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PRESIDENT Dave & Betty Cameron

It has been a busy month, but everything has been pretty well taken care of.

I would like to thank Danebo 8's and Emerald Empire for the great dance and the great food last night.

There was something done a little different. Larry Reetz and I had to get up and give a short documentary on what the Federation is. I would like to thank the person who wrote the bio in the front of the State Directory, it was quite helpful last night. I would also like to thank Ralph Lambert for his help.

There is one gentleman I would like to thank. If you don't know Don Reed, he is a great gentleman and I am glad to know him and I am glad he is a friend of mine. He has done a tremendous amount of work, and if it hadn't been for him, it might not have gotten done.

I have an appointment to make. I would like to appoint Ray Bunch the new Insurance Chairman.

MOTION by Larry Reetz

> I move that we appoint Mick McKinney to be assigned the duties of Treasurer pro-tem while the elected Treasurer is under medical care and unable to serve. Seconded by Rex Bounds. Motion carried.

MOTION by Larry Reetz

> I move that Don Reed be authorized to sign checks while the elected Treasurer, is under medical care and unable to serve. Seconded by Barbi Ashwill. Motion carried.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT - Larry & Carol Reetz

First of all the past couple of months have been really busy. Carol and I have been on the road and have managed to dance in several places. We have also been able to get completion of my past duties as 2nd Vice President (State Directories). We got some of them out to the areas that we were able to get to and the rest of the delegates received yours yesterday. They are as up to date as we can get them. There may be some other changes, so please get them to us so we can get them printed in the OFN news, such as officers, phone numbers, addresses and etc. that way we can keep it up to date on the computer system for Barbi next year.

1999 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL Gary & Betty Willoughby

The 1999 Mid-Winter Festival continues to move forward without any major problems. Registrations are continuing to arrive daily and recently the increase of those arriving has become very noticeable.

By the time the Festival is finished, the Festival Committee will have committed thousands of hours worked in dozens of areas. The point here is that we are doing all we can to make this Festival a success. That is not enough: To be a success, we need dancers, lots of dancers. Please urge all the dancers you visit and dance with over the next 2 1/2 months to join in the fun. We have provided some of the very best callers and cuers that Round and Square dancing has to offer. The facility is great, the price is right, and everything awaits the dancers. Like Tom Bodette says, we'll leave the light on for you.

Program books for the Festival are available here today. Please help yourselves to them to distribute to the dancers in your area.

We mailed flyers and registration forms to all clubs in the state in early October. If any clubs need more registration forms they may feel free to copy one of those sent or contact Betty and I or the Womacks, and we will gladly mail more to them.

Also, I have ribbons with me today. I will be available at the break and after the meeting to sell them.

We would like to thank the Womacks, the Cyklers and the Camerons for their efforts in helping secure a contract with the Lane County Fairgrounds that will allow us to continue to hold the Festival at the Fairgrounds for the next several years, and hopefully many more.

Finally, the weather man still will not provide a solid forecast, but the long range patterns seem to indicate that we will have warm friendship and a heavy outpouring of fun at the end of January, 1999. We hope to see you there.

1999 SUMMER FESTIVAL Shan & Mick McKinney

Summer Festival turned in a detailed report. The Recording Secretary has copies available upon request. Summer Festivals goal is to provide Festival full of dancing fun for square dancers. The date will be July 9, 10, 11, 1999 at the Tigard High School, 9000 SW Durham Rd., Tigard, Oregon (maps available).

2000 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL Hugh & Lorraine Womack

CELEBRATION 2000 IS OUR THEME

CALLERS:

Marty Firstenberg	Fountain Valley, CA
Ernie Kinney	Fresno, CA
Mike DeSisto	Edgewood, CA

ROUND DANCE CUERS:

Jack and Darlene Chaffee Mesa, AZ

CLOGGING CUERS:

Erick Bice Lakewood, CA

Since my first report in Burns, regarding the Lane County Fairgrounds, I have some good news to report.

We did obtain a proposal from the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany for a sum of $16,000.00 for the same period in January. Copies of this proposal were provided to the Eugene Visitors Bureau and to a Lane County Commissioner who oversees the fairgrounds operation. Heads started to roll when they thought we might be leaving. A meeting was scheduled between the Chairpersons for 2000, 2001 & 2002 Eugene Visitors Bureau and the Manager of Lane County Fairgrounds. After some discussion, the fairgrounds manager offered a four year contract in the amount of $20,145.00 per year plus catering.

This is some $8,000.00 less than we were scheduled to pay in 1999 and $10,000.00 less in 2000.

The Visitors Bureau offered a one time grant of $1,000.00 for the 2000 Festival and to help with our advertising. The bureau also agreed to write a letter to all recommend Hotels, Motels and restaurants suggesting to them that if they wish to be placed on a list provided to the Square Dancers, the fee would be $25.00 paid directly to the Festival Chairman.

So for the next four years we can be assured the Festival will be in Eugene.

We all should give Tina Cykler a round of applause for all her hard work. She scheduled the meetings and wrote the letters to make all this happen. **THANK YOU!**

2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL George & Lorene Griffith

We had a very good, constructive festival meeting on October 24th. We did a good job of getting together and setting our directions with lots of discussion.

We decided our logo would be a covered wagon with the words "For Dancing Fun, Come to Pendleton - 2000 Summer Festival" on the side of the wagon.

We changed our minds on callers. We have decided to have one National Caller and a featured cuer with Oregon callers and cuers on the program. We have agreement with the caller, but are waiting for a written agreement before I make the announcement of who it is. I am sure you will all like him, he has called for a recent Festival and even I was pleased with his calling. Most of time I don't pay that much attention to the caller and I am more interested in the square that I am in, but he caught my attention..

We asked for, and set a date for an after party on Saturday night at 1999 Summer Festival.

Rex and Sylvia Anderson showcased a very nice dance attire for our Festival dress.

I would like to thank Shan for sending their Festival minutes. Be sure to register for the upcoming Festivals.

With the material that I furnished, Kay Rogers and Tim Roberts made a real nice advertisement to go in the 1999 Summer Festival program book.

The date of 2000 Summer Festival is June 29, 30 and July 1, 2, 1999. For the Thursday night, we are going to call it an entertainment night we hope you will like.

Rex & Sylvia Anderson are the vice chairman for 2000 Summer Festival.

2001 MID-WINTER FESTIVAL Noel & Tina Cykler

We do have our program started. We do have our callers and cuers on contract.

CALLERS:	Mike Sikorsky	CUERS:	Randy & Marie Prescott
	Wade Driver		
	Dan Nordby		

We are working on a clogging program and should have that in place in a few weeks.

The dates for 2001 Mid-Winter Festival will be **January 26th, 27th & 28th**.

2001 SUMMER FESTIVAL Doug & LaDauna Hartzell

We have started on 2001 Summer Festival. We have had one meeting and we have already outgrown our meeting place. We have approximately 21 Committee Chairman positions filled. We have 12 filled. Our cuer is on the way, but Virginia will not say.

We are excited about this and the date for 2001 Summer Festival will be **August 16th, 17th & 18th.** Jim & Sharon Schaedler are 1st Co-Chairman, Dale and Liz Anderson are the 2nd Co-Chairman. We have come to realize that this is quite a task. We are going to divide our committees between the to Co-Chairs.

2002 SUMMER FESTIVAL Lee & Barbi Ashwill

Our dates for 2002 Summer Festival will **June 7th, 8th & 9th.**

OREGON FEDERATION NEWS David & Brenda Wamsley

We are still experiencing computer problems. We took it in to the shop on the 13th. Their conclusion was that there was problem with the mother board. A replacement board would cost around $350.00. That is only about 30% of what a new system would cost. It is necessary to the operation of the magazine and we need to have a decision for approval quickly to proceed with the December issue.

We attended a subscription dance in The Dalles in October and have another on the schedule of next Spring.

Barbi Ashwill wanted to know if the monies allowed for the fine tuning of the OFN computers had been used up. Dave Wamsley said that it had.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT Barbi & Lee Ashwill

No report.

RECORDING SECRETARY Jodene & Dave Hughes

I would just like to thank Betty Jones for taking my place at the last state meeting. I would also like to thank Marilyn Schmit for filling in for me yesterday at the Officers meeting and taking notes.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Marilyn & Ron Schmit

My year started off in a whirl and I'm not sure it has slowed down.

I have sent get well cards to Bea Cook for a fall in her home, Barbie Cooper for surgery on her foot, Cyndi Silicki for by-pass surgery on her thigh, Elaine Funk for injuries suffered in an auto accident, and Dolores Vinson for a broken leg. Also, to Jim Kincaid for surgery next week for injuries suffered at home this last week.

Sympathy cards were sent to Patty and George Hermann for the loss of their grandson, Don Morris for the loss of his father, Louise Sabin for the loss of her mother, and Elaine Funk for the loss of her husband, Bill.

New badges and bars were ordered and received. I have distributed what I can so far, and will get the rest out today. If I have missed a bar or a state badge, let me know so I can get them ordered. The last meeting I came home with many scraps of paper with names and orders on them, I'm sure I have missed someone somewhere. There were a few people who ordered additional bars and they will need to pay for them before receiving them.

Area delegates need to carefully check the club secretary listings in the state directory for correctness so the ballots will go to the correct person in March for voting for state officers.

This information is for everyone. I have E-mail and fax. So if there is a card that I need to send, please let me know. E-mail address is **ronmar@open.org** and fax number is **(503) 981-9691**.

I have given Bob Bosch a stack of officer nomination forms. If you need any, get some and get them back to him by Mid-Winter on Friday evening. The nomination meeting is on Saturday afternoon in Eugene.

I'm looking forward to the rest of my term and will do all I can to make sure cards are sent promptly upon being notified.

USDA SECRETARY REPORT Marilyn & Ron Schmit

After my letter was published in the October issue of the OFN, I received replies from Portland, Roseburg, Ashland, and an unsigned one from the Salem area. There were several good ideas submitted and I have forwarded them on to our regional Vice-Presidents. They will be compiled and made available at the Round Table Discussion in Baltimore in January as part of the Winter meeting of United Square Dancers of America. After the meeting is over, I forward a report to the OFN, hopefully in the March issue.

If anyone is going to the National Convention in Indianapolis, and would like to attend the Summer meeting of USDA, please let Dave Cameron know so he can submit a list of four delegates to me in March or April. You will receive a delegate package in May so you will be prepared to vote upon issues presented at the Wednesday afternoon meeting at the Westin Hotel.

TREASURER - Mick & Shan McKinney & Don Reed Pro-tem

Financial & Treasurer reports are available upon request from the Recording Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - Sandy & Chuck Eddings

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Lambert for all of the help she has given me with the transition to this office. This has been a tremendous task and without her help I may not have been able to be where I am at this point.

At the meeting in September, Linda reported that one council, and nine clubs were not at that compliant with the membership in the Federation. I am happy to report at this time that only the one council and three clubs are not in compliance. I would like to propose that at this time those that are not compliant be dropped from membership in the Federation. Also, I would like to propose that the clubs in that council be informed that they need to pick another council to join.

Those that are not in compliance at this time are:

ROGUE SIS Q COUNCIL
LANTZ'S DANTZERS

These councils and clubs were sent a letter giving them 30 days to become compliant, and nothing has been heard from them. Also, at this point one club in the South Coast Council, the JEFFERSON STATE SQUARES, have not responded to correspondence from the past membership chair or the council delegate. I propose that the JEFFERSON STATE SQUARES, be dropped from membership.

Discussion: It was agreed that the Clubs/Councils that are not in compliance will have two weeks to respond. If no response they will be dropped from membership. Sandy Eddings will be sending a certified letter to that effect to the Jefferson State Squares.

MOTION by Sandy Eddings

> I move that we accept the proposed revisions to the Practices and Procedures regarding the Membership Chairman. Seconded by Carolyn Bosch. Motion carried. (Proposed revisions on file with the Recording Secretary.)

MOTION by Bob Bosch

I move that we table the proposed revisions to the Practice & Procedures until the next State Meeting. Seconded by Larry Reetz. Motion carried.

MOTION by Sandy Eddings

I move that we accept into membership of the Federation, the Emerald Cuts Round Dance Club. Seconded by Barbie Ashwill. Motion carried.

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INSURANCE CHAIRMAN - Ray & Fran Bunch

Ray asked Sandy Eddings if all the Insurance paper work had been turned in to him?

Ray emphasized how important that it was to have your paperwork for insurance coverage for special events.

PAST PRESIDENT - Bob & Carolyn Bosch

Reminded everyone of the Benefit Dance for Horses Adaptive Riding Institute to be held on March 28, 1999, at the Oak Grove Community Hall. Bill & Tami Helms will be the MC Caller & Cuer.

Mentioned that we need to get the nomination forms into the nominating committee.

PARLIAMENTARIAN - Joe Maxwell & Ronnie Wiser

Thanked the Council for a great dinner and dance.

Mentioned that he will be working with some others to update the Practices and Procedures Manuel.

PUBLICITY/STATE REPORTER - Skip Napier & Glenna Getz

Federation Calendar and Publicity Forms: Please ask your council and clubs to send in their activity forms. The Summer Festival Committee will be using our calendar to choose visitations for the upcoming year following Mid-Winter.

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Barbi Ashwill asked Skip and Glenna about the Square Dancer Decals and would they bring them to Mid-Winter and we can selll them at the OFN table. They do have them and will be selling them for $1.00 each.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR - Don Reed

No report.

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HISTORIAN REPORT - Don & Karel Morris

Don mentioned that he could still use some pictures.

Larry Reetz presented the picture of the covered bridge that is on the front cover of the State Directory to the Historian.

BMI/ASCAP - Ralph & Linda Lambert

Everything is current with both BMI and ASCAP.

I have distributed information to the Chairs of the 1999 Mid-Winter and Summer Festivals regarding BMI/ASCAP fees.

YOUTH COORDINATORS - Dave & Barbie Cooper

Dave mention that he has not been to active since Barbie has been unable to walk.

He mentioned that there was only one square, with only 5 youth in attendance at the Youth Dance held by TVC. This was somewhat disappointing, but it was a good dance.

STATE FAIR COORDINATOR - Fran & Ray Bunch

I've had several people suggest that we have the State Fair be a one day shot with 600 dancers, (that's how many tickets I get). I've listed some pros and cons and would like any input you might have.

PROS	CONS
One day event	One day reach 30,000 people vs. eleven days reach 300,000 people.
Lots of dancers	Fair probably won't give us 600 tickets for one day.
Make a big show	Fair doesn't have a space (my guess is they would want to charge us for space like they do other vendors. Remember, I am the only one they give tickets to and they don't charge us for space or electricity.)

Questions I have are:

Why do we do the State Fair?
Is it to entertain?
Is it to advertise dancing?
Is it to promote dancing?
Is it to show people what fun this activity is and get them enthused about taking lessons?

I'm asking for some guidance from this body for when I have to negotiate next year. My experience has been a good one with the Fair, but I've always requested what I thought was best. I'm not always successful because they decide what they are willing to do fur us and then that is what I get.

ORDTA - Dennis & Elaine Smith

We held our meeting on October 3, 1998. We have chosen the Classic Round of the Month (HUSH), as well as some intermediate rounds. Our meeting provided a workshop on the Strolling Vine & Whaletail, which are Phase III moves that are allowed in the Rounds of the Month. There was an open forum for the cuers. Lunch was provided by ORDTA. We ended the meeting with the cuers, cueing some of their favorite songs.

ROUND DANCE SCREENING Barbara & Larry Schaumburg

Tapes have been sent out and Rounds of the Month have been chosen through March 1999. Everything is running along as scheduled, with no problems or complaints, that I know of. When we move into another year with new officers and delegates, we often have changes with the person/persons who receives the tapes for OROM selection. This happened at the meeting in LaGrande. So again let me say to the delegates, when you have a area/council meeting make sure that the club representatives know they are to pass that information on to the Round Dance Screening committee, so there are no hurt feelings and exploding tempers. We all want to be Happy Campers and make this a fun event for everyone who volunteers their time to fill these offices.

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Portland, Oregon 97219
(503) 246-3528
Email "barbarale@email.msn.com

CALLER ADVISOR - Roger & Linda Putzler

Roger has contacted the ACA (American Callers Association) for information regarding the dance program they indorse. He has not heard back from them at this time. Hopefully he will have some information regarding the ACA at the next State meeting.

HOSTING AREA DELEGATE REPORT Emerald Empire (Carol Reetz)

The state delegates meeting was called to order by Carol Reetz delegate for the Emerald Empire Area at 2:30 pm at the Emerald Square and Round Dance Center, Springfield, OR.

There was a house keeping motion brought to the delegates by Bill Rooper representing the Portland Area. This motion was for a committee to be appointed for distribution or

advertising monies of $5,200.00. The motion was given to Bill by Skip Napier, Publicity Chair for the State of Oregon dancers. I as chairperson for this meeting asked Bill Rooper to present it to the State meeting on Sunday morning October 22, 1998. He agreed.

The idea of only one copy of minutes per household was brought up. This idea was discussed and all agreed that it should be brought before the state meeting as a motion. I as chairperson of the meeting will present it to the meeting Sunday morning November 15, 1998. The motion will be presented as follows: "Mr. President, I move that Section V, Page 12, Paragraph #1 have the following sentence added: One copy of the minutes will be mailed per household unless otherwise requested."

The budget was looked over and there were a couple of questions asked. To help answer these I asked Don Reed, Financial Advisor for the State to come in and answer them. He was very helpful.

OLD BUSINESS

National Bid Committee Selection - Skip Napier

The four candidates are as follows:

1. Lee & Barbi Ashwill
2. Bob & Carolyn Bosch
3. Harriet Livingston
4. Marilyn & Ron Schmit

Please have all information to Skip Napier by Mid-Winter.

Status Report on Clubs/Councils Submitting Info for Showcase - Ron Schmit

We have 20 ft available for pictures. Please put names on the pictures. The deadline for these pictures is Mid-Winter.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Bill Rooper

I move that a Cooperative Advertising Committee consisting of the Publicity Chair, the Membership Chair, and one Council delegate appointed by the Federation President, be established to administer the '98 Cooperative Advertising Fund. Seconded by Carolyn Bosch. Motion carried.

MOTION by Carol Reetz

Mr. President, I move that Section V, Page 12, Paragraph #1 have the following sentence added: One copy of the minutes will be mailed per household unless otherwise requested. Seconded by Barbi Ashwill. Motion carried.

Dave Cameron relinquished the Chair, Larry Reetz acting Chair.

MOTION by Dave Cameron

I move that we accept the Oregon Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs proposed budget for 98-99. Seconded by Barbi Ashwill.

Discussion: After a large amount of discussion regarding the 98-99 proposed budget Dave Cameron withdrew the motion with the permission of Barbi Ashwill.

MOTION by Dave Cameron

I move that we pay the current bills until January. New budget to be presented at the State Meeting in January. Seconded by Rex Bounds. Motion carried.

MOTION by Larry Reetz

I move that a committee be established to review and update the Practices and Procedures. Seconded by Karel Morris. Motion carried.

The committee is as follows:

1. Joe Maxwell
2. Buzz Buczkowski
3. Bob & Carolyn Bosch
4. Tim Roberts
5. Linda Lambert

MOTION by Larry Reetz

I move that a committee be established to plan and implement an after party for the California State Festival on April 17, 1999, in Sacramento, California with no expense being incurred by the Federation. Seconded by Barbi Ashwill. Motion carried.

The committee is as follows:

1. Roger Putzler
2. Elaine Funk
3. Barbara Schaumburg
4. Bob Bosch
5. Kay Rogers

Larry Reetz appointed Lee Ashwill to the Poof Advisory Board for the OFN.

Dave Cameron appointed the following people for the Cooperative Advertising Committee:

1. Advertising Chair - Skip Napier and Glenna Getz
2. Membership Chair - Sandy Eddings
3. Delegate - Helen Schriener

MOTION by Carolyn Bosch

Mr. President, I move that we authorize the expenditure of $350.00 to repair the OFN computer (Mother Board) in order to get the news out by December. Seconded by Rex Bounds. Motion carried.

DELEGATE REPORTS

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL Bonnie & Don Berry

We have gotten back on our regular schedules. The Muddy Frogs and La Grande Star Promenaders have started lessons. the Indian valley Paraders and Elkhorn Swingers plan to start in January.

After attending Diamond Lake this past summer, several of our dancers expressed a desire to learn higher level rounds. So we have been holding a class on Monday evenings for the harder phase two and phase three rounds. This has been a very positive experience. They have decided they want to memorize a couple and use them for demonstrations and entertainment.

We are trying to come up with ways to increase attendance at our dances. We are encouraging club visitations and support of "Special" dances. I put together a calendar for the coming year showing regular club dances and "Specials" to encourage the planning of visits and support of other clubs activities.

Another idea I'd like to start is a Council Newsletter to be sent to all members with details of theme dances and specials, parades, etc. That way we would make sure everyone knows what's happening and when.

In closing, a sad note, **Charlie Daggett** who had recovered from a broken arm fell this week and broke his leg. They did surgery and put a plate in. He is doing real well and in good spirits. If you would like to send him a card, I know he would love to receive it. His **address** is: **PO Box 50, Joseph, OR 97846.**

CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL Virginia and Hal Meyers

Central Oregon Area has been active and productive since the last report....reorganizing for a new Roundup year, new officers getting more acquainted with their responsibilities, starting beginners' lessons and then the Holidays!

The Sagebrush Shufflers are in their new location in the lower level of the Senior Center in Prineville. Their "Mystery Dance" was a success with the George's calling (Hermann and Clark, that is) and Kitty Fox cueing. The Bend Bulletin gave the Central Oregon clubs great coverage in a full-page story as a result of this dance.

In an attempt to increase attendance at 5th Saturday dances, three Central Oregon Clubs sponsored the last Council dance...happened to be Halloween, which made it fun! There were 10 squares in attendance who enjoyed dancing to Harold Kleve's calling and Marian Cook's cueing. the Swinging Mountaineers, Highlake Swingers and the Bachelor Beauts had an easy time with picking a theme but the dancers really took good interest and showed up in a variety of costumes. The two scarecrows greeting the dancers from the stage were innovative but the guy by the entry was lazy! Never did get off that hay bale!

Everyone is preparing for beginners' lessons or in the midst of same. The Red Rock Squares and the Sagebrush Shufflers are starting anew program this year. marc chambers, caller for the Shufflers, will be sponsoring the lessons at the Powell Butte Community Hall and the two clubs will be participating by furnishing the dancers and acting as angels. Ron Bliven will be the instructor for the Bachelor Beauts' beginners' lessons starting the 5th of January and the Highlake Swingers lessons are in progress. Marian cook is the instructor for the Bachelor Beauts' Round Dance classes, held on Tuesday evenings at the Golden Age Club in Bend.

The Second annual Fort Rock Hoe-down was a success with seven squares in attendance on Friday evening dancing plus and 10 squares at the mainstream dance on Saturday night. Breakfast Sunday morning sent everyone home with a full tummy and was it ever good! The Highlake Swingers and the Swinging Mountaineers Plus Club sponsored the event and are happy with the support shown by the area clubs. We do make an effort to take square dancing to the "outer limits"!

Both the Steens Mt. Twirlers and the Bachelor Beauts are kicking off the Holiday Season with Thanksgiving dinners. The Bachelor Beauts are having dinner at Snowberry Village today and then will prepare signs and practice for the Bend Christmas parade where they will promote square dancing to a large crowd of onlookers. the "Dynamic Dalmatians" are really going to strut their stuff!

The Steens Mt. Twirlers, flush with success after their Birthday Dance and the State Meeting in Burns in September, will be celebrating the Season with a potluck dinner in the

Museum club Rooms in Burns on the 21st of November. Their classes will begin on the 1st Thursday in January 1999.

EASTERN OREGON COUNCIL - Rex & Sylvia Anderson

Ione Grand Squares are continuing their square dance lessons this fall with completion in January. They also have round dance lessons once a week with Marge & Dick Pentecost helping with them at Condon. Looking forward to the addition of 11 new dancers joining the club after the first of the year.

Hermiston Square Knots started square dance lessons this fall, but with little interest, so will start lessons in January. The Square Knots are having regular dances. They are making plans for the Hat Rock Dance, they host in May. Be sure to watch the OFN for their ad.

EMERALD EMPIRE COUNCIL Carol & Larry Reetz

The Emerald Empire's September meeting was hosted by the Sweet Home Squarenaders on September 26, 1998. The high light of this meeting was the installation of new officers for the next 2 years (Sept. 1998 thru Aug. 2000). They are as follows:

Gary (Betty) Willoughby	President
Sharon (Royal) Greenman	Vice-President
Marilyn (Corky) Howard	Secretary
Don Reed	Treasurer
Carol (Larry) Reetz	Area Delegate
Larry (Carol) Reetz	Past President

The Emerald Cuts Round Dance Club applied for renewal of its membership with the Area and the State Federation. The application was accepted unanimously by the Area and submitted to the State Membership Chairman.

Insurance information packets were distributed to the club delegates with instructions to return them as soon as possible. With the help of our past area delegate, Ray Jones we are nearing completion of this task. We still have a couple of lists of new dancers to obtain.

Our teen club, the Tenderfoot Teens lost their caller, Richard Finch last spring. One of our new and up coming callers volunteered to help them get started again this year. However, we experienced problems getting adult advisors to assist and had problems getting enough teens out to dance. Currently, the club is in limbo. However, we are exploring other options in an attempt to keep the teen/youth program alive in the Emerald Empire.

Our Area Reporter, Christine Gagnon had reported that she would be leaving sometime after the first of the year. However, she recently informed us that she would not be leaving and wished to continue as the Area Reporter.

The Area tried something new this year to promote square dance lessons. We purchased an ad space on the back of 3 Lane Transit District buses in an attempt to get the word out to more people about square dancing. The cost was shared by the Area and several of the clubs in the council. Reports to date indicate little success through this effort; however, we are still researching how our new dancers came to know about lessons.

Of course new dancer lessons are well underway. Most of our clubs have good classes with very enthusiastic dancers and supportive angels.

The Area has scheduled an Oregon Federation News subscription dance for April 30, 1999. Location and time to be announced.

The Cascade Callers and Cuers Association has scheduled their new dancer dance this year on December 6, 1998 from 2 to 5 pm here at the Emerald Dance Center.

Our next Area meeting will be hosted by the Single Trees on November 27, 1998 right here at the Emerald Dance Center. Potluck at 6 pm and the meeting to start at 6:30 pm. This is the day after Thanksgiving, so we should have some pretty good dishes on the line.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS - Helen & Don Schreiner

The Interstate Highlanders held their regular scheduled meeting on October 31, with the K.C. Squares hosting. This was a costume optional dance and there were some excellent participants.

The Happy Huggers held their Turkey Dance on Saturday the 14th. A turkey was the door prize. At their December dance they will be collecting toys and food to be given to the local food bank and to the Toys for Tots.

The K. C.'s had a very successful Potato Festival and they wish to thank all the dancers that came to support them, especially the Lord and Ladies from the Rogue Sis-Q council that came with a bus load of dancers. This was really appreciated.

The Tall Town Travelers held a couple of demo dances during September. They have a 26 new dancers, 12 of these are teen-agers. They held their 6th Birthday Dance on November 6th.

The Tule Twirlers held a used square dance clothing sale on November 12th. They will be hosting the next Interstate Highlanders meeting and dance on January 23rd. This is being held on the fourth weekend instead of the usual 5th Saturday because of Mid-Winter. Jim Marvin from Sparks, Nevada will be the caller and Les Farley from Redding, California will be doing the rounds.

The Interstate Highlanders Council will be hosting the New Years Eve Dance with all local callers and cuers.
The results of our poll for the new dancer classes proved very interesting. The clubs did not get one dancer from our TV and Radio advertising. Most of the new dancers came from personal contact. Several saw the flyers around town and 4 dancers got their information from the internet. So our conclusion is that the TV and Radio advertising is not real effective. Our area will now concentrate our advertising dollars on flyers and demos and programs to get the more personal contact.

LINCOLN-TILLAMOOK AREA COUNCIL - Buzz & Kathy Buczkowski

The Coast Swingers at Garibaldi had three of their most active couples move from the area. That's the bad news. The good news is that they have four couples taking square dance lessons with Fred Beem teaching.

The Sea Twirlers in Lincoln City will have a pie social at their November 13th dance with Jim Steele calling. The November 27th, Thanksgiving dance will be called by Frank Gonzales and the Christmas Dance on December 11th will be called by Ken Eslinger. They report their mainstream classes are going well. Round dance classes are also doing fine, with Bob & Jo Schindler teaching both Phase I and III rounds.

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 news on this later. Come visit them at Toledo High School if you're in the area on the first or third Saturday.

The Toledo 49ers hope that the gold 50th anniversary pins distributed at the September State meeting are being worn. The club is very proud that Ray and Betty Jones have been appointed Goodwill Ambassadors for the State. The 49ers now dance from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm with a break at 9:30. Every 3rd tip is plus.
The November 21st dance will be a Thanksgiving Dance with a turkey given away as a door prize. Also, each person attending the dance is asked to bring a can of food for the food bank.

Waldport Sunset Squares hosted our Area Dance on October 31st and everyone had a great time dancing to the calling of Darrell Kalmbach. They will have a theme dance each month, the Autumn Dance being held on November 14th. New dance classes will begin January 10th with lessons in Mainstream, Plus and A-1.

Please remember, every weekend there is a dance somewhere in the Lincoln-Tillamook Area and we encourage you to come visit us if you are looking for someplace to have a good time.

MID-WILLAMETTE AREA COUNCIL - Clara & Frank Kilbourne

The Mid-Willamette Area held their annual Fall Festival, October 31st at the Salem Square Dance Center. There were 16 square present with several outstanding costumes. Prizes were awarded.

The Spinning antlers are looking forward to hosting their final First New Dancers Dance, November 22nd, 2:00 - 5:00 pm at Garfield School, 1205 NW Garfield Ave., Corvallis. This long-standing tradition in the Mid-Willamette area is being given up by the Spinning Antlers. Several clubs are interested in hosting this first dance in the future. It was decided to have drawing from these clubs. Selected are: 1999, Corvallis Squares; 2000, Lebanon Squares Circlers and 2001, Salem Swingin' Stars. An advisory committee was formed of representatives from Spinning Antlers, Corvallis Squares and Lebanon Square Circlers to help in the planning of the 1999 and 2000 First New Dancers Dancers.

Mid-Willamette Area will be hosting the state meeting on November 13-14, 1999 and Lee Ashwill has requested that all area clubs go dark that weekend in support of that meeting.

PORTLAND ARE COUNCIL - Bill & Annadale Rooper

Annadale and I went to China in October so missed the last PAC meeting. We didn't see any square dancing in China but did see some Chinese doing the Texas two-step in a parking lot one evening.

The PAC-TVC's Halloween dance "Down by The Graveyard" was a lot of fun. The committees did a wonderful job of decorating and everything else that goes into presenting an occasion like that. They deserve our heartfelt thanks.

Several clubs are will into their lesson programs, while others will start lessons in January.

Two of our clubs has decided to call it quits and will no longer be dancing. Stars and Garters and Singles on Saturday have or will soon be disbanded.

Swap & Swing from The Dalles will be celebrating their 50th year in 1999. Two couples, Cliff and Polly Smith and Dick and Marge Pentecost, are still active after 50 years of dancing.

ROGUE SIS Q COUNCIL - Rex & Jeri Bounds

Thanked everyone who attended Bill Funks funeral.

The Lords & Ladies had a bus load of square dancers who went to Klamath Falls to the Potato Festival and the had a great time.

SOUTH COAST AREA COUNCIL - Karel & Don Morris

Beachcombers will start beginner square dance lessons in January and they are going to try Friday night since mid-week nights have not worked for them. They have a small side room in their dance hall and will have that set up for child care during the lessons. There will be a senior volunteer to watch and entertain the children during lessons at no cost. Their hope is that this will help with schedules and finances of families with small children who want to take dance lessons. They will have a Christmas dance at beginner level on December 5.

Rainbow Cloggers will conclude lessons and start up again in January. They plan to visit other clubs in the meantime. They have been doing some lessons for Seniors, Hospice and handicapped people, using slower music, easy steps and giving extra assistance. This is going very well.

Saints'n'Aints no report.

Sets in Order had 13 squares at their recent Birthday Dance and it was reported to be a very good dance. They have active lessons going on with both square and rounds. Their regular dances are open to students, hoping to encourage students to get more floor time and more confidence, as well as to become better acquainted with other area square dancers.

Skyloft Squares continues to function without regular dances. They are planning their upcoming New Year's weekend event and have monthly get-togethers, both with a women's birthday luncheon and an evening event, generally oriented around food.

SUNSET AREA COUNCIL - Del & Bonnie Niemi

We were pleased with having approximately six squares attending our 5th Saturday dance in October. Since it was Halloween, there was some rather unusual square dance attire on the floor!

Hayshakers Indian Summer dances were enjoyed by those attending from the Clatskanie Promenaders and the Sandpipers from across the river, though not as many as in the past. They will be having their Christmas dance and gift exchange on December 5th and a New Year's Eve dance where participants are to bring "worse than white elephant" gifts. It will also be a night for "would be" callers and cuers.

Clatskanie Promenaders held a paint party recently and the hall looks great. Had a very good turn-out for their Hardtimes Dance all had a good time and especially enjoyed the usual hobo stew. Their Christmas Party will be on December 12th - eat at 5:00, followed by dancing for the usual length of time, but getting home early. Plans are being made to hold a community dance, possibly February 6th, with a live band, at which time square dancing will be demonstrated and those non square dancers being asked to attempt a few basic steps. It is hoped this will entice a few to take lessons which are planned to start on February 11th. The dance scheduled for December 26th is cancelled.

Several couples from both clubs plan to attend the Mid-Winter Festival.

TUALATIN VALLEY COUNCIL - Carolyn & Bob Bosch

Our youth dance was not as well attended as we hoped, but those who did attend were certainly full of enthusiasm and had wonderful time, even though the numbers were down. I hope that other councils can also do this as the youth need our help.

We are looking forward to the joint TVC/PVC dinner to be held December 14th. It's wonderful to be able to get together with friends from the PAC in a social setting. This is an annual event for both councils December council meeting. Not much business gets done, well maybe monkey business.

We are making plans for our annual Charity Dance to be held January 14th from 2-5 at the Aloha Grange. Our annual dance is our New Dancer Jamboree. We like to hold it just before Mid-Winter so our new dancers can get a little extra floor time to build their confidence. This years charity will be Bob Millers Needy Kids Fund. For those of you who do not know the charity, it is given names of children whose parents can not afford hearing aids or eye glasses. The school nurses see to it the kids get what they need. This charity is not only in the metro area but also goes to other areas of the state & southwest Washington. Only 3% of the funds goes to administration.

Down by the Graveyard was a great success. Lots of interesting costumes and some were so innovative that they protected the identity of the dancers. Spirits were high. We had haunted houses, ghouls wakes and wonderful calling and cueing.

In January the TVC will be hosting the Presidents Potluck to be held just before our January meeting. We invite all the club presidents as well as the past council presidents. Their input is always helpful. At that time the Outstanding Dancers of the council will be announced. This is like the Randall Award on a council basis.

Lastly hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

UMPQUA AREA COUNCIL - John Hernandez & Esther Thompson-Wood

The Buckaroo Square Dance Club
We have a nice class going, with classes on Monday and Thursday.
Our Thanksgiving dance will be November 21st. Our Christmas Dance is December 19th.
Beginner Rounds on Sunday and advanced on Tuesday.
Our regular dance nights are the first and third Saturday of each month.
We will be having a New Years Eve Dance. Our dances are now regular mainstream for two tips with the third tip being plus.
We will be making Christmas wreaths on November 27th and 28th to be sold at the craft fair on December 4, 5 and 6th. We held a Harvest Ball in October and it was very successful.

The Boots and Calico Club:
Round Dance classes doing great on Tuesday nights.
November 14th - Regular dance - Club Meeting before dance at 6:30 pm.
November 28th - Regular dance with after Thanksgiving left over potluck before the dance at 6 pm.
December 12th - Christmas Party, potluck and gift exchange after dance at 10 pm. No gag gifts. $5.00 limit Boy-Girl gift.
January 4th - New Square Dancers classes at Winston Middle School. Monday and Thursdays 7 - 9 pm.
January 9th - Club meeting before dance 6:30 pm.
January 23rd - Pajama party, more about this later.
Their Hoe Down dance with hot dogs and beans, served with all the condiments supplied at break time was a great success and may become a yearly event.

Dancing Friends:
Now has a full slate of officers as a results of a meeting held on Thursday, October 22nd. The officers are: President, Robert Sherman; Vice-President, John Hernandez; Secretary, Carol Ager; Treasurer, Marla Stevenson and Delegate, Darlene Sconce.

There are no dances scheduled during the months of November or December. The club will be planning a dance around the first of the year, after things settle down from the Holidays.

Pioneers `n' Petticoats:
Our Birthday Dance will be held on November 13th at our regular place (Corner of 1st and Pine in Canyonville). Pre-Rounds with Claude Butler at 7:30 and Dick Smith will be the caller. Hope to see you all there!

Our next scheduled dance will be January 8th. All dances between November 13th and January 8th have been cancelled because of various holiday happenings.

Our lessons are coming along well on Thursday night.
Umpqua Area Council Halloween Dance: Costume was the way for the dance with 20 couples in costume with caller Wayne & Urldine West leading the way dressed as a vampire & ghost, Mr & Mrs Ghoul signed in (Dennis & Sharon Mcgirk). A contest was held for the best costume, a very tough decision for the judges. Number 1 was the Martians (Dick & Marla Stevenson) with a fantastic voice box, green body suit and face paint. Runners up were Fred & Cheryl Muir, Ray & Karen Graves, Rudy & Mary Romo, Ed Plouff and Connie McClendon.

A great time was had by everyone with a total of 10 squares of dancers. Guests from Rogue Sis-Q Council, Charlie Browns & Lords & Ladies. Also, one couple of full time RVers stopped by on there way to a warmer climate in the South.

The reason this dance was a success was the support and cooperation of all the local clubs in the UAC

The dance was hosted by the Timber 8's with finger food provided by all UAC clubs.

Note: My address was wrong on my last mailing of minutes from the delegate meeting. Please change to: Fred Muir, Hubbard Crk. Rd., Umpqua, OR 97486

GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

KEN & NANCY CARSON

Sorry we missed you all at the Summer Festival in June, and the September State Meeting. "The best laid plans sometimes goes astray," or however that saying goes. We are glad to be here today, and have the opportunity to see everyone again, before we fly south.

We went cross-country this summer, traveling over 8000 miles. There is a lot to see and do in this great land of ours. We visited several of our friends that we have met in Arizona, and attended two family reunions. One in North Dakota and the other in Michigan. We happened to be in the right place at the right time, and was able to attend my great niece's wedding in Michigan.

We would like to take some Mid-Winter and Summer Festival flyers with us to distribute down south, and along the way. We plan on seeing and dancing to Daryl Clendenin and he always puts out Oregon flyers, and gives our festivals a plug.

We wish you all HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND SAFE TRAVELS, wherever you may go.

BENJAMIN & PENNY BROWN

First, we want to thank everyone for their cards, good thoughts and prayers. We really appreciate them.

We haven't been too active lately but we did manage to put in a couple appearances at our home club, the RV8ers, and the State Fair.

Benjamin is scheduled to have surgery November 30th at 1:00 pm, a 6 hour surgery. So if you have a moment, please send good thoughts or a prayer for Benj & the surgeon's. I expect a new man when they're finished!

The next couple of months we will be house sitting so come visit us at:
10725 SW 80th, Portland, OR 97223 (Which is really Tigard).
Or call us at:**503-244-5564.**

DICK & MARGIE PENTECOST

Marge sent their regards via Lee Ashwill, they had prior engagements.

TIM & KATHY ROBERTS

This has been a busy couple of months in the Roberts household, with Down By The Graveyard coming to fruition. While I'm sure I didn't attend a meeting EVERY evening, it certainly seemed like it for a while.

We attended the Sunset Promenaders in downtown Hillsboro in September. Several of the guests at this dance got there on the new Westside Light Rail Line; that's a pretty easy way to get out to both the Promenaders and the 4n8ers.

We danced at the Rivergate Stompers in October. Every time I attend a Jim Hattrick dance, I feel like I've been through a mid-term exam. I certainly hope I passed!

The highlight of this period was Down By The Graveyard, the two-night Halloween extravaganza thrown jointly by the PAC and the TVC. This turned into a fabulous party, with more than 28 squares dancing to Don Cochrane and Willie Sewell. A big part of the fun for us was in decorating the stage, putting up the "haunted hallway" at the entrance to the dance, and watching how gullible people can be in that kind of a situation. It was a lot of fun.

Finally, we went to the TVC Youth Dance on November 8th. This dance was a bit of a disappointment to us, with only five youth and eight adults in attendance. I hope we can figure out what went wrong, and not do that the next time. We did have a good time at this dance, and my nine-year-old daughter was able to dance every tip. Scott Zinser did a great job of keeping the dance interesting, even while working around several very inexperienced dancers.

RAY & BETTY JONES

Betty Jones

Enclosed is a card with our two addresses - Ray just printed them up this morning. Ray wants to wait util we get to Yuma to write an updated "Report" - so I'll defer to him on that. Hopefully we won't have any hair-raising travel tales, but if they occur he will let you know then.

We danced with the Toledo 49ers and Sam Scott this monthly, of course, and the Sea Twirlers in Gleneden Beach, and with the Sunset Squares and Charlotte Jeskey at their Halloween Dance on Saturday. Went to Bob Schindler's Sunday Round Dance class in Lincoln city yesterday and will go to Sam Scot's Monday Night Plus Dance Workshop tonight in Newport.

Our Area is preparing for the 5th Saturday Area council Meeting and Dance in Yachats on the 31st (It will be a "Harvest Dance") The Toledo 49ers' are planning to wear their club outfits that night and have a group picture taken to send you for the Oregon Publicity Boards. We have told the other are clubs so they may plan to do the same.

The Toledo 49ers' are working toward our 50th Birthday Celebration on May 15, 1999. We will advertise that (and any other Oregon event we know of) in Arizona this winter. So just send us the information...we plan to do a lot of dancing and will spread our fliers around the Yuma and San Diego areas, as well as any other spots we go to.

Our square dance clothes are packed (also a lot of quilting/sewing projects) and we expect to leave here Wednesday morning, after we fill our volunteer shifts at the Oregon Coast Aquarium to close out our October commitments.

More later from Ray - this is my part of the report for the November Meeting.

Ray Jones

Hi to everyone, we miss you all but we wouldn't trade all this nice sunshine for the rain. I guess mother nature decided we needed to be reminded of home, it was cloudy all day yesterday and rained for about an hour last night. The temperature dropped from the high 70's and 80's to 55-60. It is still cloudy this morning but is beginning to warm back up. We had a very pleasant and uneventful trip down, no storms or road hazards. We want to Tucson for a couple of days and went to Old Tucson where alot of John Wayne westerns were shot as well as alot of other western movies. It is an interesting tourist trap. We also went to Biosphere2 where the 8 people lived for 2 years, it is now run by Columbia University and alot of different tests are being run and climate influences on plant life, etc. The to the Desert Museum, this is another really nice facility and worth seeing. We have dance to Don Young, formerly of Portland, Bob Stutevoss of Grants Pass and Jerry Jestin of Yuma, all plus dances and alot of fun. Also taking phase 3 again with Arnold Tramp (the cuer at the '98 Summer Festival). We have seen a few Oregon dancers, 4 couples so far and alot of Canadians, Montanians, Minnesotians, Idahoans and Washingtonians. Maybe one couple from Yuma.

We will keep in touch and hope you all are having as much fun as we are and keep on dancing

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lee Ashwill mentioned that our former Financial Advisor, Jean Briegel was at the State Meeting.

Shan McKinney mentioned that Daryl Clendenin will be the Caller and Norm Yoder will be the Cuer for the Valley Squares Birthday Dance.

Skip Napier made a plea for the Chickens to please be at Mid-Winter.

Sandy Eddings mentioned that Bob Bosch is making a list of all the square dancers that have square dance license plates. If you have one please let Bob know.

Larry Reetz mentioned that the State banner is missing again.

MOTION to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodene Hughes
Recording Secretary