



# Ribbons & Souls Reporter



## June 2019



Editor: Diane Isaacs

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16 <b>Happy Fathers Day!</b>	17 7:00–9:00 ADVANCED CLASS A1 OR A2	18 7:30 BOARD MEETING FELICIA MAHOOD COMMUNITY RM RUTH FISHER CHAIRING	19 SQUARE DANCE CLASS 7:00-8:30 MAINSTREAM 8:45-9:45 PLUS	20	21 First Day of Summer! 	22 RIBBONS & SOULS <b>GRAD'S DAY (MAINSTREAM)</b> STEVE WOODARD JUDY KELLER
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30	<p>“ And since all this loveliness can not be Heaven, I know in my heart it is June.</p> <p>~Abba Woolson ”</p>					

## President's Corner



*Ruth Fisher*  
*Emmett Keeler*



On May 21 we had our first full term elections. I'm thrilled to share that **Desiree Elliott** will be our Vice President. And if you were at the General Meeting you know that she is willing to run for President when it is

time for me to step down. I've been getting to know her for awhile, and have been impressed by her ability to see the whole picture. Those of you who have served as President in the past know how crucial that skill is to the job. Desiree is the first person on the elected board who was not a student of or member of either RR or H&S. She started dancing as a teenager and continued into her 30's, left it for around 10 years until January 2019, when she joined the Plus Class. As far as I can see, she didn't forget anything and is strong in both positions. Desiree has been great as the pre-class instructor, having absorbed much during her teens when her sister was learning to be a caller. I'm excited to say that among other excellent qualities, she brings youth, intelligence, perceptiveness, ability to think outside the box and a willingness to be the President in a year or two.

I would like to recognize **Linda Harris** in her unique role in our merger, whose seeds were planted a decade and a half ago, by the Mutual Support Agreement made on behalf of RR by Linda Harris and H&S by John Greiner. We, as R&S, are indebted to both Emmett Keeler and Linda Harris for each being an instrumental part of bringing our merger into fruition.

In the General Meeting we chose to look at the remaining things that the H&S and RR did somewhat differently and vote on what to keep and what to let go of. We choose to continue having full (not a dessert only) pot luck dinner prior to the General Meetings. We are not continuing with dangles for dance sponsorships or visitation attendance, nor the Toy Drive. We voted to eliminate the Wagon Master position. With the decline in active membership over the past several years, it has become increasingly difficult to get the minimum number of people to commit to some of the great trips that our Wagon Master, Norma Spieker, tried to arrange. We are creating a new position called **Wagon Light** with **Desiree** in charge. She will be arranging car pools to certain visitations, including some California based conventions, with other activities connected to them in order to attract additional participation.

During the last half year, as we let go of past customs of either club and get used to different dance nights, class nights, board meeting nights, new kitchen, dance hall, refreshment area, leadership, outfits, badges, etc., most of us go through waves of experiencing loss. In the past month, I've either experienced, been told of, observed, or shared a sense of loss of either the RR or H&S by a number of different members. Sometimes people have only realized after the fact that their own reaction was in response to the closing of their former club, some are acutely aware of mourning and others have not been conscious of their bereavement. I've become aware of my own mourning twice in the past month. Once was in response to empathizing with someone who was surprised by their own grieving at this late date. As I was sharing with the person, my thought that it might have been delayed for them because of working so hard for the Ribbons & Souls, I found myself tearing up — my own feelings of sadness were triggered as I identified with what I felt might be going on for them. The other instance of my own difficulty in letting go of H&S amused me. I received my High Fliers Badge for the National Square Dance Convention, and asked Judy if she would replace the pin with a magnet. By accident she replaced my pin first, she did so by removing the backing from her own H&S badge, and putting it on the back of my High Fliers Badge. Thus she needed to remove the backing from my H&S badge. I found myself looking for another magnet to use. I was surprised at my reluctance to give up the ability to wear my H&S badge. In amazement simultaneously I both laughed and became sad, as I became conscious of my own difficulty in letting go. I was particularly amused since I like our R&S badge so much more than I did the H&S badge. Of course I would, I played a part in the design, color and my son the font of the badge we voted in.

Grieving takes many different forms and I have seen displays of a multitude of them during the past month. Some people have found themselves expressing anger, others have said it doesn't feel like my club any more, others have reminisced over the good old days (which were gone over 10 years ago), etc. We can only experience loss as we let go of something of value. I think perhaps there has been more of a feeling of loss of our H&S or RR club during the past month as we've mourned first the severe illness and then the death of two of our own: Charlie and then Evelyn. It felt meaningful that Evelyn died during the afternoon we were celebrating Charlie's Life. Both were integral, loved parts of our community and are missed. Whenever we experience a death it brings other deaths to the forefront.

*(SEE Presidents on page 7)*

## Class



*Shan Cretin*

*Rick Marken*



The Spring Session of the Wednesday night square dance class has gotten off to a great start. We had 25 students and 33 Angels the first night and 23 students and 32 Angels the second. Most of the students were returning from the Winter Session but we got several new students this session. So assuming that the ambient number of

dancers in the Basic/Mainstream portion of the class remains greater than 48, we should be able to have 6 Basic/Mainstream squares for each of the remaining 15 sessions. If the ratio of students to Angels holds up we will be able to assign approximately equal numbers of students and Angels to each square.

We also have 5 students in the Plus class. We have managed to have 3 squares during the Plus portion of class, with at least 1 student in each square. The high ratio of Angels to students seems to have been helpful since the students are on schedule to learn all 29 Plus calls by the end of the Session.

As per the last report, Shan and I have been discussing how best to divide up the various tasks for the Spring Session. We have agreed that Shan will continue doing most of the tasks she has been doing during the Winter session. My role will consist of helping Shan in any way I can during the classes, covering for her when she is out of town and doing the announcements at the break. Oh, and writing these reports to the board.

Please let us know any suggestions you have for ways we can improve the class experience for Angels and for students.

*Rick Marken, Co-Coordinator*

### DANCE HOSTS FOR JUNE:

June 8 - Ruth Fisher

June 22- Linda Harris

June 29 - Emmett Keeler



## On the Road Again... Visitations

*Linda Harris*



### WHERE WE'VE BEEN

Fourteen of us went to the Guys and Dolls. There was great dancing without any falls. A taco buffet was really neat And we all had lots of great food to eat.

Attending were: Shan Cretin, Michaelyn Duboff, Judith Fisher, Ruth Fisher, Linda Harris, Diane Isaacs, Amelia Kacena, Emmett Keeler, Fredi Levitt, Alan Lubberts, Ruth Michaelson, Pat Neal, Barb Schwartz and Nancy Tu.

### WHERE WE'RE GOING

On Sunday, June 2 from 1:30-4:30 we are going to the SPRING FLING at Hawthorne Memorial Center at 3901 W El Segundo Blvd. in Hawthorne. The four callers are Phil Farmer, Bill Gipson, Dale Hoppers, and Sylvester Nealon who are the class callers in our South Bay/Westside District. The donation is \$8. Come support our students and maybe even offer one a ride.

**ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS**  
South Bay/Westside District

# SPRING FLING

Dance party for classes that started in January and September.

**Sunday, June 2, 2019 1:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Phil Farmer**  
**Bill "Tex" Gipson**  
**Dale Hoppers**  
**Sylvester Nealon**

**Donation: \$8**

**HAWTHORNE MEMORIAL CENTER**  
3901 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, CA

Questions? Call Diane Isaacs  
Sr. Director South Bay/Westside District  
323-939-1478

**ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS**

**Live Live Live - Square Dance!**

**SQUARE UP WITH OUR CALLERS**

**LINE DANCER**



## Remembering Evelyn Maggiore



*Jan Bartholemew*

Evelyn Maggiore, long time member of the Heels & Souls and then the Ribbons & Souls, passed away on Sunday, May 19, at 3:30pm. The earliest we have mention of her membership was in the minutes of May, 2004, when she volunteered to

be an assistant to Marion Anderson and her planning for new trips.

Evelyn was active in our square dance club. Sometime before 2010 she took the position of Solo Signups Chair. She devised a new and unique method for managing solo signups. In 2012 she added the job of Kitchen Coordinator. She started the system of what to bring for refreshments, where one third is sweets, one third is fresh (fruit or veggies), and one third is savory (cheese and crackers, chips and dip, or nuts). In 2014 she took the position of Fund Raiser. She planned trips to local restaurants which would donate to the club part of what members paid for their meals. She found free events to which she set up tours and charged \$10 a piece, and the dollars went to the club. For example, she found a two-hour tour of Metro Art, a 'walk through history' in Santa Monica, and a visit to the Santa Monica History Museum where we viewed a collection of dolls, among other places. For all the trips Evelyn arranged, she gained the title of the Lone Arranger. All these positions Evelyn held until a month or two before her passing. In 2015 we honored Evelyn as our club sweetheart.

Evelyn was very proud of her family and talked about them often. She was married to Robert Maggiore. They had three children, Christine, Steven, and Loren. She also had grandchildren.

Evelyn led an active life. When she lived in the valley, she was in a women's choral group. She was one of the original docents at the Van Nuys Japanese Garden. Then about 18 years ago she moved to a condo in Santa Monica. She took up square dancing and took classes at the Emeritus Collage. She became a volunteer usher at the Eli Broad Theater. She got involved in the Santa Monica Conservancy and was one of the original docents at the Historical Annenberg Community Beach House in Santa Monica. Evelyn liked theater and opera. She took up Tuesday and Thursday exercise classes at 24 Hour Fitness. For many years, she hosted foreign students at her condo.

Evelyn had a passion for travel. The countries which she and her husband visited included China, Japan, Korea,

Australia and the Philippines. After he passed, she did more traveling and visited Italy, Greece, Malta, Egypt, Mexico, and many of the western states. She went on trips with her granddaughter and with Charlie Longobart and with Kinu Levin.

Evelyn was a warm and compassionate person. Once, Linda Hoffman had had an operation and two days later Evelyn called her and brought over homemade soup and made sure that she was eating.

We will miss Evelyn's smile and kindness.

## ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS



*Jan Bartholemew,*  
*A Square D Delegate*



The Spring Fling will be held on Sunday, June 2, at 1:30-4:30pm. This is the class level dance put on by the South Bay/

Westside District of A Square D. If you have completed the mainstream class or beyond by the time of the dance, then this dance is for you. The callers are Phil Farmer, Bill "Tex" Gipson, Dale Hoppers and Sylvester Nealon, all of whom are class instructors for clubs in the District. 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. There will be square dancing and line dancing. The donation is \$8. This year there will not be an experienced clothing sale.

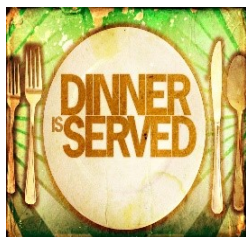
### Kitchen Witches

*Norma Spieker*  
*Phyllis Bass*



Say hello to our newest Kitchen witches. Norma Spieker and Phyllis Bass are our new dance Kitchen Schedulers. Please volunteer to bring refreshments for an upcoming

dance at the sign-up sheet posted at the front desk at our dances and classes. We look forward to their column highlighting the edibles our members have shared with the club at our dances. Thanks Norma & Phyllis!



## Installation Dinner

RIBBONS & SOULS' FIRST INSTALLATION DINNER WILL BE AT 6:30 PM ON **JUNE 11, 2019** AT TONY P'S DOCKSIDE GRILL - 4445 ADMIRALTY WAY, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292

THIS IS NOT JUST OUR INSTALLATION — IT IS ALSO A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR CLUB: 20% OF WHAT WE SPEND IS DONATED BACK TO RIBBONS & SOULS.



PLEASE RSVP TO [RIBBONSANDSOULS@THE-DP-CORP](mailto:RIBBONSANDSOULS@THE-DP-CORP) ASAP, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

CLAIRE AND JUDY



## **DUE\$ ARE DUE**



**\$25.00 annual club dues are due by July 1.**

You can pay at any class or dance or you can mail your payment to me.

My address is

Judy Fisher — 1920 Pandora Ave. #6 - Los Angeles, CA 90025.

Make checks payable to Ribbons & Souls.

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

*Judy Fisher, Treasurer*

**R&S 2019-2020 BOARD****ELECTED OFFICERS**

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LINDA HOFFMAN  
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VISITATIONS  
WEB MASTER  
WHERESTHEDANCE



*"Hello" from the May 21 General Meeting.*

*Photograph courtesy of Art Omansky*



*(PRESIDENTS from page 2)*

Any new beginning starts with loss, even the birth of a human infant. As we continue to let go of the old, we embrace more and more of the new. I am pleased to share that both of the open positions are now filled with **Norma and Phyllis** in charge of the Dance Refreshments and **Nancy Lippey** Open Squares. Our new club is doing extraordinarily well. Last night we had 6 squares in the Mainstream class, and four in Plus. It was exciting to see **Nancy and Jerry Lippey** return to classes and to meet a couple of weeks earlier a woman I had heard so many wonderful things about: Rick's wife, **Linda Westerschulte**. At Romney Tannehill's dance we predominately had six squares with a seventh for a brief period. For a non-anniversary dance this was an exceptional turnout, with people from both South Bay and Valley clubs in attendance. I look forward to seeing so many of you at the Installation Dinner at Tony P's in the Marina.

*Ruth Fisher, Co-President*

Looking back through my files to find something to say in my last Presidential message, I see it is 20 years since Shan and I were co-presidents of the Red Ribbons for the first time. (Following the Neubauers in that role, who assured us that being vice president was a cinch, and neglecting to mention that the vice president was expected to become president the following year). Many others followed us to lead the club until 2011 when I became president again and the members of the Red Ribbons board settled into the positions they held steadily until Shan came back from Philadelphia in 2017. The last few years of the club were hard, but all in all, it has been a pleasure to be part of square dancing with my friends. After a very successful dance in early May and a well-attended and well run general board meeting, where decisions were made, and new people (shout out to Desiree) and old stepped up to invigorate the club, I feel the future is bright for the Ribbons & Souls.

*Emmett Keeler Co-President*

### Remembering Ted Nelson

Suzanne Neubauer shared the following information about a long-ago member of the Red Ribbons:

**Ted and Cathy Nelson** were married at Marine Park prior to a Red Ribbons dance years ago. Kathy Lovelace was the maid of honor. They subsequently moved to North Carolina. Clare Burr heard from Cathy recently that Ted had a stroke and was on life support. After four days he passed away at the age of 76.

For long time Red Ribbons members, here is Cathy's address if you wish to send condolences.

Cathy Nelson  
313 Kingston Dr.  
King, North Carolina 27021

Ribbons & Souls' **Ken Scholtz** and **Frank DaVanzo** will sing with the award-winning Santa Monica Oceanaires and their new barbershop quartet, Anchors Aweigh, on **Saturday June 8 at 2 pm** as part of the Oceanaires' new comedy "Oceanaires 11" at the Culver City Veterans Auditorium located at Overland and Culver Blvd. The show will feature Gotta Sing, one of the top women's quartets on the west coast. Contact Frank or Ken about tickets or get them online at [www.oceanaires.org](http://www.oceanaires.org).

*Happy Birthday!*

Ruth Fisher — June 13  
Julie DaVanzo — June 25

**Bon Voyage and Happy Dancing to our High Flying fellow square dancers who are off to the 68th National Square Dance Convention in Atlanta, GA with leader Pamela Bailis — Saturday June 22 to Sunday June 30.**

# Dick Hodnefield Joe Scarlatella

*Ribbons & Souls*

*Dad's Day Dance*



Saturday June 8  
Rounds 7:00 - 7:30 pm  
and in between tips  
Squares 7:30 - 10:00 pm  
Plus Level and A1 Tip

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

[www.meetup.com/Square-Dance-in-West-LA](http://www.meetup.com/Square-Dance-in-West-LA)

Ruth Fisher, President  
310-470-1090



**Ribbons & Souls  
MAINSTREAM**

**Grad's Day Dance**

Squares: 7:30-10:00

Rounds: 7-7:30 and between Tips

Donation: \$8.00

**STEVE WOODARD**

**JUDY KELLER**

**Saturday June 22**

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

RUTH FISHER, PRESIDENT  
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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

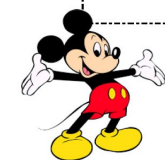
**David Moorhouse**

*Ribbons & Souls  
Mickey Mouse Dance*

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**Ribbons & Souls  
Beach Bash**

**Saturday July 27**

Caller

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**David Mee**

**Dawn Mee**

**MAINSTREAM DANCE**

Squares: 7:30-10:00

Rounds: 7-7:30 and between Tips

Donation: \$8.00

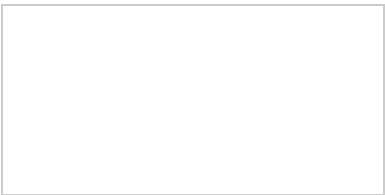
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