
ALL A FLUTTER

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Dances

The August 3, 2024 Dance with Glenn Raiha calling Mary Parsons and cueing The Theme is “Back to School.” Hosts are the Club members at 7:00.

The August 17, 2024 dance will have Andy Garbonen calling with Ron Woolcock cueing. Theme is “Good Bye Summer –Root Beer Floats starting with Pre-Rounds at 6:30, Square dance at 7:00. The Club Members are hosts.

The September 7, 2024 dance with Glenn Raiha calling and Mary Parsons cueing. Club members are the hosts.

The September 21, 2024 dance. The caller has not been selected as of this date, but Ron Woolcock will be cueing. Theme is National Dance Day.” Club members are the hosts. Dancing starts at 7:00 pm.

ALL DANCES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!! PLEASE WATCH FOR EMAILS FROM NANCY RAIHA

The Web site to sign up to be a host for our dances is: <http://www.olympiasquaredance.com/clubs> . It also contains info on the callers, cuers, and themes. It also has the club handbook and signup for hosting.

Words from our Co-Presidents

Hello fellow Flutterwheels.

One thing we have learned over these years is that all club and OASDI activities run because of many of the members are willing to volunteer in various ways. Recently the Flutterwheels has grown fast with our success at lessons (thanks Nancy and Alice). Please look at what the club does well and how you would help us succeed this year.

1) Leaders: We have a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We nominate for each position and vote in May. New Officers start their duties on June 1st and with more help they would serve for only a year. We are a supportive group, so you don't have to be at every dance.

2) OASDI, SouWester Council and Club meetings: OASDI meets at the hall at 10-12 on set Saturdays. Usually every other month, 2 members attend the meetings to represent our club and bring needed information to the club. SW Council meets on five Tuesday nights a year (not in summer) currently in Centralia. The council puts on dances around the region several times a year and hosted the last State Festival. All members are encouraged to go to both meetings, but just the delegates vote on issues. Talk to Dan or Deb to be our delegates with these groups.

Club meetings happen as needed maybe 4-5 times a year – all are encouraged to be there.

3) OASDI Memorial Weekend committee: Every club is encouraged to have 1 or more members attend the meetings to plan the weekend and inform the clubs. This committee also needs officers like the clubs. These meetings are held at various times between June and May.

The following take less commitment.

4) Hosting a dance: We have about 20 dances a year. For each of these dances we need 2 club members to be hosts. If everyone participates, no members would be on duty more than once a year. This involves showing up a little early to get coffee made and water ready. Setting up the treats that members bring, then stay a little bit after to finish cleaning up. You will be able to dance much of the night. Thanks to many who have hosted so far this year.

a) Themed dances are popular and make better ads/posters. Decorating the hall makes some people happy and the choice is yours. The club has quite a collection of items that are available.

b) Our themes started because a member suggested it would be fun to do (pie baking or chili contests, for example). If you have an idea you'd like to see happen, let us know. Your suggestion could become an upcoming or an annual dance choice.

c) We really would like if someone would be a host coordinator to schedule hosts, send out an email reminder a few days before, figure out the dance calendar theme suggestions, etc.

5) Keeping the hall welcoming. Please stay a few minutes after the dance to sweep the floors, clean the bathrooms, take out the trash, etc. If all members that attend a dance would take a task, it would be done in minutes. It's noticed when some dancers exit the hall 15-30 mins early.

6) Full hall cleaning: OASDI has a monthly schedule (2-3 times a year - usually a Saturday late morning). If you could commit to come one or both times, we could get it done in about an hour. So new members, jump in. Those who have been members a while, but not volunteered much, please help us. Especially, for ALL the members who HAVE been volunteering THANK YOU.

Dan Bode and Debby Ferrell Co-Presidents.

Dan Bode 360-259-2057

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Caller's Corner



My how time flies. Seems like we just finished Memorial Day weekend and now it's the beginning of August. It's been a crazy and very busy summer for the Raihas. We had a great time at Circle 8 working with Tom and Chris Clymer and Ron and Georgine doing our Plus-in-a-

Week program. We had quite a few Olympia dancers join us as well as dancers from across the State. We had lots of laughs and hopefully everyone learned something to strengthen their Plus dancing skills.

After returning home we didn't have time to unpack our suitcases before we headed off to Yakima for the State Festival. Around 400 dancers had a great weekend of dancing and fellowship. I was so proud of all the callers and cuers who made the program a huge success. I am very proud of Nancy who was the Keynote speaker for the Saturday morning leadership session. One-hundred and fifty dancers from around the State and Canada got to hear her talk about our successful lesson program at Lac-a-Do. If you missed her presentation, you could watch it on YouTube. There is a link on the OASDI website that will direct you to the video. If you have never been to a State Festival, mark your calendar for the same weekend in July 2025 back in Yakima.

So now it is time to get back to work and make our Fall lessons another great success. It takes every one of us to make that happen. So, what can you do to help? Take some of the posters with detachable cards and put them up everywhere you can think of. To ensure full coverage of our area we have created a board in the hall where you can add the locations you have placed posters. Another way to help is for you to set an individual goal about passing out cards. Tell yourself each day "Today I will give out x cards to people I encounter. They can be perfect strangers, or your bank teller, or your Uber driver, or your Door Dash driver. If you make your first day goal then raise it for the next day. The more of our cards that get distributed the more chance we have of getting people notified that we exist.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and look forward to seeing everyone at our dances or for the Intro night for lessons on Sep 12th.

Glenn



Nancy's Notes

- **Time for Lessons!**

It's the most exciting time of the year! We let the world know about the great opportunity everyone has to join all the fun, good exercise, and friendships of square dancing. Helping publicize lessons is one way of giving to our fellow community members. Hopefully you all are thinking about great ways to spread the word. Let's hand out cards and put up posters – what good places are in your lives? But also think about groups you may belong to. Do they have a newsletter, facebook site, or bulletin board? These are the places to add a message. AND – however you publicize, be sure to write that group name on a "hand" and paste it on the "Point them to Lac-A-Do" display at the Hall, created by our own Leanna Dvorak. We keep an online document with lots of ideas for publicity. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IHPTRI_HL9nzRPDIYdxbfXdqIMjXNz-brWTIq77oM_w/edit?usp=sharing. Look especially at the "Ways Everyone Can Help" and "What is Needed" sections to see how you might help. And, of course,

get ready to angel and show all those new dancers how much fun we have.

Online Resources:

I hope you all have looked at our great website, created by Matthew McCullough. But I bet our new members and some of our older members haven't looked hard at all the Flutterwheels Resources on this site. Go to the "Clubs" page <https://www.olympiasquaredance.com/clubs>. Then scroll down to Flutterwheels. You will find links to lots of resources, but I'd like to highlight 2 you may not have looked at:

- [Flutterwheels Dance Plan](#), – This shows our upcoming dances, themes, hosts, caller and cuer. It also outlines host duties. We hope all the members can help host at least one dance per year. It's not difficult, and you can use your creativity. Talk to co-President Debby Ferrell or another club officer or Nancy to sign up to host.
- [Member Handbook](#), - A great resource to learn about our club and your part in it.

While you're on the website, be sure to check out the "Calendar" page that shows what's going on at Lac-A-Do every day. And check out the "Resources" page. There are many good sites. Use the link to "Footnotes" magazine monthly (except July and August) to read our State magazine.

Have fun! Nancy

Sou' Wester Council

The State Festival held at the Yakima Convention Center in July, 2024. It was successful, with lots of great dancing and visiting with friends, super callers and cuers, and Nancy Raiha's speech on getting and retaining dancers was phenomenal. During the Banquet was the Presentation of the State Awards. The Presidents Award went to Marsha Sullivan for all her hard work in different areas of the state. The MacGregor Award was presented to Dancers Jonnie & Urban Jenquin from Blue Mountain council. The McNutt Award for Cueing was presented to Jack & Oravee DeChenne from Spokane Council. The Parker Award for Callers was presented to Susan Morris from Mt Baker Council. Youth Scholarships was given to

Winter Felter and Breanna Schaeewe. Congratulations to all these winners. They are all very deserving.

Next Year the 2025 State Festival will be held in the same place at the Yakima Convention Center on July 14-15, 2025. Get registered now at www.squaredance-wa.org. As for right now the featured caller will be Joe Saltel from Texas and the featured Cuers, Doug & Leslie Dodge from Montana.

The next Council meeting will be September 10, 2024.

Sou'Wester Council will be hosting the State Federation meeting on October 12, 2024 at Lac A Do Hall and this will coincide with the Do Si Do's 75th Anniversary dance in the evening.

There will be a Council dance November 30, 2024 at the Hoquiam Elementary with Leo Catt calling and Marie Wood cueing starting at 7:00. Cost is \$8.00 a person.

OASDI

The Memorial Day committee reported that the weekend was successful. The OASDI new Officers are Eric Metsch President, Bob Knudson- Vice President, Marc Denniston- Secretary and Muoi Nguy – Treasurer. There are also other committees that also need help without being the chair. Talk to Eric Metsch at 253-468-3262 to see where you can help the most to keep our hall running smoothly.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ron Woolcock – Aug. 2
Barb Brewer – Aug. 5
Francis Shelman –Aug. 8
Francis Chapin – Aug. 8
Debra Baker – Aug. 9
Dian Lacy- Aug.9
Kathy Holcomb – Aug. 11
Charlie Kowallis- Aug. 14
Marcy Sherman – Aug. 23
Chiou-Ming Huang – Aug. 24
Elizabeth Greenhill – Aug. 25
Catherine Klobucar - Aug.28
Sara Mahood – Aug.30
Grace Marie – Sept. 4
Karen Knudson –Sept. 5
Monica Ranger –Sept. 6
Angelica Bayless – Sept.13

John Tafejian –Sept. 21

Anniversaries

Chris & Vicky Dean – August 1
Francis & Spouse Chapin – August 8
Barbara & Spouse Shelman – August 8
Lisa & Ed Currall – August 18
Diane & Spouse Upton – August 18
Dan & Bobbi Bode – August 21
Francis & Barbara Shelman - August 28
Mark & Marcy Sherman – September 4

Please be sure that Georgine (gwoolcock48@gmail.com) has your birthday & Anniversary information so that we can acknowledge you on your special day!!

Sunshine

Jutta sent get well cards to: Birgit Miller, Glenn Raiha, Catherine Kolibcar, Luke Manning, Georgine Woolcock, Peggy Smith, Marcy Sherman, and Cindy Turner. A Sympathy card was sent to Mike & Zoe Marr for the passing of Mike's Dad.

To have Jutta send a card to someone, please send her an email at wabingajutta@gmail.com. Her phone number is 360-819-7633. It would be helpful if you could give her an address.

New Members

The club would like to welcome Becky Brewer, Jennessa Randall, Charlie Kowallis, Francis Chapin, Barbara Shelman, and Jennifer Taylor, Mike & MaryLou Shannon, Robert Hill, Candi Sponberg, Angelica Bayless, Gary & Linda Barker, Ed & Lisa Currall, Chris & Vicky Dean, Teri Eagle, Oonaugh Foster-Bill, Chiou-Ming Huang, Ellie Keeley, Bob & Karen Knudson, Jamie LeDuc, Will Lowery, Joyce Mielitz, Sid Moen, Ava Pemberthy, Monica Ranger, Jasper Shayler, Marcy & Mark Sherman, Deanna Stuart, Ember Summer, Cheryl & John Tafejian, Blossom Van Orman, Bob Blake.

We are glad to have all of you join us and hope that you have a wonderful experience and continue to enjoy our club and dancing for years to come.

Matilda's Adventures

I understand that Matilda the Chicken, our Club Mascot, has a new home. She was won by the Evergreen College Dancers and was part of the Basket raffle at Memorial Day. So they are now her Foster parents so we will see what wonderful sights she will see this coming Summer and Fall.



Jamie LeDuc, Jasper Shaler & Angelica Bayless
Photo courtesy Nancy Raiha

Summer Picnic

You're all invited to the Flutterwheels Summer Picnic. Sunday August 18th at 1 pm at the Raiha home above the Sound. 5538 Marian DR NE. Olympia. It's a potluck. We will provide coffee, tea, water, napkins. There are some chairs, but you might want to bring lawn chairs. There is cover in case of rain. We are an inclusive and welcoming club. Non-member "friends of the Flutterwheels" are more than welcome. Google Maps will get you there, but you can also contact Nancy for directions at 360-280-4187

Lessons

Lessons are starting for the 2024-25 year on September 12th for the Free night, and Sept 19th for the first lesson. Then in October the next set of lessons will start with the Free dance on Monday October 7, 2024. Be sure to keep cards in pocket to hand out.

Future Events

Future State Festival:

72nd Washington State Festival will be July 14-15, 2025, hosted by Central Area Council at the Yakima

Convention Center with Joe Saltel from Texas as featured caller.

Future National Conventions:

74th National Convention will be June 25-28, 2025, in Shreveport LA

75th National Convention – June 25- 27, 2026 in Waco Texas.

Future US West Convention

USA West Convention – July 23-26, 2025 in Spokane WA at the Spokane Fair and Expo Center with lots of RV parking. (This convention is only held when the National convention is east of the Mississippi River.) For Info on this convention: See Jen at: generalchair@washington.usawest.net

Leadership Seminar

Leadership Seminar will again be held in conjunction with the 2025 State Festival in Yakima WA

Calendar of Events

August 2, 2024 - National Beer Day
August 3, 2024 – National Watermelon Day
August 3, 2024 – Flutterwheels dance 7:00pm
August 4, 2024 - National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
August 7, 2024 – National Lighthouse Day
August 10, 2024 – National Garage Sale Day
August 13, 2024 – National Left-Handers Day
August 16, 2024 – National Bratwurst Day
August 17, 2024 - National Thrift Shop Day
August 17, 2024 – Flutterwheels dance 7:00pm
August 20, 2024 – National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day
August 21, 2024 – National Senior Citizens Day
August 24, 2024 – National Waffle Day
August 24, 2024 – National Dog Day
August 30, 2024 – National Beach Day
September 2, 2024 – Labor Day
September 2, 2024 – V-J Day
September 5, 2024 - National Cheese Pizza Day
September 6, 2024 – National Food Bank Day
September 7, 2024 – Flutterwheels Dance – 7:00 pm
September 7, 2024 – National Beard Day
September 8, 2024 – National Grandparent Day
September 9, 2024 – National Teddy Bear Day
September 12, 2024 – First Night –FREE dance 6:30
September 12, 2024 - National Chocolate Milkshake

September 15, 2024 - National Wife Appreciation Day
September 16, 2024 – National Guacamole Day
September 18, 2024 – National Hamburger Day
September 19, 2024 – National Dance Day
September 19, 2024 – Thursday Lessons Start- 6:30
September 21, 2024 – Start of Oktoberfest
September 21, 2024 – Flutterwheels Dance – 7:00 pm
September 22, 2024 – Autumnal Equinox (Start Fall)
September 23, 2024 – National Family Day
September 25, 2024 – National Cooking Day
September 26, 2024 – Johnny Appleseed Day
September 28, 2024 – National Sons Day
September 29, 2024 – World Heart Day

Story of the Month

Bungee-Jumping

Al and Joe are bungee-jumping one day. Al says to Joe, “You know we could make a lot of money running our own Bungee-Jumping service in Mexico.”

Joe thinks this is a great idea, so they pool their money and buy everything they’ll need; a tower, an elastic cord, insurance, etc. They travel to Mexico and begin to set up on the square. As they are constructing the tower, a crowd begins to assemble. Slowly, more and more people gather to watch them work. When they had finished, there was such a crowd they thought it would be a good idea to give a demonstration. So Al jumps. He bounces at the end of the cord, but when he comes back up Joe notices that he has a few cuts and scratches.

Unfortunately, Joe isn’t able to catch him and he falls again, bounces and comes back up again. This time he is bruised and bleeding. Again Joe misses him. Al falls again and bounces back up. This time he comes back pretty messed up-he’s got a couple of broken bones and is almost unconscious. Luckily, Joe finally catches him this time and says, “What happened? Was the cord too long?”

Barely able to speak, Al gasps, “No, the cord was fine, but what’s a piñata?”