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Notes from Angie

Here it is the end of June already; yet it feels like lessons just ended. Thank you to everyone who helped with square dance lessons. We have several new members that will be showing up to dance with us. Please be sure to introduce yourself to them, or say hi and welcome them to the club while we're dancing. If you find yourself heading out to dance during the week sometime or on our off nights, please post your plans on facebook so other members can join you if possible as well as allowing our new members to get floor time.

July is going to be a busy month for us. Summertime is a wonderful time to be outside, soak up that sun, and be active with whatever you have going! (Can you tell summer is my favorite time of year?) I look forward to seeing you all at the summer events!

For our club meeting on July 29, please remember your calendars. There will be lots of information available at the meeting for the coming year and many opportunities to help with club service. It's so great when we all pitch in to support the club. It keeps us successful and moving forward to bigger and better things. Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing each of you on the dance floor soon!



Theme Dance of the Month

When: Saturday July 5, 2014

Where: Our Oak Grove Community Hall

What: "Spirit of '76"

What to Bring: Ourselves and something for our potluck (red white and blue?)

Dress: It's a costume dance! Red, White and Blue OR be creative! Costume Prizes!

Be sure to come and welcome our new members to the floor! Robben Romano, Sharon Bouchet, Annette Olson (my apologies for spelling your name incorrectly last month), Hallie Martell, Janice Young.



Visitation Possibilities

July - no formal visitation. If you are out and about, how about inviting a new dancer to come along! (newest roster attached)

August 16 - **Just 4 Fun**

Rockwood Grange

Mark Wheeler and Molly Combs

7:00 pm Potluck; 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Dance



Helping Hands - Ours

Portland Optimists **Fireworks Sale** (end June-beginning July)

Our summer fundraiser. Bonnie has contacted each of us for our 'slot'. Enjoy!

Spirit of '76 - July 5

Door Greeters - Eric and Elysa Foxman

Kitchen Sprites - Doreen and Vern Caldwell

Third Saturday Dance - July 19

Door Greeters - Angie Clark and Bonnie Ivy

Kitchen Sprites - Sue and John Maahs

Club Picnic - July 26

You will remember all the fun Larry and Susie organized last year. We are still looking for volunteers willing to come at 9:00 am to help Larry and Susie set up at Hillendale Park in Oregon City. Contact Angie (503-830-4527).

Combined Board Meeting - July 29 at 6:00 pm at Angie Clark's (1774 Christy Court, West Linn, 97068)

A look back at the past year and making plans for the coming year. Good Food Too! Angie's cooking burgers. Potluck sides, salads and desserts. See you there!

A BIG Thank You!

We've heard great feedback about the Teddy Bear Parade and the Starlight Parade (spectators dancing along on the sidewalks!).

The Chaps and Petticoats Trophy Dance was a great success. The Trophy has gone to Mix and Mingles -- a Plus Club from Tualatin Valley Council. How perfect! The Trophy Dance was conceived to help foster mixing and mingling of clubs in the Portland Area. M 'n' M's will be hosting a Mainstream dance!

We had a square at River City's Anniversary Dance initiated by our new member Sharon. About a third of our club was seen out and about and on the floor at the Rimrock Rendezvous in Prineville and another third danced up a storm at the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs' Benefit Dance hosted by George and Patty Hermann at 'our hall' (donations for the Oregon Food Bank can still be sent direct to Vivian Fairburn).

Several of us are out selling fireworks to support the Portland Optimists Club and help raise funds for the Oaky Doaks.

Thank you to each one of us - either participating 'live' or behind the scenes or with good thoughts and prayers. It all makes a difference!

A Sneak Peak ahead - to August, September and October

August 2 - **Big Birthday Bash Dance: Celebration of Disney**

Can we beat our 2080 year total from last year?!?!?

Costumes, prizes, trivia quizzes

Your Disney Memorabilia wanted - for the evening. Help celebrate Walt Disney's magical world.

We encourage you to bring along your 'Daffy Duck' toothbrush holders, 'Bambi' ceramic plates, 'The Lady and the Tramp' movie poster, 'The Jungle Book' or wear your Micky Mouse Ears or Goofy watches Help decorate the hall for the enjoyment of everyone!

August 9 - **Mystery Trip** rescheduled to October 11 due to member input.

August 16 - **Third Saturday Dance**

August 29-31 - **Dance-a-Rama** at the Double Tree Hotel, Portland,OR

September 4 - **Round Dance Waltz Lessons** begin

Start inviting friends to join these fabulous lessons!

September 6 - **Back to School Dance**

School supplies will be donated to the Oak Grove Elementary School (Last year we donated 19 filled backpacks which were much needed.)

September 12-14 **Garage Sale** (setup on Thursday)

Back by popular demand! So start saving your good quality STUFF!!! Funds will help the Oaky Doaks do wonderful dances this year.

September 20 - **Third Saturday Dance**

September 26-28 **Fall Retreat** at Son Lodge

See Bonnie to reserve your spot!



What we love about the Oaky Doaks!

This is what we've heard so far. What would you like to say? Let Angie (503-830-4527) know and we'll make sure it gets in "OUR NEWS".

🌻 "Mike and Helen really look out for us new dancers -- answering questions and making sure we understand how to do moves we don't know."

🌻 "The Angels really want us to succeed. They are genuinely interested in how we are doing and who we are. So encouraging!"

🌻 "I feel safe."

🌻 "I don't feel awkward coming to an Oaky Doaks dance without a partner. Oaky Doaks seem more interested in

making sure everyone gets to dance. I'm really impressed with how many women (even those with partners) are willing to learn the man's part so that solo women get to dance. Thank you!"

Glimpses of Summer Festival

🍁 "It was FUN!!!" she said, her face beaming.

🍁 "Lindy Gravelle's concert was an entertaining mix of humorous glimpses of human foibles and tender sentiments delivered with delightful melodies."

🍁 "I didn't know what to expect. I was captivated by her sunny and genuine presence ... a cool mix of playful and thought provoking..."

🍁 "... a lovely drive there and back. The countryside is so varied. A little bit of Oregon history along the way, too."

🍁 "On Sunday morning we met a young local woman. She had seen the square and round dance demonstration in the plaza in front of City Hall and was so interested she wanted information on lessons."

🍁 "It was a GREAT atmosphere! Filled with warmth of heart and a terrific sense of humor bubbling up throughout the days."

🍁 "They like to play! The Rope Throw and Rolling Pin Toss!!! I'm sure we have some budding cattle rustlers after that event. And what about that Outhouse Waddle!! Crazy fun!"

🍁 "The setup was fantastic. I liked that the vendors were in the hall with the dancers. Cozy and friendly."

🍁 "We danced, and danced and danced ... And then we danced some more! SUPER!!"

Thanks to Connie for the photos! We'd love to include more photos from more members ... so-o-o-o bring your cameras and send them to me!



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The Good: This is just a great color inkjet printer -- a real workhorse. Functions are easy to setup and use. Impressive color photo printing. Has all software for easy setup on a Windows or Mac system. Can also be added to a Wi-Fi network for wireless printing. Clean and ready to go. Comes with 6 new extra capacity ink cartridges that would cost more to purchase than I am asking for the whole package!

The not-so-good: The Auto Document Feeder Take-Up mechanism no longer grabs the paper to pull into scanner. Because I now have a special client project that requires me to scan large numbers of paper, I have -- reluctantly -- replaced this unit. That's the only reason I am selling. Questions? Eric at 503-659-2715