

OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS
WRITTEN REPORTS TURNED IN AT THE
NOVEMBER 12, 2000, STATE MEETING
CLATSKANIE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Linda Lambert): I would like to thank everyone who have sent thoughts and prayers my way during the past couple of months. Due to the amount of time that I have needed to spend in Roseburg taking care of my Mom I have not found time to attend many dance functions. I have attended meetings of both the 2001 Mid-Winter Festival and the 2002 Summer Festival committees. I hope to have the doctor release me to dance soon.

The following are the only corrections that have been reported to me (for the OFN Directory): (1) Page 66, Toe Draggers, change the cuer's name from Fling to Flint. (2) Page 74, change Bev Fling to Bev Flint. (3) Page 65, Tri-Squares, change the cuer information to Janne Norton, 17555 S. Clackamas River Road, Oregon City, OR 97405, (503) 631-8660. (4) Page 65, remove page number 65 from Connie Clark's name and add page number 65 to Janne Norton's name. (5) Page 19, Goodwill Ambassadors, Benjamin and Penny Brown's information needs to be listed as follows: 822 NW Murray Blvd. #155, Portland, OR 97229, (503) 504-6802. (6) Page 25, High Lake Swingers, change the Secretary's last name from Horskey to Huskey. (7) Page 25, High Lake Swingers, change the delegate information from Annette Minix, 1025 SE Shadowood Drive, Bend, OR 97702, (541) 318-5334. (8) Page 25, Sagebrush Shufflers, change the Secretary's last name from Auxier to McDaniel. (9) Page 44, Salem Swingin' Stars, change the cuer information to First Friday - Janne Norton, 17555 S. Clackamas River Road, Oregon City, OR 97405, (503) 631-8660 AND Third Friday - Jeanine Norden, 17520 SW Cheyenne Way, Tualatin, OR 97062, (503) 692-4482.

Please make the above corrections to your directories. I will be asking the OFN Editor to print the above corrections in the next issue of the OFN. I still have copies of the Directory for sale. If you are in need of any more copies, please contact me.

2001 MID-WINTER COMMITTEE REPORT (Noel and Tina Cykler). Registration report: Full three-day ribbons - 302; RV registrations - 104. Others - 12. We will be utilizing the new courtyard at the Fairgrounds for beginner level dancers and will be needing to provide flooring for this area. According to the Fairgrounds the projected finish date of the Courtyard is December 5, 2000.

The Fairgrounds has given our committee an opportunity to work off some of the cost of the building rental for this coming festival. We had fifty people, each donating five hour shifts, this past weekend to offset some of the cost of this festival. Noel and I wish to express our thanks to our hardworking committee members this year. They have worked especially hard to put together for all dancers a great time at the "2001 Dance Odyssey." It is now up to our dancers to support and make this Mid-Winter Festival something that will continue for another 41 years.

We have flyers and program books available for you. Our program book turned out exceptional print quality. Our new advertising chairman this year, Mimi and Red Mills, sold ten more ads for the book this year, bringing in additional income. Thanks to Mimi and Red for a job well done and to Zola and Ray Jones, our Program Book Chairman, for putting the book together. Please remember to support our advertisers as they contribute a good amount of money to our favorite interest.

2002 SUMMER FESTIVAL REPORT (Lee and Barbi Ashwill). 2002 Summer Festival organizational meeting was held on November 5, 2000, with 34 dancers in attendance. Contracts have been signed for

callers and cuers. A contract is in the works for an on-site restaurant and for the sound system. The advertising flyer has been developed and a copy will be sent to the Summer Festival 2001 for inclusion in the Program Booklet. 2002 Summer Festival ribbons would be available, but it would upset Mr. Hartzell and we don't want to upset him just yet. We will wait until the conclusion of 2001 Summer Festival to do that. "Go Beavers."

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Kay Rogers). Welcome to our little corner of the state. Now that you know the road runs in two directions, we hope you'll be back real soon. Jim and I have been dancing around this area and have enjoyed several Halloween dances. We are looking forward to dancing around the state more in the next few years. I have been talking to printers in Longview about the directory for next year. Ducks and beavers are a hard act to follow.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Nancy Cobb). I must confess I'm glad to have my first meeting behind me, and that first set of minutes! Although taking minutes for City Council meetings is a major part of my job, I know that what's expected here will be somewhat different. At the last meeting, I realized that costs needed to be considered when putting the minutes together and mailing them. Therefore, these minutes looked different because I attempted to cut down on the number of pages both for saving paper and postage. However, I believe I included all pertinent information. It cost \$1.15 for each set of minutes mailed out - 53 cents to copy each set, 7 cents for the envelope and 55 cents for postage. Forty-five sets were mailed, for a total \$51.75. Two more pages could be added without increasing the cost of postage. At 11 pages, the postage goes up to 77 cents; after 15, with a larger envelope, the cost goes to 99 cents. Please feel free to contact me with your comments and suggestions - I'm more than happy to incorporate new ideas. Like, would anyone want their minutes e-mailed as an attachment - just let me know.

Although family matters have kept me from participating as fully with square dancing as I would like, I've still been able to attend some of my club's lesson nights, two potlucks we've had for our new dancers, an Umpqua Area Council meeting and one dance our excellent students were invited to - we had eight squares! I'm hoping in the weeks between this meeting and the next one at Mid-Winter, I'll be able to represent the state in my area more fully and promote that Happiness is Square Dancing.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Marilyn Schmit). Even though it has been only a few weeks since our last meeting, I have sent out a few cards: Sympathy cards were sent to the following: Paula Davis, Newport - loss of father; Rex Kniestadt, The Dalles - loss of mother; Family of Bud Parrot, Albany - Bud's death; Sally Baechle, New York - loss of husband (USDA Facilities Chair). Thinking of you or get well cards were sent to: John Hans, Florence - heart problems; Chet Martin, Coos Bay - stomach pains; Barbara Schaumberg, Portland - cancer treatment; Tim Roberts, Tigard - gall bladder surgery; Al Brown, Newport; Jim Neely, Stanfield; and Linda Lambert, Salem.

I would like to hear from other areas of the state about illness or death. I see various reports in the OFN about people who are sick or clubs who have lost a treasured member. How come I never hear about them? I hear from the local area and the Rooper's, Bosch' and Morris'. But where are reports from the other nine area Councils? They need to be heard from also.

This is another reminder to the Council delegates to check your area club secretaries in for correctness.

Since I will be in Branson during Mid-Winter, I have asked and received permission to seat Annadale Rooper as Corresponding Secretary pro tem for the January meeting. Along with Ron's help with name

plates, I'm sure she will do a fine job. Annadale, thank you very much.

Showcase of Ideas Report. We have started the official invitation to participate in the Anaheim Showcase of Ideas. I will be sending it back, filled out, when we return home. We also received the Publications Display entry. In the last report, we requested names and pictures, if possible, of dancers who have danced 40 years or more. We have received names from Karel Morris for the South Coast area. She is working on getting us more pictures also. Are we going to hear from any more of you? We need your input as we are not familiar with all the dancers of the Oregon Federation.

USDA Report. My Executive Committee requests for reports for the Winter Meeting are almost ready to be sent. All reports will be due back to me by Christmas. I have updated the Affiliate President listing and will be sending those out to the Regional Vice Presidents to complete the updates.

The California Square Dance Council has offered USDA space for a National Museum in San Diego. That will be a topic of discussion at our Winter Meeting in Branson.

We have also lost another member of our Executive Committee. Walt Baechle, our Facilities Director, has passed away after a short bout with cancer. His wife, Sally, will continue in his place.

I have the brochure from the place I will be staying while in Branson. It is called the Settle Inn and looks fairly nice. Friday night will be an evening of square dancing in Branson and we have our choice of entertainment for Saturday evening. We can attend the Jim Stafford Show or go to the "50's At the Hop." I'm going to the Hop. It sounds like a lot more fun.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Clara Kilbourne): Charlie Brown from Rogue Sis-Q is the only club missing and has been requested a copy from the state. All other Clubs and Councils are accounted for. As the new Membership Chairman, I want to extend my help and will be supplying pre-addressed envelopes with the clubs to return a copy to me at their renewal time. I also want to request the Insurance Chairman mail a copy of the clubs' membership rosters turned in with the insurance renewals. I could use these as a reference.

INSURANCE REPORT (Jim Rogers). We want to thank everyone for all the good work you did to get insurance papers in on time this year. If you are missing clubs from your report, please see me after the meeting to make plans to get them to us.

The USDA has made a major change in premium policy this year. ANY new members who join your club before June 30, will need to pay the \$2.50 premium. So when you get new members, send us their names and addresses, and a check made out to the Oregon Federation. Class members are still free until they join your club.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT (Tim Roberts). I distributed a 3-page update to the recipients of the new P&P's (Practices & Procedures) in September. This adds some things from this summer that should have made the September printing.

I also distributed 43 newly ordered copies of the P&P to some of the Councils. That's more than I printed up for the Executive Board! Thanks for the interest.

PUBLICITY/STATE REPORTER REPORT (Ed Warmoth): Club Publicity Flyers Wanted! As your club sets dates for major dances and special events, be sure a flyer or information is sent to the State Publicity Chairman. We plan to keep a master calendar and publicize it where we can. Mail to Ed and Mary Warmoth, 9219 SW Line Drive, Cornelius, OR 97113-9631, fax and phone (503) 628-3227, e-mail ejw5@msn.com.

Advertising Funds Available to Councils. A total of \$4,226 is available until July 31, 2001, from the \$5,200 set aside by the Oregon Federation for cooperative advertising by Area Councils in the state. The funds are to be used to “advertise square and round dancing to the general community, targeting non-square and round dancers.” Advance approval is required, using application forms to show what is planned and the total cost that is to be a combination of local funds and a 50% match from the Oregon Federation. When the application is approved, proceed with the plan and send receipts for reimbursement. Five Councils (Eastern Oregon, Portland, Sunset, Tualatin Valley and Umpqua) have used part of their allocated money and may make proposals for the balance. Each of the other eight Councils have the original \$400 state dollars remaining, which means a local project could be planned up to a maximum of \$800 with \$400 from local funds.

State Services - Decals & Toll-Free Phone Number: Attractive yellow and green Oregon Federation window decals are available for \$1 each (Yes, those are also the official colors of the Oregon Federation!). The toll-free State Publicity Number is 1-800-637-7321 for public telephone inquiries has been continued. There is a backup recorder for times when a person is not available. You can publicize this number in combination with your own local number as a second source of square dance information.

Oregon Square Dance Week 2001. State Education Chairman Lola Robello of Portland has made the planning and execution of a statewide Oregon Square Dance Week Promotion one of her top priorities. She wants activities to be happening all across the state. Watch for further details!

Coming Dates: January 26-28 - State Med-Winter Festival, Eugene. January 28 - State Federation Board Meeting, Eugene. May 5-6 - State Federation Board Meeting, Rogue Sis-Q. June 27-30 - NSDC, Anaheim. July 12-15 - State Summer Festival, Redmond. August 23-September 3, 2001 - Oregon State Fair, Salem.

(This report was distributed to all attending and included on the reverse side information for “On to Anaheim! June 27-30, 2001)

EDUCATION ADVISOR REPORT (Lola Robello). We are very excited about Square Dance Week. Our goal is to have a Dance Blitz throughout the State of Oregon. We will have a packet with ideas, helpful hints and a copy of a press release at the May meeting. All of you can help to make Square Dance Weekend a great success. We have changed the dates from the first week in September to August 18th through August 25th. We thought this would be better, because of the long Labor Day weekend and school starting.

We would like each club to appoint a person to be in charge of Square Dance Week, maybe the person could be your publicity person. I would like the appointed person to contact me every couple of months and tell me your ideas for Square Dance Week. Maybe clubs can celebrate Square Dance Week together.

I received these suggestions from Ed Warmoth that I would like to share with you. Ed's suggestions: Encourage dancers to schedule and publicize local demos at malls, county fairs and similar locations;

dedicate one regular dance night to open house or bring a guest time and include light refreshments to provide opportunity for table talk; plan a contest of some kind.

Remember lots of signs and media coverage for Square Dance Week.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT (Don Morris). I have completed an inventory of everything I have in storage and have given the information to Barbi (Ashwill).

In going through the Summer Festival informational books, which incidentally, each Summer Festival Committee is supposed to make, I find that I have 14 available at this time. As some are much more detailed and have more information, I have assigned a rating on a master list of the more useful ones.

I have put together a check-out system for keeping track of the Summer Festival books and I ask that future Festival committee persons cooperate with the Historian to make it work.

At the present time, I am looking for the books from 1988, 1992, 1996, 1997 and 1998. If you have any of these books, or know who does, please let me know after the meeting. I have forms available for checking out the information books.

The newest mini-banners given to me have been added to the three big banners and will be on display at Mid-Winter. As a reminder of any club planning to make a mini-banner, the size is 6"x 6" and made of cloth. Do not glue felt designs or letters together, as they come apart more easily.

BI/ASCAP COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Ralph Lambert). Everything is current with both organizations.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR (Anne Skoe). As Youth Advisor, I have a proposal that is related to this Board's fifth goal, that of supporting youth in our activity. I suggest that the Federation encourage clubs to have a "Youth Rate" donation for dances if they do not already have one. It is suggested that this rate be \$1 less than the regular adult rate. Clubs are discouraged from making the youth rate FREE. People need to pay "something for something." The suggested age for reduced pricing is 18 and below. The target is all K-12 school age kids since most of them rely on parental assistance for money.

STATE FAIR REPORT (Fran Bunch). I received a phone call requesting that we change the format for the State Fair. This group of folks would like to dance one time with 25 squares. I called the State Fair chairman and was told there is not room to do that kind of thing during the Fair. They utilize every inch of the grounds. Afternoon scheduling could be changed to a two or three hour block instead of taking a break, however, our best advertisement is to have people walking around the grounds in square dance attire. I can't make too many changes as I have to do what the Fair says. I also have to please this body, so if this body would rather not dance at the Fair, maybe it's time to just let it go and not pursue dancing anytime at the Fair. We had five afternoons that we did not have dancers and two evenings that we did not dance. Thanks for any input you have.

ORDTA REPORT (Dennis Smith). ORDTA held their fall meeting on October 7, 2000, at the Springfield Dance Center. They approved amendments to their bylaws that simplify membership requirements and procedures. ORDTA requests that the delegates remind their area clubs about the panel that ORDTA will present at Mid-Winter regarding "So You Want to be a Cuer." Several cuers from around the state will be on this panel and will present useful information for prospective cuers. The

business meeting was followed by a discussion concerning classes, things to make them easier for the students, things to make them more fun, and helpful hints in general.

On October 14, ORDTA lost one more of its founding members, Bud Parrott. Bud choreographed many round dances, with "Birth of the Blues" probably being the best known of his dances. He was instrumental in the formation of ROUNDALAB. ORDTA's founding members were Bud and Shirley Parrott, Lloyd and Elise Ward, and Bill and Elaine Funk. The only surviving founding member is Elaine Funk.

ROUND DANCE SCREENING REPORT (Barbara Schaumberg). The Round of the Month for January 2001 is "Stood Up," written by Mike Seurer, Roswell, New Mexico, chosen by Interstate Highlanders. The Round of the Month for February 2001 is "The Marvelous Toy," written by Milo and Carol Molitoris, Susanville, California, chosen by Lincoln-Tillamook. E-mail notifications have been sent out. I'm still having a bit of a problem getting people to notify me when they have a change in ROM representatives. I just sent the tape out to the Mid-Willamette Area and was notified that the tape had been forwarded to another person. I don't know when the change took place, but I was notified by e-mail. It would help a lot if these changes could be sent to me, so I don't have to worry about the tapes getting to the right person. Does anyone have any suggestions on this little problem?

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL (Bonnie Berry). LaGrande has started lessons. The club chose to not do things suggested at Les' class. The class numbers are low. The Baker City Club put into action many of the suggestions. They are planning on a January class. Several of these things were done last year and they had good results. They are planning on another good class.

LaGrande had their special "Hobo" Dance. The other clubs in the Council were invited. Milton-Freewater and Baker City chose to participate. We voted on the "Best Dressed Hobo." Pat Phelps was awarded the Traveling Hobo Award. We then voted on the King and Queen Hobo. Dennis and Irene Hogan were crowned with that honor. Everyone brought stew to put in the big stew pot. What a great stew, the flavor would change as we added new ingredients. Some brought cans to eat out of cans - real hobo style.

Our LaGrande Club is planning a hay ride on November 18th. It will be followed by a chili dog meal and dance. December 9th LaGrande and Baker City Clubs will join together for a Christmas Dinner and Dance. Baker City is hosting. LaGrande's Round Dancers are practicing some special numbers for the entertainment. Elgin's Indian Valley Paraders are planning their annual New Year's Eve Dance and have invited the clubs in the Council to join in.

CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL (Virginia Meyers). The Sagebrush Shufflers entertained an interested crowd of people at the Painted Hills celebration in Mitchell and came home with several people who have been coming to their square dance lessons in Powell Butte. Square dance lessons with Rob Scribner teaching started on September 9th and have generated much interest with 27 new dancers enrolled. A used clothing sale was held on October 22nd and 29th. The club plans to serve a light lunch between square and round dance lessons which will start shortly. The Hallowe'en Dance on October 23rd was well attended with Marc Chambers calling and Kitty Fox cuing.

The Detroit Week-end, hosted by the Bachelor Beauts and the Braids & Braves, was a huge success, thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of Dave and Jodene Hughes. We all discovered that the little town of Detroit has a great heart and the hospitality extended to the square dancers has left everyone with a desire to return next year. The Saturday night spaghetti hosted dinner, by the Fire Department, and the Sunday morning breakfast, hosted by the local snowmobile club, were well attended and plentiful! No one had to bring

finger foods as the After School Vision program manned a snack booth at the dance and the food (and prices) were super. The State campground at Detroit was a wonderful setting for the week-end. The Bachelor Beaus are indebted to Dave & Jodene and the Braids & Braves for allowing us to share in the event. The Bachelor Beaus Round Dance lessons with Dave & Barbi Cooper instructing. The beginners' square dance lessons, sponsored by the Bachelor Beaus, will begin on January 4th. The Club is sending out post cards with the upcoming dances listed to members who have not attended dances lately reminding them that they are missed.

The Red Rock Squares had a camp out at Mitchell and joined the Sagebrush Shufflers in the demo at the Painted Hills Festival. The Whirl-a-Ways hosted the Red Rocks at a campout at McKenzie Bridge, where they served a great hobo stew for the evening meal on Saturday night and an equally tasty breakfast on Sunday morning. This was the second annual campout for the two clubs and they are planning the third annual for next August. The Red Rocks will be dancing in the Redmond Christmas parade on Saturday after Thanksgiving and they will be using the State trailer. Jim Burge will call. The Club's beginning square dance lessons will start on January 8th at John Tuck School in Redmond. Dave Cooper is teaching square dancing again this year at Jewell School in Bend from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays. Fifty-seven fourth and fifth graders showed up for the first class and some of the parents are taking lessons with the Sagebrush Shufflers. The Red Rocks went to Hood River on October 21 to advertise the 2001 Summer Festival.

The Fifth Saturday dance, hosted by the Swinging Mountaineers and the Sagebrush Shufflers, held on September 30th, was a very good party. The crowd could have been better, but the stew was excellent and Jim & Joyce Voll did their usual good job calling and cuing. The Ft. Rock Hoedown was a fun-filled weekend, in spite of the coolest two nights of the Fall. Two squares earned their "Dance at the Rock" certificates on Friday afternoon. Dinner at the Watering Hole was attended by more than 30 people and the dinner was excellent. It was a weekend of good dancing and fun activities, ending with a scrumptious breakfast on Sunday morning. We'll do it again next year!!! A good crowd of dancers enjoyed Bill Helms calling and Tami Helms cuing at the November 10th dance. It's always a special treat when they visit.

The High Lake Swingers enjoyed a fun Birthday Dance on October 14th with Jim Hattrick calling and cuing. The unique figures he called really kept us on our toes! Our Christmas Dance will be held at the LaPine Elementary School with Ron Bliven calling and Dave Cooper cuing.

The Central Oregon Area Council wishes everyone in our Square Dance Family a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a most HAPPY NEW YEAR. We'll see you at Mid-Winter.

EASTERN OREGON AREA REPORT (Lorene Griffith). The Hermiston Square Knots are dancing on the 1st and 3rd Fridays. They have decided to wait until January to give lessons.

The Ione Grand Squares are back to dancing after a summer recess. Be sure to watch the When and Where in the OFN for their dance schedule. In January and February they will dance on Sunday afternoons in Condon.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS REPORT (Cathy Pochatko). Interstate meeting was held September 30, 2000. Happy Huggers: Ron Pochatko is the new caller. Workshops were to begin in September but were canceled. Sunday, January 7th, we will begin the Beginners' class. More on that at Winter Festival.

Tule Twirlers: The beginner hoedown has been scheduled for April 29th, 2001. Classes have begun on

Mondays and Wednesdays. Party nights will now be held at Altamont School Cafeteria still on the first Saturday of the month.

K.C. Squares: Class have resumed again on September 20th and beginner on September 21st. The annual potato harvest dance was on October 20th and 21st.

Tall Town Travelers: No report.

The Interstate Highlanders have given up their post office box as the rates were raised from \$2.00 to \$44.00 per year. The new address is % Connie Driessen, PO Box 1152, Klamath Falls, OR 97601. The Interstate Dance scheduled for June has been canceled due to the National Convention in California. New Year's Eve Dance is in the planning hosted by the Interstate Highlanders.

LINCOLN-TILLAMOOK REPORT (Buzz Buczkowski). Coast Swingers at Garibaldi are having a Veterans Dance on November 11th along with a turkey raffle. November 25th, the day after Thanksgiving, they will bring left-over goodies from their dinners to share. December 9th will be their Christmas Dance with \$5.00 gift exchange. Their beginner dance class is doing well with 8 adults and 4 teenagers. Sherri Miller, their President, is not very well. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sea Twirlers were very pleased to have Lee and Barbi Ashwill attend one of their dances in October. December 8th will be their Christmas dance and then they will be dark until January. They hope to begin lessons in February.

The Toledo 49ers "Introduction to Square Dance" did not go well at all. After sending out letters to 57 households and calling each one the week before class was to begin, and following all Les Seeley's suggestions, we had a turnout of 2 couples, 2 singles and 2 children. By the fourth week, we had 3 single ladies, none of whom we had originally invited. Needless to say, we had to cancel the class. Very disappointing! We hope to try again in January after the hunting and fishing seasons are over. Four snowbird couples have gone south but we will try to survive. Sam Scott still has his plus group on Mondays and Charlotte Jeskey has A-1 on Tuesdays in Newport.

Snowbirds have left the Waldport Sunset Squares with only two couples that still dance. They cannot continue to function without more people so they have canceled all dances and gone dark until May when they will try to start up again with their Birthday Dance.

PORTLAND AREA COUNCIL REPORT (Bill Rooper): A big "Thank You" to everyone who took part in the September State meeting. It is one thing to plan a meeting, but it isn't a success unless people come.

Several of the PAC clubs is planning new dancer Jamborees. We have a coordinator trying to avoid scheduling conflicts by advertising these dances.

Our regular 5th Friday dance was well attended and was called and cued by Ed Craig and Marge Pentecost.

Callerlab has completed group studies of "discontinued dancers" and "non-dancers" in the Portland area, as well as several other Metropolitan areas across the nation. The final report is due by the end of the year.

Due to the sale of the Portland Square Dance Center, several clubs have had to find new dance halls. A new directory with maps and other information is being prepared.

PAC and TVA (Tualatin Valley) will hold their annual Christmas dinner on December 11th at JJ North's restaurant on 106th and Halsey Streets.

Lola Robello, PAC's long time Sunshine person, has retired due to health problems. We will miss Lola!

The Silver Stars club from Vancouver is in the process or has already applied for membership in the Oregon Federation and the PAC.

Our dress code committee made their report as follows: For regular dances, any clean, untattered clothing may be worn, except cut-offs, shorts, Bermuda shorts, sweat suit or revealing clothing. This applies only to PAC dances, as each individual club is entitled to their own dress code.

Guidelines for when or if the PAC would supply monetary assistance to a club in need were voted on.

TVC and PAC are planning a teen dance in February 2001. Details are in the planning stage.

ROGUE SIS-Q COUNCIL (Rex Bounds): Classes are progressing in some clubs. Other clubs are postponing their classes until January to attract as many students as possible in the Council area. Our club has over 20 students.

October is not an eventful month for square dancing, except for a few Halloween theme dances. November - there will be dances in two halls following Turkey Day. December 2nd is the Charlie Brown birthday dance at Josephine County Square Dance Center. January - 2 clubs will be dark for Mid-Winter. See everyone at Mid-Winter.

SOUTH COAST AREA (Karel Morris): There is a directory change in the South Coast Area for Area Council Secretary on Page 58. New Area Secretary is Denise (Jim) Harris, 820 E. 11th St., Coquille, OR 97423 - (541) 396-2453.

We are happy to be able to report that caller, Johnnie Nichols, has recovered well from his triple by-pass surgery six weeks ago and is back to calling, teaching and dancing. You can't keep a good man down!

The Beachcombers will be having a student level Christmas dance and plan to begin lessons January 11, 2001. Their first annual Battle Rock Dance was a roaring success. Everyone that was there is still talking about the good times we had all weekend. "We all had so much fun we can hardly wait until next year." With this much fun the first year, it will definitely be something we will do every year.

Saints-n-Aints are planning a New Year's weekend of dancing on both Saturday and Sunday, December 30 and 31. The South Coast Area Meeting will be held prior to the Saturday night dance. Fox trot rounds will start November 13.

The 54th birthday dance was held by the Sets in Order. They are still the longest continuous dancing club in the world! There were many visitors from Roseburg, Winston and Canyonville to dance to the calling of Dale Roberson and cueing of Denise Harris. Lessons are going well and the first seven weeks of lessons were taught by Jim Harris since regular class instructor, Johnny Nichols, was recovering from bypass surgery. Their Christmas dance will be beginner level and many of the students are already talking about attending Mid-Winter Festival.

Skyloft Squares held a fall camp out in the Roseburg area at Twin Rivers RV Park. What a grand time was had by all!

SUNSET EMPIRE AREA COUNCIL (Mac Wilcox): The Seaside Sashay, hosted by the Hayshakers, will be held on the 4th weekend of October 2001. Jim Hattrick and Bill Helms will be calling and Barbara Schaumburg and Debbie Taylor will be cueing. The Hayshakers held a Hallowe'en dance and there will be a Thanksgiving dinner on November 25, with the Promenaders invited. There will be an amateur caller/cuer night on the third Saturday in February 2001 and any wannabe caller/cuer are invited to participate.

The Council meeting was given the proposal for the 2004 Summer Festival, which had been accepted by the Federation. Kay and Jim Rogers have agreed to co-chair. Larry and Barbara Schaumburg were asked to pursue getting a list of prospective callers and cuers for approval of a committee. Representatives also need to be thinking of things such as fund raising projects, a slogan and a logo. Several possible suggestions were made and ideas will need to be pursued. 2004 will be here before we know it. Nominating Committee: Tabled for now.

TUALATIN VALLEY COUNCIL REPORT (Carolyn Bosch): As promised, we are following along with the OFN Subscription Dances being held at every Council Dance and it seems to be working. We've gotten both new and renewed subscriptions. Our new idea has proved beneficial in two ways, getting the dancers to the dance and helping out the OFN.

The Halloween Council Dance was a great success. Lots of dancers and great fun was had by all. It's always fun to see who is behind the mask.

We are looking forward to our joint council dinner meeting with the PAC in December. Great way to have a meeting, it's opened and closed immediately. Then we have fun with the counterparts from the other council and make and renew friendships.

The TVC is working on the 5th Saturday dance, December 30th. We are going to have a New Years Eve Dance. Costumes or special club functions costumes are the dress of the night. It should be a fun night and for any of you looking for a place to go on December 30th, please remember the TVC and come join us. Of course, the costume is optional. Watch for the ad in the OFN for more details.

The PAC, Evergreen and TVC are working on hosting a Youth Dance in April. Please come join the youth and dance with us. Our dance will be Saturday afternoon, April 14th, at the Winona Grange in Tualatin. If you really want to get back into the spirit of dancing, come join the youth and give them your support. Watch the OFN for more details as we get closer.

UMPQUA AREA COUNCIL REPORT (John Hernandez): The Boots 'n Calicos had a super dance for its Westward Ho Theme. Everyone was full of fun and we all had a great time. It was wonderful to have such a nice dance and Jim (Gadberry) did a great job singing the old cowboy songs. You need to clear your calendar next year to attend this dance. Jim and Cheryl (Muir) harmonized together on a song, which was a huge success. Sorry for those who missed it. Silent auction went very well, too. The Boots traveled to the Sets in Order for their birthday dance. What a great part it turned out to be!!! Our Halloween Dance was a lot of fun and we would like to thank all those who attended. Be sure to make our 3rd Annual Pajama Dance January 13, 2001.

The Buckeroo Square and Round Dance Club is having its third annual OPEN CLOSET sale on November 11 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is a consignment sale where the seller will get 65% of the price and the club will take 35%. This is an excellent change to buy or sell. The barn uses the proceeds to help keep up the facility. The annual Christmas wreath sale will be December 1 and 2 and maybe the 3rd. There will be a craft and bake sale with this. Our Halloween Dance was a huge success with 7 squares and lots of great costumes. We now have a total of 29 new class students and they are doing real good.

Pioneers 'n' Petticoats new students are coming along very well. They seem to be enjoying themselves. We made visitations to Charlie Browns in Grants Pass and Lancers Dancers and Southern Oregon Singles Night Owl Dance, and the Saints 'n' Aints Halloween Dance. We had lots of fun at all of their dances. Our Halloween Dance was a lot of fun. At the last minute the school changed us from the Youth Center, to the Gym. We hope none of you missed us. We put out signs and some of us stood outside until almost 9:00 pm trying to catch everyone who came. If we missed anyone, we deeply apologize. November 10 is our birthday dance.

Rainbow Cloggers are pleased to be part of the Umpqua Council. We are sponsoring three free workshops on Fridays from 6 - 9:30 p.m ending November 17. Classes will be open for children ages 7 through teens, adults and seniors. Dances are held at the same location on the 4th Friday of each month. Happy Clogging.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - TIM AND KATHY ROBERTS: Early in September, we had the pleasure of attending the Oktoberfest Weekend in Longview, sponsored by the Longview Area Dance Association. I'd like to share some of the things this group is doing.

The Association consists of four square dance clubs from the Longview area. They are not a Council, although the four clubs are part of the southwest Washington council. These four clubs cooperate in a way that I have not seen in Oregon. Together, they operate the Longview Square Dance Center, dividing up the duties between them. They sponsor two big square dance weekends every year, and people from all over Washington and Oregon come in to dance and have fun.

More interesting, to me, was the way they run their lessons. The four clubs get together to run lessons three nights a week. The same curriculum is taught in all three lessons. Students are free to attend any of the lessons. If they can't make a Sunday one week, they can show up on Wednesday. Or, for the student who feels particularly squishy, they could attend ALL of them.

By the time they graduate, students have seen angels from all of the participating clubs, and have probably danced at all of them. Thus, they can make a suitable choice for a club to join, based on personality and dance night.

I think this is remarkable way for a group of clubs to "leverage their respective strengths," as they say in the management game.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - DICK AND MARGE PENTECOST: Portland Area Council 5th Friday square/round dance - Oak Grove Community Center. Ed Craig called, Marge cued. Fun dance. We have attended the monthly PAC meetings as delegates of the Columbia Gorge Plus Dancers.

Ione Grand Squares: We have been conducting basic round dance classes for this club at Condon. Some of these round dancers are not square dancers YET. We hope to gather them into the square dance classes conducted by the teacher for this club. We have had a total of nine couples in the circle including the PH II round dancers. Good Time!

Country Cutups 24th Annual Breakfast and Bazaar: We enjoyed a wonderful breakfast as always at the Boring Barn. Report heard that it was one of the best attended breakfasts they have had. This is a marvelous place to greet dancers we haven't seen for a long time. People come from everywhere to visit and eat a special meal.

Swinging Mountaineers Plus Club, Bend: Scott Zinzer called, Marge cuer. We always have a GREAT time dancing in the Central Oregon Council area!!

Bachelor Beauts, Bend: Rogert Putzler, caller, Marge cuer. Ditto: GREAT time!

Columbia River Plus: Dick Click and Sue Rice each called one of the monthly dances since we started the dance season. Marge is the cuer. Our attendance is small, but we have a good time.

Swap & Swing Square Dance Club, The Dalles: We have been attending the square dance classes to help as angels. The club's 'Les Seeley' promotion has paid off well with at least two squares of new and renew dancers.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - DON AND KAREL MORRIS: Since the last State Meeting, we have danced only in our own South Coast Area. Our home club, Skyloft Squares, held a fall camp out at Twin Rivers RV Park in the Roseburg area the first weekend of October. We lucked out with perfect weather and were able to barbecue outdoors, pick apples and plums in the campground and, in general, have a really grand time.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - BENJAMIN AND PENNY BROWN: Since the last State meeting in September, we have been traveling around the East Coast. We had a great time at the Escapees Escapade in Goshen, Indiana in September. From there, we went north to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to visit with one of Penny's classmates. Then, it was on to Niagara Falls - boy were they beautiful. The main reason we stayed in the east was to go through the New England States to see the "colors" - or in other words, be "leaf peepers" which is what the locals call all the fall tourists. We went through New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. From there, we went south into Pennsylvania and visited with another of Penny's classmates as well as Philadelphia, Valley Forge and the beautiful Amish country. Then on to Tennessee and the Great Smoky Mountains. From there, we had to go to Chanute, Kansas, where they manufacture our Nu Wa 5th Wheel to have the big slide adjusted. We were there on November 8th and awake on November 9th to 3" of snow. We said, "let's get out of here" and now we are traveling west.

We haven't been to any square dances but we always talk to people about square dancing in Oregon. Benjamin tells them about the rainy parts and Penny tells them about the sunny parts. Like we've mentioned before, people always ask what YLOROK on our truck license means and we don't hesitate to tell them and to demonstrate, too. We always encourage people to visit Oregon, whether they square dance or not.

Have a good meeting and we'll see you at Mid-Winter.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - RAY AND BETTY JONES (mailed to Secretary and received after the meeting): Hi to everyone in the Oregon Federation! We are in Sunny Yuma, Arizona, and are dancing with the usual wintertime callers and cuers - Jerry and Janice Jestin, Bob and Jan Stutevoss, Arnold and Jeanette Tramp, Don and Ronda Young and Ron and Mary Noble. The annual Yuma Square & Round Dance Association Festival is always held close to Valentine's Day each year - and this year it will be February 10, 11 & 12, 2001. Al and Fran Westfall are Vice President of the Association this year and so are planning the festival for next year, 2002. Lots of dancing fun here - and in other Arizona locations. Hope you will head this way after Winter Festival in Eugene and bring your dancing shoes. If anyone has fliers for special events in Oregon, bring or send them down and we'll see that they are put in the racks at the Square Dance Center. As folks head north starting in March, they enjoy knowing where to stop along the way to have a good time. Have a Happy Holiday and New Year, and a successful Winter Festival. As we wipe the perspiration from our brows and kick back in the lounge chairs in the shade, we'll think of you all!

GOOD OF THE ORDER (Lee Ashwill): Room blocks for the 50th National Square Dance Convention in Anaheim will be returned to the Registration & Housing Committee on December 15, 2000. This will allow the 50th National Square Dance Convention to fill these rooms. Also, last count showed that Oregon had only 202 registrations. We encourage Oregon dancers to get registered.