

Our ST. Patrick's Day dance was filled with some great music by Jerry Scaglione. The evening included a performance by Gwendolyn Glenn's formation team doing a Foxtrot, Rumba and Waltz routine, dressed in their finest green. Many thanks to the members of her team.



New to TRI-CITIES

We are offering a beginner's class to help those who are just beginning to learn the basics in ballroom dancing. The class will begin on April 9th with a waltz lesson by Dale Smith from 7:00 to 7:20pm. There is no extra charge for the additional lesson. Our regular scheduled lesson will occur as usual.

April 9th— Come join us to help celebrate Chapter founder Edith Lanning's birthday. Edith will be turning 90 years young this month. This will be a day to remember. Rumba lesson at 7:30 by Glen Lovelace, DJ is Randy Goodfellow. Dancing till 10:30pm. Come join us on the Dance Floor.



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Condolences to the family of Lt. Colonel William Kalberer, USAF (Ret.) who passed away on March 11, 2016. Bill helped organize and was the first president of the Tri-Cities Chapter. He loved ballroom dancing, and he joined with other dancers to perform for civic organizations and at assisted living facilities. He arranged and coordinated the dance performances the chapter sponsored at Southpark Mall.

He was born in Mandan, North Dakota, graduated from Mandan High School and joined the United States Navy in January 1945. After distinguished service he received an honorable discharge and went to college at the University of North Dakota where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Geology. Bill was part of the Air Force ROTC program at the University. He received his commission as a 2nd Lt. in the Air Force Reserve and in January 1951 went on active duty at Perrin AFB, Texas. Subsequently, he was sent to Massachusetts Institute of Technology for meteorological training. He spent his entire career as a Meteorologist providing weather support services to flying and ground forces throughout the world. He retired from the Air Force after 28 years of service. After retiring from the Air Force, Bill went to work for the Office of Emergency Services, Commonwealth of Virginia for 10 years and transferred to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for an additional six years as a flood plain management specialist. Both state organizations worked under a contract basis with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. After state retirement, Bill worked for two years as a FEMA reservist working on Presidential Disaster Declarations. He was a member and past president of the Optimist Club; a member of the American Legion and the Retired Officers Association. Bill is survived by his wife Carol, two sons and one daughter, six grandchildren, a sister, and a sister-in-law. Bill was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and sang in the church choir. A private memorial service was held on March 15.