

Ribbons & Souls Reporter

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31	<p>Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. In 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress designated the month of March 1987 as Women's History Month. Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1988, U.S. presidents have issued annual proclamations designating the month of March as Women's History Month.</p>					

President's Corner



Ruth Fisher
Emmett Keeler



ENERGY is an interesting thing. We feel great when we have a lot of it and depleted when we are low on it. Personally, I was feeling over-extended and did not

know where the time or oomph was going to come from to write this column amidst my full schedule. So I asked my massage therapist if he would work on my energy today. A combination of Cranial Sacral and Polarity work and suddenly I feel like a new person. What gives you energy? I imagine one thing most of us can agree on is, once we leave the comfort of our home and go to a square dance or class, we will soon experience more energy than we had when we arrived. We all enjoy dancing and/or visiting with each other or we wouldn't be here.

New members and volunteers are what keep any club thriving. We are fortunate in R&S to have so many people who are great at their job and are willing to contribute many hours a month to accomplish it. And I am thrilled to share with you that **Rick Marken** has agreed to be class coordinator for the trimester starting in May. **Shan Cretin** was willing to take on the position of class coordinator, for which she is doing an outstanding job, as long as we have two more, one for each trimester. They will work as a team, so that if someone is out of town, or otherwise unavailable, we will have another class coordinator to fill in. The three will work together backing each other up, supporting one another and making our classes even stronger as a result. I mentioned three, because we do need a volunteer for the third trimester, which starts in September. If you are willing to do this extremely important job, please speak to Shan about it. Judy Fisher is handling MeetUp, now that the Lippey's have retired from that position, so do not let that portion scare you away. Angels, you are doing a terrific job of showing up and assisting our students. The proof of how well our classes are doing, thanks to Shan and our Angels, is that we are a little over a third through and have five squares in Mainstream and three in Plus, which is extraordinary.

Our June Installation Dinner provides us with another volunteer opportunity: Will you volunteer to coordinate our Installation Dinner and contribute to our club in this way? We have the dock side room at Tony P's reserved for dinner starting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 11. The job would involve selecting the main items for the menu, making sure

we receive the fund raising coupons and that they get into the newsletter, and basically coordinating the event with the restaurant manager and the club. **Claire Tucker** is willing to do this, however she would like to work with someone who has attended an Installation Dinner in the past. We would really appreciate your participation in this way.

Now that Judy Fisher is physically able to dance again, we would appreciate volunteers to sign people in and take their money for dances. Please contact Judy and let her know on which dances you are willing to assist.

To paraphrase JFK, "ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club." Knowing that you are helping means that you are making sure that we have dancing in the city. We have 66 members, and we need as many as possible to help us continue to thrive. R&S is off to a great start; please do your part to assist.

It is hard to believe that it is that time of the year when we are looking to our annual elections which will take place at our General Meeting and Pot Luck on May 21. Art Omansky is the chair of our Nominating Committee which also includes Linda Harris and myself. Most people will be continuing in the jobs they assumed in January, however if you are not planning on doing so please let Linda Harris (310) 775-5474, linnberkk@aol.com or me 310-470-1090, theotherdrruth@yahoo.com know ASAP. If you are interested in a position that you are not currently holding, please do let us know that also.

Babs looked wonderful in an outfit that showed off our club fabric at our February 23 Mainstream dance. Have you ordered yours yet? She brought the bolt to the dance and was ready to cut cloth to order. She had pieces pre-cut for those of you that gave her yardage. It is \$8.50 per yard payable to the club.

Our Advanced class on Monday nights from 7:00-9:00 will be completing A-1 by the end of March. We would love to have people return to Advanced class who have taken it in the past or to begin it for the first time. It will depend on who is interested as to whether we will start A-2 in April or begin A-1 again. If interested please let us know ASAP.

At the Boots & Bows Anniversary Dance we were 12 strong. We have gained a presence through our merger that is much greater than either club did alone. It is also exciting to see that a few people from both clubs, (SEE PREZ on page 5)



We are half way through our Winter 2019 Square Dancing class and still going strong. At our first class in February five brand new students showed up, invited by students already in the class.

Thanks to the extra efforts

of a dedicated group of Angels, three of these newcomers have been able to catch up and are continuing with the class. The other two have decided to rejoin our Spring class in May.

Bill Gipson is keeping us all—students and Angels—on our toes. As of week seven, the Basic/Mainstream class of 10 to 16 students has covered 47 different Basic calls and the Plus class had covered 17 of the 29 Plus calls. The Plus class has four regular students who are also serving as Angels in the earlier class.

The Plus class is a great review for Angels, especially as we have now covered more than half of the Plus calls. Special thanks to the Angels who are staying for the Plus class, allowing us to have at least two if not three squares.

Thanks to the Angels and our fabulous kitchen crew for making the students feel welcomed and well-fed. Please make every effort to join us on Wednesdays! With so many Basic/Mainstream students, we need four to five squares for the early class and the last two Wednesdays, the number of Angels dropped below 30 for the first time this session.

To ensure a strong finish to the Winter class, we need a strong Angel showing every week. If at all possible, please 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.

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

We visited the Boots & Bows who were full of glee
As they celebrated their 63rd Anniversary,
We danced with Mike Seastrom which is always a treat
And we filled our tummies with lots of good food to eat.

Attending were: Phyllis Bass, Michaelyn Duboff, Judy Fisher, Ruth Fisher, Linda Harris, Diane Isaacs, Fredi Levitt, Allan Lubberts, Jerry & Suzanne Neubauer, John Rockwood and Nancy Tu.

WHERE WE'RE GOING

On Saturday March 2 we will be going to the Honeycombers 61st “Bees a Buzzing” Anniversary Dance at the First Baptist Church of Palos Verdes at 28 Moccasin Lane, Rolling Hills Estates. The caller will be Romney Tannehill and the cuer is Jim Smith. Dinner will be served, so the donation is \$15.



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:

Emmett Keeler

(emmett.keeler@verizon.net) will be chairing the March 19 board meeting and hosting the March 23 Mainstream dance.

Ruth Fisher (theoetherdruth@yahoo.com) will be hosting the **March 9** and **March 30** Plus dances .

Kitchen Witch

Evelyn Maggiore



We celebrated Valentine's Day on February 9 at our dance. Madeline and Martin Sprints provided exotic refreshments at the break: stuffed grape leaves, cherry tomatoes, hummus, cheese and crackers with artichoke dip. The bowl filled with fresh cut fruit and berries was very refreshing. And to satisfy our "sweet tooth," there

was chocolate rugalach, biscotti and Madeline's signature Madeleines (chocolate dipped).

THANK YOU, MADELINE AND MARTIN!
(aka Team M & M)

Evelyn had theatre tickets and was not able to attend our February 23 Mainstream dance (too bad as Vic and Shauna Kaaria put on a great evening of fun dancing). So your editor is reporting on the refreshments:

Diane Isaacs brought cheese and Triscuits and a big bowl of fruit salad. Phyllis Bass shared chocolate chip cookies baked by her daughter. Concerned that there would not be enough to eat, Phyllis asked Norma Spieker to provide

one of her delicious chocolate cakes and oranges from her tree.

THANK YOU, DIANE, PHYLLIS and NORMA!

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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Members of our club who attended the Sweetheart Ball were Fredi, Linda Harris, Alan, Diane, Judy, Ruth, Phyllis, Nancy T., Amelia, Jan, Lauren, Richard, Kinu, Martin, Madeline, Charlie, Michaelyn, Pam, Babs, Harvey and Norma. The dance was run by our very own Diane Isaacs. Other members of our club who helped to put on the dance were Judy, Pam, Babs, Norma, Fredi, and Linda Harris. Congratulations to all for a good dance!

Leprechaun Ball The next class-level dance will be put on by the Orange District of A Square D. It is the Leprechaun Ball. If you go, consider wearing green, or even a Leprechaun outfit. There will be prizes for the best Leprechaun costume. It will be held on Sunday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), at 2:00-4:30pm. The callers will be Bill Gipson, Tim Pepper and Mike Hayworth. There will be a sale of new and experience square dance clothing! It will be at the Walter Ehlers Recreation Center, 8150 S Knott Ave, Buena Park, CA 90620. It will be \$8 at the door.

General Meeting We held elections of officers at the A Square D General Meeting. Members of our club who will hold elected offices starting in April are Alan (president), Babs (secretary), Judy (treasurer), and Diane (senior director, South Bay/Westside District). Others of

(SEE ASD on page 5)

ASD ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS



Jan Bartholemew, □□□
A Square D Delegate

Sweetheart Ball The Sweetheart Ball was a big success and lots of fun. Our sweethearts were Linda Harris and Fredi Levitt.

Everywhere you looked you saw a lot of red and pink. 21 members of Ribbons & Souls went to the dance. There were 377 paid individuals at the dance bringing in \$3,870. There were 41 sweethearts from 22 clubs, making a total of 418 dancers. The raffle of baskets and of Babs' beautiful quilt brought in \$1,058. With a total income of \$4,928 and expenses of \$1,477.40, there was a net profit of \$3,450.60. This is good for A Square D, as there are expenses to be paid (halls for the board meetings, etc.) and some other A Square D dances are loss leaders.

Q1 - 2019 Dance Refreshments Schedule

DATE	
Jan 12	RED RIBBONS PAST PRESIDENTS
Jan 26	Michaelyn Duboff, Amelia Kacena (+ Ron, Evelyn)
Feb 9	Martin & Madeline Sprintz
Feb 23	Diane Isaacs, Phyllis Bass (+Norma Spieker)
Mar 9	Jan Bartholomew & Jane Gold
Mar 23	Linda Harris & Jim Gilbreth
Mar 30	

(PREZ from page 2)

who had not been coming for years are now angels at our classes. And I am sure our club will continue to grow and thrive thanks to each and every one of you.

Ruth Fisher
theotherdruth@yahoo.com

After a fun dance with Vic and Shauna Kaaria, we tried something new. Jan Bartholomew had suggested at the Board meeting we try to restart an after dance get together, and after doing some research, she was able to find a place that was close, open late, and might want us. Four of us went to Café 50s just a few blocks down Santa Monica after the dance and had a good time. The place was jumping, but we managed to score a booth and over some wine, food and milk shakes, had some more satisfying conversation than one can usually squeeze in between tips. I think the party was a success and worth repeating.

Emmett Keeler
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Happy Birthday!

3/4 Kinuyo Levin
 3/12 Jerry Lippey
 3/13 Pamela Bailis
 3/19 Adrienne Omansky
 3/21 Ilene Martin
 3/23 Dana Patchick

(ASD from page 4)

our members hold appointed positions. All the people with new positions will be published in the June Grapevine.

We held a discussion of taxes. One of the issues discussed is the need for all clubs to keep track of all people who sign in at their dances who do not belong to an A Square D club. Clubs keep this list in case they are ever audited. At the sign in desk at a dance, there will be three sign-in sheets – one for members of the club, one for guests who belong to another A Square D club, and one for guests who do not belong to an A Square D club (they belong to a non-A Square D club or to no club). All our club members and students belong to an A Square D club (R&S) for tax purposes. So, remember when you dance at another A Square D club, you sign in on the list of guests who DO belong to an A Square D club. For your information, a list of the A Square D clubs is in the March Grapevine on page 14.

Jan Bartholomew
jbartholomew4@verizon.net



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 and let me know when you would like to help.

Thank you
Judy Fisher, Treasurer
 310-820-7191 or *RibbonsAndSouls@The-DP-Corp.com*



When the Heels & Souls and Red Ribbons merged, everything was joined including my collective sponsorships. For those of you who do not know me well – several years ago I lost the ability to drive. My square dance friends came to the rescue in a BIG WAY! Every time someone drives me to a dance, meeting or visitation, I pledge \$5 to the club. When we reach 20 events, I sponsor a dance to thank each and every one of them. So, for our March 9 dance I will sponsor to honor (in alphabetical order): Elizabeth Glaubach, Linda Harris, Kinu Levin, Kathy Lovelace, Ben Stegall for their continuing support. Without you, I'd be sitting home in a rocking chair instead of enjoying our favorite activity! For new members, or those who forgot, following is a summary for sponsoring a dance.

Ruth Michaelson

Sponsoring a dance is a wonderful and easy way to honor any occasion or person: Birthdays, Thank You, Anniversaries, etc. Here are the simple procedures and guidelines for sponsoring a dance:

1. Select a date
2. Call our treasurer to see if the date is available
3. Second or give a check for \$100 to our treasurer
4. Regular refreshments will be provided but advise the refreshment person for that night if you will provide a cake.

This is a short overview. Rules are in place in case of conflict of dates, or any questions you have. All proceeds go into the general funds of the Ribbons & Souls and are used to defray continuing operating costs.

Thank you!



We are celebrating many "firsts" this year. Congratulations to our first Ribbons & Souls Sweethearts, Fredi Levitt and Linda Harris.

DAN PREEDY LINDA ASHBY Ribbons & Souls

Saturday March 9, 2019



Squares: 7:30-10:00 pm

Plus LEVEL + A1 Tip

Rounds: 7-7:30 and between Tips

Donation: \$8.00

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

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Ribbons & Souls
SCOT BYARS
Erin Byars

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

Saturday March 23, 2019



Crazy Hat

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

Mainstream Dance

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Ribbons & Souls
 Plus Level Dance
 Squares: 7:30-10:00
 Rounds: 7-7:30 and between Tips
 Donation: \$8.00

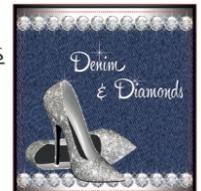
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JOE SCARLATELLA

March 30, 2019



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 Los Angeles 90025
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Ribbons & Souls
Red/Black Plus Level Dance
ROD SHUPING
JOE SCARLATELLA
Saturday April 13, 2019

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



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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

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2019 Sweetheart Ball

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