



Ribbons  
& Souls

# Reporter



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*You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.*

~~ Dr. Seuss

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## President's Corner



Ruth Fisher

Are you ready to start a new class? To meet new student? To say hello to returning students? It's that time of the year again. How exciting it is to bring something to others that brings us so much joy!

I'm asking each and every one of you to participate actively in recruiting for our new class. Even if you are not among the angels who support the class weekly you can help by advertising the lessons on Nextdoor.com. If you are not already signed up, please type "nextdoor" in your google bar and click "join". Or, you could ask my Plus class partner, Dana, to invite you to be a member, which is easier. Dana's email is [darksy@roadrunner.com](mailto:darksy@roadrunner.com). In case you didn't know, he is the one who first suggested posting an advertisement for our classes on Nextdoor.com a few years ago. Nextdoor, Meet-up, and of course personal invitations are the ways we have brought in most of our new dancers. I have used the same basic post in Nextdoor since the beginning, just changing the dates and anything else that seemed appropriate. This time, I made a few more changes, based on what I learned from the marketing experts at the National Square Dance Convention. I will share mine here and would like to encourage others to send them to Diane for circulation to our membership if you have one that would appeal in a different way.

*Hi Neighbors,*

*There is a "hidden gem" that is close by. I'd love to introduce you to a great class that brings me boundless joy.*

*Square Dancing is a wonderful opportunity to move aerobically to music and singing, while interacting with new people, having a lot of fun, enjoying refreshments and making new friends. We have a live caller/instructor. The first class is free whether you start on September 11<sup>th</sup> or September 18<sup>th</sup> and the rest are only \$7 each.*

*Come as a single person or as a couple. We have experienced partners for you if you want. Dress casually and wear comfortable shoes. Many of us who dance regularly come to the classes every week to partner with the new students. We dance in our neighborhood, at Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Auditorium: 11338 Santa Monica Blvd, LA 90025 (enter off of Corinth) 1 block west of Sawtelle. There is free parking in the back and at the end of the block at the NW corner of Corinth & Iowa, after 4 p.m.*

*You will be delightfully surprised by how much fun it is. The beginner's class is from 7:00 pm -8:30 p.m. every Wednesday; then we have a break with snacks and conversation. At 8:45 a more complex (called Plus) class starts. I, personally, square dance 3 times a week now, because I get such joy from it. Give it a try, you have nothing to lose and a lot to gain.*

*If you want further information reply to this post or go to [www.meetup.com/Square-Dance-in-West-LA](http://www.meetup.com/Square-Dance-in-West-LA).*

Please feel free to copy my post or anyone else's. If someone in your neighborhood has already posted about

**(SEE President on page 3)**



## DUES ARE PAST DUE



Thank you to all who have already paid their dues. For those who haven't, your annual \$25.00 dues were due by July 1st. You can pay at any class or dance or you can mail them to me.

My address is Judy Fisher – 1920 Pandora Ave. #6 - Los Angeles, CA 90025

Judy Fisher, Treasurer

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

## Anniversary Dance Theme

*Madeline Sprints,  
Decorations Chair Anniversary Dance*

Hello everyone,

It's time to start planning for our 1 year anniversary dance. We haven't chosen a theme yet, and this is where you can all help!

The caller for this dance is Debra Carroll Jones.

We are having a contest, so get your thinking caps on. We want our club members to join in helping to pick a theme for our first anniversary dance as Ribbons & Souls. The winner gets a \$20 gift certificate, courtesy of Kat' Fergeson.

We look forward to your suggestions. Please send your suggestions to [belle926@aol.com](mailto:belle926@aol.com) or call (323) 932 0342

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our new class, then please respond to their ad by recommending the class so that it builds up excitement. If anyone would like me to send my post to you as an attachment, just let me know: [theotherdrruth@yahoo.com](mailto:theotherdrruth@yahoo.com) and I will be happy to do so.

Meet-up is another wonderful source of new students. Please RSVP to the classes, especially during the month of September when we are recruiting new students.

For us to continue having a place to dance in the city, we need to constantly bring new students into our classes. To accomplish this, it is important for us to have a social media presence and constant activity, especially when we are starting new classes. I have heard from people that they do not like signing up for either site because it clutters their inbox. All you need to do is send them to your delete file or make up a toss folder and send them it when they do not apply to square dancing. Every day when I first go to my inbox, I go through and check all the emails I am not interested in and there are many. It takes only a few minutes to send them as a group to a toss folder. Whatever your excuse is for not being on Nextdoor.com or Meet-up during this crucial time, please dismiss it and recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

Ken Bower, as usual, put on a dynamite dance for us at our second Saturday dance, bringing in 7 squares. Although I

personally have tremendous discipline most of the time, I do not when it comes to curtailing my dancing -- especially to Ken Bower. It gives me too much joy! So, I look to my Physical Therapist to give me objective measurements to follow so that I do not slow down my recovery. My mood was elevated immensely when I went from complete dance deprivation for 6 weeks to 30 minutes at Ken's dance. And because I did not harm my ankle/foot's recovery, David (my PT) endorsed 45 minutes for the Darrell Newell dance and possibly more for our Jon Jones dance. I do know how to ask for what I want (LOL).

Darrell Newell knows how to make Mainstream dancing a lot of fun. We had 4 squares at our 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance and a room full of round dancers, some demonstrating the beauty of the Flair clothing line designed by our cuer Carolyn Cook.

This is such an amazing month — culminating with Jon Jones who will be calling our 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance. To this day, the visitation I went on that was my own personal favorite was a Sea Breeze dance with Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll Jones, and Ken Bower all calling together. It sealed my passion for Square Dancing.



9/4	Jim Walton
9/8	Cecille Gordon Norma Spieker
9/12	Larry McNamee
9/16	Ruth Michaelson
9/17	Fredi Levitt
9/26	Madeline Sprints Shan Cretin
9/28	Emmett Keeler Phyllis Bass

9/27 Julie & Frank Davanzo

9/26 Emmett Keeler & Shan Cretin



Evelyn Maggiore's family is organizing a Celebration of Evelyn's Life: October 27 from 12-6pm at Annenberg Beach House in Santa Monica.

The event will be catered.

Parking arrangements will be made.

More details to follow.

## Class



*Shan Cretin*

*Rick Marken*



The R & S Square dance class will be finishing up a very successful session on September 4. We will end the session with at least 5 new mainstream dancers and 2 new plus dancers. Again, the highlight of the class, other than Bill Gipson's superior teaching and my monologues at the break, has been the super snacks

provided by our generous Angels. The next project is to recruit students for the Fall semester class which starts on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

*Rick Marken, Co-Coordinator*

## On the Road Again... Visitations

*Linda Harris*



### WHERE WE'VE BEEN

We had two visitations in August

The first was to the Farmers and Charmers  
We had one square and one spare.

Attending were Pam Bailis, Michaelyn Duboff, Jim Gilbreth, Diane Isaacs, Fredi Levitt, Alan Lubberts, Pat Neal, and Suzanne & Jerry Neubauer

The second visitation was to the Buckles and Bows Sea Breeze Dance.

Attending were Michaelyn Duboff, Jim Gilbreth, Linda Harris, and Jerry & Suzanne Neubauer

### WHERE WE'RE GOING

On Sunday, **September 8th** we will visit the **Sierra Hillbillies**.

They have a new dance location:  
Valencia United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall,  
25718 McBean Parkway  
Santa Clarita, CA 91355.

It is their 52nd Anniversary Dance.

Michael Kellogg is the caller.

Cuing begins at 2:00pm and squares are from 2:30 to 5:00pm

traditional square dance clothes or other, within reason. ASqD recommends that we discourage wearing traditional square dance attire. Next we talked about music. To attract younger dancers, we need to have more current music. ASqD wants square dance callers to include music in their repertoire which was written on or after 2010. We discussed clubs offering new classes starting more often than once a year. Our club is very familiar with this and is doing well with our 17-week classes. Other clubs are offering their class once a year and would be encouraged to offer it more often. The A Square D General Meeting voted to proceed with the process of looking into marketing. Delegates will take the marketing ideas to their clubs for feedback and bring the results to the November A Square D General Meeting. Lastly, we discussed clubs

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## ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS



*Jan Bartholemew,*

*A Square D Delegate*

*Alan Lubberts contributed to this column.*

The A Square D General Meeting was held on Sunday, August 18. We discussed marketing of square dancing and in particular the use of Facebook for marketing.

There is a manual for marketing square dancing. It was passed out at the National Convention if you attended Mike Hogan's panel session. To see a copy, go to [www.callerlab.org/Marketing](http://www.callerlab.org/Marketing). Click on the link for "Marketing Manual". The Manual is 91 pages long, but can be skimmed.

For marketing, we want to saturate the market with messages about square dancing. Topics discussed were first the answer to "What are we marketing?" Answer: fun, socializing, friendship, dancing, and community. What we are not marketing are health and petticoats, as these are not selling points. Regarding what we wear, people can choose to wear whatever they would like,



**Kitchen Witch***Norma Spieker*

Many thanks for the volunteers who worked in the kitchen for August: August 10, Pam Szabo & Claire Tucker, August 24, Desiree Elliott & Judy Fisher and August 31, Madeline & Martin Sprints. Everyone enjoyed your goodies.

Thank you to the following people have signed up for September - September 14 Pam Szabo & Claire Tucker, September 28 Shan Cretin & Emmitt Keeler.



I have our October dances covered, thank you! I need volunteers for the November dances - November 9, 23, and 30 — and our last dance of the year, December 28.

The sign up sheet is on the table at our dances and class Please think about it and sign up and help.

**Contact Norma at (310) 670-5736 or you may email Judy Fisher at [RibbonsAndSouls@The-DP-Corp.com](mailto:RibbonsAndSouls@The-DP-Corp.com)**

Date	Desk	Kitchen	Kitchen	Caller	Cuer	Theme
Jan 26★	Judy Fisher	Amelia Kacena	Michaelyn Duboff	Dale Hoppers	Joe Scarlatella	Our Debut Dance
Feb 9	Judy Fisher	Madeline Sprints	Martin Sprints	Mike Sikorsky	Joe Scarlatella	Valentine's Day
Feb 23★	Judy Fisher	Diane Isaacs	Phyllis Bass	Vic Kaaria	Shauna Kaaria	Sing-Along
Mar 9	Judy Fisher	Jan Bartholomew	Jane Gold	Dan Preedy	Linda Ashby	St. Pat's Day
Mar 23★	Judy Fisher	Linda Harris	Jim Gilbreth	Scot Byars	Erin Byars	Crazy Hat
Mar 30	Judy Fisher	Kinuyo Levin, Richard Wu	Norma Spieker	<b>Andy Allemao</b>	<b>Joe Scarlatella</b>	<b>Denim &amp; Diamonds</b>
Apr 13	Phyllis Bass	Michaelyn Duboff	Pat Neal	Rod Shuping	Joe Scarlatella	Red/Black (Taxes)
Apr 27★	Jerry Neubauer	Julie DaVanzo	Frank DaVanzo	Jim Smith	Judy Keller	Spring Fling
May 11	Diane Isaacs	Pam Bailis	Brian Scanlon	Romney Tannehill	Joe Scarlatella	Mom's Day
May 25★	Linda Harris	Amelia Kacena	Diane Isaacs	James Thompson	David Moorhouse	Sports Night
Jun 8	Suzanne Neubauer	Norma Spieker	Phyllis Bass	Dick Hodnefield	Joe Scarlatella	Dad's Day
Jun 22★	Shan Cretin	Suzanne Neubauer	Jerry Neubauer	Steve Woodard	David Moorehouse	Grads Day
Jun 29	Desiree Elliott	Nancy Howell	Glen Howell	<b>Paul Waters</b>	<b>Jim Spence</b>	<b>Red, White &amp; Blue</b>
Jul 13	Judy Fisher	Barb Schwartz	Ben Stegall	Pat Carnathan	David Moorhouse	Mickey Mouse
Jul 27★	Judy Fisher	Linda Harris	Kathy Lovelace	David Mee	Dawn Mee	Beach Bash
Aug 10	Diane Isaacs	Pam Szabo	Claire Tucker	Ken Bower	Joe Scarlatella	Travel "T"
Aug 24★	Norma Spieker	Desiree Elliott	Judy Fisher	Darrell Newell	Carolyn Cook	Aloha Hawaii
Aug 31	Judy Fisher	Madeline Sprints	Martin Sprints	<b>Jon Jones</b>	<b>David Moorhouse</b>	<b>Circus Time</b>
Sep 14		Pam Szabo	Claire Tucker	Darren Gallina	Jim Spence	Back to School
Sep 28★		Shan Cretin	Emmett Keeler	Lawrence Johnstone	Joe Scarlatella	Big Bands
Oct 12	Diane Isaacs	Desiree Elliott	Lee Stillman	Michael Kellogg	Jim Spence	Octoberfest
Oct 26★		Marion Scholtz	Ken Scholtz	Jim Smith	Judy Keller	Halloween
Nov 9				Arlen Miller	David Moorhouse	Veteran's Day
Nov 23★				Shauna Kaaria	David Moorhouse	Thanksgiving
Nov 30				<b>Mike Haworth</b>	<b>Judy Keller</b>	<b>Fabulous 50's</b>
Dec 14		Lauren Friedman	Diane Isaacs	Steve Moore	Joe Scarlatella	Happy Holidays
Dec 28★				Jay Henderson	Judy Keller	New Years

**Everyone needs to sign up for 2 to 3 Refreshment assignments for the year  
Signing up for the Desk does not replace doing the Refreshments.**

# Back-to-School Dance

Saturday September 14

## Darren

## Gallina

## Jim Spence

Plus Level Dance

Squares: 7:30-10:00

Rounds: 7-7:30 and between Tips

Donation: \$8.00



FELICIA MAHOOD HALL  
11338 SANTA MONICA BLVD, LA 90025  
3 BLKS W OF 405 FRWY  
FREE PARKING AFTER 4 PM  
NW CORNER CORINTH & IOWA  
RUTH FISHER, PRESIDENT 310-470-1090  
[WWW.MEETUP.COM/SQUARE-DANCE-IN-WEST-LA](http://WWW.MEETUP.COM/SQUARE-DANCE-IN-WEST-LA)



## New A1 Class

Begins Monday,  
September 16, 2019

Felicia Mahood Center  
11338 Santa Monica Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA

Corner Corinth & Santa Monica Blvd.

7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Arlen Miller, Instructor

Information: 818-705-8350

Sponsored by Ribbons & Souls

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Mainstream Dance



September 28

## Lawrence Johnstone

Squares: 7:30-10:00

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

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## MICHAEL KELLOGG

## Mel Branham

Saturday October 12

Plus Dance

Squares: 7:30-10:00

Rounds: 7-7:30 and between Tips

Donation: \$8.00

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11338 Santa Monica Blvd  
Los Angeles 90025  
3 Blks West of 405 Frwy  
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**ASD ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS**

**71<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

*Come dance with us!*

Pat Carnathan      Bev Oren      Mike Seastrom

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019  
HAWTHORNE MEMORIAL CENTER  
3901 W. EL SEGUNDO BLVD. ★ HAWTHORNE, CA

1:30 PRE-ROUNDS ★ 2:00 – 4:30 SQUARES & ROUNDS  
A-1 TIP

\$10 PRE-SALE      ★ \$12 AT THE DOOR

SPECIAL RIBBONS FOR CLUB PRESIDENTS ★ THEY DANCE FOR FREE!

Information: Diane Isaacs 323-939-1478 or Fredi Levitt 310-287-1434

Live Live! Square Dance!

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doing advertising for classes using social media. A survey has been filled out by each club for how they are doing with marketing. At the General Meeting there was a detailed presentation on how to boost your Facebook page.

The next A Square D dance is the 71<sup>st</sup> A Square D Anniversary Dance. I am selling ribbons for admission, which cost \$10 pre-sale or \$12 at the door. Club presidents get in free. Here is a review of the details: The 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dance will be held on Sunday, October 20. Pre-rounds start at 1:30pm and squares with rounds will be at 2pm – 4:30pm. There will be an A1 tip. The callers will be Pat Carnathan and Mike Seastrom and the cuer will be Bev Oren. The venue is the Hawthorne Memorial Center at 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd., in Hawthorne. Enter the hall via the back parking lot off of Prairie Avenue.

The next Square Dance National Convention will be held on June 17-20 in Spokane Washington. The High Fliers sightsee in that area in the days before the convention. If you want to join the High Fliers, now is a good time to sign up. For more information, see Pam Bailis.



**Ribbons & Souls**  
**Halloween Mainstream Dance**  
Squares: 7:30-10:00  
Rounds: 7-7:30 and between Tips

**JIM SMITH**  
**JUDY KELLER**

**October 26, 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

**Donation \$8.00**

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### HIGH FLIERS GOING TO SPOKANE IN 2010

*Pamela Bailis*

I will be arranging tours for us for next year's convention in Spokane.

For those of you who did the High Flyers' tours in Spokane about five years ago, this will be a different tour. I was able to contact the tour company from five years ago to see what you all did. We'll be touring different sights.

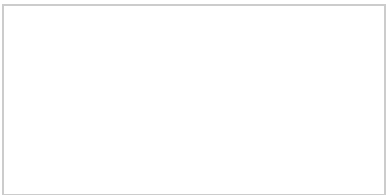
We'll be staying at a hotel connected to the convention center. That's already arranged.

Attached is the registration form I will need to get from you by December 1 with your \$300 deposit (totally refundable). As soon as I know which tours I have, will let you know the total price. Stay tuned!

Hope to see many of you in Spokane. This Convention is the **3rd week in June, June 13-21.**



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