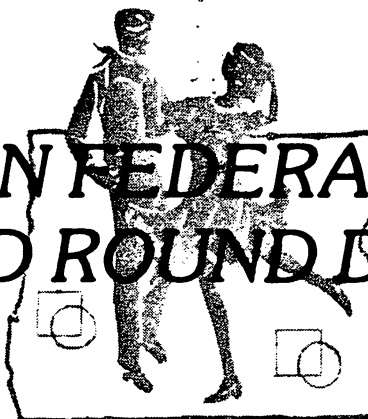


OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS



OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CLUBS MINUTES OF MEETING January 25, 1998 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL, LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS EUGENE, OREGON

Meeting brought to order by President Bob Bosch at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL Recording Secretary Jodene Hughes

Officers: All Present

Delegates: All Present. George & Lorene Griffith substituting for Rex & Sylvia Anderson (Eastern Oregon Council) and Leah "Crickett" Johnson substituting for Ray & Betty Jones (Lincoln-Tillamook Council)

Committee Chairs: All present except Don Bramhall (2001 Summer Festival) Arrived late. Elaine & Bill Funk substituting for Jay & Bonnie Stimler (ORDTA).

Goodwill Ambassadors: All present except Benjamin & Penny Brown, Ken & Nancy Carson and Dick & Marge Pentecost.

INVOCATION Immediate Past President Lee Ashwill

FLAG SALUTE 1st Vice President Dave Cameron

MOTION by Tim Roberts

I move that we accept the minutes as mailed. Seconded. Motion carried.

Bob Bosch thanked Leonard & Joyce Johnson for a great Festival. He then introduced guests Graham Wood, the father of square dancing and First Lady of square dancing, Genevieve Churchill (Randal Award Recipient). Mr. Wood thanked the Federation and everyone who sent sympathy cards. Ms. Churchill thanked everyone, it was such a surprise and it is absolutely wonderful.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT Dave & Betty Cameron

Dave Cameron presented Dorothy Daggett with a boot work of art from the Klamath Falls Potato Festival. Dave thanked the Swap & Swings for a very enjoyable evening. We then went on to LaGrande and the weather got rough and we turned around and came back to the Gorge on Saturday night. I want to thank all the people in Eastern Oregon. It is a great place to go and if you haven't been there, you need to go.

1998 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL Leonard Snodgrass & Joyce Johnson

I would like to thank you all for coming. Thank you for all your support that we get from the State. I would like to thank Gary & Betty Willoughby, they have been a great help. I am not sure exactly what the numbers are at this point. I have never really been concerned about that part of it. My number one concern was that we have a Festival that the dancers can come to and have fun. If we have 5 people or 10,000 and we provide a fun, enjoyable time for them, we have done our job and it is a success!! From what I could see, it looks like we are a success. There are a lot of smiles and a lot of people having fun. So our job is done, with the exception of some clean up.

Leonard requested that they be excused as they had some other duties to take care of.

1999 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL Gary & Betty Willoughby

We are moving ahead smoothly with preparations for the 1999 Festival. All of the contracts with various callers and callers have been signed.

Nearly all of the critical committee heads and their assistants have been filled. There are still a number of slots to fill and we are working toward completion of that phase.

Current projects involve decisions on badges and ribbons. We are working with Leonard and Joyce as well as our Co-Chairs, Hugh and Lorraine Womack, to introduce some cost cutting measures without affecting the quality of the dance programs.

Incidentally, our Co-Chairs are busy working with Pre-Registration of RV'ers. Therefore, they are not able to be here this morning. That is another area that we are working to streamline. In all probability, there will be no need for anyone to stand in line to pre register for the festival in the future.

We are looking forward to a great festival next year when we will ask you to come;
DANCE, RAIN OR SHINE IN 99.

1998 SUMMER FESTIVAL Dorothy & Charlie Daggett

The weather has provided adequate reason to reschedule the latest Festival meetings. Another meeting is planned for Jan. 31, at 5:30 PM in Baker City prior to the BMC meeting.

THINGS ARE HAPPENING!!!!

The Program Books are out---even though they have some imperfections. Please bear with US--nothing or nobody is perfect. Right? Enough of the negative aspects....

RV parking spaces are going fast, in fact, the Rendezvous RV Park says that they have filled all of the spaces they promised us. They are parking people in the dry camping area now. If they have any cancellations they will move those in the dry camping area into the full hookup spaces if they wish to have the full hookup. Hot Lakes has over 30 spaces filled.

The Howard Johnson still has rooms available. Karlan, the person we have dealt with in the past has moved on to another position but the staff there is ready and knowledgeable to serve the square dancers who call in for reservations. There are numerous other motels in the area for visitors to stay in. If you prefer a smaller motel many on the list will meet that criteria.

A shuttle bus is being planned by the city of LaGrande from all of the motels and RV parks on the list.

Games are being planned. The criteria will be out soon!! A suitcase race is planned as well as other activities to keep visitors hopping as well as dancing!

Our fund raisers are doing well. The T-shirts and sweatshirts have been a popular item. A second fund raiser unveiled this week-end was a quilt. The blocks were made by the ladies of the BMC. Helen Cochrane put the quilt together and quilted it for us. Thanks to her it was ready. Be sure to get a chance to win this quilt. It will be given away at the '98 Summer Festival on June 20, 1998 at 10:00 PM.

Registration is still slow but our hopes were for a change in that this week-end. Did you stop by our table to get yours?? Are you wearing a blue ribbon???? Be sure to take flyers and registration forms to your clubs. We are putting the push on the BMC clubs to get registered by or on January 31st at the BMC meeting in Baker City.

Tours will be planned as they are requested. If you have looked over the handouts and want to see anything specifically be sure to let us know.

Hoping to see everyone in LaGrande to enjoy "A COUNTRY AFFAIR" in June.

1999 SUMMER FESTIVAL Shan & Mick McKinney

No report.

2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL George & Lorene Griffith

Not much has been done since our first Festival meeting except trying to get as much information as I can on the things necessary to do and take care of, to put on a Festival. The Festival books from other Festivals are a real big help.

We have real good people to fill all of the committee offices and a commercial booth chair person. Yesterday I talked to a number of the commercial booths to get their interests and needs.

There is more motel space being built in Pendleton and a bridge has just been built across the Umatilla River between the convention center and a school. We will have plenty of housing and floor space so don't hesitate to start making your plans now to come to Pendleton on June 28, 2000.

2001 SUMMER FESTIVAL Don Bramhall

We are underway and have a interim committee that is hard at work. We are looking for some callers. If anyone has some good ideas or good suggestions we would greatly appreciate it. We will be moving fairly quickly. The new fairgrounds is in full construction and we are looking forward to that also. You can reach me in Bend at (541) 388-4540 with any idea's or suggestions.

2002 SUMMER FESTIVAL Lee & Barbi Ashwill

There will be a new motel in Dallas, so we will have more rooms available than in 1997.

OREGON FEDERATION NEWS David & Brenda Wamsley

There is a white packet for the area delegates which contains information for the club reporters. Please insure that they get this material. Thank you!

1. We requested yesterday at the P.O.O.F. meeting that the deadlines for all copy, photos, and advertising be due on the tenth of the month preceding publication. A motion to that effect was to be made this morning.
2. By extending the deadline, the clubs would have time to write up more current news. The fact that most of the information from the clubs is two months old is one of the reasons that the magazine's subscription rate is dropping at the rate of 20-30 per month. This trend has been evident since we took over editorship in August 1997.

The subscriptions that expired in the month of January 1998 numbered around 140. As of today, there were about 50 subscribers who did not renew their subscriptions.

3. We have set up an account with a local computer firm to receive repair service on our systems should the need arise. Charges would be billed direct to the Treasurer.

The current service call charge is \$80.00 per hour with a one hour minimum. Once the systems are fine-tuned, they should operate trouble-free for a very extended period before requiring any further service of any kind. However, we will only have the system serviced no more than four times per year with a maximum expenditure of \$200 per service call unless otherwise authorized by the OFN Advisory Board.

Next week the computer firm will evaluate the system and give us an estimate on repairs. The FAX machine is in need of replacement and we have been authorized to purchase a new one with a limit of \$450, but this will not be done until the system evaluation is done.

4. We have plans to attend a Subscription Dance hosted by the Blue Mountains Council in Baker City on January 31.

MOTION by Dave Cameron

I move that the Oregon Federation raise the loan amount for Summer Festival from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00. Seconded by Lee Ashwill. Motion was amended by Mick McKinney to raise the loan amount to \$3,000.00 with the total loan fund to be \$6,000.00. Seconded by Crickett Johnson. Motion carried.

POOF MEETING REPORT Dave Cameron

We had a service contract on our computers which covered the area of Beaverton only, so when we moved the computers to Dave and Brenda's it shook one of the computers up and now it needs some service. Since Jerry Adams was unable to come to Eugene we are going to have someone in Eugene to come in and look at it and do an evaluation of the computers. They are also having some trouble with the FAX machine and would like to purchase a new one. The FAX will also be evaluated by this service call.

MOTION by Larry Reetz

I move that the Oregon Federation authorize the expenditure of the Fax machine, if required, up to the amount of \$450.00 after the evaluation has been completed. This expenditure would be authorized by the Advisory Board. Seconded by Rex Bounds. Motion carried.

MOTION by Larry Reetz

I move that the Oregon Federation authorize the expenditure of up to four tune ups per year at the cost of \$200.00 per tune up. Any amount more than \$200.00 would go to the Advisory Board for approval. Seconded by Lola Robello.
Motion carried.

Rex Bounds wanted to know if we could get a service contract for less than the \$800.00 mention. Larry Reetz informed him that a service contract was not available for these computers.

MOTION by Dave Cameron

I move that we change the Practices and Procedures to request that all the deadlines for all copies, photos and advertising be due by the 10th of the month for the OFN.
Seconded by Linda Lambert. Motion carried.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT Larry & Carol Reetz

I would just like to thank all the dancers in the Federation. We lost a very dear friend and square dancers from the Emerald Empire Area and from the State, that was Hank Freewill.

Carol and I have been fairly active with dancing and look forward to Summer Festival.

RECORDING SECRETARY Jodene & Dave Hughes

I would just like to thank everyone for their written reports. Sometimes we have little problems with the recording of the minutes, like last month. So having your reports is very, very appreciated, because without them we wouldn't have had any minutes. Thank you very much!!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Lola & Tony Robello

Ballots will be going out March 1st. It is very important for everyone to check the secretary of each club listed in the State Directory. Please make sure the information is correct and double check the address and zip code. If you have any changes please get them to me as soon as possible as we will start preparing ballots right after mid-winter. I want to take this opportunity to thank Bob & Carolyn Bosch for coming to my aide (at the last minute) and mailing out the agenda.

Cards sent out from November 16th to January 25.1998

November -

Mrs. Richard McKee & Family 1515 Manzanita NE Salem, OR 97803	Sympathy	Husband Richard Passed
Graham Woods & Family 3903 Harrison Ave. Centralia, WA	Sympathy	Wife Nedra Passed
Jene Brigl & Family 855 E 39th Eugene, OR 97405	Sympathy	Husband Hank Passed
Duncan Jones 2580 Gardens Ave. Reedsport, OR 97467	Thinking of You	Prostate Cancer Surgery
Susan Lewis 10952 SE 28th Ave. Milwaukie, Or 97222	Thinking of You	Breast Surgery
Jack Ubanks 7931 SE Henderson Ct Portland, OR 97206	Get Well	Cataracts
Mark Wheeler 6728 SE Woodstock Portland, Or 97206	Get Well	Hip Surgery
Polly Smith 1208 Lewis St. The Dalles, OR 97058	Get Well	????
Diana Gray 4122 SE Spring St. Hillsboro, OR 97123	Get Well	Emergency Surgery in November
January -		
Harold Huiras 18653 S Char Lane Mulino, OR 97042	Get Well	????

MOTION by Lola Robello

I move that the Oregon Federation issue the Corresponding Secretary a check in the amount of \$350.00 the approximate cost for the certified mailings of the ballots of 114 clubs or more in the Federation. Seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER - Mick & Shan McKinney

Taxes have been filed for the current year.

Financial reports are completed for December 1997. Also included is a listing of the travel and lodging for the St. Helens and Astoria meetings along with a recap of the last 11 paid state meetings.

Current Certificate of deposits are:

Key Bank Certificates:

Account number	Amount	Maturity Date
37010820065108	\$10,000	July 9, 1998
006412087005	\$10,000	August 13, 1998
006412087013	\$10,000	September 19, 1998
006412087021	\$10,000	October 18, 1998
006412118594	\$10,000	January 7, 1999

Bank of America Certificates:

Account number	Amount	Maturity Date
28574-13096	\$10,000	December 1, 1998
28572-13097	\$10,000	February 7, 1998
28510-13098	\$10,000	March 17, 1998
28518-13099	\$10,000	April 23, 1998
28572-13100	\$10,000	May 29, 1998

As a reminder, if you have any bill that needs to be paid, please complete an expense claim to show the payee and fund to be charged.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - Linda & Ralph Lambert

I have distributed membership packets to each of the delegates. Each packet contains an instruction letter and two copies of the club membership form for each club in their Council and a letter and two copies of the council membership form. I have placed the tax identification number on the top of the form and filled in the nonprofit verification information. This should help the delegates, clubs and councils in filling out the forms this year. I have supplied the Financial Advisor with a chart of the Tax Identification Numbers and Nonprofit information for the clubs and councils of the Oregon Federation. These completed forms along with the fees as outlined in the instruction letters and a copy of the Corporation Commissioner's Annual Report for the current year (if the club or council is incorporated through the State of Oregon) needs to be in my hands no later than the May State Meeting. I would like to thank everyone in advance for their assistance in this matter.

At this time I am still in need of the following information from the Pioneers and Petticoats:

1. Tax Identification Number
2. Nonprofit information

At the November state meeting we accepted this club as a member of the Federation pending completion of the paperwork. Since the paperwork has not been completed I just wanted the Federation to be aware that the club has not yet fully met membership requirements. I have two clubs for membership: The Ages & Sherwood Forest Squares.

MOTION by Linda Lambert

I move that we accept into membership of the Federation, The Sherwood Forest Squares. Seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION by Linda Lambert

I move that we accept into membership of the Federation, The Ages. Seconded. Motion carried.

INSURANCE CHAIRMAN - Bill & Elaine Funk

We are down about 400 dancers. We have three new clubs, but the paperwork is not in to us yet.

Clubs need to turn in paperwork for notification of events and additional insured at least 6 weeks ahead of the event in order to have everything properly done in plenty of time.

Clubs have been slow getting their paperwork in creating some minor problems. Also, getting additional insured and notification of events just can't be done when called in one or two days ahead of the event.

Summer Festival people please get your paperwork into me as soon as possible.

We do have an e-mail address if it will help any of you. It is bandedr@magick.net.

PAST PRESIDENT - Lee & Barbie Ashwill

Since our November 1997 meeting, checks have been issued to Fairview totaling \$2,982.76. These funds are being used to purchase items for the video library for disabled persons at the Fairview Training Center. Mary Lai, Community Liaison Director at the Fairview Training Center, will take video shots of the equipment purchased and will attend a future meeting of this organization to present a video showing the items purchased.

Since Mid-Winter 1998 is now history, I ask all of the executive board to assist with publicizing the final Fairview Benefit Dance scheduled for April 5, 1998. We have scheduled an outstanding array of talented callers and cuers and a super dance will be provided for all in attendance. For anyone unable to attend, contributions may be sent to Lee & Barbi Ashwill, 4684 Ivory Way, NE, Salem, OR 97305-3132. Remind the dancers that the needs still exist at Fairview and for those who doubt the validity of our contributions, take the time and visit Fairview and observe what square dancers have provided for those less fortunate than ourselves. This is a very worthwhile endeavor.

On the night of January 17, 1998, the Independence Wagon Wheelers held their second "Raid" and raided the Oaky Doaks. At break time, my duck coffee cup was auctioned off. It seems that I forgot it at the November meeting and it was retrieved by an infamous member of the Oaky Doaks. This auction was classified as a "progressive" auction. That means that whatever you bid goes into the pot whether or not you get the item being auctioned. Even though it cost me \$10.00 to get my cup back, this event raised \$30.00 and this amount was donated by the Oaky Doaks to the Fairview Benefit Dance. Thank you Oaky Doaks.

Nominations for Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs elected officer positions for the 1998-1999 year are as follows:

President: Dave Cameron (Presently serving as President elect)

1st Vice President: Larry Reetz (Emerald Empire)
Glenna Getz (PAC)

2nd Vice President: Linda Lambert (MWA)
Barbi Ashwill (MWA)

Treasurer (2 yr term): Barbie Cooper (MWA)
Dave Hughes (MWA)

Recording Secretary: Jodene Hughes (MWA)
Debbie McKaughan (MWA)

Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn Schmit (MWA)
Ronnie Wiser (MWA)
Barbara Wines (Central Oregon)

Membership Chairman: Kay Rogers (TVC)
Sandy Eddings (Central Oregon) *Note* Sandy was
nominated later in the meeting by Lee Ashwill.

All candidates have the opportunity to make a campaign statement in the OFN. I also need a picture of you to put in the OFN.

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Joe Maxwell & Ronnie Wiser

I would like to thank Mid-Winter and all the committee members for putting on a excellent dance this weekend. I would also like to thank all of you for participating in the sending of our puzzle banner back to us. It will be displayed proudly in our home. If you wish to come to visit and abscond with our banner, we will gladly give you a piece. The box that we received with our banner is in a vehicle and it covers the front windshield to the back windshield, however, it will make it back home. Thanks to each and everyone of you for a great time.

PUBLICITY/STATE REPORTER - Skip Napier & Glenna Getz

Federation Calendar and Publicity Forms: We continue to assemble a Federation Calendar and we have included another copy of the form in your packet. Thanks to all of you who have contributed and please continue to submit your events. We were hoping to utilize the Web Page for the calendar by now but have run into some technical difficulties. The provider changed the Web Page address without informing us and now the server is down so there is no web page access. We will be making an appointment to discuss the situation with the company.

Federation 888 Number: The eight hundred number (1-888-637-7321) is being used. We receive calls from all over the state asking a variety of questions. What is the one day rate at mid-winter? What is the web page address? Who is dancing tonight? We want to order some static cling signs. What is the date of the ?

Orders for Static Cling Signs: There has not been enough demand to warrant placing an order.

Reporter for OFN Column: The column is fun to do every month. We depend on each of you for information. Subjects of particular interest to us are youth activities, ideas for lessons, silly/fun things, and special events.

Promotion: We feel that part of our job is to promote Mid-Winter, Summer Festival, and National Conventions. To that end we have offered our services to the Blue Mountain Summer Festival Committee (98) and the TVC Summer Festival Committee (99). You have already been involved in some of these activities including a cow pie contest, our animal picket sign parade here at mid-winter, and viewing our unique "yellow rock" fowl--which by the way are not ducks; they are chickens. For Mid-Winter we submitted an article which appears in the January issue of Washington State Footnotes and have distributed many flyers.

We have contacted Pat and Hope O'Shields, Publicity Chairs for the 47th National Convention in Charlotte, N. C., and requested that we be added to their mailing list to receive convention publicity materials. As of the end of December there were just under 7,000 dancers registered for the convention. Oregon is going great with 72 registered. We'd like to see that go over the 100 mark in the next couple of months. The Traveling Briefcase #4 prepared by the 47th national was passed on to Dave Cameron at the last state meeting. We are hoping that it has traveled far.

Our Travels: Since the last state meeting we have celebrated two holidays and enjoyed a visit from three children at Christmas time. In addition we found time to attend Oaky Doaks dances, a PAC visitation to Country Capers, Capital 8's Night Owl Dance, RV 8'ers New Years Day Breakfast as guests, Tami Helms Benefit Dance, Singles on Saturday Anniversary Dance, Rocken Renegades, and Recycles. A particularly special event was a Jamboree Dance January 17th for the fourth grade class at Oak Grove Elementary School who are taking square dance lessons. Over 70 attended the fifth Saturday afternoon dance called by Joyce Buzzard. Dave and Barbie Cooper, Joe Maxwell, and Ronnie Wiser also brought a visitation from the Renegades Ponies. It was a wonderful experience to see all the students, class angels, parents, and siblings turn out.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR - Don Reed

1. The audit has been completed for the year ended August 31, 1997 for the Oregon Federation. It is the opinion of the Financial Advisor that the books and records present fairly the year's activities of the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs.
2. My thanks to the Membership Chairman for outstanding support in providing club registration and officer data.

EDUCATION CHAIRMAN - Buzz & Cathy Buczkowski

At the last state meeting, I was listening to area delegates stating that they are losing dancers. I thought that a handout to the areas entitled "Retaining Dancers" would be timely, so they have each received a copy at this meeting. Hopefully there is some useful information for the various clubs.

In today's society it seems a large number of people are interested in physical fitness and there is no better way to exercise and have fun than by square dancing. Kathy and I found an article in U.S.D.A. news with the heading "Live Ten Years Longer." It reads: "Square Dancing will add ten years to your life, a surprising new study shows. Dr. Aaron Blackburn states, "It's clear that square dancing is the perfect exercise. It combines all the positive aspects of intense physical activity with none of the negative elements."

The study was based on their physical examinations which indicated that both female and male square dancers could expect to live well into their 80's.

The square dance movements raise the heart rate like any good aerobic exercise should. All the quick changes of direction loosen and tone up the muscles - but not so severely as to cause injury. In square dancing, when you're not moving, you're clapping hands or tapping feet, which all contributes to long term fitness."

I will submit this article, plus a Mayo Clinic Health Letter regarding Social Dancing, to the OFN for printing at a future date. We did submit the article "Tips for Better Dancing" which is included in the January OFN.

Deviation from the agenda: Bob Bosch open the nominations from the floor.

1st Vice President: No nominations. Lee Ashwill moved to close. Seconded by Dave Cameron. Motion carried.

2nd Vice President: No nominations. Lee Ashwill moved to close. Seconded by Ray Fenn. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary: No nominations. Lee Ashwill moved to close. Seconded by Rex Bounds. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary: No nominations. Lee Ashwill moved to close. Seconded by Dave Cameron. Motion carried.

Treasurer: No nominations. Lee Ashwill moved to close. Seconded by Dave Cameron. Motion carried.

Membership Chairman: Lee Ashwill nominated Sandy Eddings (Central Oregon) for Membership Chairman. Seconded by Larry Reetz. Hearing no other nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. Motion carried.

HISTORIAN REPORT - Don & Karel Morris

As Historian for the Oregon Federation, I have only one event of historical importance to report. On January 1st, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Eight, former First Lady Donna Chamberlin, who is a professional hair dresser, did take scissors in hand and remove a large amount of hair from the head of former State President, Benjamin Brown.

It has been reported that with his hair gone and his face not identifiable, he has left the country and was last reported headed for Baja, Mexico. It was further reported that when his hair grows back, he plans to sneak back into the country, perhaps in Arizona or Texas.

BMI/ASCAP - Ralph & Linda Lambert

For ASCAP, they have provided the revised fee schedule for 1998. The fee per festival attendee has went up from \$0.057 to \$0.058. I have provided revised information to the Chairs of the 1998 Mid-Winter and Summer Festivals.

For BMI, we are in a transition between last years contract and this year contract. I have requested our \$100.00 advance minimum payment check for 1998 from the State Treasurer. I will submit this check along with our 1997 final report to BMI. Hopefully in this year of transition, everything will work out as I have anticipated.

YOUTH COORDINATORS - Dave & Barbie Cooper

There are many things that have happened, and are in the works, since our last State Meeting. We are excited about the number of youth who are now getting involved in square and round dancing.

On January 18, we traveled to Oak Grove Elementary school, where we danced with the students who are currently taking lessons from Joyce Buzzard and the whole contingent of angels who are assisting with the lessons. Also in attendance was a group of Renegade Ponies from McMinnville. Congratulations to Skip, Glenna, the Oaky Doaks, and all the rest of the adults who came to share this day with these youngsters. It was a fantastic jamboree, and quite fulfilling to see over thirty young dancers on the floor. You had to be there!

In McMinnville, Floyd Baker is now teaching lessons to 24 students from 1st grade through 5th grade. These lessons are being held at the McMinnville Grange on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 until 6:30.

Kaye Rogers, President of the TVC, has organized a youth dance to be held at the Winona Grange in Sherwood, from 8:00 to 11:00. This dance is open to any youth who is taking or has completed lessons. It will be called by Scott Zinser, and cued by Dave Cooper. This dance will be advertised in the OFN, and flyers will be sent to each council. We hope this will allow our youth dancers the opportunity to get together, become acquainted, and dance together. It is our hope that any club that has even one youth dancer will encourage that dancer to attend. All club members are welcome with open arms to come and dance with these children, or just to watch. It should be quite a sight.

The Capitol Callers and Cuers, along with the MWA, are in the process of organizing a youth dance, to be held in Salem, tentatively in April. Again, this will be for all youth, with adults there to help, dance, or just stand in awe!

Thanks to all who have given their support, encouragement, and ideas. We have seen that these youngsters really enjoy learning to dance, and that with adult help and encouragement, will become the square dancers of tomorrow.

STATE FAIR COORDINATOR - Fran & Ray Bunch

No report.

TRAILER COORDINATORS - Jim & Avis Kinkaid (Given by Fran Bunch)

The trailers were used by 9 different clubs or organizations for a total usage of 12 times. They were used from Portland to Eugene and Springfield.

One trailer has a sprung folding wing which makes the floor not even with the main floor. I have no idea how to take the warp out of this section. Perhaps someone else does.

Some people have the opinion that the floors need extensive resurfacing and some do not have this opinion. I am not sure which is best. Some sanding and recoating could be all that is needed.

We have sold the place where we live and where the trailers have been stored the past few years. We will be moving sometime in February to the Fruitland area of east Salem. The trailers are currently stored under cover at our place north of the Salem-Kizer Volcanoes ball park and will be stored there until this place sells. We can keep the trailers at our new place, however, there is no covered storage there. We plan to build a shop-storage building at sometime and the trailers would be included in this project. Perhaps a heavy tarp could be purchased to cover the trailers.

The Federation has a permanent caller-cuer stand for use at the State Fair. It is stored at our place also. I have thought a small trailer could be made for transporting-storage of stand. I think one could be made for \$200 - \$300. Some thought might be given to this. I would or could even build it myself.

Again, it is a pleasure to serve the Federation as trailer coordinator and will continue to do so if it is the wishes of the Federation.

There was some discussion regarding the covering of the state trailers. Ray Bunch said he discussed this issue with Jim Kinkaid and we calculated that there is about 24 X 16 to cover the trailer. The thin tarps will not last. We need to have a good tarp. We are looking at around \$75.00 - \$100.00 for the tarps. They may be higher than that. Linda Lambert wanted to know if we would need to have a motion to that effect .

MOTION by Linda Lambert

I move that the Oregon Federation appoint someone to investigate and purchase the necessary tarps to cover the state trailers, cost not exceed \$500.00. Seconded.
Motion carried.

Bob Bosch asked Ray Bunch if he would, with the help of Jim Kinkaid look into the purchasing of the tarps for the state trailers.

Ray Bunch mentioned the reason they came up with this idea is that the alternatives to storing the trailers would be much more expensive.

ORDTA - Jay & Bonnie Stimler (Elaine & Bill Funk substituting)

We are very grateful for the Mid-Winter Festival. It has been wonderful. In the fourth weekend in March there will be a Spring Fluray in the Grants Pass area. This will be phase 4 and 5 teaches. The featured teachers will be Jack and Judy Dushane, from Spokane, WA. The fourth weekend in April, Ron & Mary Noble will be having a figure clinic and that will be in Salem. Bill and Carol Goss will be coming up to work on figures. We went to several Birthday Dances in our area and other areas. We signed in and represented the State and let them know that they are thought about.

MOTION by Tim Roberts

Mr. President, I move that the Federation Practices and Procedures be modified to add Strolling Vine and Whaletail to the list of phase III moves allowed in an Oregon Round of the Month. (Section VII, page VII-5, paragraph 2a). Seconded by Ray Jones (Emerald Empire). Motion carried. (two no votes)

MOTION by Lee Ashwill

I move that the \$500.00 be authorized for purchasing the tarps for the trailers be allocated out of the General Fund. Seconded by Linda Lambert. Motion carried.

ROUND DANCE SCREENING Barbara & Larry Schaumberg

I would like to thank everyone for getting the tapes back to me for the selection of the Round of the Month on time so I can get them to OFN. I really appreciate that.

CALLER ADVISOR - Dick Click

I was very pleased that Genevieve received the Randal Award. The North Willamette Callers & Cuers voted to have Genevieve as our first life time member. So she is getting her due recognition.

One of the things that is coming up later this year is the Northwest Teen Competition Festival and that will be held in Eugene. I have been talking with Dave Cooper and Skip Napier about the event. This is the first time that Oregon has ever hosted this type of event. It has always been in Seattle or Vancouver, BC. They have asked me to be one of the judges, and I don't even know what I am judging. I will have more about this at the next State Meeting. On April 6th - 8th I will be in Cincinnati attending the Caller Lab Convention. This is going to be very important for the entire future of square dancing. ACA (American Callers Association) recently published a list of basics in the OFN. This caused a lot of controversy. In talking with some of the National Callers around the country, we are now looking at individual lists being developed by certain areas of the country, aside from Caller Lab and ACA lists. At the next state meeting I hope to have a report on what Caller Lab is going to present. ACA claims that their move is to merely get Caller Lab moving in this direction.

I think all clubs need to consider the subject of callers and cuers furnishing their own equipment for the dance and making this a part of their contract, now that we are in the process of modern technology and the new mini disc. Some of them are not compatible with record playing machinery, if it is older equipment. If not, you may have callers and cuers talk to each other before hand to see if their equipment is compatible.

Some of our classes are very small and cost the club money in order to continue the classes, others have actually stopped. I think we should seriously look at having Council sponsored classes maybe twice a week. Where we all get together and have one class and we can all help with those classes in order to make them a success. This is one thing that I am going to work towards and encourage others to do the same.

We have about 33% of the callers in Oregon listed in Caller Lab. There are only three organizations within the State; Capital Callers, Cascade Callers and North Willamette Callers are ones that exist in the State. So we have a pretty good representation.

HOSTING AREA DELEGATE REPORT

The State Delegates meeting was at 11 am. Sat. Jan. 1998, with 12 of the 13 councils represented.

One item on the agenda of this meeting relative to the motion of Lee Ashwill was brought up regarding wording of the motion. Delegates agreed to support the motion, with a change in wording to specify that the funds returned be returned to the State Wide Square Dance Enhancement Fund, rather than the Treasury of the Federation.

Several other informational items were presented for discussion, some of which may come before the Federation in the form of motions, in the future.

Ron & Marilyn Schmit distributed information regarding collection of ideas for presentation in the Showcase of ideas for the Indianapolis Convention.

Linda Lambert updated us on the Membership forms.

I personally would like to thank the Delegates for the atmosphere of open cooperative discussion on several issues. The Delegates show a desire to effectively represent the dancers in their Areas.

Jodene Hughes lead in singing happy birthday to Ray Jones per Lee Ashwill's request.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION by Dave Cameron

Mr. President, I move to remove from the table the motion by Lee Ashwill about state attire and its expenditures. Seconded by Lola Robello. Motion carried.

MOTION BY LEE ASHWILL REMOVED FROM TABLE STATED BELOW

I move that the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs authorize the expenditure of \$3,860.20 from the State Wide Square Dance Enhancement Fund, for the purchase of material to prepare kits for sale to dancers to make an authorized state attire, with the sale proceeds to be returned to the State Wide Square Dance Enhancement Fund.

There was some discussion on where the money was actually going to be returned to. The agenda stated that it was to go to the treasury of the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs. Lee Ashwill said that he looked at the original motion and that it stated that the funds were to be returned to the State Wide Square Dance Enhancement Fund. Lola Robello wanted to know why it wasn't coming out of the convention reserve fund? Lee Ashwill said the reason for it coming out of the Square Dance Enhancement

Fund is that it is for square dance enhancement. These outfits are state attire not convention attire. The \$25,000.00 in the convention fund is for when we get the bid and do convention things at a later time.

Motion carried.

Lola Robello mentioned that she had been given the sample of the square dancers decal.

Leah 'Crickett' Johnson mentioned that at the last Summer Festival meeting it was requested that we investigate getting bids to have some logo's made to replace the old ones. I went back to a company in the Waldport area and they did some modification on the size in order to accommodate more on a page and to have less waste. The bid has been submitted at 1000 of them for \$500.00. Lee Ashwill wanted to know if they shortened the skirt. Crickett said just a little and it still doesn't show the knees.

MOTION by Lola Robello

I move that the Oregon Federation purchase the square dancers decal from D & J Enterprises for the purchase price of 1000 @ .50 = \$500.00 funds to come from the Square Dance Enhancement Fund. Seconded by Tim Roberts. Motion amended by Lee Ashwill to include the proceeds of these decals will be returned to the Square Dance Enhancement Fund. Seconded by Linda Lambert. Motion carried.

MOTION by Larry Reetz

I move that these decals be sold at a \$1.00 each. Seconded. Motion carried.

Lola Robello said she felt that this should all be turned over to Skip and Glenna and have them follow it through. Lee Ashwill mention that the Vendor's have agreed to put these in their shops and sell them for us at **no charge** to us.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Dave Cameron

Mr. President, I move that the clubs of the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs in lieu of the bid for 2006, that we present a bid for 2005 National Convention to be presented at Anaheim in 2001. Seconded by Lee Ashwill. Motion carried.

Lee Ashwill explained the reason we changed the date was because we desired to have people go to Anaheim when we put in a bid, and the NAC changed the requirements for bidding 5 years out to bidding 4 years out. This is why we moved it back a year.

MOTION by Lee Ashwill

Mr. President, I move that the Oregon Federation authorize the expenditure of funds in and amount not to exceed \$500.00 from the Contingency Fund authorized for trailer repair to either buy or build a small trailer to transport the caller/cuer stand utilized during State Fair dancing. Seconded. Motion carried.

That was in Fran's report from Jim Kinkaid. The reason we wanted to get something out there for now is that Jim is going to have an auction and we might be able to bid for some framing material at a minimal cost. We do need to have some money to buy wheels, tires and axles to build this trailer. We would like to have a working base, so we can continue on with this project. We probably will not build it before the May meeting, but we may want to purchase items before that.

Ray Jones (Emerald Empire) wanted to know what size trailer we needed. He happens to have a small two wheel trailer, bed is about 4 X 6 and I will give you the trailer if you can use it. Ray Bunch mentioned that the caller/cuer stand is about 12' high and 8' wide and 4' deep. But we will gladly accept the trailer. That will be a good starting point for us.

DELEGATE REPORTS**BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL Ray & Ginger Fenn**

We apologize to the Cameron's for their extended trip to LaGrande to learn that the 1998 Summer Festival meeting had been canceled because of bad weather. Your input would surely have helped our cause and we feel cheated that circumstances prevented your presence.

All clubs are progressing nicely with their classes, large or small, and new classes are being discussed in some clubs.

The main focus at this time is devoted to the Summer Festival.

Our next Council meeting will be Saturday, January 31st, at Baker City.

CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL Virginia and Hal Meyers

The Bachelor Beaus' annual Teddy Bear dance was, once again, a successful event; with 55 Teddy Bears collected and donated to the Salvation Army. The dancers enjoyed treating the representative from the Army to her very first experience of square dancing. Also at this dance the Club held their annual drawing for two cords of fire wood, which has been a fun way to raise money to help with lessons and other Club expense. The 5th Saturday Council dance, sponsored by the Bachelor Beaus, had over 9 squares in attendance. Rick Ewing called and Marian Cook cued. The decorations were made by the second and third graders from Thompson Elementary School. Beginners' lessons are in

full swing with good attendance from new and "recycled" dancers. Casino Night, called by Les Seeley & cued by Marian Cook was another success to start the New Year. Nine squares in attendance.

The High Lakes Swingers graduated their new class of Round Dancers, instructed by Marian Cook, on December 16th; and Ron Bliven will be calling for the new class of beginning square dancers starting on January 5th. In 1998, the HLS will have Intermediate Rounds starting at 7:00 PM at every dance. The Valentine Dance will be on the 14th of February with Andy Rawlinson calling and Marian Cook cueing. Less Seeley will call the Birthday dance on May 9th and Ray Walz will cue. On June 13th the HLS will leave for a 2-week tour of Eastern Oregon, which will include the 1998 Summer Festival (of course); after which the group will take a "stroll to the top of Strawberry Mountain", jet boat rides on the Snake River, 2 tours of Baker City covering the Interpretive Center and the Old Museum. The final stop will be at Shaniko for the 2nd Annual Shufflerock dance on June 27th

The Red Rock Squares danced in the Redmond Christmas Parade on November 29th during which time they handed out over 100 pamphlets and lesson flyers along the parade route. Lessons will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning on January 5th at the Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds with Marc Chambers instructing squares and Kitty Fox instructing Round Dancing. The Club has plans for a number of fun activities this Summer including a progressive dinner, a Spring Fling Dance, and the Cowpie Stomp called by Les Seeley & Dave Correllus and cued by Lloyd Goode. Randy Dibble will be calling the Birthday Dance in June.

The Sagebrush Shufflers' lessons are going well with 8 new dancers. Lessons are held on Sunday afternoon with Marc Chambers instructing. The New Years Eve Dance with Scott Zinser calling and Kitty Fox cueing, was great fun. Everyone is looking forward to a great 1998 with lots of traveling and a lot of visitors. The Sagebrush Shufflers are the "Shuffle" in the Shufflerock dance in Shaniko held in June. The Club will remain in the Senior Center but will not start pre-rounds until approximately 7:45 and will have an open kitchen due to the substantial increase in rent.

The Swinging Mountaineers started plus lessons on January 4th from 6:30 to 9:00 PM in the Lucy Miller Bldg at the Fairgrounds. This has become such a fun time for everyone who attends we're looking forward to another year with great enthusiasm. Ron Bliven is instructing. The annual charity donation was made to the Salvation Army in the amount of \$150. Also, a gift of a year's free entrance to dances and one year's dues was presented to a deserving member. It was very well received. Guest callers will be asked to add an introduction to A-I every third tip and the Club decided to look in to getting an A-I workshop started in Central Oregon.

The Steens Mountain Twirlers are looking forward to a great 1998. The Beginner's lessons started January 8th and they have enrolled 12 new dancers.... all of them kids! A few adults but the kids are exciting.... and excited about square dancing. The Twirlers are looking forward to having their Birthday dance in Bend this year, which will be a new adventure.

EASTERN OREGON COUNCIL - Rex & Sylvia Anderson

Ione Grand Squires are dancing in Condon. They are dancing on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons at the Fairgrounds. They had their Christmas Dance at Rock Creek School with the Pentecost's' calling and cueing. As usual they had a good turn out. Everyone brings a pound of something and they exchange gifts during the evening.

Hermiston Square Knots had their Christmas dance at the ARC building in Hermiston. They had everyone bring canned items for the food basket. This was given to the City Police for a needy family. They held their annual New Years Eve dance. They will begin lessons on the 20th of the month. They are going to run 30 to 60 second ads on the local TV channel to see if they can reach more people.

The Rocket Squares had no report. Dick Herbert is still recovering from back problems and the club has not been dancing regularly. The next Eastern Oregon Council meeting will be in Pendleton on February 8, 1998.

EMERALD EMPIRE COUNCIL Ray & Zola Jones

Emerald Empire Council met January 17, 1998 with the following actions taken:

1. Voted to donate \$250.00 to the Fairview Dance.
2. Voted to support loan of funds by the State Federation for the purchase of Oregon promotion kits.
3. Selected Looking Glass Station 7 to be recipient of proceeds from our annual benefit dance, and to donate \$400.00 plus gate receipts to this organization. The dance will be on May 30th, at the Emerald Square Dance Center. All dancers are invited to attend. This dance is co-sponsored by the Cascade Callers & Cuers Association and the Emerald Empire Area Council.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS - Helen & Don Schreiner

Our area had a very difficult time in choosing a candidate for the Randal Award. All six candidates were very deserving of this award. We don't envy the Mid Winter committee that had to make the final choice.

The K. C.'s have elected and installed new officers for the 1998 year. Ron & Cathy Potucek were installed as presidents. Afton & Dorothy Herndon as vice presidents, Joyce & Eddie Barren as secretary, Bob & Carol Potucek as treasurer. The new board of directors will be Marge Narramore, Frank & Diane Rollins and Don & Helen Schreiner.

The Tule Twirlers will be having their second annual "Old Fashioned Hoedown", Sunday April 26, 1998. The purpose of this hoedown is to welcome the new dancers into the square and round dance activity, have them dance to a variety of callers and cuers, and discover what a friendly, happy group we are.

The response last year was far more than they anticipated. Eight callers and three cuers attended. Some canceled their Sunday classes to participate. Nineteen squares of dancers had a wonderful, memorable time.

This year the festivities will be held at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds in Tulelake, CA., just south of Klamath Falls. This is a much larger facility with hardwood dance floor, RV parking on the grounds with electricity, water and showers available. There is also a large parking lot for free parking for self contained RV's. The Tule Twirlers are hoping to make this an annual event.

All four area clubs are holding new dancer classes. The area should have a good number of new members when graduations are held this spring. The Tule Twirlers will be hosting the next Interstate Highlanders meeting and dance on January 31, 1998. Wayne Weaver will be calling and Elaine Funk will be cueing for this dance.

LINCOLN-TILLAMOOK AREA COUNCIL - Ray & Betty Jones (given by Crickett Johnson)

Classes are close to finishing at Toledo 49ers and Waldport Sunset Squares. All class members have been encouraged to attend the Mid-Winter Festival and at last report, quite a few were to attend.

The Coast Swingers have gone dark in January due to so many snow birds going south. They will be hosting two new dancer's level dances in February at the Garibaldi City Hall; one on Valentine's Day and a Storm Watcher's Dance on Feb. 28th. Fred Beem will be the caller and Bob Schindler, cuer.

The Sea Twirlers continue to have guest callers and hope to make a decision on a permanent caller in March. They have Fred Beem to begin lessons the first Wednesday in February from 7-9 p.m. at Taft High School. Bob Schindler will resume level 2 and 3 round dance lessons the first Sunday in February. Their Pajama Dance was great fun and they look forward to the Valentine's Dance.

Toledo 49ers are busy planning for their 49th anniversary by participating in the Newport Loyalty Days parade and a Birthday Dance on May 2nd. There'll be more new on this later. Come visit them at Toledo High School if you're in the area on the first or third Saturday.

Waldport Sunset Squares have installed their new officers and are busy planning a Valentine's Day Dance, a visitation to the Toledo 49ers, and a St. Patrick's Day Dance.

The Waldport Sunset Squares and Toledo 49ers have their dances listed on a web page now. Just check in at www.pioneer.net/~squaredance to find out what's happening at the Central Oregon coast square dance clubs.

MID-WILLAMETTE AREA COUNCIL - Shirly & George Gierloff

Many of our clubs are hosting Valentine Dances next month - one club even tells us to expect Cupid.

Timber Twirlers caller, Floyd Baker is retiring and they have hired Don and Marilyn Newburn.

Young Rebels are having a 50-60's Dance on February 6th. They assure us this is a theme dance - not just for those who are in their 50's or 60's.

Red Garters have a new format. No longer do they have just one caller for their dances, they have gone JAMBOREE STYLE with a calling team consisting of Floyd Baker, Fred Beem, Oren Hesse, Dave Hughes and Gary Mille', and cuers Alberta Baker, Jodene Hughes and Goldie Restorff.

Red Garters and Young Rebels have combined for a Benefit Dance at Polk County Fairgrounds on January 30th at 7:00 PM. As many of our members have had cancer the proceeds of this dance will be donated to the Cancer Association.

March 29th brings the New Dancers Jamboree sponsored by the Mid-Willamette Council. Roger Putzler and Goldie Restorff will MC the callers and cuers.

PORTLAND ARE COUNCIL - Bill & Annadale Rooper

Tualatin Valley Council hosted the joint TVC-PAC Christmas dinner on December 8 and a good time was had by all. Some embarrassing facts were discussed as a result of the "Know the person sitting across the table" program. Kathy Roberts did a tremendous job with decorations and gifts. Thank you Kathy.

PAC voted to join with TVC in sponsoring a Youth Jamboree on March 28 at Winona Grange. Please alert your youth and bring them.

Daryl Clendenin and Ray Walz will call and cue for the Rose Festival Dance on May 29th at Oaks Park.

The Rose Festival Starlight Parade will be May 30th with the Happy Rockers as the host club this year.

"Down by the Graveyard" joint PAC and TVC dance will be October 30-31 at the Tigard Armory.

The Millennium Dance, December 31, 1999, planners have chosen Deborah Parnell and Ray Walz as caller and cuer we don't have a location as of yet.

PAC voted to support the proposed Oregon Square Dance outfit, and to ask the Mid-Winter Festival people to make dancing available, in a separate hall, during their Style Show.

ROGUE SIS Q COUNCIL - Rex & Jeri Bounds

The Ramblin Rogue Square Dance Club started lessons in January and had 45 students come to lessons.

The callers & cuers in southern Oregon have formed an organization called The Rogue Valley Callers and Cuers Association, which includes callers, cuers and clogging cuers.

The Rogue Valley Callers & Cuers Association borrowed money from the Council for advertising of classes. They now have a recycle paper drive to repay the loan. They will also be sponsoring a Midway Dance (First student level dance) to help repay the loan. All the callers & cuers will be donating their time for this dance. The gifts collected there will be given to the Fairview Dance.

SOUTH COAST AREA COUNCIL - Karel & Don Morris

Square dance, round dance and plus lessons continue in some of the South Coast Area clubs. Holiday dances were held with festive decorations and good dancing and good food in abundance. An area-wide New Year's Eve Dance was held including a campout, steak fry, crafts, potlucks and lots of TV watching and game playing.

A special event coming up in February is the annual Easter Seal Benefit Dance sponsored by Skyloft Squares. The Sunday afternoon dance program is given by gracious volunteer labor from callers and cuers alike so that all the proceeds can be donated to Easter Seal. Even though the local Camp Easter Seal was closed after this past summer, the donations from the dance will benefit local campers who will have to travel further to attend Camp Easter Seal in a new location. A potluck will follow the dance.

SUNSET AREA COUNCIL - Doug & June Bracher

At the Sunset Area Council meeting Jan 18th, a financial report was given to the members along with a sincere thanks for the full support and cooperation on hosting the Nov. State meeting. -.

A slate of nominees for council officers was presented and accepted and will be voted on in April.

A discussion was held regarding the question on whether to continue or stop dancing during the style show at Mid-Winter Festival. All were in favor of continuing.

Hayshakers

The annual Christmas dinner and dance was held December 6th, with Norm Shoop, our jolly St. Nick who gave out gifts in exchange for hugs--he plays every angle. The Chinook Sandpipers and Clatskanie Promenaders shared this special time with us.

At the Hayshakers December board meeting it was decided to begin round dance lessons the first Saturday in January with Barbara Schaumburg cueing. Turnout for round dancing has been very good. for these lessons. Square dance lessons are not so good. Our turnout for square dancing has not been very good due to vacations, sickness, bad weather, and I don't want to's.

Promenaders

Promenaders had their Christmas party Dec 13th, and collected canned foods for the needy families. They graduated three couples and each were given an OFN subscription. The 4th Saturday Dance in January was canceled for the Mid Winter.

Round dance classes will begin Jan.21st with Harvey cueing. Plans for a mystery trip April 4th are in the mill.

TUALATIN VALLEY COUNCIL - Tim & Kathy Roberts

The TVC and the PAC held their annual holiday joint board meeting at Henry Ford's restaurant in Portland on December 8. The event was well attended, and the food and company were both excellent.

The TVC was honored to have Harriet Livingston, the president of the Mid-Willamette Area council; Glenna Getz the president of the Portland Area Council; and Bob Bosch, beloved state federation President, at our November delegate meeting. The gathering fairly glittered.

An inquiry was made at the last state meeting regarding how well the static clings have been working. It appears that participation is not what we had hoped. We may not have made it clear these were designed for year-round use; some people thought these were just to be used during the few months prior to classes starting up. We hope to get the word out a bit more about this excellent and easy method of generating publicity.

The Toe Draggers sponsored a New Year's Eve dance this year, rumored to be the only such dance on Portland's West Side. Twelve squares packed the hall for a delicious chicken dinner, and a banana split dessert after midnight.

The Eager Beavers have had to change their schedule around because of scheduling problems with the Stuhr Center in Beaverton. Last I heard, they were dancing Monday's at 11 AM. They are considering a move to the Beaverton Community Center, which has more flexible scheduling guidelines.

The 4n8ers, after considering a shutdown, have decided to keep going. The Tigard 59ers are also considering shutting down or merging with another club.

The TVC is nearly ready to submit applications for two new clubs in our area. The Sherwood Forest Squares is a caller-run club, which is ready to become part of a larger organization, and the Ages Square Dance Club consists of a class of grade school kids (ages 5 to 10). Both clubs are starting small, but it is certainly nice to report an INCREASE in clubs instead of a DECREASE. Thanks go to Kathleen Gould for her energy in organizing these clubs and getting them prepared for membership in the State Federation.

Here are a few important dates in the TVC calendar. This coming Saturday, January 31, the TVC will hold its annual charity dance at the Aloha Grange in Hillsboro. All proceeds will be going to Fairview. On Sunday, February 15, we will be holding our annual round-dance party at the Capitol Hill Community Center. Barbara Schaumburg is heading up the parade of cuers for this dance. On March 28, the TVC will be sponsoring a teen dance at the Winona Grange in Tualatin, with Scott Zinser doing the calling. We hope to use this as an opportunity to pump some new life into the teen situation in the TVC.

UMPQUA AREA COUNCIL - John Hernandez & Esther Thompson-Wood

The Buckaroo Square Dance Club has graduated their beginners class and (13) of the class members joined the club, and they only lost one member who went South because he was a snowbird, they held two classes a week, on Monday and Thursdays, and they did the Twenty-week Dance Program (Just call it square dancing).

The Boots and Calico Club suspended their square dance lessons until further notice. They do have a good Round Dance Class being held on Monday nights at 7:00 to 9:00. They started January 12th and they have 24 dancers.

No report from **Dancing Friends**.

Pioneers 'n' Petticoats are about to graduate their beginning class. They held their first club dance Jan. 9th and had a very good turn out. All local clubs attended and some even came from Grants Pass. They had nine squares on the floor. With Rudy Romo calling and Bud Trowbridge was the cuer.

The Timber 8's are having A1 and A2 classes on Wednesday nights being held at the Winchester School in Winchester at 7:00 to 8:00 followed by a Plus class from 8:00 till 10:00 with Wayne West the caller.

GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

JACK & ROSEMARY WILLIAMS

Our activities have been limited to the home front since last state meeting. At our January 3rd dance at Bachelor Beaus with Les Seeley calling and our casino night activities, we were surprised and honored by the presence of our State President and his wife, Bob and Carolyn Bosch. They were also going to attend the Central Oregon Council Meeting the following day. We did not get to dance very much as it was our night to host the dance. Glad you came Bob and Carolyn.

Before we parted I asked the President (house butcher) if he would like to help em on a restoration project on a duplex I have. I was figuring on his vast knowledge and experience regarding building projects.

We are still involved in Central Oregon Roundup.

KEN & NANCY CARSON

Happy New Year to our square dance friends!!

We are in sunny Mesa, Arizona with 70 degree weather and lots of sunshine.

We haven't been able to do any square dancing yet. First two weeks we were here we cleaned and unpacked boxes and moved in to the park model we bought. then it was off to Harpersville, Alabama for our grandson's wedding. We stayed through Christmas and came back the 28th.

I had a sinus infection after that, which kept me down for a couple of weeks. Too damp and too cold in Alabama with highs of 40's and lots of rain.

After I started feeling better, Ken got the bug. We plan on getting into the swing of things when he gets better.

In the meantime wish you could all enjoy the sunshine. Have a great and successful Mid-Winter. Our phone # (602) 654-1713.

BENJAMIN & PENNY BROWN

The following report was phoned in by the Browns to Lola Robello.

Benjamin's last test showed no cancer and the Dr. gave him an on the road prescription for Chemo, so he can have Chemo at any medical facility. They will have to return to Portland in April for a follow up appointment.

They started heading south right after Christmas and spent New Years in North Bend with the Skyloft Squares, enjoying their wonderful hospitality. From there they went to Benjamin's sister, who lives just north of Santa Barbara. They stayed there for 3-4 days and then headed to Quartzsite, Arizona. They will spend about a week there, dry camping in the desert. From there they plan to go to Mesa to visit Ken & Nancy Carson.

They both sounded well. I asked Penny how she liked being on the road and she mumbled something about a tool chest on wheels. I guess they had their unit upgraded and are going to have it checked out before going to Quartzsite. Penny didn't go into a lot of detail.

They said to say hi to everyone and Tony and I get to give 2 hugs to everyone and one is from the Browns.

DICK & MARGIE PENTECOST

November 1997 - We truly enjoyed the dance, hospitality, wonderful meal, and state fleeting hosted by the Sunset Area Council. We have angeled all the Swap & Swing square dance classes as possible - and attended the S&S square dances.

November 21 - Hermiston Square Knot Plus - Dick called - Margie cued in place of Rick Ewing who was ill.

November 22 Hermiston Square Knot MS - before Thanksgiving potluck dance: Dick called - Marge cued.

November 29 - Eastern Oregon Council MS dance - Hermiston. Dick called - Marge cued.

December 1997 - We attended WyEast Whirlers Christmas dance - Swap & Swing Christmas dance.

On the 13th - Ione Grand Squares Dance - at Rock Creek Community Center - Dick called - Marge cued. This was well attended by several guest callers, many visiting dancers and club members. An annual pound exchange and grand march with Santa giving out the 'pounds' made for an extra special holiday square dance.

December 19 - Attended Hermiston Square Knots Plus - Rick Ewing called - Marge cued. As asked, we helped with some round dance practices in Condon for some Ione Grand Square round dancers during December.

New Year's Eve - Swap & Swing hosted the Columbia Gorge dance with Bill Reid, MC caller, several guest callers and Neva Reid, cuer. We had a great turnout of Gorge dancers and a good time was had by all.

January 1998: - Dick attended Swap & Swing Aloha dance - Bill & Neva Reid, caller/cuer. Marge was in Pasadena, CA attending the 50th wedding celebration of her sister & husband. (At the party, I visited with some square dancers from Santa Barbara - small world !!)

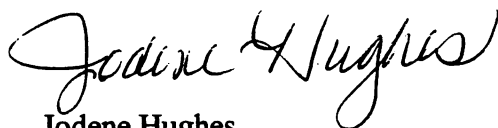
We danced with WyEast Whirlers - Lee Mauroni caller/cuer.

Sorry to miss Winter Festival - however, we will be caller/cuer for a Gorge Plus dance and Swap & Swing MS dance this weekend.

TIM & KATHY ROBERTS

We have enrolled our nine year old daughter in square dance classes with the Toe Draggers. Amanda is having a greet time, and she is already trying to recruit some of the kids from her class!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jodene Hughes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jodene Hughes
Recording Secretary

