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# ALL A FLUTTER

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## Dances

The April 5, 2025 Flutterwheels dance is CANCELED, however the Preedy Sikorsky dance weekend will have a mainstream dance on Saturday night. See Flyers at the hall for times.

The Hobo Dance is Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Dress up and bring a can of vegetables for each person for the Hobo stew. (no beets, okra, or sauerkraut). Also bring a dessert, or crackers or bread to go with it. Glenn Raiha calling. The Dance starts at 6:30 with pre-rounds with Ron Woolcock. Hosts are Linda Maybe and Georgine Woolcock.

The May 3 dance we will be celebrating our Anniversary dance. Caller and cuer to be announced. Members are the hosts. Dance starts at 7:00.

The May 17<sup>th</sup> dance will Celebrate Armed forces Day. If you served or have pictures of family, please share with us, Caller will be Glenn Raiha and cuer RonWoolcock. The club members will be the hosts.

## **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

Hello fellow Flutterwheels. From the Facebook posts I saw, quite a few of you were able to attend at least a part of the Kitsap Kaper March 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. I've also heard it was a great event. Hopefully many of you will be able to take advantage of the annual Preedy/Sikorsky dance. Saturday night from 7:30 –

10:00 will be Mainstream. We will be having our annual Hobo Dance April 19<sup>th</sup> with “Stone” soup. Then we will be celebrating our 12th Anniversary on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. And of course, the annual Memorial Day weekend is coming up the end of May. Don't forget we will be having our next Club Meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Dirty Dave's Pizza at 12:30.

This is my last “letter” as Co-President of Flutterwheels. As such, I'm feeling a bit nostalgic. I moved here from Escondido, CA (in San Diego County) in September of 2002. I came here only knowing 1 person (a friend of my maternal grandmother who lived in Panorama). I had been a member of the North Star Singles Square Dance club for several years in the early 1980's, but hadn't danced in almost 20 years. I decided I'd enjoy taking up the activity here as a way to make some new friends. In January of 2003 I took lessons, and began my adventures at Lac-a-Do. I haven't stopped since. I think I've been to all but 1 Memorial Day weekend that has been held since then.

Some of you know I have decided to move to Texas this summer to live nearer to my 89-year-old mother (and my sister). Part of that means I won't be here this Memorial Day weekend. So I wanted to take this opportunity to say goodbye to those I may not see before I move. Some of you I have been friends with since 2003. Some I have only met in the last several months. I've been around long enough that now I'm meeting the kids of the now adults who were kids when I started. I hope you all have the feeling of family I've had here for the last 20+ years. It's a great group of people!

I do plan to continue dancing in Texas. Hopefully I'll get back up here for a future Memorial Day Weekend dance.....or run into some of you at dances in other locations.



## Caller's Corner

Hi Flutterwheels,

As our classes begin to wrap up for the year, I think we can all be very proud of the number of new dancers we brought into the activity. I want to thank each

and every Flutterwheel club member who has contributed to that success through your support for lessons. We couldn't do it without you, so give yourself a pat on the back for continuing to be a great club member. I also want to thank all those club members who step up and volunteer to help at our dances. Whether it be decorating the hall, greeting visitors at the front door, or being friendly to our guests, thanks for what you do for the club.

Next month we will once again have our Memorial Day celebration at Lac-A-Do.

Don't miss this event which starts with Graduation on Thursday night and continues through Sunday morning. If you have never been to one of our Memorial Day weekends you have missed a lot of fun. We will have callers and cuers from different parts of our region as well as lots of opportunities to spend money to support the hall through silent auctions, basket raffles, and nightly split- the-pot. All the callers and cuers generously donate their time and talents to make this even a greater success. Hope to see you there.

By now some of you may have heard that there will be no programs at Circle 8

Ranch this summer. Some of the programs have moved to the KSDA Dance Center in Gorst. Tom Clymer and I will be doing our Plus-in-A-Week program at Lac-A-Do the week of June 22nd. We are excited to be back in Olympia and look forward to having a large crowd of dancers. We always have lots of fun and hopefully provide dancers with some insight into the Plus Program. If you would like more information, please talk to Nancy or me. Would love to have you join us.

Hope to see you on the dance floor.

Glenn

## Nancy's Notes

Lessons are going great. I am so happy with our lovely classes on both Monday and Thursday. And our recent Thursday graduates. And, of course, am eternally thankful for our dedicated angels. The Monday Class is moving into the final Basic and Mainstream moves, and will graduate on April 25th We will keep on with Monday activities after that - depending on class preferences. The Thursday Class is learning Mainstream from 6:30 to 8:30 (with review at 6). They will be finished in time to graduate on Thursday May 22nd - the first night of our big Memorial Weekend Campout. Please come out, dance, laugh, support the new students, and maybe learn something (I always do).

We will also be having workshops at all levels throughout the summer to keep your dancing skills sharp. AND we tentatively plan to hold the first Free Introduction to Square Dancing on Thursday Sep 11th, with Lesson #1 on Sep 18th. Monday lessons will start in October.

Nancy also said that if you would like to host a couple during Plus in a Week, to contact her. She has some helpful hints that would make it fun for both of you.

## DUES DUES DUES

It is that time of year again - our annual renewal of membership in the Flutterwheels Square Dance Club! We are excited to begin another year of dancing and joyful celebration of our community of friendship.

The membership renewal fee is \$26 per adult (\$11 per youth). If you are a member of another OASDI-affiliated dance club, the dues are only \$5 (let us know which club you belong to). If you are a member of another club in Washington State, the dues are \$20 (let us know which club you belong to).

Please send cash or check to:

Flutterwheels Square Dance Club (check payable to)

PO Box 14143

Tumwater WA 98511

You can alternatively bring your payment to our meeting on April 12 or the next dance on April 19.

Membership renewals are due by May 1, 2025.

You can download our membership renewal form for more information and

details: [https://www.olympiasquaredance.com/\\_files/ugd/6c89e0\\_0b53f100f25247d09fe58508bfc2046b.pdf](https://www.olympiasquaredance.com/_files/ugd/6c89e0_0b53f100f25247d09fe58508bfc2046b.pdf)

## New Club Travel Outfits

A long time tradition in the Square Dance Community is for a Club to have a designated Travel Outfit. After much discussion, sewing will start at 9:00 am Saturday April 19, 2025 at the hall. If you have a sewing machine, serger, scissors, ironing board and iron, please bring it to the hall. Amy Glecker will be serving the lunch for the workers. For those who do not sew, there are other tasks that you can help accomplish.

## Sou'Wester Council

The Sou Wester Council meeting was held on March 11, 2025. Bobbi and Dan attended, along with Kathy Rooney so that the two clubs could be represented. The Council voted to continue the \$1.00 per club member dues for the council. Last month it was discussed that dancers who belong to more than one club pay more and Bob Knudson argued that he should only pay once for all his memberships. The reps felt it was a burden for the council treasurer to keep track of who belongs to multiple clubs and that it's only a dollar per club.

The council needs some new volunteers to be president and vice president. The current Secretary and Treasurer will stay on. Please consider volunteering as mentioned we have the bigger clubs in Olympia.

It was also questioned if OASDI should have reps for the council. Kathy Rooney and Dan weren't sure since clubs can have two representatives. I would love to have another FW member join us at the council meetings. It's only 5 meetings a year and two or three fifth Saturday dances. Council reps are the way we do business with the state federation. Contact Dan for more information at 360-451-1832 or [dansblues@msn.com](mailto:dansblues@msn.com)

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lollapalooza Multi Council dance on March 29, 2025 at the Kitsap Square Dance hall was very successful with Dan Preedy calling and Rochelle Catt cueing. Thanks to all who attended.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Eva Van Woerkom – April 2

Linda Mabey – April 16

Todd Flynn – April 22

Yee Chak – April 22

Roberta Golden – April 23

Jutta Wabinga – May 4

Ashley Berthelsen – May 5

Anika Becker – May 9

Georgine Woolcock – May 15

Deanna Stuart – May 16

Marc Denniston – May 17

Bobbi Bode – May 20

Ellen Matheny – May 20

Sid Moen – May 20

### Anniversaries

Brad & Sara Mahood – April 3

Scott & Mary Parsons – April 8

Dian & Spouse Lacy – May 2

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

## Sunshine

Jutta sent sympathy cards to: Rod Baldwin for the passing of his wife Ildi and to Bill Curtis for the passing of his wife Sandy. Get well cards were sent to Georgine Woolcock and Alice Huber..

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 Gary & Amy Gleckler, Coleman Harris, Sathya Paradice, & Emily Lopez, Isaac Roy, Bruce Morey, Melissa Roy. 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.

## Chili Cookoff in February

There were five chili receipts submitted. Becky Brewer won 1<sup>st</sup> place two years in a row. Bob Knudson won 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a venison chili, and Bobbi Bode got 3<sup>rd</sup> place for her Chicken & Butternut Squash receipt. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

## 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 Hunter Keller from Montana as the featured caller. Doug & Leslie Dodge will be the featured Cuers. Get registered now at [www.squaredance-wa.org](http://www.squaredance-wa.org)

73<sup>rd</sup> Washington State Festival will be June 18-20, 2026 in Ocean Shore WA hosted by Rainier Council.

### 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

### BC Festival 2025

Will be held on July 31 thru Aug 2 in Langley British Columbia. To register go to [squaredance.bc.ca](http://squaredance.bc.ca) (They do a wonderful job hosting this festival, plus so many places to visit.

Canadian National convention will be in Penticton BC July 15-18, 2026

## Calendar of Events

April 5, 2025 -Flutterwheels Canceled – Preedy Sikorsky Dance Mainstream Saturday night.

April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

April 19, 2025 – Hobo Dance & Stew 7:00

April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday

May 3, 2025 - Flutterwheels Anniversary Dance

May 11, 2025 – Mothers Day

May 17, 2025 - Flutterwheels -Armed Forces Day

May 22, 2025 – Start Memorial Day Weekend -Class Graduation

May 23, 2025 – Memorial Day Weekend Continues

May 26- 2025 – Final Day Memorial Day Weekend

In the future: Prairie Steppers Chicken dance on Saturday May 10 with Steve Noseck calling and Marie Wood Cueing. Check for flyers at the hall.

# Story of the Month

## THINGS OUR MOTHERS TAUGHT US

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATED A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
  2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that'll come out of the carpet."
  3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."
  4. My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."
  5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
  6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
  7. My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
  8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
  9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck?"
  10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
  11. My mother taught me about the WEATHER. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
  12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
  13. My mother taught me about BEHAVIORIOR MODIFICATION. "Stop acting like your father!"
  14. My mother taught me about ENVY. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
  15. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until we get home."
  16. My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when you get home!"
  17. My mother taught me about MEDICAL SCIENCE. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."
  18. My mother taught me about ESP. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
  19. My mother taught me about HUMOR. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
  20. My mother taught me about HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
  21. My mother taught me about GENETICS. "You're just like your father."
  22. My mother taught me about MY ROOTS. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
  23. My mother taught me about WISDOM. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
  24. My mother taught me about JUSTICE. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"
  25. (My favorite) My mother taught me about the CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I brought you into this world, and I can you out!!"
- (We read this at my Mother's funeral and the people attending chuckled and then the last one, the all answered in unison. It is a great memory!!! GW