



Ribbons & Souls Reporter



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President's Corner



Ruth Fisher
Emmett Keeler



What an exciting time this is for all of us in Ribbons & Souls. We are founding a new club with all the possibilities, challenges, work and thrill involved. We are 1, and we are 59/68. As 1 we are

beginning a new journey, however with many years of combined experience. We have exceptional skill, talent, love and dedication in our new club. We have new by-laws which meet our shared needs, fantastic callers & cuers, we are proceeding on the badges and fabric and you are reading our R & S Reporter. This has been a true collaboration. My heart is full with gratitude as we bring in a New Year with our magnificent new club.

Yesterday afternoon, at the Ahmanson, I saw a deeply moving, heart-warming, musical based on a true story that took place the week after 9/11/2001. *Come From Away* is the story of approximately 7000 passengers who were on 18 planes that were unexpectedly ordered to land in a town of around 9,000 residents in Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada as part of Operation Yellow Ribbon. The kindness of strangers, and over-coming of prejudices and differences was depicted as the townspeople opened their homes, food, clothing, medication, etc., to the stranded passengers. The experience of overwhelming kindness was genuinely and profoundly touching.

I am inviting each of you to demonstrate kindness at our classes and dances. Many times our students and guests

The merger is now official, but there is one big Red Ribbons happening to come. I would like to invite all the Ribbons & Souls to our last hurrah – the 68th Anniversary dance on January 12th. It will be a great dance, but we say goodbye with mixed feelings to the longest running square dance club in southern California. As we start a new era, we have a mountain of Red Ribbons stuff on hand, but most of it will go to Goodwill or some landfill. Thinking about how little we need to keep makes it clear that the soul of a club is its dancers, and not its kitchen supplies, decorations or records. Still, someone will need to decide what to add to the current Heels & Souls stuff, and what to discard. I hope to learn more about the Heels & Souls people and culture we are merging with at the January 8th board meeting and in future dances.

Emmett Keeler

from other clubs do not get into a square quickly enough, thus a number of us give up our places to them. Out of thoughtfulness to each other it is important that we take turns sitting out so that the same people do not always give up their spot in the squares. I want to ask each of you to be mindful of this and to offer your place.

Wednesday, January 9 and 16 we will be starting a new class and will need as many angels as possible to make this class a success. A club either thrives from the students, who go through the classes to become members, or it dies. It is up to you! You are needed as angels in both Mainstream and Plus classes. The more angels we have, the easier and more fun it is for the students to learn, and thus the more likely they will continue all the way through. Mainstream dances are a way students can experience the joy of square dancing. Your support is needed here too! Please help your new club to thrive by supporting the classes and the dances.

I'm sure many of you have been wondering how Emmett and I are going to work out our co-presidency. In many ways we are discovering this as we go along. We will be taking turns both running the meetings and the dances.

Regarding the dances, I will remind and get confirmation from the callers and cuers a few days prior to the dance. Fredi will open the dance. Whoever is responsible for a particular dance (Emmett or myself) will arrive approximately an hour early, in order to save places for both the caller & cuer, and make sure the dance hall is set up correctly. The newsletter will list the co-president who is in charge, so that you know whom to let know what needs to be announced at the dance, and who will be there prior to, during, and at the end of the dance in case an emergency arises (and they do!).

I want to let each of you know how deeply honored I am to serve as your co-president with Emmett. In moving the clubs forward, I have witnessed the entire membership of both former clubs working through a lot together to reach a place where we truly are becoming one club and not two clubs functioning side by side. Personally, I am deeply touched by the wonderful support and appreciation you have extended to me. And I want you to know how much I value each of you in your willingness to use your expertise, to bond as a group, and to apply your own particular gift to make Ribbons & Souls greater than the sum of its parts.

Wishing each of you a happy, healthy 2019!



We're happy that Shan has agreed to be the coordinator for the first trimester of our class.

We look forward to hearing how our new students progress after our Wednesday, January 9 and 16 free

introduction to square

dance classes. We encourage members to angel these classes as often as possible.



On the Road Again... Visitations

Linda Harris



WHERE WE'RE GOING

A new club was forming and now it is here. As the Ribbons & Souls we'll travel far and near.

Our first visitation is to the Boots & Bows We always have fun there as everyone knows.

The dance is on Saturday January 19 at the Riviera Methodist Church, 375 Palos Verdes Blvd., Redondo Beach. It will be their annual Cookie Jamboree with David Mee calling and Judy Keller cuing.



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

Emmett Keeler (emmett.keeler@verizon.net) will be handling everything for both the Mainstream dance on **January 26th** and the board meeting on **January 8th**.

Ruth Fisher (theootherdruth@yahoo.com) will be in charge of the **February 9th** Plus dance and **February 12** board meeting.



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 Babs Schwartz can determine how much fabric to purchase.



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DUES ARE PAST DUE

Thank you to those who have paid. For those who haven't paid, your annual dues were due in October. Since the dues for Ribbons & Souls will be due in this summer, Heels & Souls' final dues will be \$12.50. You can pay at any class or dance or you can mail a check (made payable to Ribbons & Souls) to me.

My address is
1920 Pandora Ave. #6
Los Angeles, CA 90025

If you have not paid your dues, this will be your last issue of the newsletter.

Thank you all – looking forward to seeing you at a class and/or dance.

Judy Fisher, Treasurer

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Kitchen Witch

Evelyn Maggiore



Our December 7 dance theme was "Winter Wonderland." Art and Adrienne Omansky and Norma Spieker provided and served Wonder-filled refreshments: a tray with strawberries, raspberries and blueberries, crackers and cheese. And from Norma's oven, three varieties of cake-- chocolate pudding, 3-layer chocolate and chardonnay wine.

THANK YOU, ADRIENNE AND ART
THANK YOU (X3), NORMA

"Home for the Holidays" was the theme of our December 21 dance. Jane Gold and Evelyn Maggiore created a homey atmosphere with colorful table decorations and holiday treats. There were Christmas cookies galore, Panettone (Italian Christmas bread), chocolate Hanukkah coins, candy canes, red and green M&Ms, a bowl of fresh cut melons and fruit, and cheese and crackers.

THANK YOU, JANE THANK YOU, EVELYN

ASD ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS



Jan Bartholemew, □□□
A Square D Delegate

Every January, the A Square D district for the Valley, Ventura County, and Santa Barbara County puts on the **Student Stomp**. It is a class level dance for students as well as angels. This year, the Student Stomp will be on Sunday, January 27, at 2:00pm to 4:30pm. The donation is \$8.00 at the door. It will be held at the Simi Valley Senior Center, 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, CA 93063. The usual hall for this dance is not available. The callers are Arlen Miller, Dale Hoppers, Dick Hodnefield, Mike Seastrom, Paul Waters, and Rod Shuping. The venue is a distance away, but this dance is always well attended, so probably it will be this year, too.

The **Sweetheart Ball** will be held on Sunday, February 10. 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 level is Plus with an A-1 tip. Rounds start at 1:30pm, and square with rounds are at 2:00 to 4:30pm. Ribbons for getting into the dance are \$10 pre-sale and \$12 at the door.

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
310-453-2841
ma.jory@verizon.net

Information: Linda Kaplan
805.231.6171

FUN LEVEL * CLASS LEVEL

Everyone is invited! Class Members * Angels * Couples * Singles



NEW LOCATION

Simi Valley Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi
Simi Valley, CA 93063



Sunday, January 27, 2019
2:00pm-4:30pm
Donation \$8.00

Callers:
Arlen Miller
Dale Hoppers
Dick Hodnefield



Callers:
Mike Seastrom
Paul Waters
Rod Shuping

Sponsored by Happy Squares - Boots and Slippers - Buckles and Bows - Farmers & Charmers -Lads N' Lassies - Sierra Hillbillies - Trail Dusters - Valley Trailers - Western Weavers

Come to these dances to honor our students and our sweethearts!

Q1 - 2019 Door & Refreshments Schedule

DATE	DOOR	REFRESHMENTS
Jan 12	Jerry & Suzanne	RED RIBBONS PAST PRESIDENTS
Jan 26		
Feb 9		
Feb 23		
Mar 9		
Mar 23		
Mar 30		

Happy Birthday!

1/2 Kathleen Ferson
Art Omansky
1/3 Michael Sternfeld
1/5 Jim Gilbreth
1/23 Lee Wilson
1/27 Judy Fisher
1/30 Helen Frick

GUIDELINES FOR KITCHEN VOLUNTEER FOR SATURDAY DANCES

Suggested refreshments are one-third sweets (cake, cookies, etc.), one-third fresh (fruit or veggies) and one-third savory (cheese and crackers, chips and dip, nuts).

The club provides all necessary supplies. Supplies are in two storage bins marked DANCE found in the cabinet in the hall by the sign-in area. Serving bowls and platters are stored on the top shelf.

First Things First: Fill the water dispenser, make coffee, and heat water for tea as soon as possible.

Water Dispenser: Bring ice cubes. Fill dispenser with water from the kitchen sink and add ice cubes. Set dispenser on the table near the sign-in area. Place cold-water cups and a marker pen on the table.

Coffee: Get decaf coffee and paper filter from supply bin. Fill the carafe of the electric coffee maker with 10 cups of water. Place filter with 1/2 cup coffee into the brew basket. Pour the water in the carafe into the top of the coffee maker. Plug into electrical outlet on kitchen sink counter and turn it on.

Tea: Urn is in storage cabinet (electrical cord is in the urn). Fill with 12 cups water from kitchen sink. Plug urn into electrical outlet by the serving window.

Setting up serving counter: Place table cloth on table. Place paper plates (separated), paper napkins and tableware at the head of the table.

Setting up food service: Get serving bowls and platters from storage cabinet. Place the food in bowls and platters and keep on the kitchen counter. **During the tip before the break (8:45)** place food onto the serving table.

During the break: Serve the brewed coffee at the serving window. Those who prefer tea or instant regular coffee will serve themselves from the urn of hot water. After everyone has helped themselves, pass around remaining refreshments to everyone at the tables.

After the break: Empty water dispenser, coffee carafe (dispose of grounds into the trash) and water urn, then wash and dry them. Put them back into the storage cabinet. Clean kitchen and serving window counters. Wipe off tables. Pack supplies into storage bins. Return the bins to storage cabinet. Make note of supplies that need to be replenished and give the list to Jan Bartholomew.

Learn to Square Dance!

New Beginners' Class
Wednesday January 9 & 16, 2019
7:00 pm and every Wednesday
thereafter for 17 weeks

Instructor: Bill "Tex" Gipson

SINGLES WELCOME
 Casual Dress



Felicia Mahood Hall
 11338 Santa Monica Blvd LA 90025
 2 blks W of 405 Frwy
 Free parking
 Corinth at Iowa after 4:00

www.meetup.com/Square-Dance-in-West-LA

Ribbons & Souls Square Dance Club

Phone: 424-286-0680

Ribbons & Souls Debut Dance

DALE HOPPERS

January 26 2019

Felicia Mahood Hall
 11338 Santa Monica Blvd Los Angeles 90025
 3 blocks West of 405 Freeway
 Free Parking after 5:00 pm NW corner Corinth & Iowa

Joe Scarlatella

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

WWW.MEETUP.COM/SQUARE-DANCE-IN-WEST-LA

RUTH FISHER AND EMMETT KEELER

CO-PRESIDENTS

310-470-1090 AND 310-393-7660



Our 68th Anniversary and
 last dance as **Red Ribbons!**
 Saturday, January 12, 2019
 7:15 - 10:00 pm
 rounds 7:15-7:45 and between tips



Mike Seastrom
Joe Scarlatella



★ Continuous refreshments ★
 Marine Park Auditorium
 1406 Marine Street
 Santa Monica, CA 90405

\$12



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

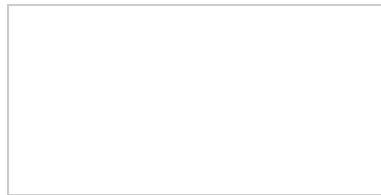
3901 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, CA
 See your Club Delegate for Ribbons

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