
ALL A FLUTTER

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Dances

The February 1 2025 with guest caller Andy Garboden and Mary Parson Cueing. Chili Cookoff, enter your favorite Chili. Pre Rounds at 7:00, Msainstream Dance at 7:30. Club members are the hosts.

February 15, 2025 with Glenn Raiha calling and Joe Scarletella cueing. Dance stars 6:30 with pre rounds. Theme is Love Makes The World Go Around. Hosts are club members.

March 1,2025 Mad Hatter dance with Marc Dennison and Bob Knudsen calling and Mary Parson cueing Club members are the hosts. Dance starts at 7:00.

The March 15, 2025 Flutterwheels will be DARK at Lac A Do Hall with a club travel to the Kitsap Kapers in Gorst. More infor to follow regarding time and for car pooling.

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,
It's my turn to write from the co-presidents. It's been a great month for square dancing; from New Years eve when we had Steve Noseck and Rochelle do our OASDI dance to the Oregon Midwinter Festival Jan 25-27. Our club and council members were at both

events. New Years Eve was fun as we celebrated midnight in several time zones with food and music to match.

The festival in Albany, Oregon was a huge event as we danced with club members (Jutta, Dave and Maria and Barb B.) and folks from all over WA and OR. The featured caller was Jaden Frigo from Melbourne, Australia and the cuers were Gert-Jan and Susie Rotscheid from the Netherlands. It showed us how international our activity is.

In the coming months, we have more great dances scheduled. I hope you bring your best chili or side dish for the Feb 1st dance with guest caller Andy Garboden. Please add hall cleaning and another dance to your calendar for Feb. 15th. In March, we'll have another Journeyman Caller dance with Marc and Bob on 3/1 and we will travel to the Kitsap Kaper on 3/15. Farther out we have our Memorial Day weekend event, the WA State Festival (7/11-12, 2025 in Yakima) and USA West Convention (7/24-26, 2025 in Spokane). Let me know if you have questions about any of those big events.

See you on the dance floor,
Dan Bode Co-President



Caller's Corner

The holidays have passed, and daylight lasts longer each day. YAY!!!! Now all we need is to avoid the bitter cold temperatures and potential snow for the next two months and I will be extremely happy. In case you have noticed I hate the short days and extreme cold of PNW winters. That is what I get for marrying a Northwest gal!

Our new Thursday night class is going strong with lots of new, enthusiastic students. As always, we need friendly and patient angels to come out and help our new folks be successful. Nancy and I genuinely appreciate all of you who take time out of your busy schedules to show up on Monday and Thursday nights. We could not do it without you.

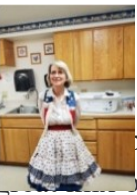
Just a quick reminder that the State Festival is just 6 months away so think about registering now and get your hotel reservations locked down. The featured caller is Hunter Keller from Montana and boy is he good. I know you will enjoy dancing to him as well as all the state callers who will be there.

You Plus dancers do not want to miss our Plus-In-A-Week which begins on June 22nd with a MS dance and continues for the entire week finishing with a Trail Out dance on Sunday morning June 29th. Tom Clymer, from Wenatchee will be sharing the stage with me and Ron Woolcock will be working with us on the rounds. Whether you are an experienced Plus dancer or you have just finished Plus lessons, this week is for you. We tailor the week based on the experience level of the dancers on the floor. It's fun with lots of laughter and socializing. Try it, I think you will certainly like it.

That is it for now. As always, keep dancing and remember to have fun. See you on the dance floor

Glenn

Nancy's Notes



I'm happy with our Thursday lessons. It's a mix of Basic students, Mainstream students, and angels. Makes my heart full to hear all those feet shuffling in unison - and to see the "Oh, I got it!" look on faces. Lots of happy chatter between tips. Thanks to all of you who come out to support.

- SO - now we turn our heads to Monday Lessons. Free Intro is Feb 10 and Lesson #1 is Feb 17 - both at 6:30. It's the last chance for lessons until next Fall. Please do everything you can to get the word out, and come out to show potential students a good time. We have lots of cards and posters left.

- Saturday, Feb 15 will be the First Dance for our Thursday class. Basic through Lesson #5, then Mainstream through Lessons #5. And, a treat, Joe Scarlatta is cueing. "Love Makes the World Go Round" theme.

OTHER STUFF

- Think about whether you can help Flutterwheels in an officer position. We will vote on new officers in April. If you can help, please tell Dan or Nancy.
- Our club is cancelling dances in March and April to allow us to go to some very special weekends
 - Kitsap Kaper - March 14-16 at the Kitsap Dance Center near Bremerton. This is the most star-studded special weekend I have ever seen in Washington State. World-famous callers Tony Oxendine, Jett Roberts, and Charlie Robertson. This should be an amazing weekend. Register before March 1 to save \$10 per person on the weekend package. They will hopefully allow people to pay for individual dances if there is room in this large hall.
 - Preedy-Sikorsky Promenade. At Lac-A-Do. April 4-5. Always a favorite.

New Club Travel Outfits

A long time tradition in the Square Dance Community is for a Club to have a designated Travel Outfit. It is NOT a requirement, but something many clubs enjoy. The basic idea is that the club establishes a specific outfit that we'd wear when attending dances as a group (not the club dances). One example would be when we went to the Thankful Christmas Dance in December with the Cougar Squares. It is fun to see a group all dressed alike, and you know they all are there together.

At our January 6th meeting, it was decided we should reach out and see if there is interest in doing this again. An email was sent out, and so far just over a dozen responses have been received expressing interest. So the next step is to get this group together to make further decisions.

The 2 fabrics being considered are:
Club Travel Outfit

The group will make further decisions on the skirt design, additional fabrics to be used, do we want to designate a specific blouse color or style, items for the men to wear, etc. After further decisions are made by the group, the plan would be to have a group day of sewing at some point. Those who can sew will bring their machines and sew. Those who don't have machines to bring but can sew, there likely would be some extra machines available. Those that don't sew can work on other tasks to help. If you are interested, and haven't responded to the email yet, please email Debby at debferre@aol.com. She is gathering the names/emails of those interested and then will give them to the group to then move forward with plans. Email her also if you have any questions.
Thank you. Deb Ferrell

Sou'Wester Council

The Council meeting on January 14, 2025. The major item was that the 2026 festival will be chaired by Rainier Council. To help please contact Avery Lavair at Lavairavery@gmail.com It will still be at Ocean Shores Convention Center on June 18-20, 2026. Sou'Wester Council had agreed to loan \$10,000. That has since changed and Rainier will be responsible along with the state Federation.

The 7th Annual Lollapalooza Multi Council dance will be March 29, 2025 at the Kitsap Square Dance hall on Saturday March 29, 2025 with Dan Preedy calling and Rochelle Catt cueing. Dance starts at 7:00. Cost is \$10.00. per person.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Wendy Hickey – Feb.1
Christina D'onato– Feb .5
Mary Parsons – Feb. 5
Bradleigh Dvorak – Feb. 5
Alice Huber – Feb. 10
Eric Metsch – Feb. 10
Rhonda Devine – Feb. 21
Leah Rey– Feb. 22
Tom Klobucar – Feb. 26
Noreen Peterson – March 4 (100 years old.)
Walt Dorhing – Mar. 4
Dave Mabey – Mar. 9
Scott Parsons – Mar. 17
Linda Barker – Mar. 21
Leanne Dvorak – Mar. 24
Tom Ritchie -Mar. 26

Anniversaries

Anika & John Ho – March 20

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 sympathy cards to: the family of Jackie Gadman a former Lacey Daisy and to Bobbe Andersen for the passing of her daughter, Kim. A Sympathy card was sent to the Family of Ginny Crapo. Ginny and her husband, Dennis, cued and taught in Olympia area and US. He wrote many dances, and was named to the McNutt Award in 2007. Get Well cards were sent Sandy Curtis, Judy Hroncich, and Georgine Woolcock.

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 Des Mc Gahern & Martha Guilfoyle and Rooster Cogburn. 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. To meet Rooster, check the front desk, or the caller Stage, or see Angelica

Holiday Party

The Flutterwheels Holiday Party at Raiha's was exceptional. It seems like a long time ago...but of course the highlight was "Who would take Matilda the Chicken home???" After lots of laughter and tears, Angelica ended up taking her home for the year but when she is unavailable, then Leanne Dvorak will be her Grandma and take care of her. Thank you for all the wonderful food, appetizers, and desserts!!

New Year Eve 2024

The New Years Eve Dance and party was a huge success!! Thank you to Steve Noseck for calling and Marie Wood for cueing. A huge THANKYOU to the committee!!! It was reported that they made over \$1000.00 for the hall.

Matilda the Chicken Update

(see picture below)

Love is definitely in the air!!! Matilda has a boy friend. You will see them at different dances. His name is Rooster Cogburn and he has become a member of our club. Stop by to greet them both. Have a picture taken, and welcome him to our club!!

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 Hunter Keller from Montana as the featured caller. Doug & Leslie Dodge will be

the featured Cuers. Get registered now at www.squaredance-wa.org

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

Future National Conventions:

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

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

76th 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

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 (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

Feb. 1, 2025 – Flutterwheels Dance – 7:00pm

Feb. 9, 2025 Super Bowl

Feb. 10, 2025 – Free Intro to Square Dancing – 6:30

Feb 14, 2025 Valentine's Day

Feb. 15, 2025 Hall cleaning

Feb. 15, 2025 – Flutterwheels Dance – 6:30

Feb. 17, 2025 President's Day

Feb. 17, 2025 - 1st Night of Beginning Squares 6:30
March 1, 2025 – Flutterwheels Dance – 7:00
March 4, 2025 – Mardi Gras
March 5, 2025 – Ash Wednesday
March 9, 2025 – Daylight Savings Time Starts
March 15, 2025 – Flutterwheels Dance – 6:30
March 17, 2025 – St. Patrick’s Day

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.

Memorial Day Dance and Campout starts on Thursday May 22, 2025 with the class graduation, and the other programs start on Friday. See Flyers at the hall for more info.

Story of the Month

When I was working, I collected all kinds of jokes and stories. This one is dated, but, I hope you will enjoy it anyway. Georgine

Phone Call

I was at home the other night in the middle of my dinner when the phone rang.

Me: Hello.

AT&T: Hello, this is AT&T.

Me: Is this AT&T?

AT&T: Yes, this is AT&T...

Me: This is AT&T?

AT&T: Yes, this is AT&T...

Me: Is this AT&T?

AT&T: Yes! This is AT&T. May I speak to Mr. Bryon, Please?

Me: May I ask who is calling?

AT&T: This is AT&T

Me: OK, hold on. (At this point I put the phone down for a solid 5 minutes thinking surely, this person would

have hung up the phone. I ate my salad. Much to my surprise, when I picked up the receiver, they were still waiting.)

Me: Hello?

AT&T: Is this Mr. Bryon?

Me: May I ask who is calling, please?

AT&T: Yes, this is AT&T...

Me: This is AT&T?

AT&T: Yes, this is AT&T.

Me: The phone Company?

AT&T: Yes, Sir.

Me: I thought you said this was AT&T.

AT&T: Yes, sir, we are a phone company.

Me; I already have a phone.

AT&T; We aren’t selling phones today, Mr. Bryon. We would like to offer you 10 cents a minute, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 a year.

Me: Now, that’s 10 cents a minute, 24 hours a day?

AT&T: (getting a little excited at this point by my interest): Yes, sir, that’s right! Twenty-four hours a day!

Me; 7 days a week?

AT&T: That’s right.

Me: 365 days a year?

AT&T-: Yes, sir.

Me: I am definitely interested in that! Wow!! That’s amazing!

AT&T: We think so!

Me: That’s quite a sum of money!

AT&T: Yes, sir, it’s amazing how it adds up.

Me: OK, so will you send me checks weekly, monthly, or just one big one at the end of the year for the full \$52,560; and if you send an annual check, can I get a cash advance?

AT&T: Excuse me?

Me: You know, the 10 cents a minute.

AT&T: What are you talking about?

Me: You said you'd give me 10 cents a minute, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. That comes to \$144 per day, \$1008 per week, and \$52,560 per year. I'm just interested in knowing how you will be making payment.

AT&T: Oh no, sir! I didn't mean we'd be paying you. You pay us 10 cents a minute.

Me: Wait a minute, how do you figure that by saying that you'll give me 10 cents a minute, that I'll give YOU 10 cents a minute? Is this some kind of subliminal telemarketing scheme? I've read about things like this in the Enquirer, you know.

AT&T: No, sir, we are offering 10 cents a minute for.

Me: THERE YOU GO AGAIN! Can I speak to a supervisor, please?

AT&T: Sir, I don't think that is necessary.

Me: I insist on speaking to a supervisor!

AT&T: Yes, Mr Bryon. Please hold.(At this point, I begin trying to finish my dinner.)

Supervisor: Mr. Bryon?

Me: Yeth?

Supervisor: I understand you do not quite understand our 10 cents a minute program.

Me: Is this AT&T?

Supervisor: Yes, sir, it sure is.

Me: (I had to swallow before I choked on my food. It was all I could do to suppress my laughter and I had to

be careful not to produce a snort.) No, actually, I was just waiting for someone to get back to me so that I could sign up for the plan.

Supervisor: OK, no problem. I'll transfer you back to the person who was helping you.

Me: Thank you. (I was on hold once again and managed a few more mouthfuls. I needed to end this conversation. Suddenly, there was an aggravated but polite voice at the other end of the phone.)

AT&T: Hello, Mr. Bryon, I understand that you are interested in signing up for our plan?

Me: No, but I was wondering – do you have that “Friends and Family” thing because I'm an only child and I'd really like to have a little brother...

AT&T: click.....

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