



**OREGON FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS
WRITTEN REPORTS TURNED IN AT THE
JANUARY 28, 2001, STATE MEETING
LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Linda Lambert): I would like to thank the Mid-Winter Committee and the Emerald Empire Council for a wonderful weekend. It is always nice to see friends that we don't see very often. Also as we all know the Eugene dancers certainly know how to put on a square dance festival that is always memorable to all who attend.

I would like to thank all of the Councils who responded to my request for copies of the Council minutes. I certainly enjoy reading what other clubs and dancers are doing in other parts of the State. I also appreciate receiving the minutes for the Festival Committee meetings.

Since our last meeting I have kept quite busy getting back to dancing. I attended the Umpqua Council meeting in December and part of the Buckeroos square dance lesson. Ralph and I traveled with Roger and Linda Putzler to Grants Pass for a New Year's Eve Dance, called by Roger and cued by Elaine Funk. I have been attending the Mid-Winter Festival committee meetings. Other time commitments have made it such that I could not attend the 2001 Summer Festival meeting held in December. I hope to be able to attend the next meeting. The 2002 Summer Festival committee held its second meeting early in January, which I attended.

The following are the corrections that have been reported to me since the November State Meeting: 1) Page 58. New area secretary for the South Coast Area is Denise (Jim) Harris, 820 E 11th Street, Coquille, OR 97423, 541-396-2453; 2) Page 37. Telephone number for Kathy (Buzz) Buczkowski is 541-764-3443; 3) Page 29. Emerald Empire Council meeting third Saturday every month at 6:30 p.m.; and 4) Page 33. Wagon Wheelers Secretary is Gary (Betty) Willoughby, 28024 Cottage Grove/Lorane Road, Cottage Grove, OR 97424, 541-942-7539. Please make the above corrections to your directories. I want to thank the OFN Editors for printing the directory correction as reported at the November meeting and ask them to print the above corrections in the next issue of the OFN. I still have copies of the Directory for sale. If you are interested, please contact me.

2002 SUMMER FESTIVAL REPORT(Lee and Barbi Ashwill). Contracts signed: Caller - Don Preedy; Cues - Ray and Virginia Walz; Restaurant - Capital 8's Square Dance Club; and Facilities - Polk County Fairgrounds. Committees are working hard and the registration committee is in the process of designing the registration form and the ribbons. They will be available at the 2001 Oregon State Summer Festival in Central Oregon.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Kay Rogers). I came across a few good ideas to pass along to you. Juanita Newell called me to ask that we supply the Council with a traveling banner representing a club for which we are the delegates. Like most clubs these days, we did not have one. They had long been given out and not retrieved. She suggested that I make one on the computer. That is what I did. I put it on card stock, used colored rope and punched holes in it and used a colorful border. She suggested that we laminate it also. This is a great way to get new banners, since so many of us are into computers these days.

The Buckeroos in Roseburg sent in 25 names of new members. After checking the computer and realizing that all these

dancers are new, I called to see if this was a student list. I was told that this was indeed a new member list. So I asked what their secret was. Dee said they had developed a system of having two lessons a week and then when their caller went south each winter, the club took over by taking these dancers to jamborees and mentoring them. What they discovered is that by having two lessons a week, they did not lose dancers.

I have a copy of an ad used by a Longview club that emphasizes new dancers but not lessons. They are very successful in recruiting new dancers each year.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Marilyn Schmit). Here you are, having a great time, and I'm in the airport waiting for the plane to leave from Springfield, Missouri to Portland via St. Louis. Hope everything goes well for all of you this weekend. I'll give my report in May. Even though it has been a short time since our last meeting, the list of cards have been many, unfortunately. Sympathy: Marge Neely, Stanford - loss of husband; Bill Tipton, Sublimity - loss of mother; Howard Palmer, Salem - loss of mother; Lee Eggleston, Sherwood - loss of wife; Ed Phillips, Gold Beach - loss of mother; Jiggs Freeman, Salem - loss of son; Larry South family, The Dalles - loss of husband; Don Newburn, Lebanon - loss of mother; Marie Garvey, Oakland - loss of husband; and Bill Young, Milwaukie - loss of brother. Get Well: Chris Saltel, California - attack at work; Tony Marks, The Dalles - surgery; Dennis McGirk, Tenmile - general health; Karen Horine, Salem - surgery; and Marge Pentecost, The Dalles - surgery. Thinking of you: Barbara Schaumburg, Portland; and Buzz Battig, Salem - fell off a ladder.

This is your last reminder to give me an updated address for your club secretary so the Federation ballots will go to the correct person. I have e-mailed the changes received to date to Jim Rogers so he can get me the labels I need for the certified ballots.

Ron and I are the proud grandparents of McLean Donovan Schmit, born January 19th in Salem. He is the first grandson for Ron and a most welcome addition to the three girls that precede him. See you all soon.

USDA Report. My information packets for the Mid Year meeting have been assembled and sent to the various committee members. As you meet today, I will be on a plane with lots of work to do upon my arrival home. I will have minutes to do for 1-1/2 days of meetings and letters to do for the member Affiliate presidents asking for nominations for office and names and addresses of delegates to the Annual meeting to be held in Anaheim.

The first two or three months of a new year are a busy time in USDA activities. With one meeting finishing and another coming up soon, it is a fairly quick turn around time for paperwork. There are two people who have volunteered to attend the USDA Annual Meeting in June. Oregon has four votes. We need two more people to volunteer to attend the meeting on Wednesday afternoon of convention week. It starts at 1 p.m. and is over between 3:30-4:00 p.m. Please consider attending the meeting to see what is going on at the national level.

This is my last term as USDA Secretary and I leave office in June. I have represented Oregon as best I know how and always wear my Oregon Federation badge to any USDA function. I will wait to see what other office is available before considering another position. I may wait a year and run for treasurer or Western Region Vice President. Time will tell.

One topic of discussion at our winter meeting will be Handicapable Dancers and how we can assist them in whatever their needs may be. I have asked Bruce Lowther to respond to the committee's report, as he is a caller for the Silver Spinners in Salem and has first-hand knowledge of needs and requirements. Some ideas are funding, networking, finding out where the various handicapable clubs are located, etc. We have a new Handicapable chair couple. They are seeking as much information as they can muster.

Showcase of Ideas Report. The entry forms for the Showcase of Ideas and Publications display have been returned to California. The letter for the Publications display has also been forwarded to Dave and Jodene so they can submit some OFN's for the judging and for the display. We will need approximately 200 OFN's to ship to Anaheim to give away to the browsers who wander through the displays.

We have received names from Karel Morris of dancers who have danced 40 years or more. We have also received a phone call from Marge Pentecost to ask what we needed from them for the list. We are encouraging all councils and clubs to submit names for our informal Hall of Fame. While we need the youth to continue our square dance heritage, it is those who have persevered over the years that will teach the youth what square dance is and what it has meant to them in the past and present.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Clara Kilbourne): All the Council delegates have been given packets with information

regarding membership for each Club and Council to the Oregon Federation. I have gone several steps further to help the Councils in gathering the information to comply with the State requirements.

- 1) A packet to each Club in Council along with:
 - A. A letter to the Council Delegate about their need to receive and edit all information from the clubs.
 - B. A letter to each Club with the requirements needing completion along with monies and dates to have them back to meet the May 6, State meeting dates.
 - C. A letter to each Club Secretary and/or President with self-addressed envelope to return the Annual Renewal of their Corporation papers now. They still should keep a copy to send with the Directory Membership form if possible.
 - D. Area State Delegate please remember you have the form in the Practices and Procedure manual if a club needs one.

My hope is that with these tools we will better achieve the State requirements with completion of the Directory Membership information. I will make a report in April to each Delegate of the Corporation papers I have and those I still need.

I would like to further express my thanks and appreciation to the Delegates for helping the clubs in securing this information.

INSURANCE REPORT (Jim Rogers). I have distributed the 2001 insurance certificates to the delegates. Please give these to your clubs at the earliest convenience. Remind them that if they change nights, or times, they must file a notice of event form to let the company know of the change.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT (Tim Roberts). I printed up 15 more copies of the P&P's this month, in order to deliver a copy to each council president. We might want to reconsider the P&P policy. Between elected officers, appointed officers, delegates and council presidents, I am currently committed to printing 50 copies of this document each year. Based on the rate I just paid, that will end up costing more than \$500. Now, I don't particularly mind doing it, but we really need to think about whether this is a wise use of our money. I am open to suggestions.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT (Gary Willoughby). To all area delegates: Just a reminder to you as a delegate. Please be sure all clubs that you represent are aware that they may feel free to contact me if they have questions or problems relating to Corporation papers, tax forms or filing information. Gary Willoughby, State Financial Advisor, 28024 C.G. Lorane Rd., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. E-mail: wiloban@juno.com. Phone or fax: 541-942-7539.

EDUCATION ADVISOR REPORT (Lola Robello). We have been very busy working on the plans for "Square Dance Week." We have talked with people in the offices of Governor Kitzhaber and Mayor Katz and will be sending them information for a proclamation. A notebook with a press release form, and some suggestions will be distributed at the May meeting. We would love to hear from anyone who has suggestions that can make this Square Dance Week more enjoyable and easier.

We are really excited about the fact that all dancers across our state (and some from Washington) will be dancing at the same time. We would like to see a lot of happy dancers doing what we love most. Square Dancing. Remember the Blitz is to advertise our new dance classes. If you have a small council and can't go all week, just plan one dance somewhere on Saturday, August 18th. Remember a lot of excitement and advertisement for new dancers.

At the November state meeting, we asked the delegates to have the clubs, council, or both, to appoint a person to chair a committee and to make plans for our fantastic event. If no one is appointed from your area, I will have the Area Delegate get a committee together and run with it. So far we have not heard from anyone but our President Barbi.

There will be some funds available for materials, signs, whatever is needed (within reason) to make the week a big success. There will be more on this later. You can always incorporate your regular signs for New Dancers Class. Tony and I now have a back up for our struggling e-mail. Tony and Lola Robello: lolalrob@aol.com. Our back up is: Neil and Norma Harrington: norma1217@juno.com. It's great to have friends like Neil and Norma. THANK YOU GUYS.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT (Don Morris). The mini banners that have been sent to me have been attached to the three large banners and have been on display in the front lobby during this Mid-Winter Festival. The state picture albums and scrapbooks that Karel and I have put together, from 1997 through the end of 2000, are on the tables in front of the banners.

BMI/ASCAP COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Ralph Lambert). For BMI, I have requested a check from the Treasurer to pay our annual \$186.00 payment. The festivals' reimburse the funds to the Federation based upon their attendance figures. For ASCAP, everything is current. I have provided memos to both the 2001 Mid-Winter Festival and 2001 Summer Festival for their amounts.

STATE FAIR REPORT (Fran Bunch). State Fair begins August 23, 2001, and ends on September 3, 2001. I've talked with my contact person and there is a budget crunch so they are looking at what they want to do with square dancing. One suggestion is that we dance only afternoons and on the Plaza Fountain Stage. This stage is the one in the center of the food booths, up close to the Amphitheater. There would be no evening dancing there. We may be able to dance evenings on the Gazebo. I need some feedback as to what this group would like me to propose to the Fair. Remember, if you want your club name in the daily schedule, you must sign up and have that information in before the first of June - that is when they publish the daily schedules. You can call me at 503-393-3405 or e-mail rayb@ncn.com or write me at 7452 2nd Avenue N, Keizer, OR 97303. Thanks for your help.

STATE TRAILER COORDINATOR REPORT (Jim Kinkaid). The trailers were used 14 times by 13 clubs in 2000. Central Oregon may have used them several times while trailers were in that area, which I have no record of. So far as I know, both trailers are in good condition. At this time, I do not plan to refinish the floors, as they appear to be good for another year. I had to replace a tire on one trailer and that same trailer needs another tire replaced as it (tire) is down to wear spot.

I have two requests. 1) Is it okay to purchase an electrical adapter for light hook-ups. About \$16.00 for what I have in mind. 2) Trailer licenses are up for renewal in April. I would like to pick up a check for \$60.00 (\$30.00 each) as the renewal is supposed to be sent to our address. Hopefully, this will eliminate much confusion as has happened in the past.

ROUND DANCE SCREENING REPORT (Barbara Schaumburg). I'd like to thank everyone for all the cards, e-mails, flowers and phone calls I've received since I've been ill. I look forward to the mail everyday and I enjoyed each and every card I received. E-mails were also sent in abundance with little attachment cards. They helped to brighten my days while being in the house. Thank you all.

The Round of the Month for April, 2001: "My Country Gal" written by Shigeyuki Yamashita, chosen by Mid-Willamette. The Round of the Month for May, 2001: "Twistin' the Night Away" written by Tami & Bill Helms, chosen by Portland Area. E-mail notifications and certificates have been sent out.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL (Bonnie Berry). Sorry we couldn't attend Mid-Winter activities; the bug got us.

February 10th the LaGrande Star Promenaders are planning their annual Sweetheart Dance from 7-10 p.m. at the B.A.S.H. Hall. We will be selecting a King and Queen for the evening. Also, we will hold a Silent Auction. The refreshments will be pie and home made ice cream.

March 31 is a 5th Saturday so we will hold our Council meeting in Milton-Freewater. It is the meeting night for the Washington Council - so we are going to combine for one big evening. Should be a real fun evening.

April 21st is the date selected for a new activity. Pat Phelps, one of our new dancers, is spearheading a committee to sponsor a Dance-A-Thon Dance Sampler. A variety of dancing, including contra, line dancing, square dancing and round dancing and other musical entertainment will fill the evening. We are inviting the community for this fun evening and hope to attract new members to our groups. The Northeast Oregon Folklore Society is also helping sponsor this activity. A place and time are yet to be announced.

May 11-12 the Elkhorn Swingers of Baker City will host their Spring Fling. Dick Spooner will be the caller and Dave Cooper will be the cuer. This is a dance you won't want to miss.

CENTRAL OREGON COUNCIL (Dave & Barbie Cooper, Alternate. Virginia & Hal Meyers, Delegate). The Redrock Squares beginning square dance lessons are in full swing now with 15 new dancers enjoying the teaching of Rob Scribner. The lessons are held at the John Tuck School in Redmond. The Club did a demonstration at the local Fred Meyer Store as well as at Walmart to promote the lessons. The Club participated in the Christmas parade in Redmond on November 25th at which they used the State Federation trailer and had two full squares dancing. Coop's Troops are alive and very active at Jewell School in Bend on Mondays again this year.

The Highlake Swingers have announced they will co-sponsor the Fort Rock Hoedown again in 2001 with Don Young calling and Marian Cook cueing. The Christmas dance on December 9th with Ron Bliven calling and Dave Cooper

cuing, was a lot of fun and the crowd was better than the last dance, which is always gratifying! Their Valentine Dance will be held at the Community Center in LaPine with Ron Bliven calling and Joyce Brown cuing.

The Bachelor Beauts Teddy Bear Dance, held on December 16th was a huge success with just short of 11 squares in attendance and about 75 Teddy Bears collected for the Salvation Army. The Club participated in both the Sisters Christmas parade and the Bend Christmas parade, garnering first place in the Silver Snowflake Award category. Ron Bliven called for both parades and really enjoyed singing for the crowd and calling for the dancers. Dave and Barbie Cooper graduated 31 new round dancers on December 28th and started beginning waltz lessons on January 9th. Again, the "Casino Night" dance on January 6th, called by Les Seeley and cued by Dave Cooper, was a success with 10-1/2 squares in attendance and everyone was "dressed to the nines." Beginning square dance lessons are in the second week with 18 new dancers and 31 Angels tripping the light fantastic... and it is! Ron Bliven is the instructor again this year.

The Sagebrush Shufflers will be going dark again in the months of July and August. On November 25th the club bid a fond "Farewell" to Marc Chambers as the in-house club caller. Marc and his wife, Janet, have been the Club's caller for nine years and have devoted a lot of time and effort to promote and support square dancing in the area. The Club's Christmas party was held on December 9th with Cheryl Muir calling and Kitty Fox cuing to an enthusiastic and full floor of dancers. Lots of appreciative comments on Cheryl's beautiful singing voice. Graduation for beginning square dancers was held on December 17th at which time diplomas were handed to 18 new dancers. Waltz lessons, as well as plus lessons, are now in full swing on Sunday afternoons with Dave and Barbie Cooper as instructors for the Waltz and Rob Scribner instructing plus. Nine squares brought in the New Year at the Eastern Star Grange in Bend. George Clark called and Kitty Fox cued.

The Swinging Mountaineers Plus Club collected non-perishable food for the Central Oregon Community Action Network (COCAAN) at the December dances, which enabled them to contribute much needed supplies to the Christmas Basket project for the needy. The Club also contributed to the LaPine Middle School with a donation to their Athletic Uniform Fund. Classes for new plus dancers are in progress at the Clog House in Redmond on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Five squares are enthusiastically enjoying Ron Bliven's excellent instruction...as well as pizza afterwards!

EASTERN OREGON AREA REPORT (Lorene Griffith). The Hermiston Square Knots are dancing the second and fourth Saturdays at the ARC building on Orchard Avenue in Hermiston. They have advertised for lessons to begin this month in January.

Ione Grand Squares are dancing on Sunday p.m. during January and February. The people travel a long ways and with winter weather it works out well. Will begin second and fourth Saturdays in March. But be sure to check in the OFN's When & Where if you are planning to visit.

EMERALD EMPIRE AREA REPORT (Angie Barta). There will be a benefit dance the fifth Saturday in March (the 30th) with proceeds going to the Eugene Mission Women's & Children's Division. There will be an OFN Subscription dance on Friday, August 31st. The Florence Fun Bunch will be dancing the second and fourth Fridays at the Senior Booster Center for the months of January, February and March.

INTERSTATE HIGHLANDERS REPORT (Cathy Pochatko). The Tule Twirlers extend an invitation to all the Federation to come to the Hoedown in April. Hoedown preparations are in full swing.

K.C. Squares beginner classes are in progress. New officers were installed at the January 20th Dance. The Tule Twirlers took a banner home. Got back a very old banner from Happy Huggers. Happy Huggers started class for beginners on January 7th with 17 new dancers - five children! February dance canceled to travel to Lakeview, Ben from Tule Twirlers calling. Quarter dance February 11th. Chili feed.

Tall Town Travelers: Ben calling February dance. Workshops in progress.

The Interstate Highlanders put on a New Year's Eve Dance and a great time was had by all. Some dancers missing due to flu.

LINCOLN-TILLAMOOK REPORT (Buzz Buczkowski). Coast Swingers at Garibaldi have had a successful class of 10 students, including 4 teenagers, and they all wish to join their club. They will have their new dancer dance on February 24th and Graduation on March 6th. They are going to try starting another class this Spring in hopes of building up their membership. Visitations to other area clubs is a priority for them.

Sea Twirlers had a great Christmas dance and a fun Pajama Dance in January. February 9th will be their Valentine Dance. Bob Schindler will begin Level 2 Waltz round dance lessons at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. before every Sea Twirler dance beginning February 9th. A Hobo Dance is scheduled for April.

The Toledo 49ers are starting another Introduction to Modern Square Dancing class on Sunday, February 4th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Newport Senior Center with Charlotte Jeskey teaching. All members are working hard to recruit new dancers using personal contact and different types of advertising. RV parking is available at Toledo High School if you come to visit us and need to stay overnight. The club is busy working on the Loyalty Days Weekend on May 4th and 5th. Friday night will be a casual dance with guest callers and cuers. Saturday night will have Les Seeley calling and Bob Schindler and Doug Pederson cueing. The dances will be held at the Newport Middle School and RV parking will be available in the Middle School parking lot or the nearby fairgrounds.

Waldport Sunset Squares remain dark until June.

The coast area clubs truly appreciate any visitations you can make to their dances.

PORTLAND AREA COUNCIL REPORT (Bill Rooper): Our clubs have been holding new dancer dances and jamborees since early December. Lori Beldt has prepared flyers with dates of coming jamborees.

The annual PAC-TVC Christmas dinner on December 18 and the 5th Friday Dance on December 29 were both well attended.

Plans are being laid for our Rose Festival events coming up. We are trying to find a location for a Rose Festival Dance this year. The Starlite Parade float and the International Showcase are set to go.

The Silver Stars from Vancouver, Washington, were accepted as members of the PAC, subject to State Federation approval.

Some clubs are starting new dancer classes this month and some are graduating their new dancers. The North Willamette Callers and Cuers are trying to set up a cooperative lesson arrangement, where the various callers take turns teaching a lesson.

The PAC split a profit of nearly \$400 with the various clubs that sold entertainment books.

SOUTH COAST AREA (Karel Morris): Members of the South Coast Area have already started preparation for the November State Meeting, which they will host in Coquille. The South Coast Area has also decided to have ALL Area dances be OFN Subscription dances and anyone attending that dance who renews their subscription (or starts a new one) will have free admission to the dance.

Beachcombers are making plans for their birthday dance on June 29, 30 and July 1 at the Beachcombers Cove. They will also be holding the 2nd Battle Rock Festival on Labor Day weekend. Beginner lessons were to start this month and a beginner Christmas dance was held in December.

It has been a busy time of cleaning and refurbishing the Tioga Ballroom for Saints-N-Aints. They have canceled Friday night Plus Workshops for now. They were the hosts for the New Year's Eve dance in the South Coast Area and those attending saw the New Year come in with style, fun and laughter. Upcoming 50's/60's dance is in the works as well as plans for their Labor Day weekend event to be called Coastal Fanta-Sea.

Lessons and Plus lessons continue with Sets in Order.

Skyloft Squares members are enjoying dancing - although in limited numbers - and retirement. A catered Christmas dinner party was held in December.

No report from Jefferson State Squares.

SUNSET EMPIRE AREA COUNCIL (Mac Wilcox): Meeting held January 21, all officers present, plus visitors Larry and Barbara Schaumburg, also Kay Rogers. The potluck was wonderful as always.

Club Reports: Hayshakers: Sylvia Davis reported that they have done some community service projects, such as dancing at the extended care facility at Seaside Hospital, and at the Astoria Senior Center, both were well received and

lots of fun for the club, they have been invited to do this again. They will start lessons on Feb. 7 at Warrenton Grade School. Amateur caller and cuer night is Feb. 17. The Seaside Sashay, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be in October 2001, flyers are available at the Midwinter. Clam diggers Stomp will be March 17, Craig Abercrombie calling, Lonnie Sycks cueing and lots of good clam chowder.

Clatskanie Promenaders: We have been on an intensive recruiting effort, we made 12, 18x24 signs, printed 300 flyers, for putting in grocery bags at the stores in Clatskanie and Rainier, went on the Internet at Clatskanie.com, had a phone program to try to find out why people stopped dancing. We had our annual drive at Christmas for Turning Point, the local aid agency, they do a lot of good in this small town, we had 3 large boxes of food, and 2 boxes of clothes and bedding. No report on the success of our recruiting efforts yet.

Council: Barbara had a small report on the Summer Festival 2004, inquiries have gone out for callers and cuers, awaiting some responses, there will be need for a full fledged committee fairly soon. Kay Rogers noted that if the 2005 National is awarded favorably, she would be asking (begging) for some assistance with the committee that she is chairing. The present slate of officers of this council have agreed to serve once again for next year, barring any overly enthusiastic volunteer barging in to take an office. Maybe there's something to that, for wisdom doesn't always come with age -----sometimes age comes all by itself.

TUALATIN VALLEY COUNCIL REPORT (Carolyn Bosch): The TVC and PAC had their annual Dinner Meeting together in December. This is really a get together with the neighboring council that we work so closely with. A great time was had by all.

In December, we held our New Years Eve dance. Going in we were a little concerned but the dance turned out to be a huge success. Lots of dancers from all over attended.

Our Charity dance was small in numbers, however, donations were generous. We have been able to turn over to H.O.R.S.E.S. (Adaptive Riding Institute) \$400.00 for this year.

We are now gearing up for the TVC/PAC Youth Dance to be held at Winona Grange in Tualatin on Saturday, February 17th. Please bring your youth and attend. We also will need lots of adults to join in all the fun.

The TVC is beginning plans for the September State Meeting and we have picked the Kinton Grange for the location. We are working on RV parking and hotel accommodations. More information will follow in the coming months.

UMPQUA AREA COUNCIL REPORT (John Hernandez): The Boots and Calicos had a wonderful Pajama dance, so many came out in their pajamas and night wear. Fun was had by all who attended. The Holiday Season was a great time to spread joy and what better way is there than among friends while you are square dancing?

The Buckeroo Square and Round Dance Club had their Christmas Eve dance with 9 squares. Their New Year's Eve dance was also about 8 or 9 squares, and the students had a great time. The club is holding Round dance lessons on Monday nights with one hour of beginner and an hour of intermediate. For January, Cheryl Muir has been doing a workshop on Thursdays for the club. The annual Christmas wreath sale was a huge success and we want to thank all dancers who came to purchase wreaths, as this is our largest fundraiser to maintain the barn with all the expenses we have. Dale took a group of dancers to the Boots and Calico's for a beginner Dance and all had a good time. Also a large group went to the New Dancer Jamboree in Springfield.

Dancing Friends Round Dance Club - No Report.

Pioneers 'n' Petticoats Square and Round Dance Club had a really nice Christmas dance. Dale Roberson called, and Claude Butler did the cueing. A bunch of Dale's students, from the Buckeroo Barn and our students went to the dance. We all had a great time together and the students did great. They will be a great asset to the clubs. We wore our reindeer, grinch, and Mr. and Mrs. Santa outfits to the dance that we were going to wear in the lighted truck parade the next night. It was a lot of fun. We took first place in our category in the lighted truck parade. We all had a good time dressing up and riding on the float. We also enjoyed Christmas caroling along the way. We want to give a big thank you to Ray and Karen Graves for dressing up as Mr. and Mrs. Santa. After the parade we went to the Boots and Calico's dance.

Rainbow Clogger's - No written report.

Timber 8's Square and Round Dance Club - No written report.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - TIM AND KATHY ROBERTS: We have had a busy couple of months since our November meeting. Has there ever been an Ambassador's Report that did NOT include that line?

We attended the PAC/TVC joint board meeting and Christmas part in December. The PAC did a nice job of hosting. There were more than 40 people in attendance.

We attended the pre-New Year's Eve dances for both the PAC and TVC. Both dances were well-attended, and there was a great deal of crossover between the two councils. The TVC costume ball was one of the biggest TVC dances in a long, long time - more than 15 squares.

We attended a dance at the Fireballs in January. It has been a long time since we made it out to Scappoose, and we had a great time.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - DICK AND MARGE PENTECOST: We attended Portland Area Council monthly meetings.

Ione Grand Squares: We attended the annual Christmas dance. We had more than four squares in attendance. The grand march when Mrs. Santa (Lorene Griffith) distributed the pound-gift of something was exciting as always. We attended other club dances and conducted Sunday round dance sessions as the weather allowed.

WyEast Whirlers, Hood River. We attended - danced when Rick Ewing called and Marge cued - besides other W.W. monthly dances. Dick called - Marge cued their January dance.

Country Cutups New Year's Eve dance. Scott Zinser called - Carolyn Stitt, cuer. This celebration was a great way to dance/welcome in the new year.

Columbia Gorge Plus - We attended/danced the monthly plus dances - January dance - Dick caller - Marge cuer.

Hermiston Square Knots - We roasted wieners at their annual Roast - and danced at their plus dance that evening. Rick Ewing and Marge.

Swap and Swing Square Dance Club. We have attended some of the regular dances and have angeled at several square dance lesson sessions.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - DON AND KAREL MORRIS: We managed to get through the holidays by gaining a few more pounds, having a really great laid-back family Christmas and getting ourselves ready to soon join the other snowbirds in Arizona.

We danced with the Sweet Home Squarenaders for their Turkey Dance in November and also with the Spinning Antlers in Corvallis. Both groups are so very friendly and make you feel so welcome. Other dancing was in our local South Coast Area and we managed to stay awake until after midnight on New Year's Eve, dancing with other Area dancers at the Tioga Ballroom with Saints-N-Aints.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR'S REPORT - RAY AND BETTY JONES: A person hates to admit their stuck in a rut, but, I think that is what happened to us. We take square and round dance lessons, go to the dances. Betty quilts and goes to quilting meetings and I try to golf. It certainly eats up the time and keeps us entertained. We also have to occasionally play cards or other games just to fill in the time. I can certainly see where the expression "how did I ever have time to work" comes from.

Anyway, we think of all of you often and miss the fun of the state meetings. We are working on the Yuma Square Dance Festival which occurs the 9th, 10th and 11th of February. Betty is the registration chair person and also passes out the flyers.

We will be heading home sometime in early April so we hope to see all of you at the spring state meeting. Until then keep smiling and definitely keep dancing!