



Ribbons & Souls Reporter



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President's Corner



Ruth Fisher
Emmett Keeler



Everyone let's welcome our newest member, **Desiree Elliott**. She has been square dancing since her teens, and is back after a 12 year break. Alan, Dana and I, along with other angels, have been working with

students who want help on particular calls from 6:55-7:15. One day when Alan was late, Desiree volunteered, amazing us at so adeptly leading the students through the calls and spotting their errors. I discovered later that when she was in her teens, her sister was studying to be a caller and, fortunately, Desiree learned a lot by osmosis about choreographing tips. Needless to say, we continue to call on her talent. I look forward to getting to know Desiree better, as I am sure you do.

We have our first full year elections coming up at our May General Meeting. Art Omansky is the chair of our nominating committee, with myself and Linda Harris serving on it. We are responsible for the elected board nominations, which will continue to be the same people with two exceptions. Emmett and I agreed to be co-presidents for the first six months so that we could continue to lead the merger of the two clubs. We are now doing beautifully as "One", thus Emmett has chosen not to continue in this position. I, and I am sure we All, would like to give a special Thank You to Emmett for his part in making the transition go so beautifully. The other positions that are shared, secretary and caller and cuer, have found it beneficial and will continue.

Shan agreed to be class coordinator for the first trimester of the year, she will be backup to **Rick Marken** who will be our second trimester class coordinator. A big Thank You to Rick! When we have the third trimester class coordinator, they will all three back-up one another. Shan has been doing an outstanding job of motivating both the students and angels. Her system of assigning the students to a square and rotating the angels in Mainstream class works beautifully. Angels you have been amazing showing up week after week. Everyone looks forward to the refreshments that are provided week after week primarily by Michaelyn, Jane and Jan. Thank you all!

We still have a few appointed positions that need to be filled. Our club continues to have classes and dances, thanks to all the people who volunteer their time. Without

you, we would no longer exist. Evelyn who is in her 90's(!) has been **Dance Kitchen Scheduler**, however she does not feel well enough to continue in this position, so we do need a volunteer.

We have a new position that needs filling. Once a month on Tuesday's at 11:00 we need an **R&S representative to go to a meeting of the West Area Federation of Senior Citizen Clubs**. In order to maintain our extremely low rent, it is mandatory that we attend this monthly meeting at Claude Pepper Senior Center on La Cienega Blvd, near Pico. I have patients/clients on Tuesdays and will never be able to attend. Linda Harris will attend on April 9, however we do need a volunteer

Judy would appreciate help at the sign-in table for dances now that she is feeling well enough to dance again.

We also need someone to **assist Claire with the installation dinner at Tony P's**. It would be helpful if this is someone who has attended in the past. This is a fun occasion, and we anticipate a great turn-out. The officers are installed and the rest of the evening is spent enjoying good food and friendship.

According to our R&S by-laws, it's up to the entire board to find people to fulfill the appointed positions, so please everyone help by asking others and volunteering yourself. I want to end my appeal with a quote from Elizabeth Andrew, "*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.*"

Wishing everyone a good Passover, Easter and/or the celebration of Spring, New Beginnings, and Liberation.

Ruth Fisher, Co-President
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The merger has exceeded our expectations for increased turnout at the class and at dances. With the worrisome state of the world outside, it is good to have some pleasant surprises. One bump in our road is the need for volunteers for desk and refreshments duties at dances. Sadly, Elizabeth Glaubach is gone and Evelyn Maggiore has to step down. There are a lot of empty spaces in the sign-up sheet. With so many members in the club, no one should have to sign-up more than twice a year. Please consider stepping up for the good of the club.

Emmett Keeler, Co-President
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Bill Gipson has been doing a great job in keeping the Wednesday night classes lively and fun. We have a supportive group of Angels who are consistently encouraging and upbeat with our students.

Thanks to all of your

efforts, our students are sticking with the class and recommending it to their friends. We have had 12 Basic/Mainstream students each of the past 3 weeks—a really good turnout this far along in the session.

The Plus class is small—two or three students typically—but they are all progressing very well. Congratulations to Desiree Elliot—our newest Ribbons & Souls club member who started as a Plus student in January. Desiree was already an experienced dancer before she joined the class, so we really can't take credit for her rapid advancement.

We have had good luck with the optional 6:55 to 7:15 review for students who feel they need a bit of extra time. This review was initially offered to help out the five new students who first joined us on February 6. Recently, other students have also attended and commented that they find this a very helpful feature, especially if they have missed a week. Thanks to Ruth Fisher for organizing the review, to Alan Lubberts and Desiree Elliot who have been leading our students through the calls, and to the early bird Angels who have helped fill out the square.

Our Angels have been faithfully attending and except for one rainy night we have been able to have four or more squares every week. Historically, both Angel and student attendance have dropped off as we roll into weeks 10 through 17. Let's make sure that does not happen this session! Please do your best to attend our Wednesday night classes. The dancing is more fun for all of us when we can have four squares. If we can keep our current students moving along as they have been, we have a real opportunity to welcome a number of strong, new members into the club in the near future.

Hope to see you at a class soon!

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

Linda Harris



WHERE WE'VE BEEN

Nine of us went to the Honeycombers despite the rain. And finding their venue can be a real pain. But there was lots of fun dancing and lots of good food to eat. So their anniversary dance was a very nice treat.

Attending were: Pam Ballis, Phyllis Bass, Michaelyn Duboff, Ruth Fisher, Linda Harris, Diane Isaacs, Fredi Levitt, Charlie Longobart, and Alan Lubberts.

WHERE WE'RE GOING

On Saturday, April 6th we will be visiting the Farmers and Charmers for their 55th Anniversary at the Wilkinson Center in Northridge at 8956 Vanalden Avenue. The caller will be Scot Byars and the cuer will be Cindy Mower. Rounds start at 7:30 and Plus dancing will start at 8:00.



Our Board Meetings and General Meeting have been changed to the **third Tuesday** of each month, and we will be meeting at **7:30 pm**.

Our **Installation Dinner** remains on the **2nd Tuesday in June (June 11)** to accommodate those going to the National Square Dance Convention.



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 (theotherdruth@yahoo.com) will be chairing the **April 16** board meeting and hosting the **April 13** Plus dance.

Emmett Keeler (emmett.keeler@verizon.net) will be hosting the **April 27** Mainstream dance.

Kitchen Witch

Evelyn Maggiore



The dancers were wearing green; the refreshments table was decorated in green and gold --all in celebration of St. Patrick's Day at our March 9 dance. The refreshments **Jan Bartholomew and Jane Gold** served reinforced the green theme: green deviled eggs, guacamole and chips, spinach dip to accompany green pepper and celery sticks and

green grapes. To satisfy our "sweet tooth," there was a platter of assorted cookies including mint Oreo cookies and green sprinkle sugar cookies. Our thanks to the Leprechaun (Brian Scanlon of Valley Trailers) who provided guacamole and chips for us to enjoy during the dance.

THANK YOU, JAN! THANK YOU, JANE!

Linda Harris and Jim Gilbreth provided a variety of refreshments at our March 23 dance: chocolate brownies, cherry pie, sugar-free cookies, fruit threaded onto sticks, plus a bowl of fresh cut fruit. We enjoyed veggies and dip and chips and dip, plus munchable cashews, raisins and candy. There was something for everybody!

THANK YOU, LINDA! THANK YOU, JIM!

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.

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. Just pick a convenient date and let me know!

Evelyn Maggiore
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June 9 in the Polaris Room at the Hawthorne Memorial enter. While Diane will coordinate the dance, our SB/W District "mini" meeting in May will be to sign up on the work schedule and make sure all our District Delegates share with their clubs who had classes starting in January or September to invite their students and angels — and of course to bring finger foods. We haven't determined whether to offer an experienced clothing sale.

The **ASqD Anniversary Dance** will be held on Sunday, October 20 at Hawthorne Memorial Center. It was announced at the November 2018 General Meeting that over the past two years, several clubs have not sent anyone to this great dance because their club president was unable to attend. It was then suggested to drop the President's Ball aspect of the dance. Club delegates were asked to find out if their clubs had any objection. The consensus at the February 2019 General Meeting was to keep the October dance as just the ASqD Anniversary Dance. Club Presidents could still receive an "honored guest" ribbon and dance for free — but their attendance should not be the determining factor for Club members to come to the event.

Diane Isaacs contributed to this article

ASqD ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS



Jan Bartholemew,
A Square D Delegate



I was not able to attend, but our Sr. Director, Diane Isaacs, tells me the **Leprechaun Ball** put on by the Orange District of Associated Square Dancers ("ASqD") on Sunday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) was a great success. At least 15 squares were on the floor. And between tips, callers Bill "Tex" Gipson, Tim Pepper and Michael Hayworth took turns leading line dances. There was also a HUGE sale of new and experienced square dance clothing! It was a lovely afternoon of fun dancing. (*See some photos on page 7*)

The next **general meeting** is on Sunday May 19. the topic of discussion will be unaffiliated dancers and caller/cuer contract information.

The next ASqD student fun dance will be the **Spring Fling**, hosted by our own South Bay/Westside District on Sunday



Tuesday, May 21
GENERAL MEETING
ELECTIONS AND POT LUCK
2019-2020 Board

(nominations may be made from the floor)

R&S Elected Officers Nominations

Submitted by the nominating committee:

Arthur Omansky, chair; Linda Harris and Ruth Fisher

PRESIDENT	RUTH FISHER
VICE PRESIDENT	LINDA HARRIS
SECRETARY	KAT' FERSON JIM GILBRETH
TREASURER	JUDITH FISHER
ASQD DELEGATE	JAN BARTHOLOMEW
CLASS COORDINATORS	SHAN CRETIN RICK MARKEN
CALLERS AND CUERS	PAMELA BAILIS FREDI LEVITT
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	DIANE ISAACS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Dance Kitchen Scheduler
- Open Squares club dance listing
- Represent our club at the monthly meeting of the West Area Federation of Senior Citizen Clubs at Claude Pepper Senior Center [Tuesdays at 11:00]
- Coordinate Installation Dinner at Tony Ps -- someone who has been to this event to assist Claire.

LET RUTH FISHER KNOW YOU CAN VOLUNTEER

Call 310-470-1090 or email theotherdrruth@yahoo.com

A2 Brute?

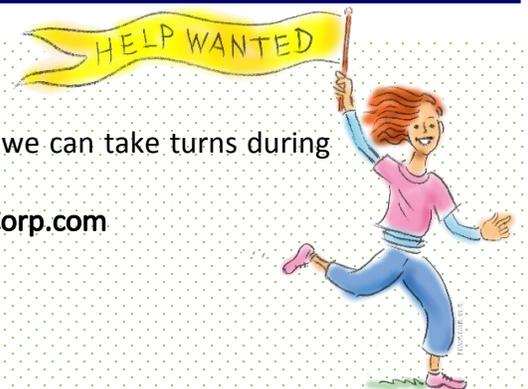
APRIL MEANS THE START OF A NEW ADVANCED CLASS: The Monday Advanced class is either starting A-2 in April or if there are a few new dancers who would like to learn A-1, we will be willing to start over with A-1 in April. If you haven't danced Advanced in a few years, join us for A-2. Please let Arlen Miller (arlenmiller@sbcglobal.net) or Ruth Fisher (theotherdrruth@yahoo.com) know immediately.

Now that I can dance, I would really appreciate some help with signing people in and collecting money at our dances. If you can no longer dance, this is a wonderful opportunity to see all of your friends. If you still dance, we can take turns during the night so we both get to dance.

Please contact me 310-820-7191 or RibbonsAndSouls@The-DP-Corp.com and let me know when you would like to help.

Thank you!

Judy Fisher



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R

ed/Black Plus Level Dance
Squares: 7:30-10:00
Rounds: 7-7:30 & between Tips
Donation: \$8.00

ROD SHUPING

JOE SCARLATELLA

Saturday April 13, 2019



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

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Ribbons & Souls SPRING FLING

Saturday April 27, 2019

Jim Smith Judy Keller

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

Felicia Mahood Hall
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Romney Tannehill Joe Scarlatella

Mom's Day

Saturday May 11, 2019

Squares: 7:30-10:00 pm
MAINSTREAM DANCE
Rounds: 7-7:30 & between Tips
Donation: \$8.00

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Pat Carnathan

Saturday July 13, 2019
Rounds 7:00 - 7:30 pm
and in between tips
Squares 7:30 - 10:00 pm
Plus Level and A1 Tip
Donation: \$8.00



David Moorhouse

Ribbons & Souls Mickey Mouse Dance

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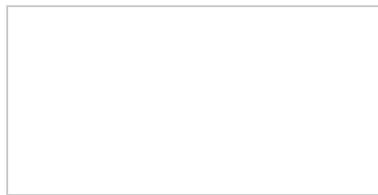


Just a few photos from the Leprechaun Ball. Everyone had a great time line dancing and square dancing to our callers Michael Haworth, Bill "Tex" Gipson and Tim Pepper. Plus that massive clothing sale.

Photos courtesy of ASqD Photographer, John Garcia



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