

Getting To Know the Do-Si-Dos

The Olympia Do-Si-Dos are the oldest continuous square dance club in the Olympia area and the second oldest club in the State of Washington. The Certificate of Registration and emblem trademark are on record with the State of Washington, as of October 20, 1949. On October 12, 2024 we celebrated our 75th anniversary as a club. We look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries as a club.

George and Madge Ames were the longest standing members of the Do-Si-Dos, dating to August 1962. Both have passed away. They donated the land on which the Lac-A-Do hall now sits. Construction began on the first hall in 1963. Tragically in July 1995, the hall burnt to the ground. Once again the square dancers rose up to the need and rebuilt the hall, with donated supplies and labor, hence the name, lack of money, or Lac-A-Do. This is the hall we dance in today. The hall is managed by the Olympia Area Square Dance, Inc. (OASDI) which is comprised of all of the members of the square and round dance clubs that dance in the hall.

Throughout our 70 plus years of dancing, we have had the opportunity to dance to a number of fabulous callers and cuers. Many of you have had the opportunity to dance to Leo Catt and Gunter Monroe during lessons and both of them call for our club. Leo has been hired as our permanent club caller for our 2nd Saturday of each month dances beginning in January 2025 and Gunter is our club caller for our 4th Sunday afternoon mainstream dances. Leo also calls a basic dance for us from 1 – 2 on the 4th Sunday of every month.

We always try to keep our dances fun and challenging. We have a theme for each dance and decorate the hall to match the theme. Watch for flyers in the hall that will provide the date and theme for each upcoming dance. Feel free to dress to match the theme and join the fun on the dance floor. In the past we have had black light dances which were always a major hit. If you haven't tried dancing under black lights while wearing white gloves on your hands you have something to look forward to.

We also enjoy traveling to other clubs throughout the area. This provides us with the opportunity to dance to other callers and cuers, meet other dancers, create new friendships and get to know one another a little better. We look forward to having you travel with us.

The Do-Si-Dos believe it is important to give to the community. In September of each year, we solicit school supplies from our members and visitors to donate to a local school district to help students who are less fortunate than ourselves and are in need of supplies.

During the summer we hold our annual club picnic. Over the years we have had both a progressive picnic, traveling from one member's home to another to enjoy various courses or we have spent an afternoon at one of our members' homes having a barbeque. We also have a Christmas party each year on a Sunday afternoon in December. While we don't dance at the party, we always enjoy a delicious meal, a fun-filled and lively ornament exchange and the company of each other.

"Square Dancing is Friendship Set to Music"

Club meetings are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at the Puerta Vallarta restaurant in Lacey beginning at 4:30 pm. We enjoy a delicious dinner while conducting club members. We always value the input and suggestions from all of our members.

If you want more information about our club just ask anyone wearing a Do-Si-Do club badge. Join our Facebook page “Do-Si-Do Square Dance Club, Olympia, WA” to keep up on all our activities.

Hope to see you in a square soon.