ALL A FLUTTER

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Dances

The Oct.4, 2025 Flutterwheels dance with Glenn Raiha calling and Ron Woolcock cueing. Theme is Autumn Leaves. Club members are hosts. Dance starts at 7:00 with Pre-rounds .Mainstream with Plus tipn7:30 to 9:30.

The Oct. 18, 2025. Flutterwheels dance with Tim Blackstad calling and Ron Woolcock cueing. Theme is Character Dance. Come dressed in Halloween costumes or your favorite Movie Character- real or animated. Hosting is Gary & Amy Glecker, Moui and Georgine Woolcock. Dance starts at 7:00 with pre-rounds

The November 1, 2025 is Death by Chocolate. Calling and Cueing to be announced. Club members are hosting

November 15, 2025 will have Glenn Raiha calling and cuer to be announced. Dance starts at 7:00 with Prerounds. Theme is Annual Pie Contest. Bring your favorite pie to be judged or just to eat. Hosts are club members.

December 6, 20125 dance is CANCELED. The hall will be DARK. The club is traveling to Cougar Squares in Toledo for their Annual Thankful Charistmas Dance starting at 7:00PM. More info regarding Car Pooling to be announced.

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 President

Hi, Flutterwheels! It's been a busy and exciting couple of months since my last update!

We kicked things off with our Back to School Dance, where we filled the back of the Bode's SUV with school supplies and over \$100.00 cash donations for MIXX96's *Little Red School House*. Thank you all—you always come through with generosity and heart!



Picture Courtesy Dan Bode

I heard the Luau Dance was a wonderful success, though I sadly had to miss it due to a family emergency.

We also enjoyed a beautiful Summer Picnic at the Raiha's waterfront home. It was such a joy to see so many members relaxing, sharing food and spending time together.

As your new president, I'm still learning as I go. For the Wear White After Labor Day dance, I invited a guest caller (Andy Garboden) and encouraged everyone to wear all white—only to discover it made sight calling a little tricky for him. Oops! Live and learn.

I also ran my very first club meeting, which went smoothly (if I do say so myself!). I sent the notes by

email, but if you missed them and would like a copy, please reach out at <u>flutterwheels2013@gmail.com</u>.

One of our highlights was The Raiha Boys Do Broadway, with Glenn and his son Casey. Glenn is always fantastic, but adding Casey's professional singing voice took it to another level—WOW!

A group of our Flutterwheels ladies also gathered for a travel skirt sewing day. If you weren't able to join, don't worry—there's still material available if you'd like to make one!

And—great news—lessons have started! We need plenty of angels, and honestly, we can all use the extra floor time.

Until next time, keep squaring up! Leanna Dvorak



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Caller's Corner

Hi Flutterwheels,

After a great summer of making many square dance memories it is now time to get back to bringing new people into our activity. Nancy and I truly enjoyed

working with Tom and Chris Clymer for Plus-in-a Week. If you missed it this year you still may have one more opportunity next summer. Stay tuned for more information. We also enjoyed calling at our State Festival in Yakima and got a chance to renew old friendships and also made some new ones. We really enjoyed USA West in Spokane and shared in all the fun.

Our Summer was full for sure. But when Fall arrives, we start to once again teach new people how to partake of our wonderful activity. Thursday lessons just finished Lesson 2 and our Intro Night for Monday lessons begins shortly. I encourage each and every one of you to attend one or both sets of lessons and make the Flutterwheels visible to all the new students. You

don't know how much all of the callers appreciate your help. We couldn't do it without you.

I want to personally thank everyone who attended our "Boys Do Broadway dance. It was such a joy for me to be able to share the stage with Casey. Like any performer, he stepped up his game because the crowd was really into what we were doing. When he was growing up, I would never have believed that someday we would have the opportunity to call an entire dance together. One of the highlights of my calling career so thank you all for making it so special. Hopefully we can do it again sometime for those who missed it.

That's all I have for now. Enjoy the Fall and remember Christmas is only two months away!!

Glenn



Nancy's Notes

Our Thursday lessons are going strong. Thanks to all who come and angel, bring food, and clean up. You are so appreciated.

I am hearing a lot of interest in Monday lessons. So it should be another good group. I'm working hard at publicity. Please do your part, inviting friends, passing out cards, and hanging up posters. People do see them and show up. AND PLEASE come out to the Free Introduction on Monday October 6th at 6:30. The friendly folks at Lac-A-Do are the best advertisement for square dancing.

Boys Do Broadway. Glenn and I want to thank everyone who came out for "Some Enchanted Evening." I love hearing my favorite guys sing together- and it was wonderful to see eleven squares of dear friends.

If you want a picture, there are lots at 2025
(Sept) "Some Enchanted Evening" - WA Square
Dance Federation Pictures

https://wasdf.org When you reach the site,

click on Footnotes to bring up the current issue. It has information on the State federation and all the councils



Picture Courtesy Nancy Raiha

Sou'Wester Council

The Sou Wester Council will be participating in the State Festival to be held at the Ocean Shores Convention Center. See Flyers at the hall or at: https://2026.wasdf.org

The Council meeting was held September 9, 2025 at Mountain View Baptist Church in Centralia at 7:00 pm.

New officers were installed. The Council Nominating committee was filled by Becky Brewer. Publicity & promotion, Web Master & Heritage Center and Council Nominating still need to be filled. If you are interested in serving, please contact Larry Kershner at L-kershner@hotmail.com 360-273-6008.

The next Council Dance will be November 29th at St. Francis Parish hall in Toledo with Jim Raupp calling and Susan Healea cueing. Dance start at 7:00pm.

The next meeting will be November 11, 2025 at the Mountain View Baptist Church in Centralia at 7:00 pm.

The new Editor of Footnotes magazine, Peggy DeLise, sent a request that we include a request that all members look at the State Magazine at.

OASDI Meeting

There has been no OASDI meeting since summer started. The last meeting was September 20, 2025 at 10:00 am. We will get a report at a later date.

Flutterwheels is responsible for cleaning the hall on December 6, 2025 at 10:00am.

Club Picnic in August

The club picnic at Raiha's home as quite fun. Good food, great desserts, lots of conversation, and great weather and lots of visiting. Thank you Glenn & Nancy for hosting.

Next Club Meeting

The next club meeting will be November 1, 2025 at 1:00 at Dirty Dave's Pizza on Martin Way. Come a little early to order your lunch.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Jennessa Randall – Oct. 15

Linda Comer – Oct. 15

Mary Ellen Brown – Oct. 19

Ellie Keeley -Oct. 21

Sally Taylor – Oct. 22

Isaac Roy – Oct. 24

Tony D'onato - Oct. 25

Luke Manning – Nov. 2

Dawn Foreman- Nov. 4

Brad Mahood - Nov. 9

Nancy Raiha – Nov. 12

Gary Barker – Nov. 15

Dan Bode - Nov. 16

Dennis Hendershot - Nov. 18

Glenn Raiha - Nov. 20

Tom Mellinger – Nov. 20

Bruce Morey – Nov. 25

Anniversaries

Ron & Georgine Woolcock – October 19

Linda & Gary Barker – October 21

Catherine & Tom Klobucar – November 22

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 were sent to: Kathy Rooney, Gary Gleckler and one to Amy Gleckler. Sympathy cards went to Ed Murray's Family and one to Norene Peterson's family. Norene's Memorial service will be Saturday October 18, 2025 at Lac A Do Hall from 11:30 to 2:30 with a potluck lunch. Also a sympathy card to Don McCully for the passing of his wife, Lorraine. Margaret Fuller rec'd a Thinking of you card as did Gordon Allen.

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

New Members

Ellen Matheny reported we have a new member Emma Fisher. Welcome and we hope you will have many years of dancing pleasure.

Holiday Party

The annual holiday party will be held at the Raiha home on January 11, 2026 from 1:00 to 4:00 with a White Elephant Exchange. More info to come later.

Future Events

New Years Eve Lac A Do – Featuring the Brendzy Family calling and cueing. 8:00 pm-12:15am \$20.00 per person. Appetizers, desserts, and beverages. Tickets available from Club Officers. Questions-contact Lisa Metsch 360-584-8771.

Future State Festival:

73rd Washington State Festival will be July 16-18, 2026 in Ocean Shore, WA. To get a registration form go to the new Washington State Web site http://wasdf.org or 2026.wasdf.org

Future National Conventions:

75th National Convention – June 24- 27, 2026 in Waco, Texas. Or web site: <u>register.75nsdc@gmail.com</u> or 75th NSDC website.

76^{th 9}National Convention – June 23-26, 2027in Loveland, Colorado (For more information see the Footnotes magazine on the state website.

77th National Convention – June 28-July 1will be in Daytona Beach FL

Future US West Convention

USA West Convention – was held in Spokane with 535 dancers in attendance at the Spokane Fair and Expo Center. The 2026 Convention will be Circle Eight in the Beehive state in Cedar City Utah. For registration and info see Utah. USAwest.net

Leadership Seminar

Leadership Seminar will again be held in conjunction with the 2026 State Festival in Ocean Shores WA

Canadian National Convention

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

Calendar Of Events

October, 4, 2025 - Flutterwheels dance. 7:00 pm October 6, 2025 - Free Introduction to Squares 6:30 October 11, 2025 - Do Si Do's 76th Anniversary Dance with Dan Preedy and Leo Catt October 13, 2025 - Columbus/Indigenous Day October 13, 2025 - First Monday Lessons - 6:30pm October 18, 2025 – Flutterwheels dance 7:00

October 31, 2025 - Halloween

November 1, 2025 – Flutterwheels Club meeting 1:00

November 1, 2025 – Flutterwheels Dance 7:00 pm

November 11, 2025 - Veterans Day

November 11, 2025 - Sou'Wester Council Meeting 7:00

November 15, 2025 - Flutterwheels Dance 7:00

November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving Day

November 28, 2025 - Black Friday - Happy Shopping

November 29, 2025 - Council Dance St Francis Parish

Toledo 7:00 pm

December 6, 2025 – Thankful Christmas Dance in Toledo

Story of the Month

How to Give A Cat A Pill

- 1. Sit on Sofa. Pick Up cat and cradle it in the crook of your elbow as though you were going to give a bottle to a baby. Talk softly to it. With right hand position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. (Be Patient.) As cat opens mouth pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow. Let go of cat, noticing the direction it runs.
- 2. Pick the pill up off the floor and go and get the cat from behind the sofa. Cradle cat in left arm, and repeat process. Sit on floor in kitchen, wrap arm around cat as before, drop pill in mouth. Let go of cat, again noticing the direction it runs.
- 3. Retrieve cat from bedroom, and throw soggy pill away. Bring it back to the kitchen. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of the mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten. Pry claws from back legs out of your arm. Go get the cat, pick up the half dissolved pill from floor and drop into garbage can.
- 4. Call spouse from back yard. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between kneels, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously. Retrieve cat from curtain rod, get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtain. Carefully sweep shattered

Doulton figurine from hearth and set aside for gluing later.

- 5. Get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down drinking straw. Check label to make sure pill is not harmful to humans, drink glass of water to take taste away. Apply band-aid to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.
- 6. Retrieve cat from neighbor's shed. Get another pill. Place cat in cupboard and close door onto neck to leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with rubber band.

Fetch screwdriver from garage and put door back on hinges. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus shot. Throw T-shirt away and fetch a new one from bedroom. Call fire Department to retrieve cat from across the road. Apologize to the neighbor who crashed into the fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take another pill from foil wrap.

- 7. Tie cat's front paws to rear paws with garden twine, and bind tightly to leg of dining room table, find heavy duty pruning gloves from shed, force cat's mouth open with a small spanner. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of fillet steak. Hold head vertically and pour one cup of water down throat to wash pill down. Get spouse to drive you to emergency room sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Call furniture shop on way home to order a new table.
- 8. Get last pill from bottle. Go into bathroom and get a fluffy towel. Stay in bathroom with the cat and close the door. Sit on bathroom floor, wrap towel around kitty, leaving only his head exposed. Cradle kitty in crook of your arm and pick up pill off the counter. Retrieve cat from top of shower door (you didn't know that cats can jump 5 feet straight up in the air, did you?) and wrap towel around it a little tighter, making sure its paws can't come out this time. With fingers at either side of its jaw, pry it open and pop pill into mouth. Quickly close mouth (his, not yours). Sit on floor with cat in your lap stroking it under the chin and talking to it gently for at least half an hour, while pill dissolves. Unwrap towel, open bathroom door. Wash off scratches in warm soapy water and comb your hair. Arrange for SPCA to get cat and call local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

How To Give A Dog A Pill

1. Unwrap the pill from the foil container. Pre-wrap the pill in his favorite food like cheese, meat, or peanut butter. Call the dog. He will gladly take it, and then will want to play ball. Problem solved.

Happy Thanksgiving!



