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# ALL A FLUTTER

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## Dances

The October 5, 2024 Dance with Glenn Raiha calling with Susanne Mason and cueing. The Theme is Celebrate Our Schools-Wear Your Favorite School Colors or Logos." You can wear any school colors or T-shirts (yes, could be your favorite high school) - or bring mementos. The Evergreen School Club members are hosting this dance with Pre-rounds with at 7:00 and Mainstream and Plus tip with Glenn starting at 7:30.

The October 19, 2024 dance will have Glenn Raiha calling with Ron Woolcock cueing. Theme is "Love is in the Air" as we celebrate Mary Currall and Steve McCrosky's Wedding. So Dress Up or Wear Costumes starting at 6:00. The Club Members are hosts. Debby Ferrell is bringing the cake, and Georgine Woolcock will bring punch. This is also the Thursday class' First Dance.

Mary practically grew up in the Hall dancing with her family. And she wants to introduce her new husband to the square dance family. Her parents, Ed and Lisa Currall are proud Flutterwheels members and dedicated angels and you all have danced with them. It's a square dance family celebration. There will be a Meet and Greet for the couple and Pre-round dancing/wedding dances with Ron Woolcock starting at 6. Dance starts at 7 with Glenn Raiha calling. If this is your first time meeting Mary, that's great.

The November 2, 2024 dance theme is "Turn Back the Clock". "Wear your favorite Pajamas". Bring a box of cereal for the food bank. Greg & Sue Weber are calling and cueing. Mabey's and Van Woerkoms are hosting. Dancing starts at 7:00 pm.

The November 16, 2024 dance is "Celebrate Glenn Raiha's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday" featuring the Raiha Family Live Band with Steve Noseck & Glenn Raiha calling and Jim Scarlatella cueing with pre-rounds starting at 6:30. Our big news is a celebration of Glenn Raiha's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday (and the birthdays of several other club members) Nancy's family is full of professional musicians. Every few years they get the Family Band together and play for a special occasion square dances.

Don't miss it! People are still talking about the last one.

**HEADS UP!!** The December 7, 2024 Club Dance at Lac A Do is **CANCELED!!** with the club traveling to **Cougar Squares Thankful Christmas Dance** More information to come!!

Mark your calendar now. Our Holiday Dance will be Saturday Dec 21.

The Flutterwheels Holiday Party is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Dec 8th from 1-4 at the Raiha home. Nancy is also looking for a few volunteers to help decorate their home on the previous weekend - either Friday, Saturday or Sunday after Thanksgiving. Let her know if you might be available.

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

You can sign up to be a host for our dances on the Flutterwheels Dance Plan. It is found under Flutterwheels/Resources at this site: <http://www.olympiasquaredance.com/clubs> . It also contains info on the callers, cuers, and themes. The same place also has the links to club handbook and other club information.



## Words from our Co-Presidents

Hi Flutterwheels,  
Even though it's now fall, we are enjoying one last weekend of summer over at Winthrop's Barn Dance.

We've had some great dances the past few months and now lessons are in swing. Our fundraising auction and dances have been wonderful and OASDI has enough money to replace the roof. Yay! Thanks too, to the members who came out to clean the hall in September. We made quick work of the task.

Bobbi and I will be traveling to Baniff BC and Seaside Or dances this month. Please continue to support lessons and upcoming events. We have a fun one coming in mid-November when we celebrate Glenn's birthday with their family band playing the tunes. That's always a treat and some of us also have a birthday that week (see Georgine's list)

See you at the hall

Dan Bode - Co-President.

360-259-2057

Debby Ferrell 360-259-2057



## Nancy's Notes

### Time for Lessons!

It was very exciting to see 14 squares show up on Thursday for the first lesson of the new dance season that started on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The lessons have been holding 12 squares with 40 new students. Thank you for all who helped to get the word out. The next set of Lessons will start on Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> with the free Introductory to square dance with the 1<sup>st</sup> lesson on Mondays starting on October 14. Please continue with your posting of lessons at various places. Remember how helpful they were when you were learning to dance. Now is the time to pay it forward. Tell your friends, post on Nextdoor, hand out cards, hang posters! And please come out and help show prospective students what a great time we have. The nice thing about starting in September is you can come to Monday lessons for free if you are a student on Thursday. **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE ANGELS AND HELPERS**

New Roof goes on October 14<sup>th</sup> if the weather holds. The whole Olympia Square Dance Community really stepped up for this one! The latest Flutterwheels auction raised another \$1800. Overall, the Flutterwheels raised or donated more than \$7,000 to the roof fund.

## Sou'Wester Council

The Council meeting was held September 10, 2024, in Centralia. They are still looking for people to fill some of the committees like Corresponding Secretary, Auditor, Council Nominating, Web master, or Historian, and other positions. If you can help, please contact President Bill High at 360-218-2079 or email at [Bill-High@hotmail.com](mailto:Bill-High@hotmail.com)

Sou'Wester Council will be hosting the State Federation meeting on October 12, 2024 at the Oakville Grange in Centralia with a mainstream with rounds on Friday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. The Main meeting starts at 9:00 am Saturday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> with a lunch break at noon, with the meeting continuing from 1-4 pm.

## Caller's Corner



Three weeks ago, we had another wonderful turnout for the Free Intro to Square Dancing. I believe the number of new dancers was forty-two and we danced fourteen squares most of the evening. Our continued success makes me smile.

The reason OASDI's continues to have a successful lesson program is because each of you in some way have contributed, maybe you put up our posters or passed cards to your friends and people you don't even know. Maybe you have continually showed up to help the new students feel welcome or brought snacks to lessons. Maybe you have talked to the new students to get to know them better and to feel like a part of our square dance family. Whatever of these things you have done I want to personally thank you and tell you to keep up the good work. The only way to make our activity continue to grow is through a joint effort on all of our parts. As some have said before "It takes a village" and I think our OASDI community is one of the best villages I know.

Get ready! As most of you know I will reach the three-quarter century mark on November 20<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate this auspicious occasion Steve Noseck has agreed to call our Nov 16<sup>th</sup> dance along with all of Nancy's family of talented musicians. It will be a fun night so mark your calendar now. I will only turn 75 once!

Need to sign off and get this to Georgine. I am already 24 hrs late. Thanks Georgine for your never ending patience with me.

See you on the dance floor

Glenn

This meeting coincides with the Do Si Do's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance on Saturday afternoon and evening. At Lac A Do Hall in Olympia. (This is a huge milestone. This club is as old as the state Federation) Dan Preedy and Steve Noseck are calling. See flyers at the hall for dinner and dance times.

There will be a Council dance November 30, 2024 at the Washington Elementary School at 3003 Cherry Street in Hoquiam. Leo Catt is calling and Marie Wood cueing starting at 7:00 with Plus and at 8:00 mainstream. Flyers are at the hall. Cost is \$8.00 a person.

## OASDI

The Memorial Day committee gave a final report of 2024. The event was successful, and after paying all the bills and saving \$500.00 seed money a check for \$11,257.35 was turned over to the OASDI treasury. If you are interested in helping on this committee next year, please contact Bill Pearson at 360-791-0172. A representative from each club needs to be appointed to the committee.

The OASDI meeting was on Saturday September 21, 2024 at 10:00 at the hall. The fund raisers for the new roof reach their goal, and will start in October. The next meeting is Saturday October 19, 2024 at 10:00 am.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Ember Summer – Oct. 1  
Lisa Currall – Oct. 2  
Randy Allen – Oct. 2  
Vicky Dean – Oct. 4  
Donna McMaster – Oct. 6  
Muoi Nguy – Oct. 6  
Robert Hill – Oct. 6  
David Stock – Oct. 7  
Mike Shannon – Oct. 7  
Audrey Pastore – Oct. 8  
Steve Dvorak – Oct. 8  
Diane Upton – Oct. 9  
Jenessa Randall – Oct. 15  
Ellie Keeley – Oct. 21

Sally Taylor – Oct. 22  
Tony D'onato – Oct. 25  
Brad Mahood – Nov. 9  
Nancy Raiha – Nov. 12  
Gary Barker – Nov. 15  
Dan Bode – Nov. 16  
Glenn Raiha – Nov. 20 (75<sup>th</sup>)  
Tom Mellinger – Nov. 20 (75<sup>th</sup>)

### **Anniversaries**

Ron & Georgine Woolcock – October 19  
Linda & Gary Barker – October 21  
Catherine & Tom Klobucar – November 22

## Sunshine

Jutta sent get well cards to: Peggy Smith, Margaret Fuller, Walt Doring and Pat Ritchie. A sympathy card was sent to the Family of Catherine Eason, a former member of Grand Squares.

To have Jutta send a card to someone, please send her an email at [wabingajutta@gmail.com](mailto: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 Todd & Katherine Flynn. We are glad to have you join us and hope that you have a wonderful experience and continue to enjoy our club and dancing for years to come.

## New Year Eve 2024

The New Years Eve committee met, and the theme is "Celebrating New Years across the USA" with a toast at all three time zones. Featured Caller is Steve Noseck with Marie Wood cueing. A-Dancing starts at 7:00, 7:30 to 8:00 pre-rounds and Mainstream at 8:00 with Plus every third tip. Cost will be \$20.00 adult, \$10.00 youth under 18 or \$55.00 per family. Next meeting of the committee will be Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to serve on the committee please contact Dan Bode or Curt Leigh at 360-491-4689.

## Summer Picnic

The Flutterwheels Summer Picnic on Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Raiha home was wonderful. It was a potluck to die for with so many good choices and burgers and desserts. And there was a shower just before it was over. Picture below is club officers: Dan Bode, Mark Dennison, Debby Ferrell, and Bobbie Bode.



## Lessons

The 2<sup>nd</sup> set of Lessons are starting with the Free dance on Monday October 7, 2024, and the First lesson will October 14, 2024. Be sure to keep cards in your pocket to hand out for the lessons starting in January.

## Future Events

### Future State Festival:

72<sup>nd</sup> 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. Doug & Leslie Dodge will be the featured Cuers. Get registered now at [www.squaredance-wa.org](http://www.squaredance-wa.org)

### Future National Conventions:

74<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be June 25-28, 2025, in Shreveport, Louisiana

75<sup>th</sup> National Convention – June 25- 27, 2026 in Waco, Texas.

76<sup>th</sup> National Convention – June 23-26, 2027 in Loveland, Colorado  
(For more information see the Footnotes magazine on the state website.)

## 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](mailto: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

- October 5, 2024 Flutterwheels Dance 7:00
- October 7, 2024 Intro Square Dance -6:30
- October 11, 2024 Friday (prior State Meeting)  
Oakville Grange 7:00 p,
- October 12, 2024 – Wash. State Meeting  
Oakville Grange 9:00am
- October 12, 2024 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance  
Do Si Do's Dinner –Dance starting at 5:00
- October 14, 2024 1<sup>st</sup> Beginning Square Lessons 6:30
- October 14 – Columbus / Indigenous Day
- October 19, 2024 – Flutterwheels dance – Celebrating  
Mary & Steve McCrosky's Wedding 6:00
- October 31, 2024 – Halloween
- November 2, 2024 – Flutterwheels Dance – 7:00
- November 3, 2024 – Daylight Saving Time Ends –  
Turn Clocks back 1 hour
- November 5, 2024 Election Day – PLEASE VOTE!!
- November 11, 2024 – Veterans Day
- November 16, 2024 – Flutterwheels Dance 6:30 &  
Glenn's 75<sup>th</sup> Party
- November 28, 2024 Thanksgiving Day
- November 29, 2024 Black Friday Shopping Day

## Story of the Month

### My Drug Problem

I Had A Drug Problem America

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farm house in the adjoining county and he asked a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied: "I had a drug problem when I was young."



I was drug to church on Sunday mornings.

I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.

I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter what the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profane four-letter word.

I was drug out to pull weeds in Mom's garden and flower beds and cockle burs out of Dad's fields.

I was drug to homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul, who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothes line, or chop some firewood; and, if my Mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for the kindness, she would have drug me back to the wood shed.

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

Author Unknown

(Quick side story...My son, Russ 55 years old, Professional truck driver, saw a lady on the side of the road, flat tire...stopped to change it. The lady was very nervous as he was not real clean from working all day. He talked to her, said it was OK, only there to help her. Changed the tire for her, put everything away...she tried to pay him. His response was "Are You Kidding Me!!! My Mother would have a fit if she knew I took your money!! His Boy Scout Life Rank training, great values, and being "Drug To"... paid off!! Georgine)

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

