FROM THE PREZ:

Thank you Penny for filling in for me while I was healing. You did a great job and I appreciate your help. I am back to light dancing and the "YMCA". Freewheelers started Lessons on Jan. 16th, but not enough students turned up, so we are having 2 hour Plus workshops instead. If you would like to brush up on Plus, come and join us in having fun. "Spyder" Webb is a great teacher. There will be a Student Level Dance and Experienced Clothing sale on March 3rd. If you have clothes to sell or donate, bring them to the dance before 7:00. Put your name on them if you want them back. If you have questions, call Anita at 425-345-4626. CLUB ELECTIONS will be March 17th at our Luck of the Irish dance. There will NOT be a Potluck that night as the hall is used by the Rock and Gem Show until 6:00 p.m. Please read Penny’s letter in the last newsletter about the elections. WE DO NEED to have a new treasurer this year; Janice and Randy have a conflict this coming year. Please help us out. If you have any questions, comments or complaints; call me at 425-737-1999. Remember, Ladies when you are leaving the dance; ask a Freewheeler to escort you to your car. Be safe! Dick Nicholson, President

SUNSHINE:

Bob Michelson had foot surgery in January and we hope that he is back to dancing soon. Debbie Taylor is having a knee surgery on February 20th. We hope it goes great for her and she can walk a lot better after it. We wish Sharan McCracken a full recovery from her illness. She and Cliff are frequent guests at our dances. We are sorry to hear that both Dave Harry and Dave Knien’s mothers have passed away. We are sorry for your losses. If you know of someone in need of some “Rays of Sunshine”, contact Ken or Audrey Sharp at kandasharp@comcast.net or 425-673-0858. We wish all of our members and guests good health! We do care!

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

ELECTIONS: It is time to elect new Officers and we want the input of all of our members. So, do start thinking about it, as the Elections are at our March 17th dance and we NEED new Officers and Committee people. Please think seriously of running for one of these offices: President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer or running a Committee. If you would like to run for an Office, head a Committee or know of someone who would, let our Nominating Committee, Randy and Janice Lewis know at a dance or at 206-367-9219.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Included in this letter is an application for membership renewal OR for new membership. The 2013 dues are due before April 1st. The dues are $12 for our club dues, $7 for the Washington State Square Dance Federation Insurance and Dues and the Mount Baker Council dues, for a total of $19/person. This will cover your Freewheelers Membership until March 31, 2014. You only have to pay for the Federation Insurance & Dues and Council dues at one club. So if you pay at another club, please let us know which one. If you are not covered at another club, you should pay with us as you have to be covered by them. Give them to Treasurer, Randy Lewis at a dance or mail them to him at: 2126 N. 132nd St., Seattle, WA 98133. DO fill out the application, so that we have your current information. If you want some of your information unlisted, let us know and we will not put it in the roster. The quicker we get them all in, the quicker we can do the new Roster.

KITCHEN SIGN-UP: We need people to sign-up for a turn or two for Kitchen Duty at dances. This involves setting up the coffee, water and etc, putting the treats out at the break and cleaning up after the dance. There are usually lots of helpers. Please sign up on the new 2013 calendar and also let Anita Needham know if you can’t do kitchen duty on the night you signed up for.
GREETERS: Let Brenda Torrey know if you would like to take a turn or two as a greeter at a future dance. It does not take much of your time. You just have to get to the hall earlier to greet our guests and members as they come into the dance. You can give AND receive lots of hugs! Brenda says, “Please check your calendar and see if there is a date you would be able to sign up to be a greeter at one of our Freewheelers dances in the next couple of months. If you would like to sign up, please let me know even if you don't have a partner to sign up with. There'll be somebody to greet with you. All you have to do is be there a few minutes early (at least by 6:40 pm). And remember, if for any reason you won’t be able to be at a dance you’ve signed up for, just give us a call and we’ll cover for you, no problem.” Brenda and Dick Torrey, 206-285-1941

COMING EVENTS:
On Sunday, February 24th, the Sky Valley Whirlwinds are hosting the 6th Annual Alzheimer’s Benefit Dance at the Edmonds Masonic, 515 Dayton, Edmonds from 1 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 2nd – Caravan to the Jet Steppers Dance (See Caravans.)

Sunday, March 3rd is our “Forever in Blue Jeans” Student Level Dance with Dennis (Spyder) Webb and Debbie Taylor. Wear blue jeans, if you wish! We will also be having an “Experienced” Square Dance Clothing Sale, so bring money if you wish to buy. If you bring clothes to sell, make sure that they are on hangers and that there is a price tag with your name on them. If you want the money to go to the club, put “FW” on the tag. Come and make of all our guests feel welcome and bring extra treats if you can.

NOTE: There were no students for the Mainstream classes, so we are having Plus classes from 6:30 – 8:30 at a cost of $5.00 per person per class night on Wednesday nights through April 17th at the Lake City Community Center. Please support the classes! We need you!

The next board meeting will be at 7:30 on Thursday, March 7th at Dick & Anita’s home, 5910 Lombard Ave., Everett. Their phone number is 425-353-5078. ALL members are urged to attend.

DON’T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR (SPRING AHEAD) ON 3/10.

Sunday, March 17th is our “St. Patrick’s Day” Dance and Elections. Roger and Debbie will be putting on a “hopping” dance. We will have a short meeting before the dance to elect new Officers. The Dudes & Dolls and Fidalgo Fogcutters are coming in to this dance, so make them and our other guests feel welcome. Please bring something to share for the break and vote for your “new” Officers.

Saturday, March 23rd – Caravan to the Rainbow Squares Dance (See Caravans.)

The Mount Baker Council Spring Dance, hosted by the Cascade Crossfires Square Dance Club will be held on Sat., March 30th from 7:30 – 10:30 at the Skagit Valley Grange, 21273 Cook Rd., Sedro Woolley (I-5 Ex232, 2 miles east on Cook Road. Hall is on the left.) The theme is “Spring Break Down by the Sea in 2013”. Tickets: $8 presale & $10 at the door. Carol Harris has tickets.

CARAVANS:
Our next caravan out is on Saturday, March 2nd to the Jet Steppers “Balloon” Dance at the Cedar Grange, 27108 102nd Ave. NW, Maple Valley. They dance from 8:00 – 10:30 (Workshop at 7:30). Then on Saturday, March 23rd, we are caravanning to the Rainbow Squares “Easter” Dance at the 10 Mile Grange, 6958 Hannegan Rd., Lynden with Brent Mawdsley calling and cueing. They dance from 8:00 – 10:00 (Pre-rounds at 7:30). Ruth will be announcing the details at our dances and by e-mails. Thank you to the members who go on our caravans. Ruth says, “Please make note of these dances on your calendar. If you have questions or concerns please let me know. I hope to see many of you at our future caravans. Thank you”. Ruth – 425-778-3726 or cell: 206-755-9937
*Ladies, if you come with a partner to our dances or caravans, share a square dance tip or two.*

3rd Tip at All of Our Dances is Ladies Choice, So Ladies Choose Your Partner Early!

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

61st WA State Square & Folk Dance Festival – Kennewick, WA – June 14 – 15
62nd National Square Dance Convention – Oklahoma City, OK – June 26 – 29
45th State Leadership Seminar – Circle 8 Ranch – Cle Elum, WA – July 12 – 14

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**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

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Happy St. Patrick’s Day