

**OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS
WRITTEN REPORTS TURNED IN AT THE
MAY 6, 2001, STATE MEETING
ROGUE VALLEY SQUARE DANCE CENTER, MEDFORD, OREGON**

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. I want to thank everyone for their cards and support during the passing of my Mother and the recent health situation that we have faced. Square Dancers are truly caring and compassionate people. It takes a major life trial like this for one to realize what a wonderful group of people that is attracted to the activity that we all love. Thanks!

The Rouge Sis-Q Council deserves a heartfelt thank you for a wonderful weekend.

I want to thank everyone who has handed in a budgetary request for next years Federation budget. If you have not placed a budgetary request for next year by now, remember you have until the end of the meeting to do so. If you don't put in a budgetary request, you probably won't have a line item in next years budget and I don't anticipate a contingency fund of any size to speak of.

I have certainly enjoyed reading the Council and Festival meetings. Hopefully this will assist me in the year to come.

Since our last meeting I have not found time to do much traveling. I have attended the Umpqua Council meeting in March. I have been attending the Mid-Winter Festival 2001 committee meetings. Also, I attended the Mid-Winter Festival 2002 committee meeting last weekend. Other time commitments have made it such that I could not attend the 2001 Summer Festival Meetings. Now that my schedule is starting to settle down I hope to attend the upcoming 2002 Summer Festival meeting.

I still have copies of the Directory for sale. If you are in need of anymore copies please contact me.

There is one correction for the State Directory, which is that the Emerald Empire Council meets the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Room B of the Emerald Dance Center.

2001 SUMMER FESTIVAL. We have less than 90 days until Summer Festival and all is moving along great. We are doing really well on registrations and everything is falling into place. All our activities: the Bridge Dance, (and the wedding of Leonard and Marsha), the Fashion Show, the Water Balloon Slingshot Toss, the Golf Tournament (*we need more players in this tournament - if interested, please get in touch with Bob Shephard as soon as possible at 541-447-5058*) and the Saturday morning T-Shirt dance, all are doing great. There should be at each delegate's seat a package of flyers, and information . . . please see that the information reaches all the clubs in your council. We are getting excited here and really looking forward to a great time... please come and see what Central Oregon dancers have to offer and enjoy the great scenery and activities.

2002 SUMMER FESTIVAL.

1. The Festival Committee is working hard to be ready to "Kick Off" registrations during the 2001 Summer Festival in Redmond, OR.
2. Registration Forms are being finalized and ribbons have been ordered. Our goal is to have 1,500 dancers attend the 2002 Summer Festival.
3. The Festival Committee will sponsor an After-Party at the 2001 Summer Festival. Fran Bunch is chairing the After-Party and there will be entertainment along with Square and Round dancing.
4. There will be a casual dance from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Friday June 7, 2002. Friday nights dance will be from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Saturdays dancing will start at 10:00 AM. The halls will be dark from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM for dinner time. From 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM, there will be entertainment to include Round Dance exhibitions by Ray & Virginia Walz. From 6:30 PM until 7:00 PM there will be opening ceremonies and hopefully there will be a place for everyone to sit. At 7:00 PM dancers wanting to participate in the Grand March will form in the area between the Round Dance Hall and the Mainstream Hall. At 7:15 PM the Grand March will start and will be led by the State Officers. They will be followed by the Festival Committee and then by the clubs desiring to participate. After all the dancers have marched into the Mainstream Hall, they will immediately start dancing to the Featured Caller Dan Preedy. Dancing will end at 10:30 PM and will be followed by an After-Party sponsored by the 2003 Summer Festival. Sunday morning will feature a "Heavenly Hoedown" scheduled from 8:30 AM until 10:00 AM. There will be dancing in all halls from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. There will be a wooden floor in the Plus Hall.
6. We are working on a "Special Event" for Thursday night, June 6, 2002. This will be a Dinner Cruise on the Willamette Queen if arrangements can be made and there is enough interest.

A copy of our budget is attached and our projected "Break-Even" point is 800 dancer.'

2003 SUMMER FESTIVAL. There were more than a few eyes raised in January when we proposed Lincoln Tillamook Council hosting a summer festival in Pendleton. To show how this is not a big stretch, we asked Tillamook Creamery Association, makers of Tillamook Cheese and Ice Cream, if they would help built unity with the Pendleton area. As a result a new cheese factory is being built and will soon be in operation in our area. Oh, the power of cheese.

All is progressing well with Summer Festival 2003. We have our committee in place. We have signed contracts with the Convention Center, the featured caller, and the featured cuer. We have our outfits planned. We are utilizing the good feelings of both the 96 Summer Festival in Tillamook and the 2000 Summer Festival in Pendleton. So you will see both 96 outfits and cowboy outfits.

Remember, Pendleton is the place to be in 2003.

OREGON FEDERATION NEWS. We have made a number of changes during the past few months. I hope you have enjoyed the new articles and layout changes.

A number of dance directory ads had not been paid for a number of months. In February we sent letters to all clubs about the changes in cost and about directory ads if they had them. A number of clubs responded but about ½ of the ads were dropped this month. We did get the attention of some additional clubs.

Starting next month we will edit all club news to 100 or so words. We have notified all clubs during the past two months thru the magazine but some are still not limiting the articles. So next month, we will, and then deal with the results. By clubs following the rules we will have room for the general articles which everyone likes.

We attended a subscription dance at Crazy Creek Rockers in Rickreall and came home with 19 new and/or renewals. That same night Squaws and Paws held a subscription dance and we received 9 new and/or renewals.

I am disappointed in the number of new subscriptions during the past 2 months. With the number of new dancers graduating, we were hoping for a larger number of subscribers. We had a number of articles which we felt would have been a benefit to newer dancers.

We now have gift certificates. You can purchase these today and give them as prizes or gifts. I would like to sell out the 25 I brought. Barbi and Lee purchased 2 a month ago and 2 more today.

Starting in June we are planning on a series of articles on the newly elected state officers. June will feature president elect Linda; July will feature the 2 vice presidents; August will feature the two secretaries and September will feature the treasurer and membership person. Please help me by providing information and a picture.

We will present a detailed report to the POOFs in July and provide a summary for this body at that time. Also we plan on asking for a change in the subscription dance policy and the ad policy.

In closing, I ask each and every one here to return to their areas and help us promote the OFN. If you would like to have some extra copies to take with you, see me at break.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT. We all need a little help in making the meeting understandable by everyone by using a few simple techniques talking into the mike. Speak directly into the mike by holding it up to your mouth. Talk at a level volume and don't let your voice drop.

I have started planning the new directory and need for each of you to ask your clubs how many you will need. The price will be about \$1.85 again.

Those of you who have pictures to include, please forward them to me.

Some of the councils have been sending us their minutes and I really appreciate it. If you can, please add me to your council's mailing list for minutes.

Jim and I visited the Central Oregon Council in April for the Bachelor Beauts birthday dance. We also danced with the Red Rocks. We really had a good time and were treated with the warmest hospitality. This is a trip we will definitely do again.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT.

It has been a quick four months since I last wrote a report for the Federation. I have sent the following cards since Mid-

Winter:

GET WELL

Lloyd Eckert, Dufur
Clyde Leaf, South Beach Duane Jury, Silverton
Lloyd Urson, McMinnville
Van VanOurkirk, Salem
George Cobb, Salem
Bill Young, Milwaukie
Annadale Rooper, The Dalles
Phil Coblentz, Willamina
Margaret Coffey, Veneta

SYMPATHY

Chuck Page, Dufur, loss of father
Amy Strom, White Salmon, WA, loss of mother
Family of Clyde Leaf, South Beach
Linda Lambert, Salem, loss of mother
Jerry Herring, Keizer, loss of brother
Family of Mary Deadmond, Oakland
Glen Hughes, Grants Pass, loss of wife
Debra Charlebois, Salem, loss of mother

A thinking of you card was sent to Ralph Lambert of Salem for his hospital visit.

I wrote a letter to the editor of the OFN explaining that part of my job description included sending cards and that I wanted to hear from all over the state with requests for cards to be sent. I don't think any of the cards that I have sent out have been as a result of the letter.

I sent out 108 certified ballots on February 27, 2001 and received the last of the green certified cards back this last Wednesday. I recertified 12 with one club going twice. I e-mailed or called the area delegates around April 1st and around the 15th to let them know which clubs in their areas that had not sent back ballots or green cards at that time. I called the last 18 club secretaries on April 30 to remind them that the ballots had to be postmarked by the next day. I received nine of those in the next two days. There is a total of nine outstanding as of Thursday night.

The following councils are 100% submitted: Blue Mountain, South Coast, Mid-Willamette, Eastern Oregon, Umpqua, Interstate Highlanders and Lincoln Tillamook. The other councils are as follows:

Central Oregon - 5 of 6 returned
Emerald Empire - 11 of 14 returned
Portland Area - 17 of 19 returned
Rogue Sis Q - 9 of 10 returned
Sunset - 1 of 2 returned
Tualatin Valley - 11 of 12 returned

I feel by keeping in touch with the delegates that more clubs were reminded to get their ballots returned.

Thank you to all of you who submitted their name for nomination and good luck to everyone.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS REPORT. Little by little, we are receiving pictures and some bios for our Oregon Hall of Fame that will honor dancers who have been dancing for over 40 years.

We will start organizing the display upon our return home after the meeting. The display will be in two parts, the Hall of Fame, and the Portland display that will also incorporate designs toward the bid session that happens on Friday of convention week.

We have a sign up sheet available if you know what kind of free time you have on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

For those of you going to Anaheim, I suggest that you take some Denver mint quarters with you. The East Coast dancers will appreciate you. There was a lot of coin swapping going on during the breaks at the USDA meeting in Branson.

The Portland Oregon Visitors Association will again assist us by shipping the display and the Oregon magazines, and the OFN's that we have asked for from the Hughes .

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS ASSOCIATION (USDA) REPORT. The meeting in Branson went very well. The meals were good. The Friday night meal was in Springfield at Larnbert's, home of the Thrown Roll. When you are ready for a roll, hold up your hand and the employees will throw a roll at you that has just come out of the oven. Finger licking good and hot. The Saturday night meal was in Branson at a restaurant that holds 900 people and welcomes buses by the load full. It is called Mesquite Charlies.

The entertainment was fun also. We went to the Pierce Arrow Theater on Friday night and saw Pierce Arrow. They sing 4 part harmony and aren't bad to look at either. The Saturday night show was 50's at the Hop. Two hours of be bop music and poodle skirts and pony tails.

There are several offices up for election and some of the appointed offices will be available also. Not sure what I am going to do. May sit out for a year and run for Treasurer or Western Region Vice President.

One topic of interest is a square dance museum that is being proposed for the San Diego area on a naval base that is being turned over for refurbishing. We will find out more about it at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday of convention week.

Larry and Carol Reetz and Gary and Betty Willoughby are the delegates from Oregon at this time. I encourage any of you who wish to attend the meeting to do so or enter your name with Barbi Ashwill as alternate delegates should the Reetz's or Willoughby's be unable to attend.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT. I find that the communication with one another is a difficult one. I thought that I was very clear with my letters to the delegates and to the clubs as to how the renewal membership forms were to be completed and forwarded to their councils for the delegates to collect and bring to this meeting along with checks for membership dues and the where and when advertising. The other duty for the membership chairman is to verify the corporations filing yearly dues have been paid. With the fifty plus way I received information I realize that there must be a better way to make this information more defined. With this knowledge I would like to request from the president the permission to write procedures for the processing of these forms. After receiving the remainder form today I will compile them and report back within the month to each delegate what I will need from clubs that are missing. I will also follow up with the club president what and when I must have this information. My goal is the meet all the deadline that the federation has set.

With regret I have to report that notice from two clubs that they have disbanded. They are: Sunset Council's Clatskanie Promenaders; and Tualatin Valleys Rollin' Squares Wheelchairs as they are unable to find a caller.

Clara Kilbourne new address is PO Box 237, Independence, Oregon 97351, Phone 503-838-6209 e-mail is

INSURANCE REPORT. I have given each delegate and board member a letter about reporting and paying for all new members. Please pass this information along to your clubs.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT. Our last meeting was quite a productive one as far as P&P changes go. I've distributed a hundred copies of all the updates; I think that I have copies for everyone who got a full copy. I hope.

PUBLICITY/STATE REPORTER REPORT.

There are four parts to my report today

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1) State Cooperative Advertising: Administering the distribution of State Cooperative Advertising Funds is one of my jobs. \$5,200 for this purpose was allocated to be spent between Aug. 1, 1998 and July 31, 2001. We are nearing the current deadline. Up to this time only 24% (\$1,258) have been spent and eight of the Area Councils have not used any of these funds. I anticipate there will be a recommendation for using the \$3,941 remaining in this fund. By the way, we are shifting the advance approval to the Area Council officers rather than requiring advance mailing to the State Publicity Chairman. Call if you have questions.

(2) Oregon Square Dance Week, Aug. 18-25: I've been working with project chairman Lola and Tony Robello and presume they will have a report. We have some flyers to distribute today. I recommend that they be distributed to clubs with a suggestion that they be reprinted in club newsletters.

(3) Oregon Federation News: I've tried to cover a range of topics for my monthly column in the Oregon Federation News. In addition, I've provided a calendar of coming major and special dance events. I want to repeat one of the suggestions

from the column. Along with putting on demos and hoping people will come to see them, do the reverse and take your demo to the people. To get started, assemble a list of clubs and churches in your local area and send them a letter with an offer to put on square dance parties for them.

(4) National Square Dance Convention, June 27-30: We have been publicizing wherever possible the great opportunity to attend a National Square Dance Convention and have fun at Disneyland the same trip. We work closely with Lee and Barbi Ashwill and have all kinds of information to answer questions. Keep in mind that the three-day Disneyland pass for \$60 is a bargain. There will be several extra dance events at Disneyland and you will need one the passes to attend. As a final note, the River City Dancers of Portland plan to host a meeting to talk about making the most of your time at the Convention in Anaheim. The meeting will be a potluck and the date for the meeting is Friday night, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Community Club Hall. All interested dancers will be welcome.

Square Dance decals. \$1.00. Not much activity on 1-800-number.

EDUCATION ADVISOR'S REPORT. I am very sorry if there was a misunderstanding of what we wanted or expected from the dancers and councils. I am very excited about our Blitz and Square Dance Week. I think I went ahead thinking everyone knew what Square Dance week was. It's sourly (*sic*) for getting new dancers and showing the public what fun our dancing is and doing what you all do in the fall to attract new Dancers. The Blitz is a wonderful way to start the week plus the advertisement to let everyone know we are here ie: Square Dancers and lessons.

SQUARE DANCING IS FUN TRY IT IN 2001

^Above is our new slogan for our "Big Event" August 18 thru 25. It's not only catchy but it is geared toward getting New Dancers.

^Our insurance will cover the dancers but each committee across the state will have to get insurance forms for their event. Insurance Chairman Jim and Kay Rogers at 503/556-8415.

^I talked to Ann Skoe and the Teens will be a part of the " Blitz" on August 18. They will plan their own event and will be dancing at 2 pm on Saturday.

^We are going to look into TV stations. Channel 12's "Good Day Oregon" and channel 2's "Ray Sommers at Large." The Oregonian will also be contracted and Portland Review.

^The Salem area is pretty much covered, Thank You Barbie. At the state meeting I learned that the Sunset Council is more than up and running along with Central Oregon. We are sure more council / clubs have made plans and we just haven't heard from them yet. We don't need a formal written report, just write what you are up to in a note form. Their may be a scrap book or album, So keep it neat. (smile)

^We can't tell you how much it meant to us to hear the plans for next year. Thank you all for what you are doing and plan to do on the Blitz (8/18/01) and Square Dance week (8/18-25/21).

^Wishing you fun and friendship through Square Dancing

—**BMI/ASCAP REPORT.** For ASCAP, everything is current. However, they have notified us of an increased fee per attendee from \$0.060 in 2000 to \$0.062 in 2001. I am mailing a memo to the 2001 Summer Festival with the revised ASCAP fee information.

STATE FAIR REPORT. State Fair begins on August 23, 2001 and runs through September 3, 2001. The theme this year is "Ain't No Place I'd Rather Be." We will be dancing on the Gazebo again one group in the afternoon from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and another group in the evening from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. You will need to get your application in soon and have a list of names to me that is final by August 1, 2001. It will be the same as last year your name will be on a list at the RED GATE and you will have to check in there in order to get in. There will be no tickets to get in.

Some other changes we are going to make this year is, we will have a sign up form for one free lesson (name, address, phone) to be placed in a box, then we will go through these names and addresses and get them to the area they are from so you will have some leads for new dancers. * We would like current OFNs to distribute. We also plan to do only one round between tips to see if this will hold the crowd better.

You will need to sign up before the first of July if you want your club name in the daily schedule as my deadline is July 1, 2001. You can always sign up later but I can't get your name published after that time. Club application will be in the June OFN. Clubs can bring 24 dancers, plus caller and cuer couples.

Thanks for all your support and we hope to see you at State Fair Any questions write, phone, or e-mail me: Fran Bunch, 7452 2nd Ave N. Keizer, OR 97303-3423. e-mail - rayb@ncn.com.

- As of May 3rd, the 1st Saturday of the Fair, which is August 25th, has been taken away from. We may get it back later down the road, but as for now August 25th is not available for dancing.

* We also need new dancer class information. No individual club flyers. We need a Council flyer listing the classes in their area. We need them at the start of the fair from all area councils.

ORDTA REPORT. ORDTA held their spring meeting on April 28 in Springfield. The main topic of business was the discussion of the "So You Want To Be A Cuer" program presented at the latest Mid Winter Festival. The group's opinion was that the program was well received, but we probably overloaded the prospective cuers with too much information. ORDTA's plans include cutting the information down to include what is involved in becoming a cuer but not how to cue or choreograph dances. The meeting adjourned to a short workshop on Salsa. The next ORDTA meeting will be held on Saturday morning, July 14, at the Summer Festival in Redmond.

ROUND DANCE SCREENING. As of last Thursday I had still plan to attend the state meeting, when another little problem came up. The DR worked me in that morning. She advised me not to leave town. So please give my report. Thanks a million for helping me out. Hugs, Barbara

State Meeting Report
Round Dance Screening Committee May 6, 2001
ROM for June, 2001
"ONE ROSE" Written by: Hank & Jetty Walstra
Waltz - Grenn # 14266
Chosen by: Rogue-Sis-Q

ROM for July, 2001
"JOHNSON'S RAG" Written by: Maxine & Dale Springer
Two Step
Windsor 4652B or 4704B George Poole Orchestra
Chosen by: South Coast

ROM for August, 2001
'HAPPY SOUNDS" Written by: Goldie & Earl Restorff
Two Step MacGregor # 5504 or MGR ??
Chosen by: Sunset Area Council

E-mail notification and certificates have been sent out. End of report

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL. Bonnie Berry (Written report attached to minutes).

Elgin Indian Valley Paraders held their annual crab feed. They also served chicken for those who didn't want crab. The dinner was followed with dancing and was a fun time for all.

May 12th Elkhorn Swingers of Baker City will host their annual Spring Fling, with Dick Spooner calling and Dave Cooper cuing. This promises to be a great weekend for anyone wanting to make the trek across the state to beautiful eastern Oregon.

May 26th Alpine Twirlers of Enterprise are having their annual hoe-down with Dick Spooner and Al Wolverton calling. For more information call Dorothy Daggett (number not given).

LaGrande Star Promenaders are canceling their regular dance schedule on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays for June, July and August. Visitations are being planned for those months. They will continue their Thursday night workshops.

Plans are in the making to dance August 18th and tie it in with Oregon Trail Days in LaGrande.

CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL. The BACHELOR BEAUTS' square and round dance program for the Summer will be all mainstream from 8 to 10:00 PM in order to give the newly graduated dancers floor experience. A plus tip will be called around 10 PM to end the evening. Non-perishable food for the Central Oregon Food Bank was collected at the "Hard Times" dance on April 21st. Planning for Detroit Week-end is going very well, with almost all of the presently reserved RV spaces taken; Saturday spaghetti dinner almost on the stove and Sunday morning breakfast makings in the refer. Both dinner & breakfast are benefits for local organizations and the After School Vision Program will sell snacks during the dances. Eighteen squares, including many new dancers, enjoyed Les Seeley's calling and Christina Corelli-Goode's cuing at the 38th Annual Birthday Luau on April 7th. The food was delicious, as usual, and the decorations were beautiful.

The HIGH LAKE SWINGERS will be going to Dale & Betty Roberson's 50th wedding anniversary celebration on June 1st as a visitation. Plans for the Fort Rock Hoedown the third week- end in September are almost complete and it looks to be it's usual success. Lots of activities are planned, including a no-host dinner at the Waterin' Hole on Thursday evening, dancing "at the Rock" on Friday evening and workshops and a dance on Saturday; not to mention the Sunday morning breakfast at the Grange. All-day sightseeing is available with many local attractions at hand.

The SAGEBRUSH SHUFFLERS' birthday dance, called & cued by Jim & Joyce Voll, was well attended. The Shufflers' dances are held in an old Grange Hall and the members go to a great deal of effort keeping everything in working order and the Hall shining and clean. However, they're hearing encouraging news that a new Hall will be built in the near future. Amateur night on April 14th was so much fun and not a few surprises! These "amateurs" appear to have good potential as professionals.

The RED ROCK SQUARES -finished a very successful set of mainstream lessons in March with the addition of 16 new members and 2 new associate members. The Round Dance on March 25th, cued by Dave Cooper and called by Jim Burge, was well received and plans are being made to do this again! A garage sale was held on April 21st with many interesting items being sold and lots of fun being experienced. The Western Hoedown Redrock Birthday dance will be on June 13th with Ivan Koehn calling and Kitty Fox cuing. Summer Festival plans are taking lots of time & effort with the BBQ being a real priority. Advance registrations for the BBQ are required so get your registration in early!

The SWINGING MOUNTAINEERS have been busy planning for the Fiesta Birthday Dance on May 11th; with Daryl Clendenin calling and Ron Noble cuing; just completed Plus & DBD workshops and planning for the world class Sisters Rodeo June 8, 9 & 10; which is the only fund raiser the Club does. It takes a lot of effort doing this as 100 bodies are needed to fill all the slots; but it's fun! TNT is televising the Rodeo this year, which should be interesting. The bus trip to visit the Independence Wagon Wheelers which was planned for April 14th has been changed to September 8th. The Plus workshops were very well attended this year. Five & Six squares attended the sessions.... maybe enticed by the pizza party held after the last workshop. Ron Bliven's excellent instructing gives us a lot of confidence when dancing anywhere we go.

The Central Oregon Area Council voted to let the individual Clubs in the area make their own individual plans regarding dancing on August 18th. The Bachelor Beauts and the Swinging Mountaineers will dance at the Wal Mart store in Bend, the Sagebrush Shufflers will dance at the Ochoco Mall in Prineville, The High Lake Swingers will dance at Midstate Electric parking lot with Dick Kohler calling, and the Red Rocks' demo is still in the planning stages.

EASTERN OREGON AREA COUNCIL. Nancy Cobb reported Lorene Griffith had called with regrets she and George were unable to attend due to ranch priorities. The Hermiston Square Knots are having a camp out at Hat Rock State Park on June 1, 2 and 3. A registration form and more details are in the May OFN on Page 38. The Grand Squares are having their anniversary dance on May 12 and then will be dark until September.

EMERALD EMPIRE COUNCIL. We had a benefit dance in March for the Women's and Children's Division of the Eugene Mission. We made \$217.00. Betty Willoughby made the motion to give the Mission \$400.00 plus \$40.00 to pay the hall rent. This we did. OFN subscription drive Wednesday, May 9, 8-10:30 p.m. The Single Trees fed 225 dancers at their after party at Mid-Winter Festival. We will again have the after party in 2002. They have a chair for 2002. We will have a Blitz Day dance August 18 at the Gateway Mall from 2-4 pm with Mike Sikorsky calling. Single Trees agreed to go dark for the summer fest. Florence Fun Bunch are back to dancing at the Rhododendron Primary School (2157 Baker Street).

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS. Happy Huggers - 13 beginners class to graduate June 3rd. May 12th Dance Dean Black calling, Les Farley cuer. Going dark June, July and August due to very busy summer.

Tule Twirlers - April 29th beginner hoedown great success, 28 squares, 229 dancers. All of the callers and cuers donated their fees to Tony Nevisen Fund for a bench with a plaque that says in Memory of the Taller Caller. Everyone had a ball. The Saturday night before they had a dance with 10 squares! They will now be dancing every other month (odd). KC's - they have 3 beginners and will graduate May 17th. They will dark July and August. June dance is Armed Forces Day Dance.

Tall Town Travelers. No Report.

Highlanders will be in charge of Square Dance week. Cathy Pochatko chairperson and one couple for each club for committee. If permissible we will also have a raffle that will run six weeks before the dances. Tentatively we will dance on August 18th at West One Auto in show room at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 21, Jefferson Mall. 7 pm Thursday August 23 in Fred Meyers or parking lot. 7:00 pm. August 25th Walmart parking lot. 4:00 pm no host pizza after. Mayor of Klamath Falls is writing a proclamation for us. Committee looking into free advertising first then where we can get big bang for our buck.

Happy Huggers are looking for a cuer.

LINCOLN TILLAMOOK COUNCIL. We held election of officers for the area on March 31st and Steve Krohn was elected president; Ruth Anderson, Vice President; Diane Stovern, Secretary; Kathy Krohn, Treasurer; Kathy Buczkowski, Area Delegate; and Lou Stovern, Alternate Area Delegate. Lorraine Eckhardt will remain Area Editor.

Coast Swingers good news is that they graduated 10 people from their new dancer class. Eight have joined the club and they are having progressive dances for these new dancers. Eight people are in their new class, just started. The club is having demo dances in the Tillamook area and are getting people signed up for future classes.

Their theme dances are doing well and are having 2-3 squares. May 12th is their club's 10th anniversary and Mother's Day dance. June 23rd is the June Dairy Festival parade and dance which is a big doings in Tillamook. The club will have a float in the parade and urge other dancers to join them.

Both Sherri Miller and Rick Petterson are undergoing chemotherapy for cancer and thank everyone for their prayers, support and good wishes.

Sea Twirlers lost their caller, Mike Komma and due to lack of new members and old members not attending dances, they have decided to become a traveling club. They will host the next Area dance on June 8th and plan a club dance in September.

Toledo 49ers are hosting their big event this weekend in Newport, the Loyalty Days Dance along with the parade, visiting ships, etc. Club members have been visiting in the valley and Portland area to publicize the weekend and have a great weekend planned for those attending. They also welcome back snow birds, the Jones and Westphals. They are planning on demo dances at Beverly Beach State Park and in Siletz and Toledo during the summer along with those at the Lincoln County and Oregon State Fairs in hopes of attracting dancers for future new dancer classes.

Sad news is that the Waldport Sunset Squares have elected to disband their club due to lack of membership.

Charlotte Jeskey and Bob Schindler are planning to hold a plus dance with every 3rd tip A-1, on the 4th Friday of each month, beginning August 24th, at the Gleneden Beach Community Club.

PORTLAND AREA COUNCIL. PAC clubs have been busy graduating new dancers, electing new officers, and getting ready for summer. PAC Council members have been visiting member clubs and planning special events. PAC joined TVC in February with a Youth Dance chaired by Cathy Roberts. It was a great success with about 70 youths from 22 different clubs.

A challenge from the TVC to the PAC to have more dancers at the Evergreen's 5th Saturday Dance March 31 proved PAC short a few dancers. Those who attended had a good time.

A new PAC map directory has been published. Contact me if you need a copy.

The annual Rose Festival Dance is scheduled for June 3, Sunday, at the Clark County Square Dance Center in Vancouver. Ribbons are available at \$5.00 per person. just happen to have a few with me.

PAC's annual Benefit Dance was April 22 at the Milwaukie, Community Center. Proceeds go to Loaves and Fishes/Meals on Wheels.

The Starlight Parade float will be hosted this year by the B&B's with the Canby Cloverleaves as the guest club. PAC will dance at the Multnomah County Fair July 7 to 22.

PAC voted to help clubs purchase a hearing enhancement kit by paying up to \$200 of the cost for each club.

North Willamette Callers and Cuers Association presented a plan for new dancer lessons in the greater Portland Vancouver area. They are committed to a 3 year trial in which they will do the promotion, hall and caller costs, provided the three councils PAC, TVC, Evergreen all agree to pay up to \$600 each if necessary. Classes will be offered year-round and a new class will start every 12 weeks. Classes will be offered in both the Eastside and Westside of Portland. All three councils have agreed to match NWCCA's \$600 guarantee.

PAC's June meeting will be a potluck picnic at Clackamas Park, new or recycled officers will be held and a minimum of business.

ROGUE SIS-Q AREA COUNCIL. One of the callers calling for Circles & Squares had a heart attack and died about 3 weeks ago, Tony Nevison.

J Doumis has returned to calling but a bit less extensive calling schedule. Lantz's Dancers had a Peanut Butter Dance and Earth Day Dance. Ramblin' Rogues - Graduated a class of 20 students in April. Southern Oregon Singles - birthday dance had 104 in attendance. Great turn out. Star Promenaders - graduated a class of 26. They are collecting bears to give to stressed children by Fire and police Department.

Election of officers in Council: President, Kelly Lathrun; Vice President - Ed Stewart; Secretary - Elsa Forny.

Thank all members of area council who supported me in hosting the state meeting.

SOUTH COAST AREA COUNCIL. At the recent South Coast Area dance (which was a subscription dance) according to the report I received, there were 10 OFN subscriptions including both new and renewals. Hopefully that will help! The Area continues to make preparations for the November State Meeting.

The clubs are continuing with lessons and graduation is approaching. There are ongoing plans for upcoming birthday dances and festivals.

Saints'N'Aints sponsored a benefit dance for the local Boys and Girls Club, with Sherm Welch calling and Donna Hiserote cuing. With just 5 squares, they took in \$317.00. This money will be used for scholarships for children unable to afford membership fees.

SUNSET EMPIRE COUNCIL. Astoria Hayshakers. The annual Clam Diggers Stomp was successful with lots of good chowder, good fun and dancing, and even the old "Profit Clam" showed up this time. Upcoming events are the Seaside Sashay, the fourth weekend in October, 26, 27, 28th, some reservations are coming in, all the plans for caller and cuer are coming together nicely, looks like a real nice weekend, and Barbara has guaranteed 70 degrees, sunshine, and air conditioning not required.

Clatskanie Promenaders. As a club that has been in existence for 45 years, we would like to thank all of those who took the time, and made the effort, to visit us and be our corner, in our little corner of the square dance world. As most of you have probably heard, the news has circulated fast throughout all the squares in the state, officially, June 9, 2001 will be the last regularly scheduled dance for us. It is not without some very trying meetings, eyeopening campaigns to recruit new members, to resurrect old members, and trying all the suggestions from all quarters, that we have to make this very hard and difficult decision. It is extremely sad, for us in particular, and square dancing in general, to have to make a decision of this kind, but, after you have tried all the things you can, you look to see if there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We looked and there was one, and as it got closer, we could see it was that old 'Reality Express', and it was empty, telling us what the future would bring. Most of our dancers will continue to participate in dancing somewhere, and will be looking to be your corner or opposite somewhere down the line. So, as we said in the opening line, this is a THANK YOU ALL SO VERY VERY MUCH for dancing with us.

TUALATIN VALLEY COUNCIL. The TVC has elected new officers for the coming year. Elected were Bob Bosch, President; Kay Rogers,, Vice President; Kathy Roberts, Secretary, Jane Riedasch, Treasurer and Tim Roberts, State Delegate. We are looking forward to an exciting year coming up. The events for the coming year are in the process of being worked out.

We are busy getting ready for the 0' of July Parade that will be in Hillsboro. We will be handing out flyers with class schedules on them and inviting the spectators to come join us in a fun evening. It's always a fun event.

Plans for the State Meeting are in the process. A list of motels and RV sites as well as meeting times will be available by the next meeting at Redmond.

On a sad note, our wheel chair group, the Rollin Squares, have disbanded due to illness and the lack of a caller.

UMPQUA AREA COUNCIL. The Boots and Calico's Square and Round Dance Club. Dance May 11, 2001, Claude Butler Cuing pre rounds 7.30 P.M. Jim Gadberry Calling 8:00 P.M. May 26, Dance Canceled Memorial Day weekend. June 9, Canceled unable to get the hall. June 23, Regular Dance, Claude Butler Cuing pre rounds at 7:30 P.M. Jim Gadberry Calling at 8:00. P.M. July 1 I canceled for State Festival July 28 canceled for Diamond Lake Festival. We still need new officers. Thanks to all the clubs who support us and come to our dances.

The Buckeroos Square and Round Dance Club. May 19, Steve Porter calling, Mary Mack on rounds. Rounds at 7:30. Squares 8:00. June 1 thru June 3, Buckeroo Round up. Ribbons \$17.00 for weekend. Friday June 1 Dale calling and Mary on Rounds. Saturday Noon to 2:00 Round Dance workshop with Christine Corelli. 2:00 to 4:00 Fun work shop with Joe Saltel. Saturday night. Advanced rounds at 7:00 and pre rounds at 7:30. Squares 8:00 to 10:30. with plus tips at 10:30. Also Buffet at 10:30. Sunday 9:00 to 10:30 is breakfast \$3.00 per person. 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. is Squares by Dale and Joe. Rounds by Mary Mack. June 16, Dale calling and Rounds by CD. July 7, Dale calling and Mary Mack on Rounds. July 21, Dale calling and rounds by CD. August 4,, Dale calling and Rounds by Mary Mack. July and August, Acceptable casual attire may be worn.

Dancing Friends Round Dance Club: They are Dancing as usual.

Pioneers 'n' Petticoats Square and Round Dance Report. Our class graduated on May 3, 2001. They have done really well, and will be a welcome addition to square dancing.

Our dance on April 13, with Joe Saltel was lots of fun. We had a good crowd, but not nearly as many as we had hoped for. Scott Zinser was also there, as a guest, and he did a few songs with Joe. They are quite a pair together. Our Summer Dance Schedule is as follows. May 11, Denny Lantz Calling Claude Butler cuing. May 25, canceled Memorial Day Weekend. June 8, Craig Abercrombie Calling, Claude Butler cuing. August 24, Pioneer Days Dance Sherm. Welch Calling, Claude Butler Cuing. All dances from June 9, through August 23, have been canceled. We plan to do visitations during this time.

RAINBOW CLOGGER'S. No written report

TIMBER 8's SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUB. No written report

ACTIVE GOODWILL AMBASSADOR REPORTS

TIM AND KATHY ROBERTS. Kathy and I enjoyed ourselves at the TVC's Youth Dance in February. There was a big crowd of young people and supportive experienced dancers packed into the Winona Grange. I hope that energy can carry forward to future youth dances.

We happened to be in Redmond on Sunday during spring break, and noticed a passel of cars at the Redmond Grange. We dropped in and found several Central Oregon Council clubs trying an experiment in Sunday dancing. Based on the crowd, I'd say it was a success.

Kathy and I had a good time at the PAC 5th Friday dance in March,

We also participated in the PAC/TVC visitation to the Evergreen Council on the 5th Saturday in March. This was quite an event. The TVC voted not to hold a 5th Saturday dance, and instead go visit the Evergreen Council. Since we dance on the same night, we rarely get the opportunity to go visiting. The visitation was successful beyond our hopes; there were more

than 36 squares packed in to the Clark County Square Dance Center, including more than 50 TVC visitors. All three councils agreed we need to find a way to do that again.

We popped over to the Valley Squares in April as part of the Toe Draggers mystery trip. We wandered all over Beaverton, only to land three hours after we left about 5 miles away from our origin. One of the highlights of the evening was when we arrived at the home of our club president, who had prepared a lasagna dinner for the whole club.

DON AND KAREL MORRIS. Since Midwinter Festival, we haven't danced, but did spend two months in Arizona delighting in the benefits of retirement. We enjoyed visits with Ken and Nancy Carson and Benjamin and Penny Brown. While in Yuma, there was a get-together and potluck with some of the Oregon square dancers and although it may seem silly to drive 2,000 miles to visit someone from your home area, that is always enjoyable. We are looking forward to the National Convention in Anaheim (except for the traffic in the LA area).

DICK AND MARGE PENTECOST. Portland Area Council monthly meetings in Portland: we have attended as delegates of Columbia Gorge Plus Dancers as possible.

lone Grand Squares: we have attended, called/cued at their twice a month dances,, and we have conducted some round dance workshop/ classes for this fun bunch of dancers.

WyEast Whirlers - Hood River: the annual Blossom Festival celebration was called by George Clark and cued by Marge, and we have attended other monthly dances also.

Columbia Gorge Plus: Marge has cued the monthly dances as usual. Les Seeley brought a BUNCH of new plus dancers - whatta good time we had.

Bachelor Beauts and Swinging Mountaineers - Bend: Marge has cued the rounds for three dances since January for these wonderful dancers.

Swap & Swing Square Dance Club: We have attended several club dances and Dick has angeled at many classes.

The Fort Dalles Riders (Saddle Club here in The Dalles) asked Dick to teach them to square dance on horseback. We have had a GREAT time with these people on their horses. They are doing some SUPER old & new moves, and have as much fun as Dick and I do. They are planning an entertainment exhibition the weekend of the state meeting, so that is where we are dancing this weekend. The FDR has presented Dick and me with an honorary lifetime membership - though our horse riding days are behind us.

Marge also added the following note: I want to thank each and every one of you for your care and love shown to Dick and me during my fight with breast cancer. I am doing very well, but it has been a battle I am past the half-way date of my radiation. I do not have to have chemotherapy. The prognosis is excellent for my complete recovery, and part of that is relative to the prayers, phone calls, and cards that I have received from not just the OFSRDC but individual members too. Both Dick and I appreciate WHO you ARE - WHAT you DO - and what you HAVE DONE for us in this difficult time of our lives. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

RAY AND BETTY JONES. We are back in wonderful Oregon and are enjoying every minute of it. Being retired and living a double life has some advantages - we truly like winters in the sun, with round and square dance opportunities daily-all days are play-days. It was great fun for us to have some of you stop by this winter in Arizona. We are sorry we didn't get to see everyone who came into the area but hope to next year.

Our trip home took about 10 days - we visited SE Arizona and some highlights were, Organ Pipe National Monument, Tombstone, Bisbee, and in Tucson, the Air Museum and DeGraza's Studio and Museum. Then we stopped in Lake Havasu City before we hustled on home.

Here, in Oregon, the opportunities to dance are fewer, but we still have some work days as we continue as Volunteers at the Oregon Coast Aquarium. We enjoy seeing winter friends who stop by there from time to time. We are all in touch by e-mail too, so it is a small world.

We are now looking forward to special square dance events: the Lebanon Strawberry Festival weekend, and Summer Festival in Redmond in July. We hope to get to Ocean Shores Washington to dance with friends there in June and the next week, on to Anaheim with so many of you! We regret that the State Meeting this weekend, for the second year, falls on the special dance weekend of our own club, the Toledo 49ers, at Loyalty Days in Newport - and we hope that next year there

won't be a conflict and that many, if not all of you, will come to dance with us on the Oregon Coast at the 3rd annual event. Watch for ads in the OFN, and we'll remind you too.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Goodwill Ambassadors. It is a pleasure and extra fun for us to represent you.

BENJAMIN AND PENNY BROWN. After Mid-Winter, we went south to Arizona and had a wonderful time visiting friends, relatives and fellow square dancers. We didn't square dance but we did take Summer Festival and Mid-Winter information down to Ray and Betty Jones, which they distributed at the Yuma Festival in February. Thank you to them - good teamwork! We visited Ed and Fran Westphal, who send their regards.

As we've reported before, we always get asked about our license plate - YLOROK - which gives us the opportunity to demonstrate a "yellow rock" and talk about square dancing in Oregon.

As full-time RV'ers, we've become semi-active in the Escapees organization which caters to the "serious" RV'er. Through that organization, we've joined the Square Dance B.O.F. - which stands for "Birds of a Feather." They have a quarterly newsletter that we plan to submit articles to promoting square dancing in Oregon. After Anaheim, we'll be traveling to Wisconsin, West Virginia, Louisiana, Florida, Texas, California and be gone for one year. We'll keep in touch via e-mail.

Finally, it's great to see everyone again and get all your help. And a Big thank you to the Rogue Sis-Q Council for a wonderful weekend.