



Ribbons & Souls Reporter



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President's Corner



Ruth Fisher
Emmett Keeler



What a thrill to finally see the first of our new badges! You may be wondering why it has taken so long after we chose our badge design to start receiving them. It

did take longer than anticipated to work out many details including the size of our badge to accommodate for club and personal names, the exact placement of the soles to allow for swingers and various engraving issues. On January 21, I ordered 25 additional badges which consist of those whose dues were received and who asked for first names only and a magnet badge. As soon as they come in I will give them out at classes and then at our Mike Sikorsky dance on February 9. At our next board meeting we will be talking about swingers and several choices we need to make now that we are all together.

Now that we know each other better, I would like to share something personal with you. Do you ever wonder why I insist on sitting with a back support? Or question why as a president, I don't greet people more as they enter a dance or stand and visit after a square? I really wish I could. It is both something I believe to be important, and that I would love to do. The truth is, if I did that, I would be in too much pain to dance. Square dancing is one of my passions and thus the reason that I work as hard as I do for our club. At age 55, recently divorced, with a 7 year old son, Drew, I became severely ill with an auto immune illness that was supposed to be chronic, progressive and degenerative called Polymyositis. The primary symptom of the illness is that all the muscle cells of the body are attacked, and most of mine were destroyed. I walked bent over at the waist since it was impossible for me to straighten my body. It would take me over 45 minutes to get out of bed in the morning. One day I ended up on my garage floor alone; it took me one and a half hours while using my car for support, to stand up. I was desperate to make it into our home before my son was dropped off from a play date. Long story short, I was told by a few rheumatologists that the most that could be done was

to slow down the progression of the illness. I'm so grateful that through a lot of work and with the help of many wonderful healers, we were able to stop the illness and I continue to get stronger with each year. However if I stand, walk or sit without back support, I fatigue rapidly. When I dance, the endorphins help me to by-pass all pain, so please understand when I give my place to another dancer at a class or at a dance, I am NOT doing it because I want to sit out.

Now to a message you probably feel you hear from me too often. We all need to make sure no student or visitor is ever sitting out and no one is sitting out more than once during the evening, unless it is by choice. So please be mindful, and do volunteer your spot in a square once a night.

David Mee, Mike Seastrom, and Mike Sikorsky are just a few of the callers who have mentioned to me how impressed they are with the merger of our clubs. They have pointed out how most of the clubs that try to merge do not succeed. I want to honor each and every one of you for making this amazing merger a reality.

Ruth Fisher
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The Red Ribbons 68th and final Anniversary dance was a great success. We did not go out with a whimper. Pam once again did a super job with food and organizing, and all the other past presidents Babs, Linda, Frank and Julie, Ruth, Kathy, Shan and I pitched in. Suzanne and Jerry braved the cold, and got the donations from the 103 dancers exactly right. It was great to see Kathleen White, we miss her. The 14 attending members made a nice picture in their two rows of seven, but the ease of fitting everyone in showed why the merger was a good idea. Mike Seastrom called a lively dance, and reminisced about how he had enjoyed calling for us over the years. Later, there was a very enjoyable e-mail flurry where we all were rightly thankful to each other, and enjoyed the memories together.

Emmett Keeler
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The Ribbons & Souls Winter 2019 Square Dancing class is off to a great start. We have about a dozen Basic/Mainstream students, including several couples and three people who are returning to square

dancing after an absence of a few years. The Plus class has four students who are also serving as Angels in the earlier class. The heavy rains on our second open class meant that we had fewer students and Angels that night, but dancers were back in full force for the third class, including 34 Angels and 11 students.

Having a strong turnout means that we can have four or even five squares for the mainstream class. And many of our Angels have made the extra effort to stay for the Plus class, allowing us to have at least two or three squares. Bill has been calling a lively dance and both classes are moving right along. By week three, the Mainstream class was already dancing 29 different Basic calls and the Plus class had covered 7 of the 28 Plus calls.

Our Angels are doing a great job, not just filling out the squares when we dance, but also taking the time to make our new students feel welcomed. Thank you all! I'm especially grateful to those who arrive in time to "square up" promptly at 7:15. Our new system of assigning students to squares works best when we can start right out with four squares.

As always with square dancing, our number one objective is to have a good time dancing. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions for how to make the class better.

Line dancing starts at 7:00 PM, the Basic/Mainstream class will "square up" promptly at 7:15, and the Plus class starts at 8:45.

I look forward to seeing you at a class soon!

Shan Cretin
Class Coordinator
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On the Road Again... Visitations

Linda Harris

WHERE WE'VE BEEN



Our first visitation went quite well. Everyone thought the dance was swell. The caller of the dance was David Mee And it was the Boots & Bows luscious cookie jamboree.

Attending were: Ruth Fisher, Linda Harris, Diane Isaacs, Ruth Michaelson and Nancy Tu.

WHERE WE'RE GOING

On Saturday, February 16 we are going back to the Boots & Bows for their 63rd Anniversary African Safari Dance. The caller will be Mike Seastrom. They dance at the Riviera Methodist Church at 375 Palos Verdes Blvd. in Redondo Beach.



Who will be in charge of a particular board meeting and dance so you know who to send information to for announcements or agenda items:

Ruth Fisher (theootherdruth@yahoo.com) will be hosting the **February 9** Plus dance and chairing **February 12** board meeting.

Emmett Keeler (emmett.keeler@verizon.net) will be hosting the Mainstream dance on **February 23**.



Please email **Ruth** with what name you want on your new club badges!

Please email **Diane Isaacs** (di6@earthlink.net) with what kind of club outfit you will probably want (prairie skirt, standard skirt, dress, vest, shirt yoke, button, other) so she can make sure Babs Schwartz can determine how much fabric to purchase.

Kitchen Witch

Evelyn Maggiore



Our debut dance (January 26) was awesome!

The dance was sponsored by **Ruth Fisher** in honor of **Judith Fisher's** birthday and "all the Ribbons & Souls who made the amazing merger possible. "

Judy provided a beautifully decorated chocolate birthday cake. The other refreshments--veggies and dip, cheese and crackers, guacamole and chips and mixed berries--were provided by Michaelyn (who was unable to attend) and Amelia. Evelyn stepped into the kitchen to help, as did Ron, Amelia's friend.

THANK YOU, AMELIA AND RON AND MICHAELYN!
THANK YOU, RUTH FOR SPONSORING THE DANCE!

Why be a Wallflower?

When would YOU like to help in the kitchen or sit at the front desk? Refreshments and desk duty are part of membership in the Ribbons & Souls.

Currently, our Treasurer, Judy Fisher, takes door donations at our dances. When she is ready to get back to regular dancing, she will appreciate the help of responsible club members. Desk duty is also the perfect opportunity for those who aren't dancing but want to spend time with fellow square dancers.

Remember, with desk or kitchen duty you will dance for free. Those on kitchen duty can also be reimbursed for what you spend on refreshments (\$20.00 maximum, i.e., \$10 per person).

The sign up sheet will be at the front at our dances. See page 5 for my easy to follow guidelines to help make your service easy. Just pick a convenient date and let me know!

Evelyn Maggiore
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ASD ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS



Jan Bartholomew, □□□
A Square D Delegate

The Sweetheart Ball will be held on Sunday, February 10. Mike Sikorsky is the caller; Judy Keller will cue the rounds.

The dance honors one or two members for their contributions to their club. The sweethearts for the Ribbons & Souls are Linda Harris and Fredi Levitt. The dance level is Plus with an A1 tip. Rounds start at 1:30pm, and squares with rounds are from 2:00 to 4:30pm. The dance will be held at the Hawthorne Memorial Center, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, CA. Enter the hall via the back parking lot off of Prairie Blvd. Ribbons for getting into the dance are \$10 pre-sale and \$12 at the door. To buy a ribbon before the dance, see me.

A Square D will hold elections of officers at their meeting on Sunday, February 17, at 2pm. A Square D officers start their term of service in April. Delegates vote. All are welcome. We meet at the Hawthorne Memorial Center.

Jan Bartholomew
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Associated Square Dancers
56TH ANNUAL SWEETHEART BALL

CELEBRATE AND HONOR THE STARS WHOSE EXTRA EFFORTS KEEP OUR CLUBS AND ASSOCIATION VIBRANT AND GROWING. THEY ARE THE HEART & SOUL OF SQUARE DANCING

Sunday, February 10, 2019
1:30—4:30 pm
Plus Level Dance with A-1 tip
pre-rounds 1:30-2:00 squares w/rounds 2:00 - 4:30pm

MIKE SIKORSKY
JUDY KELLER

\$10 pre-sale  \$12 at the door

HAWTHORNE MEMORIAL CENTER
3901 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, CA
See your Club Delegate for Ribbons
More Information: Diane 323-939-1478 dj6@earthlink.net




Q1 - 2019 Dance Refreshments Schedule

DATE	
Jan 12	RED RIBBONS PAST PRESIDENTS
Jan 26	Michaelyn Duboff, Amelia Kacena (+ Ron, Evelyn)
Feb 9	
Feb 23	
Mar 9	Julie & Frank DaVanzo
Mar 23	
Mar 30	

Happy Birthday!

2/2	Jane Gold
2/4	Marsha Epstein
2/5	Linda Stone
2/6	Martin Sprints
2/9	Marion Scholtz
2/22	Glen Howell
2/26	Jerry Neubauer
2/28	Richard Marken

Roving Reporter

Phyllis Bass



CLASS NIGHT – WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2, 2019 RIBBONS & SOULS

This was a memorable night in the lives of **Nancy and Jerry Lippey**. They were being recognized for their outstanding

achievement of volunteering and serving as Class Coordinators for the Ribbons & Souls (Heels & Souls) Square Dance Club for fifteen years.

Phyllis called them to the front of the hall to begin the presentation. Mounted on a gold colored poster, were three Thank You cards filled with over 50 signatures along with messages of thanks from club members (former students) and current students.

Along with the able assistance of our long-time instructor, Bill, they have encouraged many students to strive to learn the calls, and then enjoyed their success as they became official square dancers. Many Wednesday nights they spent instilling the pleasure of square dancing, which made our Club stronger.

As a personal gift, the club presented Nancy and Jerry with a bottle of wine. Co-president, Ruth, stood and encouraged everyone to stand and cheer and clap for Nancy and Jerry in a big Thank You!



We adjourned for refreshments with a decorated cake, many chocolate treats, orange wedges and grapes, along with crackers and chips. Thanks to Jane and Michealyn for helping to serve and a thank you to Jan for also helping out.

The Party continued with sharing happy memories with the honorees along with many hugs of good cheer.

Four squares of dancers participated during the earlier mainstream class. All the dancers were in attendance to honor Nancy and Jerry. Their contribution to the Club will long be remembered.

LET'S GET BACK TO DANCING!

Phyllis Bass
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Thank you all for the lovely Thank You Party – Jerry & Nancy



A Singing Valentine will leave your loved one speechless.



Valentine's Day is only a few weeks away. Do something different this year: Have a barbershop quartet come to serenade your special someone at home, office, restaurant, or some other Los Angeles area location. A personalized Valentine's card and a helium balloon are also presented to complete the memorable gift.

Singing Valentines will be delivered by a quartet from the Oceanaires Barbershop Chorus for just \$50 if the order is received before February 11th. Visit SingingValentinesLA.com or call 323-247-SING for more information and to place orders

R&S members Frank DaVanzo and Ken Scholtz are members of the Oceanaires, and R&S members Julie DaVanzo and Marion Scholtz are helping to organize the Oceanaires Valentines effort this year.



Ribbons & Souls

Valentine's Day Dance

MIKE SIKORSKY

February 9, 2019

Squares: 7:30-10:00
Plus Level - A1 Tip
Rounds: 7-7:30 and between Tips
Donation: \$8.00

Joe Scarlatella

Felicia Mahood Hall
 11338 Santa Monica Blvd Los Angeles 90025
 3 blocks West of 405 Freeway
 Free Parking after 4:00 pm NW corner Corinth & Iowa

WWW.MEETUP.COM/SQUARE-DANCE-IN-WEST-LA
 RUTH FISHER AND EMMETT KEELER, CO-PRESIDENTS
 310-470-1090 AND 310-393-7660





Ribbons & Souls

Sing Along

Vic Kaaria

Saturday February 23, 2019

Squares: 7:30-10:00
MAINSTREAM
Rounds: 7-7:30 and between Tips
Donation: \$8.00

Shauna Kaaria

Felicia Mahood Hall
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Let's Sing! 