



Dudes & Dolls **SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

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Second, Fourth, and Fifth Friday Dances at Cedar Valley Grange / 20526 – 52nd Ave. W / Lynnwood WA

Something has to be said about St. Valentine's Day

Elvis was in the house, and the house was rockin'...



When the standing-room-only crowd of Elvis worshippers heard that Elvis was near, they started chanting and clapping and kept the din going for what seemed an eternity. Elvis, and his body guards were in the Grange Hall.

Fights broke out amongst a few of the more boisterous of the huge mass of people, as they vied for a better spot to see, and maybe touch, the Greatest One. The younger fans of the King were swooning and screaming in the aisle, hoping that he would come and touch them with his toes.

Finally, in the doors to the dance floor, the light was shadowed by the mass of the man in a white suit, beaded and reflecting the strobes of the light show. His impressive eight-person entourage was dwarfed by this hulk and bulk and presence of the great one.

He made his way through the parting crowd, lightly and gently touching the swooners with his big Elvis toe. They screamed and writhed in delight, as expected. Much like the reaction the TSA gets when they pat people down for a flight on an airplane.

Each shuffle of his feet, and movement

of his body gave some of us goose bumps. When he spoke, the massive crowd silenced, and waited breathlessly for each word.

He showed his surprise he was at a square dance, but took it all in stride. Soon he was calling square dance calls as well as anyone in the world, at times even out-shining the world-class caller, Scott Coon, the Dudes & Dolls' official caller. Hard to believe, but true.

His repertoire of song and gyrations disappointed no one. All were eager to dance to the wonderful voice and talents of the Great One.

And when we said our final rousing "THAAAANK YOOUUU!!!", our own Elvis sang four special selections, just for those willing to wait for the King to sing.

If you have been missing the Dudes & Dolls Dances, you have been missing a Great Time of fun and Fellowship. This Square Dance was an Academy Award Winner, should there ever be a competition amongst the Square Dance Clubs.

Long Live Elvis! And Thank You Verry Much!!

Shown here is how we should show up in Spokane ...



Square Dancers, and personalities, par excellence, Judy B. and Dan A., are shown here in the official dress (and shirt) of the Dudes & Dolls at the National Square Dance Con-ven-tion in Spokane next year.

Dan and Judy are ever-present at the Cedar Valley Grange, and other venues, displaying their enviable dancing skills.

Judy created the finished attire from the 'official' pattern and material. Good job, Judy!!

Dan is known to stand around and look like Monte Woolley. It shows in this picture how well he does it.

This is a warning note. 2012 is just around the corner, and if you show up at the Spokane celebration of square dancing, with a Dudes & Dolls ID pin, you better look like this picture.

Be there, and be (in a) square!

Relatively Speaking, the Grange Hall is Important ...



There is no floor like Cedar Valley Grange's hardwood floor in the city of Lynnwood. At the rental price Dudes & Dolls pays for the use of it, there is none greater or cheaper. Be part of history by helping take care of it. If a need arises, don't be shy in asking if you can help.

What's Wrong with this Picture?



Not only is it empty of Angels, which has been the case on Tuesday nights at the lessons for the new students, albeit few, each is important and should be worth an angelic visit or two or more by the Dudes & Dolls. The other “wrong” thing with the picture is that there is a blue water bottle under one of the chairs. Look closely, and you will see it. We have to follow the Grange’s rules regarding the “No Food or Drink Upstairs”. The floor is taken care of by Margaret Sherman, and she is doing a yeoman’s task. Let’s help her out by following the rules.

Each month, for two or three nights, we use the facilities of the Cedar Valley Grange Hall and each month the Cedar Valley Grange is finding maintenance and upgrading tasks that need to be performed. Dudes & Dolls call Cedar Valley Grange their “Home”. If you belong to both, your participation is needed. If you don’t belong to the Grange, you should. It is good to have a Square Dance Home, but it is also good to take care of your home. See me (Warren) if you are interested in a Grange membership.

Happy Birthday to D&D's with February Birthdays ...

A rousing Happy Birthday to the following February-born Dudes & Dolls. Say to them a fleeting greeting in a square if you are there with any of them. Be sure Cathy W. knows when your birthday is.

Arlene Wetzel 2/4. Dean Call 2/24. Marie Gunderson 2/26. Tom Young 2/26.

Watch for the Special 2011 Square Dance Events ...

The Mount Baker Council Dance, slated for April 30, at the NorthShore Senior Center in Bothell, will be hosted by the Free-Wheelers.

The Washington State Festival is in Enumclaw, June 17 and 18. There is much information around on this. As a source, go to the WA State website: www.SquareDance-WA.org.

And, of course, the National Square dance convention in Spokane next year is well under way with the preliminaries.

Keep yourself informed by the Mount Baker Council Notes and the website, along with Footnotes and Promenade square Dance publications.

There are many resources for information regarding the happenings in our Square Dance World.

Keep yourself informed and be active.

Open the link for Alzheimer's Benefit Dance ...

Open the attachment that Joe Bahr has submitted for the information regarding the Benefit Dance. www.DudesAndDolls.org

Joe is working tirelessly on this dance, and almost single-handedly is responsible for its success. He has the help of the ever-present square dancers that get things done when they are needed. Thank you for your efforts and dedication.

Joe is close to the dreaded Alzheimer’s disease, as his brother fell victim to it. See next headline.

KZOK Radio to show up at the Square Dance ...

Breaking a long-time media bias against our great square dance community, KZOK Radio has agreed to help raise the attention level for the fight against Alzheimer’s. Their Mobile Broadcast Unit will be parked outside the Masonic Hall in Edmonds during the dance that Joe Bahr has so diligently and tirelessly promoted.

Joe’s plan is to have KZOK call for donations over the airwaves, and people will drive by, and help fight this dread disease, by giving a cash contribution. Checks can be made out to U of W—Alzheimer’s Research, or Rush University Medical Center.

Joe suggests we carpool, and park as far away from the hall as possible, due to the lack of parking spaces.

This is a chance for YOU to help. First, attend the Dance on Sunday, February 27, 1 to 4 pm; second, bring someone with you; third, donate to the cause; and fourth, have a great time!

Broken Bloomer Band Breaks Down a Square ...

(Here is a submission from “Anonymous”. I usually require positive identification from my News Sources, but I had to make an exception in this case to save a long-term marriage.)

While we are square dancing, and concentrating on our required moves to keep our square unbroken, there are happenings around us that go unnoticed and this is one of them.

While dancing in a square at the Dress Up as a Favorite Actor Dance, one of our Dolls was do-sa-do-ing, and promenading, and circling left. Suddenly, with a muffled screech, she clamped her knees together, and whispered, loudly and convincingly, that she had to sit down, NOW!!!

She was asked how bad the problem was, and she said, “Depends.” Immediately there were thoughts of BIG troubles, but she finished the sentence with, “. . . on who knows what is going on.”

She grabbed her partner and hobbled over to the nearest sit-down spot. Luckily, Lee and Cathy were standing innocently near the square, and they were waved at wildly and asked to fill in. They jumped right in, practically without missing a slide-through. It was humorous watching Lee try to Right and Left Grand with a clipboard under his right arm, however.

“My bloomer band broke, and they are down around my knees,” stated this forever-to-be-unnamed person. “I have to go downstairs to fix them,” she said as she proceeded, using her unique knock-kneed walk, to go down the stairs.

When she came back up she said, “Wow. I hope nobody ever finds out about this totally embarrassing incident.”

(Well, her secret is certainly safe, as no one really reads this far in the newsletter anyhow.—Warren)