

## Calendar

- 4/27 Sunday Benefit Performance for OGCC
- 5/2 Bonnie Ivy's Birthday
- 5/3 Teddy Bear Parade – Oaky Doaks dancing on trailer.
- 5/3 SOCK HOP --- 54<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY - First Saturday Dance
- 5/8 Donna Woodward's Birthday
- 5/13 Tuesday - Oaky Doaks Board Meeting – hosted by Debra & Kelly Dunn at 200 NE 94<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland. At 7:30 pm.
- 5/17 Third Saturday Dance – Modern Western!
- 5/25 Rosalee Salisbery's Birthday
- 5/30 Chris Suran & John Langlo's Birthday
- 5/30 Friday – PAC Dance
- 5/31 Margarette & John Langlo's Anniversary
- 5/31 Saturday Starlight Parade – with Square Dancing on Trailer

## Looking Ahead

- 6/7 Oaky Doaks Picnic First Saturday Dance
- 6/20-6/22 Summer Festival in Prineville
- 6/21 Oaky Doaks Third Saturday *We Will Be DARK*.
- 6/28 Saturday Oregon Federation Benefit Dance for Oregon Food Bank. At OGCH!
- 7/5 Oaky Doaks Red White and Blue First Saturday Dance

### REMINDER May 3 Dance:

Door Greeters: Angie Clark + Kelly Dunn  
Kitchen Sprites: Larry & Susie Woods

### May 17 Dance

Door Greeters: Bonnie Ivy + Elysa Foxman  
Kitchen Sprites: Shirley & Marvin Jones

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## Fun For a Good Cause

This coming weekend, Eric is giving a story performance at our Oak Grove Community Hall (downstairs entrance!) on Sunday afternoon (4/27) from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. It's 'by donation' and all proceeds (including Jeanine Norden's intermediate round dance immediately afterward) will go to benefit the Hall's Maintenance Fund.

Some projects on the wish list are: hot water in both ladies' and men's upstairs bathrooms, some replacement of lights, new flooring in both the men's bathrooms, replacement of 3 exterior doors and possibly outdoor signage.

If you have ever experienced one of Eric's performances, you have already marked the afternoon on your calendar. If not... well, you'll want to. I remember the very first time I was invited to one of his performances. I had absolutely NO IDEA what to expect and was a little skeptical about the whole thing. But I went along... I was captivated. He takes stories and he brings them to life before our very eyes. I guess he is a little like a magician. He hardly uses any costumes or props -- he simply becomes all the characters. Sometimes he is tall with a crooked nose, sometimes short and dumpy, and sometimes... And when there is a disagreement, it is very funny to

see him arguing with himself. And his specialty -- not too surprising -- is humor. You are "guaranteed a good time or double your laughter back!".

Please feel warmly invited. There will be an intermission with refreshments. It will be a delightful afternoon of entertainment and it goes to a good cause - our dancing home!

---Elysa Foxman

## It's our Anniversary and we are celebrating

Rain in California... What's a 1960's high school student to do? Come inside, take off our shoes - and dance at the hop! The Sock Hop ... and that is just what we'll be doing come the first Saturday dance in May (5/3). It is our Anniversary Dance! We'll be 54 years old and celebrating the early 60's. So bring out your sweater sets, your poodle skirts, and anklet socks - your stove pipe blue jeans and madras plaid shirt and join us for an evening of dance.

Snippets of our club outfits and colors, banners and other memorabilia will fill the Hall. Even our potluck is going Retro! (Ask Linda Kennel for recipes!) We'll have a 'teach' of a dance from the 1960's. And rumor has it that the "Oakettes" will be coming out of retirement for this one evening only! The Oaky Doaks: "*Happily Dancing since*

1960!"

PS Hey, do you remember 45 rpm records? Can you remember what song spent 9 weeks at the #1 spot of the Billboard charts in 1960? Answer at end.

Speaking of Dancing for a while...

!!! 48 years ago – 1966 !!! Do you remember what you were doing? You may remember many things! I'm sure Donna & Leroy Lundy remember several things from that year but one in particular has to do with the Oaky Doaks. Forty eight years ago, they began square dance lessons with the Oaky Doaks. And they have been dancing with us ever since. They have lots of tales to tell (ask them the story behind their badges!). We're hoping they will be at our anniversary dance to celebrate our 54 years and maybe share a tale or two!

Parading Around

Some of you have asked with anticipation about the Teddy Bear Parade. When is it? May 3rd (check-in starts at 9:00 am and the parade begins at 10:30 am SHARP!!)

I just learned that the Parade started as a Girl Scout Gold Project. A young lady conceived of the idea, planned it and brought it to fruition AND set it up so that it would continue after she was no longer involved - that was 16 years ago! The mission of the parade has remained the same all these years: to collect New stuffed animals which are then passed along to emergency services of Clackamas County (Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, Emergency Rooms, and Women's Shelters). It is also an opportunity for our community to honor our community's emergency personnel. It is a flat 1.1 mile route beginning at 10th and Main street and ending at Clackamette Park at the Pioneer Family Festival.

Yes! We are registered! We have a dancing trailer and a driver! AND - not just one caller *BUT TWO!* K.C. Curtis and Terry Halley will be the callers for the dancing on the parade trailer. What do we need? Dancers. *And that is where you all come in.*

What do you need?

- To arrive by 9:30 am to decorate the trailer with "bears".
- Each participant is encouraged to bring one NEW stuffed animal. (One of our Oaky Doaks noted stuffed animals may be reduced in price since we are after Easter - Walgren's was mentioned as a source.)
- Dress for the weather - sunhats and sunscreen and water for sun; rain hats, ponchos for rain; a hot drink and snacks for your wellbeing.
- Contact Angie (503-830-4527) or Keith (503-310-5672) to reserve your place in this very fun and worthwhile parade.
- And after the parade you can check out the Pioneer Family Festival!

Third Saturday Dance

It's a Modern Western Square And Round Dance Saturday night on 5/17. By then, our square dance class will be coming up on the end of Mainstream moves, so we might be pleasantly surprised to see them in our squares at that time. After all, the Mainstream Class graduation will be happening within just a few days of that Saturday. So be sure to come and dance with everyone that night. Oaky Doaks Fun!

Inventory

Keeping track of our banners in 2014 -

- 1 from Silver City Squares (2 squares)
- 1 from River City Dancers (2 squares) (with Mike and Helen calling and cueing a tip and a round!)

THA-A-A-A-N-N-N-K YOU!

We're Out Visiting

Thank you for giving your time and your attention to filling out the survey. Your responses were very helpful in supporting our decision-making for the next months.

For our third Saturday dance in June, we are choosing "Visiting" as a priority. As many of you know, Mike and Helen, will be calling at Summer Festival over in Prineville - a chance for them to share their gifts and also for exchange/ learning from/with other colleagues.

Many Oaky Doaks have already made arrangements for accomodation in and around Prineville and will be visiting the Summer Festival hosts and guests. Many other Oaky Doaks have chosen to remain at home and will have the opportunity of visiting other clubs which will not be going dark.

In the June newsletter, we will provide a comprehensive list of clubs that dance on the third weekend of June. If any of you wish to coordinate a visitation and would like some help, please contact one of the Board Members and we will do our best to help a visitation be a success.

And if you are not able to do either of these options, on the 28th of June, George and Patty Hermann will be calling/cueing at Oak Grove Community Hall (that's right! at 'home') a dance which will benefit the Oregon Food Bank. Happy Visiting! We look forward to exchanging tales of our adventures when we meet later in June or early in July at our Spirit of '76 dance on July 5th. It will be a costume dance - so get ready!!!

### Social, Social, Social

Many of you expressed great interest in the club social events. That is wonderful! and we look forward to your help in planning and making them happen.

Shirley and Marvin Jones already gave us an opportunity on April 12th. A number of Oaky Doaks headed over to their community clubhouse (very spacious and beautiful!) for a community club dinner; afterwards the Oaky Doaks, supported by Mike and Helen, gave a mini-demonstration of both square and round dances.

The highlight for many of us was the chance to showcase Shirley and Marvin's wonderful grace and elegance in an upper level waltz. Their fellow community members clearly enjoyed all the dancing and were generous in showing their appreciation afterwards. And we had a lot of fun! Who knows???. Maybe there were a few future square dancers in the audience.

We were also delighted when Marvin gave us a sneak preview of the absolutely gorgeous kitchen

he has been creating for Shirley. No wonder she is so tickled!

Thank you, thank you and thank you to Marvin and Shirley for giving us the opportunity, to Mike and Helen for coming out on a Saturday afternoon, and to John and Sue Maahs (among our newest dancers and much more accomplished than they realize!), Linda Kennel, Keith Miles, Bonnie and Eugene Ivy. It was definitely a success!!!

### Parading Around, Part 2

If you are a parade fan...

The Silver Stars are welcoming dancers from other clubs to join them on the square dance trailers in the Starlight Parade (Saturday, 5/31 in downtown Portland). It could be your television debut as well! Set up those videotape machines, so you can watch yourself when you get back home. Everyone who has done it says the same thing: *it is special to dance under the stars.*

Mary Schneider has offered to be the contact person for interested Oaky Doaks. Leave her a message on her Voice Mail at 503-949-9909 before May 9th. You will be contacted with more info (when and where to meet, what to bring, etc.). The Oaky Doaks/Happy Rockers were dancing on the lead trailer about 3 years ago; let's help the Silver Stars make this year another success.

### Summer Dancing Trip?

We received a note from the Star Promenaders, the organizers of the Diamond Lake Festival. The festival runs from July 23-26 with Jet Roberts as the featured caller and T.J. Chadd, the featured cuer. There will be potlucks on Friday and Saturday evening, pie and ice cream at the Lodge and wonderful fishing in the lake. And there will be a square dance IN the lake - refreshing! You can phone 541-292-9498 for information about registration or contact them on their website [www.starpromenaders.org/diamondlake.html](http://www.starpromenaders.org/diamondlake.html).

### Fundraising - how are we doing so far?

Many thank yous to each of you who helped out with the pre-sale and the re-sale of our used square dance clothing. There were sorters and

clothes carriers and movers and sellers and donaters and ....

Did you know we raise over \$300 to support our the Oaky Doaks dancing?

Our next opportunity is coming up! The Portland Optimists (*the Christmas Tree Sales people*) will be selling fireworks at a number of locations around Portland come the end of June/ beginning of July. The shifts are shorter (only 2 hours) and the work is lighter and the weather warmer – than in December! The Optimists are a special group to work with. We support them in their various community outreach projects; in turn they support us with a portion of the sales.

Connie has prepared a sign-up sheet so you can already indicate times that would work best for you to volunteer. The list has already had some entries filled in; sign up at the May dances, and we'll be better able to match each one of us with our "best" volunteer time. Thank you for stepping forward and giving a hand to the Optimists, to fellow Portlanders in need and in turn helping out the Oaky Doaks.

Many thanks to Elysa who wrote most of this month's issue so I could prepare for this coming Sunday matinee.

Answer to Sock Hop Question: "Theme from A Summer Place" recorded by Percy Faith and his Orchestra!