



# Dudes & Dolls Square Dance Club Newsletter

November 17, 2021

By Lorinda Snoozy

## Some Things and People We Appreciate:



This is a reminder that the next **General Meeting** will be:  
**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**  
from 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
at the Mariner Village Clubhouse  
815 124<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Everett, WA 98204  
**No food, bring your own beverage**



**Masks required**

We at the Dudes & Dolls are thankful for:

- ❖ Our women who dance the men's part:
  - Jeffrey Jones
  - Charlotte Wixon
  - Vicki Lieske
  - Joyce Sworen
  - Carol Hammer
  - Barbara Moody
- ❖ Our Caller and Cuer:
  - Scott Coon (Caller)
  - Debbie Taylor (Cuer)
- ❖ Our Officers:
  - Steve Sworen (President)
  - Vicki Lieske (Vice President)
  - Robert Reichle (Co-Treasurer)
  - JoAnn Becker (Co-Treasurer)
  - Lorinda Snoozy (Secretary)
- ❖ Our Members that are also Grange Officers:
  - Tom Berg (Grange President)
  - Penny Curtis (Grange Treasurer)
  - Charlotte Wixon (Grange Secretary)
- ❖ Our Monthly Newsletter:
  - Lorinda Snoozy (Newsletter Chair)

## President's Platform

Time to Give Thanks!

What am I thankful for? All those members who show up faithfully Tuesday after Tuesday to angel; on Dance nights to open and close the hall, take money, greet, run the solo board, sweep the floors; and throughout the month sending emails, cards, making flyers, creating the best newsletter in the State; all those who donate their time and money to make this the best club in the council!

I am so thankful for ALL OF YOU! By Steve Sworen



## National Square Dance Day



### Partial History of Square Dance:

French couples in the 18<sup>th</sup> century squared off for dances such as the Cotillon and Quadrille. Folk dances in Scotland, Scandinavia and Spain are also thought to have influenced square dancing.

Europeans brought these dances with them when they settled North American colonies. French styles became popular after the American Revolutionary War when many newly-minted citizens disdained British traditions. Several square dancing terms have their origins in the French language. Some of them include “promenade,” “allemande” and “do-si-do” (which is a corruption of “dos-a-dos” meaning back-to-back).

In the 1920’s, automaker Henry Ford decided to revive the tradition as a form of exercise and, more importantly, as instruction in proper manners with the opposite sex. He paid for the development of a national program, opened ballrooms, made attendance mandatory for his factory workers, and produced instructive radio broadcasts for schools throughout the country.

In the 1950’s, standards were developed for square dancing across the United States, allowing dancers to learn interchangeable routines and patterns.

Revised from: <https://whatnationalday.com/holiday/link/25804>



## Our Angels

To our awesome D&D lesson Angels:



We are thankful for some of our special Angels that help out at lessons and dances. These women have learned the man’s part, and they give some of our many solo women a chance to dance, women who otherwise would have had to sit out a tip. Additionally, they forfeit a chance to dance the woman’s part.

Your kindness and selflessness is truly appreciated! ♥



Vicki Lieske



Charlotte Wixon

## 7 RULES OF LIFE

### 1. SMILE

*IT ALWAYS WORKS OUT IN THE END!*

### 2. BE KIND

*YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL GOOD!*

### 3. DON'T GIVE UP

*IF IT DOESN'T WORK THE FIRST TIME, FIND ANOTHER WAY!*

### 4. DON'T COMPARE

*EVERYONE'S ON A DIFFERENT JOURNEY!*

### 5. AVOID NEGATIVITY

*AVOID NEGATIVE THOUGHTS, SITUATIONS & PEOPLE!*

### 6. MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR PAST

*FOCUS ON BEING PRESENT & CREATING A BETTER FUTURE!*

### 7. TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY & MIND

*ONE STRUGGLES TO SURVIVE WITHOUT THE OTHER!*

## The Monster Mash Dance

We had 7+ squares at the Monster Mash Dance!



Cuer: Debbie Taylor  
Caller: Stephen Noseck



Steve & Joyce Sworen



Vicki Lieske & Robert Reichle



Ken & Mara Sparks  
with Jeffrey Jones

## Who's Your Corner?

Short gal, with a long name that I wear with pride!  
I was born and raised in the area and like to tell people that I grew up just two beaches south of Edmonds, to find out who the real locals are.

I worked at Nordstrom as a graphic designer for ten years before being blessed with two wonderful daughters, Alyssa and Lea, and I got the opportunity to work in the public schools, teaching art to grade school students.

At this time, I also developed my fine art, which I continue to do by participating in many local events and being represented in Seattle by the Lynn Hanson Gallery. (See the website information on the last page.)

My interest in square dancing goes back forty years when we would go to the Folk Life Festival as a family and watch what I thought at the time was square dancing. I now know it is contra dancing; and although we have tried contra dancing, at my age it is way too much spinning, so I am very glad that a couple of years ago we found the Dudes and Dolls and have been dancing ever since.

I have been class coordinator for 3 years and my husband and I have done all the dance jobs, greeting, kitchen, and clean up. Dudes and Dolls have added another wonderful aspect to our lives, and I love stomping my feet and yelling, "dive, dive, dive!"  
(See this person's name on the last page.)

## Honoring the Veterans - Student Level Dance

We had 5+ squares with students from several clubs. Additionally, it was wonderful to have Dave and Bonnie Harry in attendance to support Dave's student dancers.



Joe Lombard



Kathy Mini

Our students shopping at the experienced clothing sale



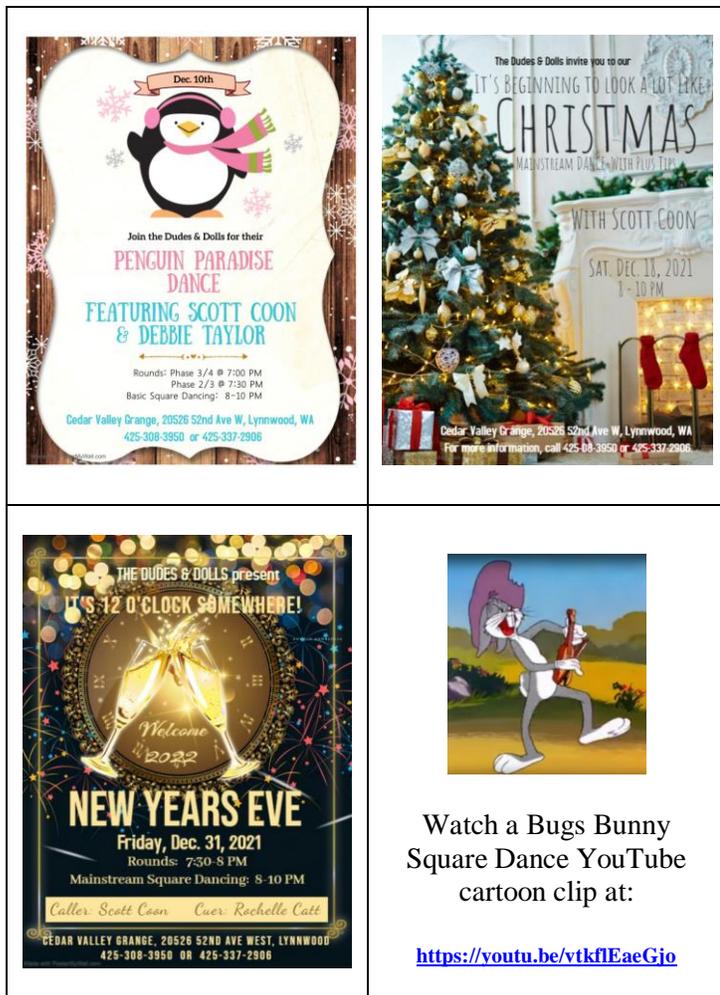
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## Dudes & Dolls Dances Next Month

Our flyers for December:



In December we are having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Basic Dance. We are having another Special Saturday MS Dance on December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will *not* have a 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Dance because that will be Christmas Eve. Don't forget the New Year's Eve Dance on the 31<sup>st</sup>! We hope to see you there!

## Are You Looking for Dance Flyers?

If you have misplaced your Mt. Baker Notes and don't know where to go to dance in our area, all the same information (and more) for the Mt. Baker Council dances can be found at these two websites:

At this website <https://sqdance.org/downloads.html> you will find all the flyers for dances in our area.

Additionally, at this website you will find each month's calendar <https://sqdance.org/newcal>. They also post if a dance has been cancelled. There is lots of information on the Mt. Baker Council website. When you have some extra time, go there and look around!

<https://sqdance.org/index.html>

## Decorations

We are thankful for our dance decorations. Steve and Joyce Sworen store them and pick out which ones to bring to a dance based on the particular theme. Then they transport them, hang them on the Grange walls, remove them and take them home. If Steve and Joyce are on vacation, (or out-of-town) Vicki Lieske picks up the decorations in advance and goes through the same steps as Steve would if he were there.

Lots of members just show up to dance; the hall is decorated and ready to go. Often times, no thought is given as to how that magic happens. Remember to thank Steve & Joyce Sworen and Vicki Lieske for all they do to decorate the hall for dances!

While we are on the subject of getting ready for a dance, I have seen Tom Berg open the Grange. He turns the lights on and sets things up for the Caller and Cuer. He runs a dust mop over the floors. In the warm months, he sets fans up in the windows.

After dances, I have seen Charlotte Wixon emptying trash bags and running a dust mop over the dance floor. She cleans the kitchen area when needed and makes sure everything is put away and locked up.

I have observed Harland Curtis and Jack Wixon running the dust mop over the dance floor most nights after lessons and dances.

When you see these members, please thank them for their time and effort. If you have a little extra time after a dance, maybe take a few minutes to help them clean-up so that everyone can leave earlier!

After lessons, the clean-up began.



Tom Berg (L) was rolling cables. Jack Wixon (M) and Harland Curtis (R) were cleaning the dance floor. Thanks, you guys are the best! ❤️

## A New Computer for the Club Treasurers

Our New Computer:

Q. What did you buy, and why did you pick that specific one?

A. HP 15 Laptop. The 11<sup>th</sup> Generation Intel Core i5-1135G7 delivers instant responsiveness and is classified best-in-class connectivity. The SSD allows us to get up to 15x faster performance than a traditional hard drive. The laptop has a Wi-Fi 6 and Bluetooth 5 combo which provides 3x faster file transfer speeds than Wi-Fi 5. The 15.6" laptop also has a numeric keypad, Intel Iris Xe Graphics, and is Energy Star certified.

Q. Did it come in under the \$1,000.00 budget limit which would save money for the club?

A. Yes, it cost \$611.73. The PC's list price is \$659.99 but I purchased it for \$520 plus tax. (Interesting fact, we paid \$306.69 in 2013 for our old laptop, plus \$153.29 for MS Office for Home & Students.)

Rather than purchase an annual subscription for a new MS Office, we were able to move our MS Office over to our new laptop. We did the same with our Quicken software. The only annual fee we need to pay is for a protection type software (i.e. McAfee) which runs about \$20.00 per year.

Q. Is the time to complete tasks significantly shorter?

A. Absolutely! It's much easier and faster to log on and the processing time has significantly improved. No lag or slow response like the old PC had.

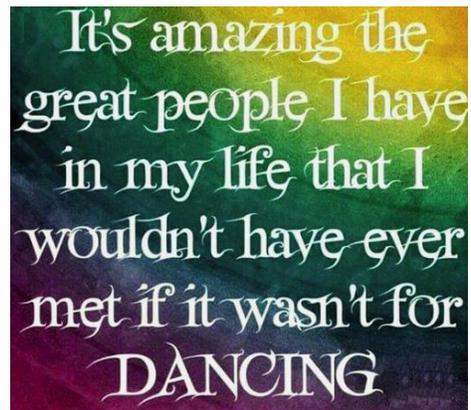
Answers by JoAnn Becker

As a club, we want to sincerely thank JoAnn Becker for all the time and effort she put into researching and purchasing the new laptop for the Treasurers' use.

She shopped for a laptop that was the least expensive, which also included the features we needed most.

JoAnn knows how to pinch a penny. She spent hours and hours, including sitting with online tech support, so that she could move our existing software instead of buying new programs and just transferring the data over. This saved the club money by not having to purchase new software. Additionally, we did not have to pay for any new software annual subscriptions!

JoAnn, you continue to go above and beyond in support of our club. We cannot thank you enough for all you do!



## Thanks for your help on this newsletter!

A sincere thank you goes out to the people that helped make this newsletter possible:

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- ❖ Carol Hammer - consultant
- ❖ Charlotte Wixon - consultant

## Who's Your Corner?



Mona Terese Smiley-Fairbanks

Check out my web site at: [www.monafairbanks.com](http://www.monafairbanks.com)

Two truths and a lie:

I've jumped out of an airplane.  
I once swam with a dolphin.  
I packed potato chips for a living.