



OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS

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MINUTES OF MEETING DATED September 21, 2003

Hosted by Mid-Willamette Area Council

Riverview School – Lebanon, Oregon

Meeting brought to order by President Kay Rogers at 9:00 AM.

This meeting is being recorded.

ROLL CALL Recording Secretary, Jodene Hughes.

Officers: All present

Appointed Officers: All present except, Janice Young, Publicity/State Reporter, Dave (Kathy) Krause, Education, Position vacant, Historian and Jim (Avis) Kinkaid, State Trailers.

Delegates: All present except Rex (Jeri) Bounds, Rogue Sis-Q – John Guches sitting in for Rex Bounds, Mary (Don) Miller – Karel Morris sitting in for Mary Miller.

Active Goodwill Ambassadors: All present except Benjamin.

INVOCATION: Immediate Past President Linda Lambert

FLAG SALUTE: 1st Vice President Carolyn Bosch

MOTION by Carolyn Bosch

I move that we accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Linda Lambert. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT Kay & Jim Rogers

Thank you all for a terrific year. We have enjoyed being President and are looking forward to continuing to serve the Federation this next year as Past President.

You have not seen the last of us, so don't celebrate yet. We will be presenting the Randall Award at Mid Winter, Chairing the Annual HORSES Benefit dance in April and working on the nominating committee for next year's officers. We have a check for \$178.25, which represents our donation to HORSES from the DMV License Plate Program.

Of course, you will be seeing us around Oregon promoting the 54th NSDC. Jim and I are also co-chairing with Barbara and Larry Schaumburg the 2004 Summer Festival July 30, 31 and August 1 in Seaside, Oregon. I have distributed Seaside housing information to all of you, along with a couple of registration forms I hope you will share with your clubs.

Since our last meeting we have been around to quite a few places. Although this was a hot summer everywhere we went, we did manage to have a good time and come away with a good feeling about dancing in Oregon

We were seated on the policy board for USA West and it we hope that Oregon will support them. They do not compete with the National Convention in the Western States and are, in fact, dark in 2004 and 2005 in deference to Colorado and Oregon's National Convention. Their next one is in 2006 in Hawaii. It will be a great place to unwind after the 54th NSDC. **THINK POSITIVELY!!**

1ST VICE PRESIDENT Carolyn & Bob Bosch

I want to thank the Lebanon club, it was wonderful. The hospitality was just super.

2003 SUMMER FESTIVAL Dave & Jodene Hughes

On behalf of Jodene and I and Kathy and Buzz we want to thank everyone for attending 2003 Summer Festival. It was wonderful experience, we are looking forward to doing something again along those lines. I have only one piece of unfinished business. Unlike Kay, I cannot give Bill a check (Bill wanted to go on vacation about a month ago, so he wanted us to send it to him early). The piece of unfinished business is to the River City Dancers. We will have your trophies at a later time. Those will be in the mail to River City Dancers. I want the minutes to reflect, that River City Dancers will have the trophies next summer so that we will know where they are at, unlike this time. We had to find out where they were. I would like to encourage all the councils, even the smaller councils, to put on a festival. Summer Festival 2003 sent a check to the Federation in the amount of \$1547.03.

2004 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL Aaron & Linda Gibbens

Our dance card is complete with 48 Oregon callers on the lineup. A late addition to our schedule is a "jam session" with the Ghost Riders. Local callers are invited to go to www.ghostridersband.com, review the list of available singing calls, and e-mail the band with the one song they want to perform. This is on a first come first served basis for the first 15 callers. We are also pleased to announce the addition of Lelia & Russ Hunsaker as our featured Clogging Cuers.

We have finalized a deal with the Comfort Suites in Springfield as the official hotel for the Mid Winter Festival, with rooms for dancers at \$59 per night. We have a block of 40

rooms reserved for Friday & Saturday nights and would like to see them all filled. Just call 877-746-5359 and tell them you're a square dancer. On the economic front, Mid Winter is running in the black, though I fear we may need to order more ribbons than were bought last year. We had a strong representation at Summer Festival, Penticton & Diamond Lake and have been fielding requests for registration forms right and left from B.C., Idaho, Washington, and now central California has requested several hundred forms. We still have a vacancy on the committee. We are looking for an experienced single to coordinate singles activities at the festival, including the singles after party. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested, please call me at 541-344-8433.

2004 SUMMER FESTIVAL Barbara & Larry Schaumburg

There isn't anything to report at this time. I would like to ask everyone to register for 2004 festival & buy raffle tickets on the treasure chest. The lucky ticket number will be drawn Saturday night at the dance.

OREGON FEDERATION NEWS Jan & Jim Steele

Report on file. If you would like a copy of the report, please see recording secretary.

MOTION by Carolyn Bosch

Madame President: I move that the OFN computer equipment that will not be needed by the incoming Editor, be erased and donated to a charity of the Editor's choice. Seconded by Barbie Cooper. Motion carried.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT Barbie & Dave Cooper

I would to thank the MWA for a wonderful weekend that we have had. State directories are now available.

RECORDING SECRETARY Jodene & Dave Hughes

No report

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Marilyn & Ron Schmit

I have been working on making notes and copies of the various letters, agendas, the ballot and related information, and putting them on a disk. Glory and John have been to our house for dinner and we went over the various items so Glory won't be so overwhelmed when it comes time for her to follow through with things after installation. I will be available to answer any questions she may have after today. I have distributed flyers to each of you with information on address, email, and phone numbers for Glory so card notifications can go to the correct person. I will forward any that I receive on to Glory.

I have sent the following cards since Summer Festival:

Sympathy

Family of Buzz Battig

Get Well

Amy Strom-spilled boiling water

Mike McDow & family-father
Mrs. William McDow-husband
Mrs. Bill Castle & family
Lyle Oswald & family
Benjamin Brown and family
Family of Rusty West
Dorothy Daggett and family
Family of Gene Ash
Kathy Krause & Family-Mom

Harold Kleve-cataracts
Kay Rogers-double carpal tunnel
Ben Casad-lymphoma
Barbara Schaumburg-pneumonia
Donna Fink-car accident
George Gierloff-kidney stone
Frank Gonzalez-stroke
Barbara Kleve-fell on foot
Roger Putzler-back problem
Bobbie Stewart-foot surgery
Ken Madden-staph infection
Ann Skoe-cancer tests

I received a thank you note from Bobbie Stewart wondering who told on her but she found out on her own. Thanks, Annadale.

I wish to thank all of you for your assistance in making this position a fun and rewarding one. We have come a long way since I got the job. Just think, five years ago all agendas were snail mailed and the minutes were a bundle to mail and the cost has come down a bunch. Please assist Glory when she asks questions.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS REPORT

We had a great location in Oklahoma City with lots of room to show off our combined displays of the Oregon Federation, Washington Federation, and the 54th National Square Dance Convention®. The absolute hit was the shopping bags provided by the Seaside Visitors Bureau. We emptied one box in one day and split the other box for Friday and Saturday.

We answered quite a few questions and gave away lots of Oregon yellow rocks. We would like to thank Ed and Mary Warmoth, Lee and Barbi Ashwill, Terry Cline, Bill and Annadale Rooper, Harriet Livingston and any others we have forgotten for assisting us in the display and sharing Yellow Rocks. We already have one couple that has volunteered to help us next year. Our Director of Showcase of Ideas is unable to go to Denver, so will use that couple as much as we can.

The Convention display made up by Kathy Roberts is on display here. Hope that you have taken a few minutes to look it over. She did a wonderful job of representing all areas of Oregon. We will be working on the display for next year and tagging along with our counterparts to learn as much as we need to in order to prepare for 2005. If you have any ideas for the display, please let us know.

USDA REPORT

Our five-year term on the Executive Board of United Square Dancers of America has come to an end. I was not reappointed to the board for the upcoming year. We will go back as Oregon delegates next year.

The by-laws and constitution were updated to make them gender neutral. All committee descriptions were brought up to date also according to current activities. The National Folk Dance was heavily promoted and we should encourage our Senators and Representatives to pass the bill.

The new editor of the USDA News is from Milton-Freewater. He will put out the November issue. The past editor is now the current USDA President. I wish to thank the Oregon Federation for their support over the last five years. It has been fun and I will get involved again. This will be our final report until after next summer. The outgoing Presidents, Lyle and Jean Beck presented Ron and me with the Circle of Service Award. Several embers of the Executive Board were given the award. Our task is to find someone else worthy of the award and present the award to them. It is presented by a dancer, to a dancer, for three years or more of continuous service to make a significant contribution to the dance movement. We are the only Oregon dancers to receive the award and feel very rewarded for our time and effort to represent the Federation in a respectable way. We received a certificate and a medallion for our badges.

TREASURER REPORT Bill & Annandale Rooper

For report see Recording Secretary. Report on file.

MEMBERSHIP Clara Evarts

Thank You Mid-Willamette Area and the Lebanon Square Circlers. Of course I have a special connection to Lebanon, for one I was first introduced to Square Dancing going with my parents here in Lebanon at the I.O.O.F. hall 50+ years ago. They were in the charter or the next year after the club of formed. I also attended my school years here in Lebanon.

I thank the delegates for the work they did in getting the Officer Forms to me for the State Directory, and want to remind you again of the importance in helping the clubs in you Councils stay in compliance with the State of Oregon Corporation, and with the Oregon Federation in all area you are able. We need to keep all the dancers we can by going to all the dances they can, and supporting the State Functions as well as their clubs. Remember we are hosting the National Convention in 2005, and we need all the Oregon dancers to help make this a success. My current records show 99 clubs and 4023 member now in the Federation.

I have to report that the Buccaneers of the Emerald Empire Area, and Re-Vu-N-Q of the Mid Willamette Area have not paid they 2003 corporation dues and have been dissolved by the State of Oregon.

Now, for the Good News.

MOTION by Clara Evarts

Madam President, I wish at this time to have the Federation accept the Buzzin' Bees Square Dance Club of Vancouver, Washington, into the Portland Area Council. They have furnished me with all the papers and have paid the dues & fees to belong to the

Oregon Federation of Square and Round Clubs of Oregon. Seconded by Linda Lambert. Motion carried.

INSURANCE Judy Gelmstedt & Chuck Bos

Thank you id-Willamette council for the great weekend.

There are two major changes in the insurance this year. The premium has increased to \$3.75 per person per year. Minimum for clubs is \$45.00, clubs with 12 or less members will pay the \$45.00. The other change is that there will be no free grace period in 2004 for new members. Insurance coverage will be from January 1st to December 31st. Premiums must be paid at the time the member joins regardless of the date. Even if they join in December they must pay the \$3.75. All clubs must have 100% enrollment.

Please remember Notice of Events must be turned in for any club activity that is sponsored by your club. It covers only the dancing portion of that activity.

Request for additional insurance certificates should be turned in a minimum of 45 days before the event. I have to send it to the national Insurance Chairman and she sends it to the main office and then back to her, to me and finally on to you. When you receive the certificate please take it to the facility and make sure everything is correct, if there is an error in the name or address, we need to correct it before the event.

Accident reports should be made within 20 days of the accident and sent to the insurance chairman. There are instructions about filing a claim in each club packet, please read them.

The information in your packets explains most of the questions you may have about insurance coverage. If you have any questions, please contact us, by phone, email or snail mail. We will get the answers to you as soon as possible. If we don't know the answer, we will contact the right person and get it for you.

The deadline for information to be returned to the delegates is October 15th, 2003, and to the insurance chairman November 15th, 2003. My deadline for everything to be entered and mailed is December 1st, 2003. Everything I have will be mailed on that date. So please send them back to me as soon as possible. Thank you for your help in getting this information in on time.

PAST PRESIDENT Linda & Ralph Lambert

This is my last report as an officer of the Oregon Federation of Square and Rounds dance Clubs. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the dancers of the great state of Oregon.

I would like to thank the Mid-Willamette Area for providing another wonderful weekend of fun, food, fellowship and the opportunity to transact the business of the federation. Thanks for the amazing fall weather also.

I want to thank the three councils who returned a nomination form for the Randall Award. Thank you to Lincoln-Tillamook, sunset Empire and Tualatin valley council. I would like to challenge all thirteen council delegates to submit at least one nominee next year. If all

of you delegates start now by putting on your thinking caps on, I am sure each one of you can come up with at least one nominee.

The ballots and nomination forms have been distributed to the new council delegates. As the cover letter said, delegates the voting for the Randall Award rests only with you. I ask that you consider the criteria for the award prior to casting your vote. Remember this is not a popularity contest but a true award to be given to a dancer(s) who have worked long and hard, primarily in the background to keep this activity that we all love so much alive and well. I caution you to be sure your ballot is counted by having it in the hand of your new incoming Immediate Past President, Kay Rogers, by the November State meeting.

I want to thank everyone who has supported me during my many years of service to the Federation. I am sure I will leave many out but I want to particularly thank my club (Independence Wagon Wheelers) and council (Mid-Willamette Area), my friends and family members, but especially I want to thank my husband, Ralph, without his support I would not have been able to serve the Federation as I have.

I will still be attending meetings in the future as Ralph will be continuing on as BMI/ASCAP Advisor, but I will be sitting out in the audience.

In parting I would like to pass on some advise that was given to me, be gentle with al that you work with in this activity and they will be gentle with you, we are all volunteers, be careful of the words you say, you may have them come right back to you and they may not sound so nice when you receive them as when you said them, and lastly, allow the person holding the position to do their job the best way they can by letting go of the position if you no longer have it and by not trying to take over the position if you do not have it yet. Thank you all again for the opportunity, to grow as a person and serve the dancers of Oregon.

PARLIAMENTARIAN Tim & Kathy Roberts

I had a couple of calls regarding parliamentary procedure since our last meeting, but other than that, I have no report.

PUBLICITY/STATE REPORTER Janice Young (Absent)

No report

FINANCIAL ADVISOR Roger & Dee Newell

Reviews of the OFN have continued to show improvement over the last year. Tracking of Advertising is much easier and clubs are working hard to make sure payments are sent in a timely manner. I believe that with the new OFN publisher providing color, ad have increased the clubs interest in advertising their special dances. Each club needs to be encouraged to advertise their special dances in the OFN. It is a great way to attract visitations and guest dancers.

I would like to thank Jan Steele for her efforts on the OFN. She has worked hard to improve the OFN during the transition to the new publisher. She has done a great job managing the OFN given the challenges.

EDUCATION ADVISOR David & Kathy Krause (Absent)

No report

HISTORIAN (Position vacant at this time)

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BMI/ASCAP Ralph & Linda Lambert

Everything is current with both organizations.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR Peter & Beverly Hills-Wood

Thanked the MWA for the fantastic evening. Just want to say we had a great contingent of Oregon dancers, both youth and adults up at the 50th annual Penticton Square Dance Jamboree. We had over a 100 dancers from Oregon. The Emerald Teens president, Lisa Gibbens, carried the United States Flag in the grand march. We are working with Mid-Winter and Summer Festival Chairs on activities for the youth. This is the time of year that I as all the area delegates to go back to their councils and ask if you could make any donations for the youth activities. If you could forward those donations to Bill Rooper, so that they can be put into the Youth Activities Fund.

STATE TRAILERS Jim & Avis Kinkaid (Absent)

No report

ORDTA Dennis & Elaine Smith

Since ORDTA hasn't met since the last meeting, I don't have a report to submit other than to invite anyone interested to our next meeting on October 25 at 10 AM at the dance center in Springfield.

ROUND DANCE SCREENING Barbara & Larry Schaumburg

OROM for August 2003

"MY REASON FOR LIVING" Record name (There Goes My Everything) Humperdinck

by: Bill & Martha Buck

Record Label: Parrot or Collect

OROM for September 2003

"LITTLE DEVIL" by: Mike Seurer (Neil Sedka)

Record Label: RCA

OROM for October 2003

"WHISPER TO ME" Record name (Whisper Your Love)

by: Bob & Jill Yoerin

Record Label: Roper

OROM November 2003
"UNDER THE BOARD WALK"
by: Penny Lewis
Record Label: Double "M" Records

CALLER ADVISOR Harold & Barbara Kleve

Northwest Callers and Cuers Association are dissolving. They will have a meeting in November to make it official.

54th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION Lee & Barbi Ashwill

The 54th NSDC continues to *Pick up Steam* as more volunteers join the seven committees.

Almost all of the key positions are filled. Now the Committees need volunteers to come on board and help them implement the plans they are making to insure the success of the 54th NSDC. Please help us spread the word that we need more dancers to contact the Chairman heading up the area in which they would like to be involved and ask to be made a part of their Committee. Years ago people heard it from Uncle Sam and now you are hearing it from the Oregon Trail Board, **Folks, We Need YOU!!!** For contact information visit our web site at **54nsdc.com** or telephone **Lee and Barbi Ashwill** at **503-393-9320** or at **503-393-2675**.

At the current time, we have just over 1,300 Advance Registrations. It is our hope that we will have 3,000 when we return from the 53rd NSDC in Denver, CO in June 2004. We anticipate that we will register approximately 700 dancers while we are in Colorado. As you can see, that will leave us 1,000 registrants short of our goal. We need everyone in this room to help us get 1,000 more dancers registered before we leave for Denver, CO on June 22, 2004. **Can we count on you???**

Over the weekend of September 13 - 14, 2003, the Oregon Trail Board met with our National Executive Committee Advisors, Don & Shirley White and John & Dimple Williford. The report given to us as the Advisors departed, was that the 54th NSDC is "on target" and in some cases, ahead of the target dates.

We want to thank those individuals, Clubs and Councils who have donated or are collecting funds towards the rental of the Lloyd Center Ice Arena. As an additional effort towards this project, **Tony Oxendine** will call a "**Benefit Dance**" on **June 13, 2004 from 2 to 5 PM** at the **Clark County Square Dance Center**. **Neva Reid**, of The Dalles, has graciously agreed to donate her time to **cue this dance with Tony**. The fee to get into this dance will be on a "contribution" basis. By renting the Ice Arena, we will be able to showcase the activity we all love to non-square dancers without an admission charge. If we were to allow them to observe the dancing in the Oregon Convention Center, we would have to charge them an "admission fee" to allow us to cover them under our insurance plan. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this dance. Remember, the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs will match the money donated from individual dancers, clubs and councils, dollar for dollar.

While attending the 52nd NSDC in Oklahoma City, OK, our volunteers gleaned much information; some of which will work and some that will not work. We continue to operate in a “learning experience” mode as Oregon and Washington volunteers’ team together to produce the very best Convention they can. We leave you with this thought. **GET INVOLVED.** You will have fun and meet the greatest people in the world.

STATE DELEGATES REPORT Spencer (Barbara) Lewis

The state delegates met together to discuss the motions that were on the agenda. Because three of the motions dealt with insurance fund, we invited Insurance Chairman, Judy Gelmstedt to speak to us and answer some of the questions relating to that subject. The proposed budget was also reviewed and compared with last years. Four other subjects were brought up. One, had to do with a question about bumper stickers. Two, had to do with more research needs to be done on the budget regarding putting caps on special funds. Third, had to do with TVC, Bob Bosch. He made a challenge to all of us, that had to do with raising volunteers and getting registered numbers for the National Convention 2005. I think many of the area delegates are going to try and show him up. Last, is the state going to participate in the Starlite Parade during the 2005 Rose Festival? In closing I would like to mention I appreciated the willingness of all the delegates yesterday to openly share in the Q & A. I would like to thank those who hosted this meeting.

Kay Rogers announced the new Goodwill Ambassadors – Harold & Barbara Kleve.

OLD BUSINESS

Harold mentioned that it was quite a surprise and an honor to be chosen. It seems odd to be recognized for something you love so much. Thank you very much.

NEW BUSINESS

Installation of: Elected Officers, Appointed Officers, Committee Chairs and Delegates.

Carolyn Bosch mentioned that we need to have a Historian and if any one is interested please see me.

Carolyn Bosch mentioned that she would like to bring back Square Dance Week. It brought square dancers into our fun activity. So in September, when we have our official square dance month and week, we will be participating council by council and see who gets the most. More information will be coming.

MOTION by Kay Rogers

Madame President: I move that the 50 cent assessment on Mid-Winter and Summer Festival attendees be used to administer Federation activities and programs. Passage of this motion would require the changing of the Practices and Procedures, Section V, Page 13 Paragraphs 1 & 2. And Section VII, Page 2, Line 32. Seconded by Bob Bosch.

Discussion: What would be the effective date? The question was asked, where will the funds be placed. It will go in the General fund to pay for incurring costs.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION by Bill Rooper

To add an effective date of January 1, 2004. Seconded by Clara Evarts. Motion carried.

AMENDED MOTION by Kay Rogers

Madame President: I move that the 50 cent assessment on Mid-Winter and Summer Festival attendees be used to administer Federation activities and programs effective as of January 1, 2004. Passage of this motion would require the changing of the Practices and Procedures, Section V, Page 13 Paragraphs 1 & 2. And Section VII, Page 2, Line 32. Seconded. Motion carried. (12-Yes; 6 No and 2-Abstain)

MOTION by Bill Rooper

Madame President: I move that beginning with the 2004 Mid-Winter Festival, the future Festivals are no longer assessed 50 cents an attendee for the Festival Insurance Fund. Seconded by Dave Hughes. Motion failed. (7-Yes; 10-No)

MOTION by Bill Rooper

Madame President: I move that the insurance premiums charged by USDA be reduced for our Federation members in the amount of \$1 per person for the year 2004. The money to make up the difference to be taken from the festival Insurance fund, and as of June 30, 2004, when all the premiums have been paid, any balance to be transferred to the regular Insurance Fund to be used for future insurance expenses, such as computer upgrades and replacements. Motion failed for lack of seconded.

MOTION by Kay Rogers

Madame President: I move that the Oregon federation place a full- page ad in the 54th National Square Dance convention program book. Seconded by John Guchess. Motion carried. (8-Yes; 8-No President broke the tie with a Yes vote) Cost of ad, \$1,300.00.

MOTION by Dennis Marsh

Madame President: I move that we add a line item of \$100 for Youth Activities. Seconded. Motion carried.

DELEGATE REPORTS

Emerald Empire Council Lois Klinok

I am new at this so please bear with me. All of our clubs are back dancing now after a enjoyable summer. We are even back to wearing square dance clothes. One thing that we did have this summer, the Wolf Pack, hosted a century dance. Roger Putzler was the featured caller and he taught some of the old dances that were taught years ago. If you ever want to go to a fun dance, that would be one to go to. Also, we would like to

invite all the Oregon clubs to dance with us. We dance every Saturday and 2-3 Fridays of the month. There is always something going on.

I have distributed flyers for all the clubs. It features at least one dance for each club in the area. I hope to keep on doing this in the future. We would also like to thank Kay Rogers for visiting our area and answering all of our questions on the insurance program. Wagon Wheelers will be holding their 51st Birthday Dance on November 3rd.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS Reta & Phil

I want to do lots of things real fast so here goes. First of all, I don't know whom I need to talk to, but I need some more square dance decals for the vehicles. Then on the directory we also have some corrections.

Page 31, Tall Town Travelers secretary is Kay Peterson, 541-947-2354
In the listing for Tule Lake Twirlers it is just Tule Twirlers, no lake.

Tule Twirlers: They hosted the Interstate Highlanders Council dance on August 23rd, and I am sad to say they will be dark for a while. Ben Casad is going through Chemo and he is on oxygen full time.

The Tall Town Travelers: Have been busy this summer. We dance June and July. Had a club picnic in August and a dance on Sept 13. Also on Labor Day weekend, we did two demos for the fair and we were highlighted in the local newspaper/fair magazine publication with an article called Petticoats through the Ages. They interviewed one of our clubs members, Marion McNeely, who has been dancing for 53 years. It was a really neat article about how dancing was back then and how it has changed.

Lessons start on October 2nd. We are hoping to get a good turnout. I am challenging all my club members to take flyers and put them in the obvious places as well as in the not so obvious places.

KC Squares: Larry Sprouts mom passed away in August. The club danced at Diamond Lake and had a picnic in August. I am sorry to report they did not do any fair demos. They are gearing up for lessons. They started on September 18th. New dancers and plus. Please don't forget the Potato Festival, October 17th and 18th. Dean Black is the featured caller and Bud Trowbridge is cueing.

Interstate Highlanders: Will be meeting again on November 22nd. Our featured caller will be Denny Lantz, so come on down.

LINCOLN-TILLAMOOK AREA Kathy & Buzz Buczkowski

Coast Swingers had a dance featuring Wade Driver on August 9th and it went well. August 23rd they had a demo dance at the Farmer's Market. Their Halloween dance will be October 25th with Steve and Patty Porter calling and cueing. November 8th will be the Veteran's Day celebration with a turkey raffle. Janet Shannon will call and Janne Norton will be cueing. Their fall classes were started last week and no report on how well that went.

Sea Twirlers had two couples attend Summer Festival and Diamond Lake festival. The club attended the Pioneer dance with Wade Driver in Garibaldi, Valley River Dancers, Crazy Creek rockers and Independent Wagon Wheelers dances. They celebrated their 7th Birthday on September 14th with Loren and Cindy Marberry calling and cueing. Eight clubs were represented along with guest callers Charlotte Jeskey and Otto Spurger and cuer Goldie Restroff. They plan to attend the Braids and Braves Barn dance and crazy Creek rockers birthday dance and visit the clubs that attended their Birthday dance.

Toledo 49'ers have had a busy summer. Since summer festival, some of the members attended Diamond Lake Festival and traveled down to Port Orford to help Beachcombers celebrate their 50th birthday over the 4th of July and again Labor Day weekend Beachcomber Days. Buzz and I also got in a trip to Penticton and the Bussey's made it to Oklahoma City for the national convention. In July the club had their annual picnic and honored outgoing officers. In August they had an Italian theme evening with a potluck Italian dinner prior to the dance. It was so successful they will try to do this type of activity on a regular basis.

Plans are underway for their fall class beginning September 27th. A new format, which Bussey's brought back from the National Convention, is being tried this year. Party classes will be held on three successive Saturdays, from 9:30 to 3:30 with coffee break and lunch provided. Subsequent workshops will be held at club dances to complete the mainstream learning experience. Last but not least, they are working on their Loyalty Days weekend, April 30 and May 1, 2004.

MID-WILLAMETTE AREA Spencer & Barbara Lewis

The State Delegates met Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at 2:00 PM at the Riverview School in Lebanon, OR. We each introduced ourselves and briefly shared how we first became interested in square dancing.

Then we read, questioned and discussed each motion to be acted upon at the regular state board meeting, Sunday at 9:00 AM, Sept. 21. Because three of the motions dealt with insurance matters, I had invited the state insurance chairperson, Judy Gelmstedt, to be available at that time to answer any questions we may have during our discussion. We appreciated the information she shared with us.

The proposed budget for the incoming year was also discussed and compared with last year's budget.

Besides the agenda items, four other topics were brought up by various delegates.

1- has the state made any decision regarding the making and distributing of bumper stickers that encourage square dancing and include an 800 number?

2- more research needs to be done to determine the effectiveness of placing caps on the various funds in our state budget.

3- the individual area delegates should consider taking up the challenge of Bob Bosch, representing the Tualatin Valley Council. He thinks his clubs, on a percentage basis, can produce more volunteer workers for the 2005 Portland Convention than ours. Let's show him he's mistaken, OK?

4- is the state going to participate in the Starlight

Parade during the 2005 Rose Festival?

In closing I want to thank Larry Baker and his wonderful team of Lebanon Square Circlers who all volunteered to host this state meeting, the delicious dinner and the fun filled dance for the Mid-Willamette Area Council. A special thank you should go to Marilyn York, another member of Larry's team for putting up the lovely jars of strawberry jam, which we found at our places this morning. I would also thank my wife, Barbara Lewis, for baking the loves of banana bread to complement the jam.

PORTLAND AREA COUNCIL Al Wolf & Gail Domine

Many clubs were dark for the summer months, however, this didn't stop them from participating in visitations, parades, campouts, picnics, beach trips and many non-dancing activities.

Several clubs, including the Bachelor 'N' Bachelorettes, Checkerboard Squares, country Capers, Country Cut-ups, River City Dancers and Swap and Swing have started square dance lessons. By all reports, a good number have enrolled in classes; anywhere from 10-35 students. Many clubs are also offering round dance classes.

Frank Gonzalez, caller for the Happy Rock'rs suffered a severe stroke in July. Ray & Diane LeDoux, delegates from their club, report that he is slowly but surely regaining his strength but it will be a long recuperation. Steve Hays, a member of their club has been calling their dances and teaching their class.

The Canby cloverleaf teen club participated in the 54th Pacific Northwest Teen Square dance Festival in Vancouver, BC on May 2nd & 3rd. 22 teens and 1- adults made the trip. The teens placed 2nd in novice calling and dancing.

River City dancers were the winners of the Wood Award for the highest percentage of dancers at the Summer Festival in Pendleton. They also had the largest number of dancers attending (Chairman Award).

Cross Trailers last dance as a regular club was on June 14th. This was their 16th anniversary dance. They are now a traveling club.

River City dancers also celebrated 13 years of dancing on June 14th.

Tumbleweeds celebrated their 31st Anniversary on July 18th. Pat Harper is back to calling and dancing since his mild heart attack in May.

Oregon dancers were well represented at the Penticton jamboree in August. The weather was quite warm but dancing on the outdoor floor under a full moon on Saturday evening was great fun.

The Columbia gorge Plus dancers report that their Columbia gorge Campout held the weekend of August 15th was a great success. Nice weather, good food and friendship; what else would you want? 10-12 squares danced plus and mainstream to Bill Helms and Bill Reid. Marge Pentecost and Neva Reid cued the rounds.

As of the 14th of September the North Willamette Callers and cuers have voted to disband. Harold Kleve will report on this later in the meeting.

ROGUE SIS-Q COUNCIL Rex and Jeri Bounds – John Guches sitting in

Council Activities

The council in concert with the Callers and Cuers Association, and the Clubs, paid the cost to run a Square Dance Ad on the local TV stations to promote the new class schedule.

Club Activities

Charlie Browns, Grants Pass Or.

Graduated 21 students

Over the 4th of July weekend they visited the Beachcombers in Port Orford for their 50th birthday dance.

Over Labor Day Weekend the club again visited the Beachcombers for the Battle Rock Dance and danced in the surf at Battle Rock Park.

Circle-N-Squares, Yreka Ca.

Demo danced at the Siskiyou County Fair and ran a soda booth for a club fundraiser.

They celebrated their 49th birthday on the 20th of September

Lantz Dantzers, Medford Or.

Ran a club yard sale on the 1st. and 7th of September that was very successful and brought into the club coffers a considerable amount of money.

Southern Oregon Single Squares, Medford Or.

On August 8th sponsored Mike Sikorsky for a night of fun and dancing

Star Promenaders, Medford Or.

Held their annual Teddy Bear Dance and Donated 2200 stuffed animals to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department representative Sheriff Mike Winters

The 30th Diamond Lake Festival with Mike Seastrom calling on Friday night to 28 squares and on Saturday night there were 38 squares.

On August 6th they sponsored Wade Driver.

Up Coming Events

October 25th Gypsy's Birthday dance with Roger Putzler call and Elaine Funk cueing. At the Josephine County Square Dance Center Josephine County Fair Grounds

SOUTH COAST AREA COUNCIL Mary & Don Miller

BEACHCOMBERS – Reports they had a great July 4th Birthday Celebration, with 11 square on the floor, and great coverage by KCBY cameras. Calling on the 3rd was Peer Wood with Steve Hoisington cueing, on the 4th Dale Roberson called, the cueing was shared by Steve Hoisington and Ed Phillips. Scott Zinser called on the 5th with pat Hintz cueing.

Labor day weekend went off without a hitch. As many as 12 squares on the floor at one time. Enjoyed the calling of Denny Lentz, Darrell Newell and the cuing of Marion Cook and Ed Phillips.

The "Dancing in the Surf" created a great scene for the spectators and fun for the dancers. On now to our fall dancing and visiting and looking forward to our New Years Eve Dance. See you there.

SAINTS-N-AINTS – had a good summer, with lots of visiting to other clubs throughout the state. While Sherm enjoyed a summer off for vacationing and lots of fishing we enjoyed guest callers. Lenny Ludiker called for us July 19th. On August 2nd we enjoyed Steve Porter, Wayne West on August 16th. Wayne will be our guest caller in September, October and November when Sherm attends the OSU (his alma mater) football games. We appreciate Wayne West, Lenny Ludiker, Ivan Koehn & Steve Porter for coming over to help us out. We always have such a great time. Lots of SNA's attended the South coast Area meeting and picnic hosted by Sets In Order in August. Kudos to Jim Harris, for wielding a mean spatula on those burgers. They were delicious.

SETS IN ORDER – have been having guest callers at our dances due to our caller Johnnie Nichols having health problems. Many thanks to Dale Roberson, Wayne West, Jim Gadberry, Ray Graves and Coleeta Quigley for all their help. Our lessons have started with Jim Harris teaching for us.

We had a float in the Coquille Gay 90's parade on June 7th. During the coos county fair in July, we had a community booth, parade float and danced one evening. Hosted the South Coast Area picnic and meeting at Sturdivant Park in Coquille on August 17th. Our 57th Birthday dance will be October 11th with Wayne West calling and Denise Harris cueing.

SUNSET AREA COUNCIL Sylvia Davis (Karel Morris sitting in)
HAYSHAKERS

The Beach Bum Dance. The Hillsboro Hoedowners & the Checkerboard Squares joined us for a really fun evening. How much fun? Join us next May & find out.

We were in 2 July 4th parades. We had our first parade in Seaside, had a picnic at Sylvia Davis' & then we were in the Warrenton parade where we got a trophy for being "Most Entertaining."

We have done 3 demonstration dances at Neawanna by the Sea, the Susan Ilee & the Seaside Providence Hospital in the extended care.

A couple of years ago we painted 2 sides of our grange. This summer we painted the other 2 sides.

Our Summer Square Dancing Program this year, our first, was fantastic. On Mardi Gras Night, Bourbon Street was alive with dancing, costumes, beads, coins, a King & Queen & much merry making. Door prizes were auctioned off to the highest bidder with coins earned from dancing.

Our Carnival Night was a page out of the County Fair with a dart throw, ring toss, ball throw, shooting gallery & most important a prize booth. Games were played with coins earned from dancing with tickets issued at the booth to winners to turn in for prizes.

And finally we had our Beach Bingo Night where everyone had a Bingo card & the dancers called the Bingo numbers. Fun was here for everyone.

For those who were not able to join in the fun this year, we look forward to seeing you or your group next year. It would make a great mystery or beach trip. Contact us & we will help make accommodations for you.

We had our 2nd picnic on the beach in August. We had a dance floor big enough for 2 squares. We also had water balloon volleyball, snake ball, horseshoes, sand sculpting, a campfire, a sing-a-long, smores & plenty of eating. We also had a new & improved outdoor facility.

We have just started our round dance lessons & we will start square dance lessons the middle of October.

Remember the Seaside Sashay October 25th & 26th. The Hayshakers have been very busy.

TUALATIN VALLEY COUNCIL Bob & Carolyn Bosch

Summer was semi busy for the council. The 4th of July parade was a very good success story. Many flyers were distributed to parade goers. Parade callers were teen callers; April Craig, age 14, daughter of Ed Craig, and Elisa Craig, age 17, niece of Ed Craig. The crowd very much enjoyed the teens. The TVC float won the Judges Trophy and 2nd place overall in the parade.

The 5th Saturday in August was the picnic and dance at the Hahn Barn. The dance was lightly attended with 10 squares. Lower figures were most likely due to the heat, which reached above 90 degrees. It was a great success in which everyone had fun and large quantities of food.

On September 11, 2003 , the Oregonian printed an article "Dance club members ask youth to do-si-do along". It talks about the Hutzer family teens and club lessons of the Sunset Promenaders. It also listed callers, lesson times of area clubs and locations. It listed Hutzer dancers as 17 through 96. Congratulations to the Hutzer family and happy dancing.

Up coming events: Dec; Christmas Party/Dinner for everyone who wants to come and enjoy the seasonal spirit of the TVC and PAC members. New years Eve dance and in Jan; The Presidents Potluck; everyone is invited.

UMPQUA AREA COUNCIL Darlene "Dar" Sconce

On Friday, October 31, 2003, the UAC will sponsor a 5th Friday Black Cat Halloween Dance. Dale Roberson will be the caller with Steve Hoisington, cueing the rounds. I would like to invite you to this special area dance. Costumes are optional.

All area clubs entertained Douglas County fair goers from August 5-9. There were enthusiastic dancers each night and we really strutted out stuff! We distributed flyers listing beginner square dance lessons and are looking forward to acquiring many new dancers in our area. We want to thank the callers and cuers who participated in this annual event.

Boots & Calicos will have their Halloween Dance, October 25th and their Thanksgiving Dance, November 8th. Jim Gadberry will be calling and Claude Butler will be cueing these dances at the Winston Community Center. New dancer classes will begin Monday, September 15th, Winston Middle School, 7-9 PM with Jim Gadberry, Instructor.

Buckeroos had their annual picnic on Sunday September 12th with a great turnout in spite of the inclement weather. Dale Roberson and Ray Graves entertained us with their calling and we danced and had wonderful time of fellowship. We will have their October dances on the 4th and 18th. Dale Roberson is the caller and Pat Hintz cues on the 1st Saturday and Steve Hoisington on the 3rd Saturday. October 18th will be our Halloween/Harvest Night Dance. Dances in November are the 7th and 21st. Thanksgiving weekend will find the Buckeroos hard at work making Christmas Wreaths to be sold the first weekend in December at the barn. This is one of their annual fundraisers. Square Dance lessons are held on Thursdays and Sundays at the Buckeroo Barn. A new format this year with beginners dancing for the first 1½ hours and Plus lessons for the remaining 1½ hours. Thursday's classes are from 7-10 PM and Sundays Classes are from 4 -7 PM. Dale Roberson is the instructor.

Dancing Friends will start a round dance review class of Phase II-Two Step and Waltz at the Buckeroo Barn beginning Tuesday, September 23, 2003 from 7-9 PM with Pat Hintz, Instructor. She will also be teaching Cha-Cha, Rumba basics and Tango.

Pioneers & Petticoats had a great free dance on August 22nd in Canyonville for Pioneer Days with 5 squares dancing. There is a Regular Dance on October 10th and a Halloween Dance on October 24th. Their 6th Birthday Dance will be November 14th. Their Christmas Dance on December 12th; Scott Zinser will be the caller for these dances and Claude Butler, Cuer. Their November 28th and December 26th. Dances are cancelled due to the holidays. Wayne West will call their January 9th "Brag Book Student Dance". Square Dance Classes will begin on September 18th - 7-9 PM at the Canyonville Youth Center with Wayne West, Instructor.

Timber 8's Plus Lessons began on September 4th at Winchester School Cafeteria from 7-9 PM, with Jim Gadberry, Instructing. Dances will be held on the 1st and 3rd Friday's in October and November. Guest Callers and Claude Butler Cueing. They will be dark the first Friday in December due to the Buckeroos annual Wreath Project. Their Christmas Dance will be held on December 19th

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL Bonnie & Don Berry

Our clubs have been participating in parades and demos this summer. Lessons are being planned for January.

Wallowa Lake Hoedown was a wonderful weekend as usual. At the last minute the had to switch locations. But with a few phone calls and some signs all was well. The attendance was down some.

We have elected new council officers:
Pres. Don Berry (Bonnie) 541-963-0266
V.P. Chuck Hoover (Sandy) 541-523-9306
Treas. Dorothy Daggett 541-432-1561
Sec. Barb Walter (Curtis) 541-938-5640
Delegate Ray Fenn (Ginger) 541-963-5921
Alt Del Bonnie Berry (Don) 541-963-0266

We discussed donating \$500.00 for the ice rink fund. We will decide at our November meeting. We also discussed the Bumper Stickers. We would take 24 and be willing to pay \$2.00 each.

CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL Doug & LaDauna Hartzell

THE **CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL** HELD THEIR MEETING ON AUGUST 21ST, WITH MEMBERS FROM THE MAJORITY OF THE CLUBS IN CENTRAL OREGON PRESENT.

THE COUNCIL PUT OUT THE QUESTION FOR THE CLUB DELEGATES WANTING TO KNOW WHAT THE CLUBS WANTED FROM THEIR COUNCIL – DELEGATES ARE TO TAKE THIS BACK TO THEIR CLUBS AND GET FEEDBACK.

ON APRIL 30TH, 2004, THE COUNCIL IS GOING TO HOLD A NEW DANCERS DANCE WHICH WILL INCLUDE A POTLUCK AND CLOTHING SALE. THIS WILL BE A 5TH SATURDAY AND THE COUNCIL IS ANTICIPATING A GOOD ATTENDANCE.

THE COUNCIL IS HOLDING A HALLOWEEN DANCE ON OCTOBER 31ST AND ASKED WHAT THE CLUBS THOUGHT ABOUT CALLERS.

SAGEBRUSH SHUFFLERS: THEIR LESSONS WILL START SEPT 28TH FROM 3:00 TO 5:00 PM AT THE CLOG HALL IN REDMOND WITH ROB SCRIBNER AS THE CALLER. THE SHUFFLERS AND THE RED ROCKS HAVE AGREED TO HELP ANGEL EACH OTHER'S LESSONS IN ORDER TO KEEP BOTH CLUB LESSONS GOING.

THEY HAVE A COMMITTEE TO HELP THEM COME UP WITH THEME DANCES TO TRY AND IMPROVE THEIR ATTENDANCE.

THEIR NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE WILL FEATURE SCOTT ZINSER AND KITTY FOX.

SUNDOWN ROUND DANCE CLUB: THE ROUND DANCE CLUB ALONG WITH THE BACHELOR BEAUTS AND SWINGING MOUNTAINEERS ASSISTED THE GRANGE IN PAINTING THE OUTSIDE AND INSIDE OF THE BUILDING.

THE ROUND DANCE CLUB WILL BE DOING TWO STEP LESSONS IN BEND AT THE PINE FOREST GRANGE TUESDAYS 7 TO 8:30 PM BEGINNING ON SEPT 30TH; AND IN REDMOND AT THE CLOG HALL ON SUNDAYS BEGINNING SEPT 28TH FROM 5:15 TO 7:15 PM.

RED ROCK SQUARES: THE RED ROCKS HAVE HAD A VERY BUSY SUMMER HELPING OUT WITH THE ROUND UP AND PARADES, ETC. THEY JOINED THE OTHER CLUBS IN DANCING AT THE COUNTY FAIR AND HAD A GREAT TIME.

RED ROCKS WILL START THEIR LESSONS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN JANUARY AT THE CLOG HALL FROM 1:00 TO 3:00 PM WITH RON DOWSE DOING THE CALLING. WE WILL BE USING A SIGN UP SHEET FOR HOSTS FOR ALL LESSONS. THE RED ROCKS WILL ALSO BE HELPING THE SHUFFLERS WITH THEIR LESSONS AND THE SHUFFLERS WILL BE HELPING THE RED ROCKS WITH THEIRS.

SWINGING MOUNTAINEERS: THE SWINGING MOUNTAINEERS HAVE TWO "THEME" DANCES SCHEDULED: SEPT 26TH WILL BE A SUNDAE DANCE WITH FREE ICE CREAM SUNDAES; AND ON NOVEMBER 11TH THEY WILL BE HOLDING A DOLLAR DANCE WITH DOOR DONATION \$1.00 FOR EVERYONE – EVEN THE CALLER, ROGER PUTZLER WILL BE PAID A \$1.00 TO WHICH HE AGREED. THESE DANCES WILL HOPEFULLY DRAW A GOOD ATTENDANCE AT THE DANCES.

BACHELOR BEAUTS: THE BACHELOR BEAUTS ARE GEARING UP FOR THEIR DETROIT LAKE WEEKEND ON OCTOBER 3 AND 4TH. THIS IS ALWAYS A FUN WEEKEND. THEIR WILL BE A "BACK TO DANCING" NIGHT ON SEPT 20TH WITH A SPAGHETTI FEED AND RON BLIVEN CALLING. THEY ARE ALSO PREPARING FOR THE FORT ROCK HOEDOWN ON SEPT 12 AND 13TH, AS WITH ALL THE CENTRAL OREGON CLUBS, EVERYONE HAS BEEN BUSY SUPPORTING OTHER CLUBS AND THE ROUNDUP THIS YEAR.

EASTERN OREGON COUNCIL Dave & Jodene Hughes

Dave mentioned that George and Lorene Griffith were here at the meeting just to say hi. How wonderful it is to have them here with us today.

Ione Grand Squares are have not started to dance yet, but are working on a schedule.

Hermiston Square Knots have not had enough to dance the first couple of dances and are possibly thinking about becoming a traveling club.

If you plan to come to Eastern Oregon to dance with one of the two clubs, please call before making the trip.

ACTIVE GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

Don & Karel Morris

Congratulations to all the new officers and delegates! We hope you have a great year!

Our summer has been busy with company from Washington, California, Nebraska and Colorado. We enjoy showing off our state to anyone who will look. After such a long, dry summer we chose the first day of torrential rain to ride the jet boats up the Rogue River to Agness. That made for a different trip then the warm sunny ones. But . . .

would all the massive sea lions have been lying on the dock barking their welcome to us if the sun had been shining?

We are enjoying volunteering at the North Bend Visitor Center and have been amazed at how many people come through our out-of-the-way area and that they are from all over the world! Don takes care of changing the outdoor information reader board. If you're coming to the Coos Bay/North Bend area, stop by. We'll give you a hug and a piece of Bandon's cranberry candy!

We are making plans to travel to Arizona again this winter. One of our sons recently lost his job in Corvallis and has a new position at a company in Chandler, Arizona. Being south will give us a chance to visit him there and check out his new apartment as well!

Benjamin & Penny Brown (Absent)

No report

Ray & Zola Jones

We hope all of you have had a great summer! Ours has been a very busy one, even if we didn't get around to as many Festivals and dancing as we had planned to.

First, we missed Summer Festival in Pendleton due to motor home problems; we got 5 miles out of Eugene and had to turn around and go back. Then shortly after that-our daughter, who is 30 and our one and only child, announced she and her fiancé wanted to get married this Summer, instead of next year; so I had just 2 months to plan, organize and do the work to have for her a beautiful wedding on Saturday, August 16! Needless to say this took up a lot of our time in those 2 months, and consequently we had to cancel our trips to the Penticton Festival in British Columbia, and the Central Oregon Roundup in Prineville-both in August. But we did manage to get away in our RV for a week at Diamond Lake in July for the Festival there. It's always such a wonderful time; beautiful location, great dancing on the outdoor floor, and re-connecting with friends from Medford and Grants Pass areas, and dancers from California who come up too. And-we also hauled two 4' x 8' painted 'new' sheets for the outdoor floor; one for the 54th N.S.D.C. and the other for the Cross-Trailers club in Portland. In late August we attended a special dance at the Dance Center in Springfield by the Wolf Pack club where Ralph Lambert cued and Roger Putzler called "Old Times" Rounds and Squares--it was such fun doing calls like 'Daisey-Chain' and 'Dip & Dive', among others! Our club goes 'dark' in July and August, but we did have a demonstration at a community center in Eugene on September 3-in which we participated along with 3 squares of Whirl-A-Ways. Our club has started their 'beginner' lessons and we are Angeling there. Also we are in the midst of putting together the Program Book for 2004 Mid-Winter Festival, books to be printed and out for distribution at the State Meeting weekend in November.

And--we are also once again on the committee for a National Square Dance Convention in Oregon. They will need a lot of people to help to put this convention on--it's a great experience, as you get to meet and work with even more Oregon dancers you may not have known before! So we urge you to join on and help out, and also spread the word in your areas and clubs to encourage ones there to help also.

A big "Thank You" to Mid-Willamette Council and Lebanon Square Circlers for hosting us this weekend. So, until we see all of you again in November; Safe travels, and 'Happy Highways'

Al & Fran Westphal

This is a great weekend for us, because we were able to attend the dance and meeting. Because of Fran's work (Pause for a commercial: in the Oregon portion of our lives, Fran works as a waitress at Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport, an oceanfront resort hotel), we are not able to travel as much as we did in past years to square dance events during the spring, summer and fall.

We were pleased to be able to attend one night of the 4 of July weekend of dancing in Port Orford. Friendly dancers, good calling and cueing and the beautiful setting of Beachcomber Hall made it worth the drive. We attended the first dance of the season of the Corvallis Squares. They have a wonderful new dance facility in west Corvallis. They dance in a small gymnasium with a nice wood floor and good acoustics in a Congregational Church. Last Sunday we attended the Sea Twirlers' birthday dance at Gleneden Beach. Loren and Cindy Marberry called and cued a nice afternoon dance with a good mix of local and visiting dancers. Last night was the 54th birthday celebration of one of our home clubs, the Toledo 49'rs. We hated not being there, but we didn't want to miss this opportunity to visit and dance with all of you. Through the summer, we have attended a number of 49'rs and Spinning Antler functions and stayed busy with projects at home. In addition, Al has made a number of visits to Nahcotta, Washington, to help look after his 95-yr. old sister. We attended the memorial service for Penny Brown in the Metzger area of Tigard. It was a very special service for a very special lady. We will remember and miss Penny always, but we are pleased that Benjamin is back on the road, renewing friendships and making new friends. As he says, he needs to be with people. We continue to work towards promoting 2004 Yuma Festival, which will be held Feb. 13, 14 and 15. Ken Bower, Dan Nordbye, Jerry Jestin and Bob Stutevoss will call and Anne and Charles Brownrigg, Ron and Mary Noble and Arnold and Jeanette Tramp will cue. We like to brag that Yuma offers great callers and cuers and the best weather under the sun. We are making a life change. We have traded our 5th wheel for a park model in Shangri-La R.V. Resort in Yuma. We will be a bit closer to Fran's Yuma job at Pizza Hut and we think we will be able to adjust to driving to Yuma in the car or pickup, without pulling the trailer.<P>We are eager to host any of you who are able to put Yuma on your schedule. You will find plenty of friendly Oregonians there to join you in a square or round. We will be in space 27 at Shangri-La.

Harold & Barbara Kleve

New Ambassadors for the State.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Barbi Ashwill – If you are interested in the National Square Dance Magazine, please see Barbi Ashwill.

Gary Willoughby – Wagon Wheelers Birthday Dance will be November 1st. Also thanked Washington dancers for their support of the National Convention. Page 25 – President of the Boots & Sandals phone number is correct in the directory

Marilyn Schmit - Since being asked by Carolyn to fill this newly combined position, I have been doing a lot of thinking on what I can bring to the position. I know she can rely on me to be there always. I have ideas for several articles. I put an introductory article in the September OFN, have submitted an article for the October issue and will work on the November issue when I get home. Part of my job description is to be in charge of the Education Seminar at Mid-Winter. My tentative theme is "Youth and Square Dancing." How they see the Future. My goal is to let the current youth dancers tell what they see in the future concerning Festivals, After Parties, Dress Code, and whatever else they want "us" adults to know right now. I would like some written questions from you for the Youth to consider and answer at the seminar. I have sent an email to Ann Skoe, Peter Wood, and Bill Lundin. I have heard from Ann and talked to Peter and to Bill. They are interested in how this comes out and will work with me as needed.

Vivian Fairburn – thanked Jan Steele for her help.

Linda Lambert mentioned that if you have any newspaper articles please give them to the Historian.

Chuck Bos - encouraged clubs to have hearing enhancements.

Barbara Kleve – mentioned that Genevieve Churchill is back in Portland.

Carolyn Bosch – thanked everyone.

Meeting was adjourned .

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodene Hughes
Recording Secretary