
ALL A FLUTTER

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Dances

The August 5, 2023, Dance will have Glenn Raiha calling and Mary Parsons cueing starting at 7:00. The Theme is “School Supplies”. Bev White and Kathy & Lloyd Holcomb are the hosts. Plus tip at the end of the main dance. Bring School supplies to “Stuff the Bus” for school kids that cannot afford them & to help teachers.

The August 19, 2023 dance will have Glenn Raiha calling and Ron Woolcock cueing. The theme is “Root Beer Floats”. Catherine & Tom Klobucar are the hosts.

September 2, 2023, dance is DARK. Happy Labor Day Weekend

September 16, 2023, dance will be a celebration party for Kathy Rooney – for the MacGregor Award starting at 4:00 pm.

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

The Web site to sign up to be a host for our dances is: <http://www.olympiasquaredance.com/flutterwheels.html> . It also contains info on the callers, cuers, and themes. It also has the club handbook.

Words from our President

Hi Flutterwheel dancers,

We've just completed the Plus in a Week lessons and dance weekend. It was a large class with lots of hours of dancing and laughter was included. We had a good time meeting dancers from all over WA (even BC and OR) and helping them become better dancers. Thanks Glenn and Nancy for all the hard work and for the deck party to celebrate our week. Thanks to Tom

Clymer for his good teaching skills. One of our visitors said they appreciated the good publicity for the event. Many students also appreciated local angels helping out all week.

Looking forward to the next two months, we have our regular dances in August (5 and 19). In September we are dark on Labor Day weekend but come back on the 16th to celebrate with Double A's to honor Kathy Rooney and her state award last month. More info on the big event to come. We want to welcome our new members, Bob Faires (from Aberdeen) Elizabeth Greenhill and Grace Marie to our club. Say hi when you see them and enjoy the rest of the summer and see you at the hall.

Bobbie & Dan Bode
360-481-6590

Caller's Corner

Nancy and I had a really great time last week and weekend doing Plus-in-a-Week with Tom and Chris Clymer and our own Ron and Georgine Woolcock. I really enjoyed watching folks that I had taught Mainstream enjoy learning something different. There was lots of laughter and smiles the entire week and it truly was a great example of what our activity is about. Having Fun and making new friends! Thanks to everyone who participated. We plan to repeat this great learning experience in the new year so watch for flyers advertising when and where.

In a little over a month, we start the lesson cycle for Basic and Mainstream. Make sure you have done everything you can to help us promote our first introductory night on September 7th. Bring your friends, family, neighbors and even your enemies. Don't tell them that it is square dance lessons. Tell them it is a free introduction to what square dancing really is. Tell them you will pick them up and drive

them to Lac-A-Do, so they don't get lost. Also tell them you will dance with them to make sure they have fun.

Mark your calendar now for New Years 2024. Steve Noseck and I will be calling with Shawn Caveness doing the rounds. Watch for Nancy's email that will contain information on tickets etc. Come join in the fun and welcome in the New Year with your square and round dance friends.

We have also decided to add a Plus tip for our new Plus dancers after the last tip at our first Saturday dances. Nancy has also volunteered to do an additional Plus walk-thru at 5:40, twenty mins before our plus workshop at 6:00 PM on Thursdays.

Looking forward to the start of lessons, hope to see you at the hall on September 7th.

Glenn

State Festival Award Winners

Awards were given out at the State Festival in June. The Parker Award was given to Tom & Chris Clymer from Wenatchee. The McNutt Award was given to Shawn and Wendy Caveness. They teach and cue here at Lac A Do Hall. Our own Kathy Rooney received the MacGregor Award for the Dancer "who has done an outstanding job of promoting Square and Round dancing and has worked many facets of this." And the President's award was given to Lane and Gail Johnston from Rainier council.

There will be a celebration for Kathy Rooney on Saturday Sept. 16th. The Double A's are starting the festivities with a reception at 4:00 pm. Flutterwheels have given up their dance for this party, but we hope many members will come to honor her. For the dance we will have Don Wood as Caller MC along with Glenn Raiha, and Gunter Monroe are calling and Ron Woolcock Cuer MC and Mary Parsons. These callers and cuers are giving their time for this event. We will dance all the levels Kathy supports: Basic, Mainstream, and Plus - with an Advanced tip at the close of the evening. The Flutterwheels are sponsoring a "Free Baked Potato Bar" dinner around 5:30. The

dancing will start around 7:00. All members will help host that and the evening dance. Double A's will provide cake and ice cream at the break. More information will come as we get closer regarding the Potato Bar for dinner. Georgine is in charge of the dinner. People can come to all or ANY part of this event! If anyone asks about the cost, tell them it's free. You can tell them that if they wish, they can donate to the Lac-A-Do Roof Fund in Kathy's name.

Dance Theme & Hosting

Debbie Ferrell said she had a great response for helpers at the dances. As you are able, when there is a Flutterwheels dance, club members usually bring snacks to the Hall and stay briefly at the end of the dance to help clean, tidy up the kitchen, empty the trash, sweeping and vacuuming. Thank you for volunteering to help. You can check the calendar at [THIS LINK](#).

Sou' Wester Council

We as a club along with eight other clubs comprise the Sou'Wester Council which covers Thurston, Grays Harbor, Lewis, and Cowlitz County. They are run by a board of elected dancers and help to sponsor festivals and other dances. The Washington State Federation is made up of 12 other councils across the state of Washington. They are responsible for putting on the state Festivals with the help of a designated council. If you have more questions, please ask me. GW

Plans are underway for the State Festival to be held in Yakima on July 12-14, 2024. If you can help in any way, please contact Co – Chairs Kay Mahan at 206-612-1781 or Gene Currier at 360-427-3261. They can always use some help. This is sponsored by Sou'wester Council. Registrations forms are in the hall.

The next Sou'Wester Council meeting will be September 12, 2023 at Mountain View Church in Centralia.

OASDI

At the last dance I was asked about what OASDI means. So, I thought I would address those burning questions. OASDI stands for the Olympia Area Square Dance Inc. We own Lac A Do Hall. We elect two members from our club to represent us on that board. They have a President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer. They are responsible for the renting, upkeep, and expenses of this hall, which include Thurston County property taxes and insurance. The next OASDI Meeting will be August 19, 2023, at 10:00 am at the hall.

Birthday & Anniversary

Ron Woolcock – Aug. 2
Barb Brawer – Aug. 5
Debra Baker – Aug. 9
Dian Green – Aug. 9
Kathy Holcomb – Aug. 11
Elizabeth Greenhill – Aug. 25
Catherine Klobucar – Aug. 28
Sara Mahood – Aug. 30
Grace Marie - Sept. 4
Anniversaries
Lisa & Ed Currall – August 18
Dan & Bobbi Bode – August 21

Please be sure that Georgine has your birthday & Anniversary information so that we can acknowledge you on your special day!!

Sunshine

Jutta Wabinga sent get-well cards to Charlette Pearson, Tony Hroncich, Rhonda Devine, Mark Sherman and Ron Woolcock. She sent a sympathy to Curt & Diane Leigh for the passing of her Mother, Mary Striggow.

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

We have some new members that have joined Flutterwheels. Elizabeth Greenhill, Grace Marie, Walt Dohring and Bob Faires. Welcome to all of you. We hope that your experience as a member is long and happy one!!!

Lessons

There will continue to be workshops on Thursday August 3, starting at 5:40 with Plus walk thru and review, then Basic at 6:30, then Mainstream at 8:00 through August 31st. If you are unable to dance during the weekend, then these workshops are for you!! It helps to retain all your hard work from classes, keeps you dancing and there is no pressure.

Remember that the Fall Introductory lessons will start on Thursday September 7, 2023, so be sure to encourage your friends and family to attend the introductory free lesson. NOTE: If you distribute flyers be sure to add the name of the businesses on the OASDI Board, "The All Roads Lead to Lac A Do." Bev White and her Team did an excellent job of showcasing where we have advertised. So be sure to put up your advertising place. Again, word of mouth and a free lesson card works wonders. Be sure to follow up on contacts you made during the week of the first night. Remember if they say they can't make it, the real first lessons start on Sept 14th, and again in October. The October Introductory lessons will be held on Oct. 9, 2023. Cards are available in the hall.

Nancy's Notes

We had a great Plus in a Week class here at Lac-A-Do. Of the 38 graduates, 16 were Flutterwheels members. Our Olympia dancers made us proud. Their solid mainstream skills really contributed to success at the Plus level. Congratulation to:

Audrey Pastore
Bev White
Bob Faires
Bobby Lewis Simons
Debby Ferrell
Grace Marie
Lloyd & Kathy Holcomb
Marc Denniston

Randy Allen
Rhonda Devine
Roberta Golden
Tom & Catherine Klobucar
Tom Mellinger
Wendy Hickey

Stay tuned to learn more about the big gala New Year's Dance at Lac-A-Do. This is always a lovely big party – and we all can play a part.

Future Events

Future State Festival:

July 12 & 13, 2024 Sou' Wester Council is hosting at the Yakima Convention Center. Signup sheets are available in the hall.

June 14-15, 2025, Central Area Council Yakima Convention Center

Future National Conventions:

The 73rd National convention will be in June 26-29, 2024, in Milwaukee WI

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

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

55th Leadership Seminar will be July 13, 14, 2024 is set for Yakima Convention Center. The Keynote speaker for Sunday will be Nancy Raiha.

Calendar of Events

August 1 – National Girl Friend Day
August 4 – Coast Guard Birthday
August 4 – National Beer Day
August 5 – Flutterwheels Dance – 7:00pm
August 6 – American Family Day
August 7 – National Purple Heart
August 8 – International Cat Day
August 10 – National Spoil Your Dog Day
August 13 – National Left Handers Day
August 16 – National Bratwurst Day
August 18 – Hawaii Statehood Day

August 19 – National Aviation Day
August 19 – Flutterwheels Dance – 7:00
August 20 – National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day
August 24 – National Waffle Day
August 25 – National Park Service Founders Day
August 30 – National Beach Day
September 2 – Flutterwheels Dance - DARK
September 4 – Labor Day
September 7 – Free Beginner Lessons– 6:30
September 14 - 1st Beginner Lesson – 6:30
September 16 – OASDI Meeting – 10:00 am
September 16 – Party Honoring Kathy Rooney - 4:30
December 31, 2023 – New Years Eve at Lac A Do

Humor of the Month

Since August seems to be a high travel month, I found this years ago...Enjoy!!

AIRLINE ANNOUNCEMENTS

All too rarely, airline attendants make an effort to make the in-flight “safety lecture” and their other announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

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On a Continental Flight with a very “senior” flight attendant crew, the pilot said “Ladies and gentlemen, we’ve reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants.
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On landing, the stewardess said, “Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you’re going to leave anything, please make sure it’s something we’d like to have.
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There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane.
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“Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride.”

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Ronald Reagan, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: “Whoa, big fella, WHOA!”

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced, “Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted.”

From a Southwest Airlines employee: “Welcome aboard Southwest Flight 245 to Tampa. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and if you don’t know how to operate one, you probably shouldn’t be out in public unsupervised.”

“In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favorite.”

“Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we’ll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money more than Southwest Airlines.

“Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments.”

“Should the cabin loose pressure, oxygen masks are in the overhead area. Please place the bag over your own mouth and nose before assisting children...or other adults acting like children.”

“As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses.”

And from the pilot during his welcome message: “Delta Airlines is pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight.

Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City: The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, “That was quite a bump, and I know what y’all are thinking. I’m here to tell you it wasn’t the airline’s fault, it wasn’t the pilot’s fault, it wasn’t the flight attendant’s fault...it was the asphalt.”

Overheard on an American Airlines flight into Amarillo, Texas, on a particularly windy and bumpy day. During the final approach, the captain was really having to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight Attendant said, “Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo. Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the captain taxis what’s left of our airplane to the gate!”

Another flight attendant’s comment on a less than perfect landing: “We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal.”

An airline pilot wrote on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a “Thanks for flying our airline.” He said that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally, everyone had gotten off except for a little old lady walking with a cane. She said “Sir, do you mind if I ask you a question?” Why, no, Ma’am, said the pilot.

“What is it?” The little old lady said, “Did we land, or were we shot down?”

After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the Flight Attendant came on with, “Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Capt. Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we’ll open the door, and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal.”

Part of a flight attendant’s arrival announcement:
“We’d like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you’ll think of US Airways.”

A plane was taking off from Kennedy Airport. After it reached a comfortable cruising altitude, the captain made an announcement over the intercom, “Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. “Welcome to Flight Number 293, nonstop from New York to Los Angeles. The weather ahead is good and therefore, we should have a smooth and uneventful flight. Now sit back and relax...OH MY ___!” Silenced followed, and after a few minutes, the captain came back on the intercom and said, “Ladies and Gentlemen, I am so sorry if I scared you earlier. While I was talking to you, the flight attendant brought me a cup coffee and spilled the hot coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!” A passenger in Coach yelled, “That’s nothing. You should see the back of mine!”

And my favorite that I heard myself on a Southwest Airline flight. “Ladies and Gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section on this airplane is on the wing and if you can light ‘em, you can smoke!!



Picture by Cindy Turner at Raiha Deck Party 7-2

