. It was Great!! We had beautiful weather with hundreds of people lining the streets to watch us. There is a picture that is being passed around. We had a lot of fun. The Grange would like to thank the clubs for participating in this event.

That evening after the parade my club had a dance at the Rockwood Grange. I got up early Sunday Morning (4am) and was at 92nd and Powell at 6am to pick up Lisa Kiouso so we could make the State Meeting in Garibaldi at 9am. There we installed new Officers for the Federation. Good luck Lee Ashwill the new President and the rest of the officers and delegates and appointed personnel. I will be the Publicity and State Reporter again this year. I'm also on the nomination committee for next year's elections. If anyone would like to run for state federation office please let me know....

I have made several dances over the last couple of weeks including a visitation to the Recycles to dance to the calling of Darrell Kalmbach. That was a lot of fun also.

Our October 30th Dance is ready to go and we're all excited about it. We have been pushing pre-registration for Mid-Winter and 2010 Summer Festival in Pendleton. Buy those tickets, you guys.

The PAC Square Dance Trailer has been winterized for the year. Special thanks to George Clark for letting me use the inverter for our sound. Ann Skoe is checking out someone to be the caller advisor for the PAC. Maxwell Rounds, Mark Engerman, Dave Waldrep, and Bill Rooper are looking at the PAC by-laws for a possible update.

NEW BUSINESS

TVC Dances. (Veleta Mullen)

The Tri-Council dance this year is in the hands of the Evergreen Council. Although this dance is usually held in the spring, they confirmed that it would be held on October 30, 2010 at the Clark county Square Dance Center. The callers for the dance will be "The Crew" (Randy Dibble, Les Seeley, Daryl Clendenin and Jim Hattrick). This is delightful, however, it takes away the TVC Halloween dance since October 30 is a fifth Saturday. We will not be having a 5th Saturday dance in January since the Mid-Winter falls on January 30th. Right now we only have scheduled 3 dances for 2010: (1) **May 29** (usually a "Here Comes Summer Dance"), (2) **July 31** ("The Hahn Barn Dance") and (3) **Dec 31** ("New Year's Eve Dance").

Veleta suggested the following:

- (1) Change the Hahn Barn Dance to **August 29** (Sunday) and hold another dance on **July 31**.
- (2) Hold a New Dancer's dance in **March** or **April**. Veleta indicated the last New Dancer's dance was very well attended.

A discussion followed:

- (1) Regarding a March/April New Dancer Jamboree, George Clark commented that current classes would graduate very few people, so that there may not be enough dancers for the Jamboree. Others indicated that the new dancers from the Toe Draggers, Coast Swingers and Valley Squares, that are taking classes in January, would like to have a Jamboree. Michael McMullen added that current students would welcome another opportunity to practice at a jamboree level, even after they have graduated. Veleta said that several callers call at a jamboree and it is helpful for new dancers to listen and dance to different callers. Deborah Welch suggested making it an Extended Mainstream dance. Joyce Clark indicated that the Sunset Promenaders have an annual campout the 2nd weekend in April.

Motion. Bonnie Deneke made the following motion: ***The "Hahn Barn Dance" should be held on July 31st and the "New Dancer Jamboree" held in April.*** This motion was seconded by Judy Schnase. The motion passed with 11 "aye" votes and 8 "opposed".

Future TVC Events

10/31/09 (Saturday): *TVC's Graveyard Stomp Halloween Dance.*

Hosted by the Eager Beavers. George Clark is calling; Ruth Canby is cueing. Pre-Rounds at 7:30 and Mainstream at 8:00. Held at Hillsboro's IOOF Hall. Prizes for Best and/or Most Original Costume (First: \$75; Second \$50; Third \$25). Pie will be served at the dance.

11/7/09 (Saturday): *Valley Squares' New Dancer Jamboree.*

Pre-Rounds at 7:30 PM and Dancing at 8:00 PM; \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for Youth. Aloha Grange (3425 S.W. 185th Ave Aloha, OR 97006). Potluck follows the dance. **(Level: A level that the New Dancers from the Hoedowner and Sunset Promenaders can dance.)**

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 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.

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/

The club only had the one dance and no meeting this month because half of our board members were down sick. Michael McMullen was our scheduled caller for the evening, but he wasn't feeling up to it and Ed Craig did the calling for us. The club is doing square dancing workshops instead of pre-rounds during the winter months, unless we have a caller that does both.

Our garage sale was a success and helped fill the budget for the winter months. We often do not get many visitors, as some people are afraid of the weather in the mountains. It is very rare that you cannot travel the mountain range due to weather. It is really pretty with the snow on the trees, but the road is almost all ways clear for travel.

We are making plans for our classes to start in Feb 2010 and hope to complete the schedule at our next meeting.

We are dancing only the second Sat of Nov, Dec, and Jan., if we have enough people. David Trout will be our caller for the November dance. Our snowbirds are leaving very soon for the winter and we would love to see your smiling faces. We visited the Valley Squares and now have one of their banners; but come and visit us and we will give it back.

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

Our Mainstream Harvest Dance was held on Sunday, October 18th. Thanks to all who came out to enjoy the lively dancing and the sumptuous potluck spread afterwards.

All systems are "GO" for our club's hosting the TVC's "Graveyard Stomp" dance on Sat., Oct. 31st. It should be a "howling" success and lots of fun, and the delicious pies served afterwards will reenergize all the ghosts and goblins who've been dancin' the night away.

November will find us enjoying our weekly dances at the Stuhr Center; hope you can join us some time!

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/

Hoedowners: (Karen Steinka and Debra Welch, 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. 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 Spooky Boogie black light dance this past Saturday (October 24th) was a great success. We were all "a glow" and everyone had a great time. We plan on doing this again next year.

Our dance November 14th will be our 2nd annual Turkey Toss Dance. This will be a fun dance and a great way to win your Thanksgiving Turkey. Please join us for our "Chips Ahoy" dance November

28th with dinner being served at 6:30. Dinner will be Fish & Chips and Chicken Tenders with a light dessert at 10 P.M.

Our class is doing well and we are all looking forward to our new dancer's jamboree on Sunday December 6th at Aloha Grange from 3 to 5 P.M.

Mix 'N Mingle: (Tom Dymowski, 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/>

On Oct. 3 we had Randy Dibble calling and Ken Pratt doing the cueing. As usual a good time was had by all. Then on Oct. 9 we had a visitation to the Valley River Dancers in Newberg. We brought a squares of dancers from our club. Again, a good time was had by all. Also, on Oct. 17 we had our Birthday dance, which was a big success. Lots of old members showed up and we had fun answering questions about the past club activities. Darrell Kalmbach did the calling and Jeanine Norden did the cueing.

Our next dance will be on Nov 7 with Randy Dibble and Ken Pratt doing the cueing, level 5 & 6. On Nov 21 Darrell Kalmbach will do the calling and Jeanie Norden will do the cueing.

R Square D: (Lonnie Sycks and 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.

Oktoberfest was a great success with lots of comments of "we will be back next year". We had a net profit of just under \$900.00. Visitation this month was to the Seaside Sashay. Lessons started Oct 7th with a potluck at 6:00 and lessons following. We have a grand total of 4 students!

Our December 5th dance will be dark this year so we can attend Cougar Squares Thankful Christmas Dance. Every year we donate our 50/50 pot donation and this year it will go to FISH. We voted to bring the total up to \$100.00. Our next rest stop, November 12th & 13th at the Toutle Rest Stop southbound, is all set. All we need now is cookies!

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/

Members from many of the TVC clubs helped make our 24th Anniversary dance a huge success. A special thanks goes to the Hoedowners for their visitation on that night! Dorothy Sullivan has taken charge of selling our tickets for the TVC's New Years Eve dance. I bring this up because she has done such a great job and I applaud her efforts; she has sold 31 tickets so far, not only to our own members but to members of other clubs as well. I am sure that if the other delegates have matched her sales technique, we will be "sold out" very soon.

We have a small class this year but they are learning fast and will soon be joining all of us in our dances.

November is going to be special for us as we host a Veterans Dance honoring all the soldiers who have served our country. Wear your red, white and blue to show your support on November 7th. We don't want to spoil your appetite for turkey right before Thanksgiving, so we are featuring foods made from

pumpkin and cranberries for our Thanksgiving dance on November 21st. I don't like to talk about our dances that are too far into the future, but do want you to mark your calendars for Sunday, December 13th when we are hosting a New Dancers Jamboree. What makes these dances more fun for the new dancers is having lots of angels in the squares. So please, support all the jamborees even if you do not have students attending, so the new dancers can have a successful experience on the dance floor.

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/

We had a spooky time at our Sleepy Hallows Dance on the 16th! The Toe Draggers just had their Youth Square and introduction time on the 18th. We had 3 Squares of new dancers and most of them are going to try and start dance lessons in the winter. In the actual dance part for the Youth, we had KC Curtis as our main caller and Jonny Roberts was the Youth Guest Caller. And he even got to become famous by getting a front page article in the Oregonian of the Living Section. The person stayed and watched for two hours. We also had Kristen Mitchell from the Rockin Teens, Buckley WA call one square - several rounds and Paul Myatt cuer - from the Braids and Braves. And Lee Ashwill the President came and supported the youth ... Thank you delegates who took it back to their clubs!

Next dance November 6th!

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/

Please put the Tri Squares' dances on your calendar, as we continue to have good dances. I hate that we don't dance in the summer, so I'm going to lobby for year round dance. The Tigard Grange is convenient to get to.

Valley Squares: (Dorothy Reed and Mike Tindall, Delegates)

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 "Pumpkin Bash" dance October 17 with Ed Craig and Mike Halley co-calling was a great success. Everyone had a great time bashing, smashing and popping "pumpkins" as orange balloons filled the dance floor, and lots of pumpkin pie for potluck after the dance.

November 6, 7 & 8 will be our weekend of classes with a Jamboree on Saturday, November 7. 7:30 pm pre-rounds and 8:00 pm Jamboree. Pot luck to follow the dance. □ November 13 Valley Squares will have a visitation to Fireballs as Ed Craig is calling.

Charity dance for Doernbecher on November 21. Amber Craig will play live music accompaniment with her Dad, Ed Craig calling. This will be a wonderful experience for father, daughter and dancers. Come and support this budding young musician, and bring a stuffed animal or make a cash donation for Doernbecher. We will have a dinner before the dance at 6:30 pm with dessert after the dance. Pre-rounds at 7:30 pm, Mainstream at 8:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Change of Email Address. Please note a change of address for Barbara Schaumburg:
barbarale.schaumburg@gmail.com. (Bonnie Deneke)

Death. Koko Sutton passed away on 10/15/09. You might remember that Koko was the wife of Gordon "Gordy" Sutton, who used to call on the Chinook label, and who passed away about 10-20 years ago. (George Clark)

Coast Swingers' Banners. The Coast Swingers want to know which clubs have their banners. Please call Nell Killebrew (503) 970-1942 (Nell Killebrew)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 8:58 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Carole Petranek and Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting: The November meeting will be held on 11/23/09 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.