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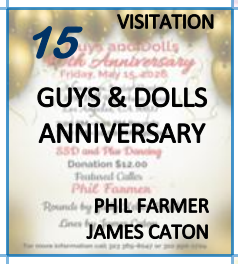
10 1:30 ROUND DANCE CLASS WITH JUDY KELLER JIM SMITH	11	12	13 NEW CLASS 1ST CLASS FREE SSD CLASS 6:30 SSD WORKSHOP 7:45 PLUS CLASS 8:15 PLUS FUN DANCE 9:15-9:30	14 A2 CLASS 4:00-5:15 A1/A2 WORKSHOP 5:15-6:30	15 	16
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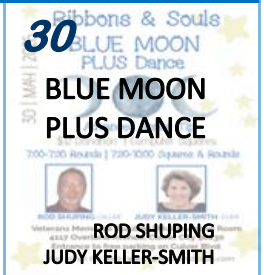
24 1:30 ROUND DANCE CLASS WITH JUDY KELLER JIM SMITH	25 R&S GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS VIA ZOOM 7:30PM	26	27 SSD CLASS 6:30 SSD WORKSHOP 7:45 PLUS CLASS 8:15 PLUS FUN DANCE 9:15-9:30	28 A2 CLASS 4:00-5:15 A1/A2 WORKSHOP 5:15-6:30	29	30  BLUE MOON PLUS DANCE ROD SHUPING JUDY KELLER-SMITH
31 1:30 ROUND DANCE CLASS WITH JUDY KELLER JIM SMITH						

While from the purpling east departs
The star that led the dawn,
Blithe Flora from her couch upstarts,
For May is on the lawn …

"Ode, Composed on a May Morning"
~~William Wordsworth

Hit the Road, Jake

Jake Kaunitz, President

Our first away dance of the month was on **April 4** with the **Shoreline Squares** in Long Beach. This LGBTQ club is a member of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC) and also ASqD. These clubs favor

informality rather than elaborate costuming, stressing a welcoming and non-judgmental atmosphere. There were no rounds but plenty of squares with alternating Mainstream/ SSD, Plus, and Advanced tips, providing something for everyone. **Darren Gallina** mixed it up in his usual style, keeping is all on our toes as it were. Also recall that the Shorelines visit R&S dances and even our classes regularly, thanks to **Stuart**, **Michael**, **Brian** and **Bonifacio** and many others. R&S members in attendance included **Judy**, **Ruth**, **Fredi**, **Pamela**, **Christine**, and yours truly. The food was plentiful as were the dance opportunities, with fun for all.

(See ON THE ROAD WITH JAKE *on page 7)*

SSD Class

Annette Maxwell

We had a good time at our end-of-class picnic on April 29th. Thanks to Cathy who brought a delicious chocolate cake and to all who brought treats to share. We had two long tables of merriment, including our caller, Dale. I sat next to Marianne, one of our new members, and learned that she is taking a gap year to focus on things that bring her joy, including dancing and learning to play piano! How cool is that? I have only heard about gap years from 18-year-olds before!

(See SSD CLASS *on page 4)*

5/16 Linda Hoffman
5/20 Carol Inge

Beverly & Ron Peterson 5/21

ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS

Christine Kaunitz,
A Square D Delegate

The **Spring Fling Dance** is on Sunday afternoon June 7th, from 1 to 4 pm at the Hawthorne Memorial Center, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne The level of the dance is SSD without rounds. The cost is $15.00 per person. The callers are our own Dale Hoppers, and Sylvester Nealon, and Jim Smith. Traditionally the June Spring Fling dance was held so the students who started in September the year before would have full nine months to learn Mainstream and Plus, and to showcase their skills as square dancers. Each club is encouraged to bring snacks to share.

Other Club News:

Orange Coast Lariats: January 9th saw the largest turnout for their club dance yet with 10 squares. This was a class-level SSD/Plus dance called by Michael Kellogg. April 10th was the club's Anniversary dance with six squares with Johnny Preston calling. The smaller turnout may have been related to the competing event with the State Convention on the same weekend. The next club dance will be May 8th, Happy Cinco de Mayo Dance with Michael Kellogg; this dance welcomes recent graduates. It is again class-level SSD and Plus. Their June 12th dance features Mike Seastrom with "Welcome Summer" theme Plus dance; the venue will be at the Mel's Dance Hall in Westminster -- 5946 Westminster Blvd. Westminster, CA.

Their class, which started in September of last year, is winding down to the last seven classes. Mel Branham has taught all the Plus calls; he is now just honing the students' skills. He taught Left-handed Relay the Deucey or at least they tried last week. They are taking a break during the summer. The class will resume with a new session in September.

Guys & Dolls: Friday May 15th is their 40th Anniversary Dance. It starts at 7:00pm with pre-rounds. Phil Farmer will be calling, Judy Keller-Smith will be cueing, and James Caton will lead the lines. The venue is the Ahmanson Center; 3990 Bill Robertson Lane, L.os Angeles. They are going to serve dinner.

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Theme Team

Julie DaVanzo
Annette Maxwell
Cathy McNamara

We have THREE dances in May, with lots of opportunities for colorful wear and learning about your fellow dancers.

The theme for our **May 9 class-level SSD dance** is **Flowers for Mom**. Wear something floral or at least with bright colors and bring a copy of a photo of you with your mom and/or one of you with your children if you are a mom.

The theme for our **May 23 Plus dance** is **Sun-Shiny Days** -– another opportunity for bright colors, especially yellows.

Our **May 30 Plus dance** honors the **Blue Moon** that will occur on May 31. A blue moon is a rare celestial event, typically defining the second full moon in a single calendar month. These moons do not actually appear blue. Some believe that the term "blue moon" meaning s*omething rare* may have originated from when smoke and ashes after a volcanic eruption turned the moon blue. Wear blue.

DO YOU HAVE A CLUB-RELATED TOPIC OR ISSUE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE DISCUSSED AT ONE OF OUR BOARD MEETINGS? Feel free to contact Rick Marken (rsmarken@gmail.com). Rick sits on the President's Advisory Committee ("PAC") and prepares the agenda for our board meetings. The PAC meets the Monday before our Monday board meeting (i.e., the third Monday, as our board meetings are on the fourth Monday).

Advanced Class

Ruth Fisher

The class is thrilled to welcome Janienne Alexander Kellogg's return to Advanced on May 7th. She and Michael had a blast calling and dancing throughout Europe.

If you had been in our class on April 23rd, you would have seen a few of us, including yours truly, feeling very unnerved. We were short one person for two squares in the workshop, so guess what Rod decided to do. He told some of us that we were going to dance Advanced with a phantom. It was a fun challenge after we got our hearts out of our throats. Fortunately, he called more of the easier calls.

We expect to be back to two squares plus with Janienne returning this Thursday. She'll also assess where the students are, so we can more accurately determine when we'll be ready to start our new class.

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Their Tuesday class meets at 1:00 to 3:00pm at the Inglewood Senior Center, and their Thursday afternoon class meets from 2:00 to 3:30pm at the Ahmanson Center. They have 4-5 students for this class. Sylvester Nealon teaches both classes.

Boots and Bows: Marty was absent and Stuart reported that their Thursday class is going well with 15 new students. Next dance is "Honor our Troops" dance on May 16th with Jim Smith calling and Judy Smith cueing. They dance SSD tip, round dance, Plus patter tip, and round dance in this order.

They are taking a group bus trip to Santa Barbara Botanical Garaden on May 19th, 2026. They have invited Ribbons & Souls to join the group trip. The time is 8am to 4:30pm, cost is $45 which includes a docent-led tour, box lunch and tip for the bus driver. Last day to RSVP is 5/13; the cost is non-refundable for cancellation. For questions, call Marcy at 310-316-0756.

Grin- N- Square it: Their Monday workshop has completed with one student. Next dance is May 16th with Mike Haworth calling "May Flowers" dance. They call their dances "fun dance" and the level is SSD and Plus. They will have their usual substantial refreshments throughout the evening. They get together on second Tuesdays at the Cabrera's Mexican Restaurant for a fundraiser which is usually attended by 12-14 people. They are taking the

(ASqD *on page 7)*

(SSD CLASS *from page 2)*

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members! CONGRATULATIONS for completing the SSD level of Square Dancing! We hope you will come back for more practice/fun and to be a dance angel for our new students in the next class starting May 6th. **We hope that you will start coming to our SSD dances on the 2nd Saturday of each month. At Saturday dances, we start round dancing (choregraphed ballroom) at 7 pm and squares at 7:30 pm. We have computer rotations. You sign up with Judy when you first come. Tell her what level you are dancing (SSD or Plus) and what role(s) – male and/or female, and if you want to dance as a couple or as a single who gets matched with a partner.** The next Saturday dance on May 9th would be perfect for our new graduates. It is a class-level dance (specifically for new dancers) with caller Janienne Kellogg and cuer Mel Branham. In honor of Mother's Day, the theme is "Flowers for Mom". Wear something with flowers or something colorful! We also invite you to bring a picture of you with your mom or of you with your kids.

New Members, caller and class coordinators from left to right
Back row: Dale, Jim, Thomas, Geli, Natasha
Front row: Sandra T, Annette M, Sherri, Marie, Marianne, Shirley (cherub)

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Amelia Kacena and Nancy Tu
Dance Schedulers

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for cashier and refreshments duty. Members who have not signed up will be assigned arbitrarily to the remaining open dates. If the date assigned is not acceptable with their calendar or an unexpected conflict arises, the member has the responsibility to find a replacement and inform Nancy at nncyt2002@aol.com, and Amelia at akacena@yahoo.com of their replacement. Check with Diane at di6@earthlink.net regarding refreshments. Be assured: new members are not expected to volunteer for cashier and/or refreshments for their first year.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CASHIER AND REFRESHMENTS

Date	Caller	Cuer	Theme	Cashier	Refreshments
5/9	Janienne Kellogg	Mel	Flowers for Mom	Kinu/Richard	Jennifer
5/23	Michael Haworth	Heather	Sun-shiny Days	Janice	Pamela
5/30	Rod Shuping	Judy	Blue Moon	Jullie & Frank	Julie & Frank
6/13	Andy Allemao	Judy	Life is a Fairytale	Deb & Craig	Deb & Craig
6/27	Michael Kellogg	TBA	250th Anniversary of Declaration of Independence	Lois B	Lois B
7/11	Rick Gittelman	Mel	60s-70s	Kay	Sheila
7/25	Frank Lescrinier	Judy	Margaritaville	Kinu & Richard	Rick
8/8	Darren Gallina	Mel	Fun & Games	Annette C	
8/22	Darren Gallina	Judy	Beach Party	Pamela	
8/29	**DARK**	**DARK**	**DARK**	**DARK**	**DARK**
9/12	Phil Farmer	Mel	Oktoberfest	Renate	Renate
9/26	Michael Haworth	Heather	Musicals	Deb & Craig	
10/10	Mike Seastrm	Mel	Under he Sea	Jane	Jane
10/24	Jim Smith	Judy	Petticoat Junction	Jim	
10/31	Andy Allemao	Judy	Halloween	Diane	Diane
11/14	Sylvester Nealon	Judy	Scotland—Wear Plaid	Nancy T	
11/28	Lawrence Johnstone	Mel	Hollywood's Golden Age	Gary & DeeDee	
12/12	Dale Hoppers	Larry Johnson	Ugly Sweater	Jennifer	
12/26	Rod Shuping	Larry Johnson	Pre-New Year's Eve Dress Up		

Greg, Cathy & Meighan had a terrific evening with caller **David Mee** at the **Boots & Bows' "Flower Power" dance** in Redondo Beach on April 18.

Visitations

Pamela Bailis

Friday May 15 Guys & Dolls Anniversary Dance. See flyer on page 13.

Friday May 15 Sets in Steps Anniversary Dance.. See flyer on page 12.

Meet Our Members

Christine & Jake Kaunitz

as told to Sheila Berman

Seeing Christine and Jake on the dance floor you notice two different dance styles, but a common goal – to have fun, to be a part of a community, and to age actively. It looks as if they have been dancing forever, but their square dancing only goes back to 2019. Having tried ballroom dance and realizing it wasn't their thing, they "jumped at it" when Christine heard about square dancing through a friend.

When they started at Ribbons & Souls, Jake was pleased that he remembered basic calls from his sixth-grade teacher, and for Christine, dancing fit her need for fun after retiring from a long career in education. And so, they joined Ribbons & Souls where they found their dance home.

After a break during the pandemic, Jake and Christine resumed square dancing in 2022 and soon, after getting to know many of the club's "legacy leaders," became active in leadership roles and attending board meetings. They advocated for the addition of a Plus level that would enable more experienced dancers to advance their skills. Jake's dedication to growing the Club led to more involvement, first as vice-president, and now as president, where he works to make sure the Club runs smoothly, but always remembering that helping other dancers and encouraging Club leadership to work together are a top priority.

When Christine dances, you can't miss her infectious smile and creative styling. She feels the music and lets the callers know, through her enthusiasm, that she appreciates them! She is also especially kind to new dancers. Memory, rhythm, exercise, socializing – and fun costumes – all contribute to her enjoyment of square dance. She has fun putting together dance outfits from sales of vintage and recycled items at conventions, vintage stores, and eBay. The lady has a great sense of style!

Square dance fits Jake's dance style as well. He likes that it doesn't require a lot of "fancy footwork" - just "being in the right place at the right time." His calm presence in a square has relieved many a nervous newcomer with words of encouragement such as, "You'll get it. Just have fun!" He appreciates the feeling of being in a good square where everything "clicks" with a good caller.

Jake still works full time as a gastroenterologist at the Veteran's Administration in West Los Angeles. He is proud to come from a family of physicians and teachers and has mentored almost 300 trainee gastroenterologists while serving as editor of a medical journal and running a research lab, and he still gets satisfaction from his interactions with patients after decades of service in medicine.

Christine began her career as an ICU nurse/nurse practitioner, then pivoted to a 21-year career in special education with LA Unified. Happily retired, she enjoys gardening, especially cactus, reading, and line dancing at the Culver City Senior Center, where she is inspired by Jackie, her 91-year-old teacher. In addition, she and Jake have enjoyed many overseas adventures and look forward to an upcoming trip to the Basque region of Spain.

Jake and Christine are parents to Genevieve, a dermatologist who lives in La Jolla, and Justin, who lives in Philadelphia who is a proud trainee for the USPS and is a member of several local Clubs, and who joins us dancing when in LA. Jake says Justin has benefited socially from square dancing and with his Advanced experience is a better dancer than he is!

As for the future, Jake and Christine see square dance as an integral part of their lives as healthy, engaged participants in a community of caring, positive people. They hope that the younger people – especially those in their 30's and 40's – see the social and physical benefits of square dancing so that Ribbons & Souls can continue to bring joy to future generations of dancers. Because there's nothing square about square dancing!

(SSD CLASS *from page 4)*

Our next session of classes will prepare us for the new Square Dance System that will officially start in September. The revamp is part of a larger initiative to modernize square dancing, creating a simpler "New Mainstream" (50 calls) to encourage more beginners, and moving less frequently used calls to the Plus level for dancers looking for more variety. The changes aim to make Mainstream (beginner class) easier to learn and to make Plus a more solid, active level for experienced dancers. Specifically, there are 10 new Plus calls that had previously been taught in the Advanced Level class. Dale has already started to teach some of these in our Plus class.

41. Clover and (Anything) NEW
42. Pass the Sea NEW
43. Pair off NEW
44. Partner Hinge NEW
45. Partner Tag NEW
46. Triple Scoot NEW
47. Triple Trade NEW
48. Turn Through NEW
49. Quarter thru (3/4, Grand quarter thru, Grand ¾ thru) NEW
50. Scoot and Dodge NEW

Starting May 6, we are slightly tweaking our schedule: 6:30-7:45 Beginners class for new students (new Mainstream), 7:45-8:15 Beginners workshop for return students, 8:15-9:15 Plus class, 9:15-9:30 a more fun Plus dance/workshop.

See you on the dance floor!

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summer off and their next class will start in September and will be taught by Jim Smith.

Shoreline Squares: Next dance is August 1st, with Paul Waters calling SSD, Plus, SSD and Advanced in this sequence. The venue is St. Thomas Canterbury Episcopal Church; 5306 E. Arbor Road, Long Beach. They completed their SSD class on 4/16 and will resume with a new class on September 16th, 2026.

A-1 class and A-2 workshop with Terri Sherrer is on-going at a private home in Downey every Monday evening 7:00pm to 9:15pm.

See you in a square!

(ON THE ROAD WITH JAKE *from page 2)*

Our first dance was on **April 11**, themed **Red & Black** in honor of **tax day** and **National Licorice Day**. Our faithful and beloved teacher **Dale** substituted at the last minute for the indisposed **Frank Lescrinier**. This all-SSD dance was an excellent opportunity for our less-experienced dancers to get some non-class floor time, and, for all purposes, it was a smashing success, with up to five squares at its zenith. We had a marvelous showing from our cherished sister club **Boots & Bows**, many of whom carpooled from the South Bay. The Zen Master of Rounds **Mel Branham** purveyed his prowess of cueing, adding two beginner's dances that got most out on the floor. You can see him flanked by two lovely ladies **Angie** and **Christine** -- a tough job but somebody's got to do it. We all celebrated **Diane's** birthday (see **Cathy** and **Stuart** looking on admiringly) with a rousing cheer as well. The Computer Squares worked as expected, with everyone "crowding the screen" to get their assignments and most leaving happy.

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Diane Isaacs
Refreshments Coordinator

Instructions for Bringing Refreshments

Thank you for providing refreshments! **In return for this service to the Club, you will get into the dance for free.**

***Please remember**: If you're unable to honor your commitment date, it will be your responsibility to find and notify us of your replacement.*

If you are also acting as cashier, you will be responsible for managing the cashier/sign in table, so all refreshment set up must be finished before the dance starts.

We will provide the following for your use (currently housed in a large bin):

- Three round plastic trays
- A large white plastic square tray
- Paper napkins, plates & cups
- Two Plastic storage containers
- Ziploc bags

Please bring finger food snacks for approximately 24 people (**ideally, nothing that needs to be served or requires utensils**). Store bought refreshments are fine. Feel free to experiment with different types of "finger friendly" snacks. **To care for the environment, we ask that you not bring any plastic or Styrofoam or other non-recyclable items**.

Some snack suggestions :

- small cupcakes (18 to 24)
- Fruit that can be eaten with fingers such as tangerines , grapes, or mini-apples (15 to 20)
- Candy, especially chocolates are popular (15 to 20 individual pieces)
- Wrapped snack items such as Ritz crackers with peanut butter or cheese (8 to 10)
- Small bags of chips and/or cookies (8 to 10)

As you can see, we are offering a light snack; it is not a competition, we do not want this to be a burden on anyone gracious enough to volunteer.

When you arrive, please put the food in the kitchen.

- Arrange the food on any trays for easy self-serving.
- Place a trash receptacle beside the kitchen window in the dance hall.
- Pull open the metal roll-up door so food is available for people to enjoy throughout the dance.

About 9:30 please begin cleaning up. Before you leave the dance hall, please check the kitchen, seats and floors of the dance hall for any empty bottles or trash and place these in the recycle or trash containers by the entrance doors.

Please take home with you any leftover perishable food and any special "theme" items you brought to serve/decorate your refreshments.

Leftover nonperishable wrapped food, and those supplies provided by the Club are to be boxed and handed over to the person bringing refreshments to the next dance.

Thanks again for contributing to Ribbons & Souls dances in this way! Please let me know if you have any questions. You can reach me by email or text: di6@earthlink.net or call/text 213-309-2630.

Sponsorship

Lois Brower
Diane Isaacs

Do you have a special occasion to celebrate? A birthday? A promotion at work? Are you a new grandparent? Did your book get published? Perhaps a special "thank you!"

Club members have been known to share these special occasions with us and support the Ribbons & Souls club at the same time by sponsoring a dance.

Sponsorship helps defray the cost of club dances. For a special donation of $100 you can choose the dance you wish to sponsor. We will announce your sponsorship at the dance and prepare a themed poster thanking you for your contribution to our club. We'll showcase the poster and take your photo at the dance so we can share it in our newsletter.

Let **Lois** know which dance you want to sponsor. Lois will take your money. **Diane** will keep track of which dance you have reserved, and create the poster.

Contact Lois at ljbrower@aol.com and Diane at di6@earthlink.net (talk/text 213-309-2630).

Vote on May 25

Slate for 2026-2027 Board of Directors
(Term Starts July 2026)

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ASqD Delegate	Christine Kaunitz
APPOINTED POSITIONS	
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Publicity – Open Squares	Annette Colfax
Publicity – SSD Class	Julie DaVanzo
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Refreshments Coordinator	Diane Isaacs
Sunshine	Michaelyn Duboff
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Zoom Host	Judy Fisher

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Sylvester helped out for a few tips in his inimitable style. Great thanks to **Greg, Meighan, and Norma** for collecting the money and **Greg and Meighan** for providing the yummies.

Due to some pesky viruses and travel, our dancing was limited in April. The only other dance we attended was in New York City during my medical school 50th reunion celebration. We were staying in Times Square and happened in on a dance hosted by the **Times Squares** a few blocks away, another IAGSDC affiliate and member of the Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association, which also includes the **Busy Bees**, a Club to which our son Justin belongs. As befits such a location, the club is located in a multistory building housing 50 or more dance studios (see guide on the left), all equipped with wood floors and a mirrored wall, primarily intended for Broadway show rehearsals but also for every sort of exercise and recreational dance activity. We danced at 2PM on Saturday, April 25 when most of my former classmates were enjoying the Raphaël show at the Metropolitan Museum. The caller, **Mark Franks**, is known to us from our visits to Philadelphia's **Independence Squares** and the **Busy Bees**. The theme "It's a Small World" was not readily apparent from the low-key costuming, but the dancing was fast and at times difficult with lots of tricky formations and moves. The continuous Mainstream-Plus-Advanced rotation (no rounds) for 3 hours was a definite workout.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	ROOM	NAME
09:00:00 AM	05:00:00 PM	312	CAMP BROADWAY ENSEMBLE NY POPS
09:00:00 AM	05:00:00 PM	308	CAMP BROADWAY ENSEMBLE NY POPS
09:00:00 AM	05:00:00 PM	309	CAMP BROADWAY ENSEMBLE NY POPS
11:00:00 AM	06:00:00 PM	4TH FL OFFICE 2	ACTORS TECHNIQUE NY KIDS TEENS
01:30:00 PM	06:00:00 PM	408	ATNY - A CHORUS LINE MAINSTAGE REHEARSALS
03:00:00 PM	04:30:00 PM	306	DANCEHOLIC
03:30:00 PM	04:30:00 PM	410	BOLLYHEALS - ESHA
04:00:00 PM	06:00:00 PM	305	ANDREA BRODINE
04:00:00 PM	06:00:00 PM	412	
04:00:00 PM	06:00:00 PM	409	ICONOS KIDS
04:00:00 PM	05:30:00 PM	315	RNNL DANCE
04:30:00 PM	06:00:00 PM	405	ICONOS KIDS
05:00:00 PM	05:30:00 PM	303	PRIVATE
05:00:00 PM	06:30:00 PM	302	DANCEHOLIC
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Order Your Ribbons & Souls Gear!

R&S member **Meighan Maguire** is taking orders for logo'd t-shirts (see images). **She'll bring samples to our class on May 13, and orders should be placed by that evening (in person or via email)** for delivery by the end of the month.

The t-shirts come in unisex (small to XXXL) or ladies' cut (small to XL). They're 100% cotton, light weight, and just $10 (payable upon delivery). And you get to choose your favorite shade of blue: turquoise, light aqua, powder blue, or dark royal.

Contact Meighan at meighanmaguire@icloud.com for any questions or to place an order.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Ribbons & Souls Installation Dinner

MONDAY, JUNE 29 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Annette Colfax and Tom Wilson's beautiful backyard in Brentwood at 306 Avondale Avenue LA 90049
(Corner of Avondale and Hanover)
Free and convenient street parking

We are going to eat, drink, chat and celebrate a year of dancing. And of course we will formally install this year's Board who are doing so much work to keep our classes and dances full and running smoothly...

Annette and Tom have a grill if anyone wants to use that, as well as outlets and warming trays to keep food hot.

Please bring a sweater or jacket for the outdoors.

Please RSVP to Jennifer Ryba by June 23 at jlryba27@gmail.com. Please let us know what food or drink you will bring.

Tired of sitting at home? Want to try something new that's lots of fun?

Square dancing is a wonderful opportunity to move aerobically to music, while having a lot of fun and making new friends. Square dancing doesn't require any special musical or athletic talent. If you can walk and shake hands, you can square dance. Dress casually and wear comfortable shoes. Singles and couples are welcome. We have experienced partners for you if you don't have one. Masks are optional.

Starting Wednesday, May 6, 2026
Kick up your heels at our
Social Square Dancing Class!

Open to New Students on
May 6 and 13 at 6:20 PM
Subsequent classes 6:30 to 7:45 PM.

After May 13 the class will be closed to new students until the next session which begins in September.

First class is free for new dancers (please come early to sign in); after that $10 per person.

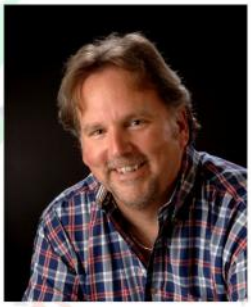
Class meets every Wednesday in the
Multipurpose Room at **Veterans Memorial Building**
SW Corner of Overland Ave. & Culver Blvd. Culver City 90230

For more information, visit www.ribbonsandsouls.com
or text (310) 256-6434 or call and leave a message.

JOIN US!

SETS IN STEP SQUARE DANCE CLUB'S

68th Anniversary Dance



LIVE BAND **$12**

Computer Squares & Singles Rotation
Singles Welcome & Encouraged

Darren Gallina & Crossfire Band

DATE: MAY 15, 2026

TIME: 7 PM FOOD, 7:30–9:30 PM SQUARE DANCING

SSD & PLUS

NEW LOCATION FOR THIS EVENT!

CRESCENTA VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2700 MONTROSE AVENUE, MONTROSE, CA

EASY PARKING

Advanced Square Dance Class

New A-2 Class & A-2 Workshop ongoing

Janienne Kellogg

If you know A-1,

Ribbons & Souls

Welcomes you to join us starting Jan 15th & 22nd

Computer squares is used
so everyone gets an equal opportunity

Thursdays
4:00pm-5:15pm A-2 Class
5:15pm-6:30pm A-2 Workshop

In the Iksan Room at Veterans Memorial Park
4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA
$10/class

Email TheOtherDrRuth@Yahoo.Com if you have questions.

THIS WAY TO DANCING

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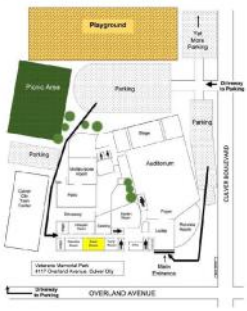

Round Dancing –
Choreographed Ballroom Rhythms

Learn to Social Dance – go to parties, weddings, clubs and dance. Learning all the ballroom rhythms…

Waltz, Foxtrot, Cha, Rumba, Jive, Tango, Bolero, Two Step, Nightclub Two Step

When: Class meets on **Sunday afternoons**: Beginning 1:30-2:30

New Rhythm April 12, 2026

New Rhythm Two Step

Intermediate 2:40-3:25 Advanced 3:30-4:15

Where: Veterans Memorial Building,
4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City
(SW corner of Overland and Culver Blvd.)

Come alone or with a partner. $12 per person weekly.
First time attendees are free on April 12, 2026 – Two Step Class.
To register for the first class or for more information, please contact the instructor, Judy Keller-Smith, at 714-595-5140 or rounddcr@gmail.com.
Remember to Sign in SCENT FREE environment.

RIBBONS & SOULS
FLOWERS for MOM
$12 Donation
Class Level SSD Dance
MAY 9, 2026
Computer Squares
7:00-7:30 rounds
7:30-10:00 squares & rounds
JANIENNE KELLOGG CALLER
MEL BRANHAM CUER
Veterans Memorial Building - Multipurpose Room
4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City 90230
Entrance to Free Parking on Culver Blvd
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Guys and Dolls
40th Anniversary
Friday, May 15, 2026
Ahmanson Senior Center
3990 Bill Robertson Lane
Los Angeles, CA 90037
7:00 PM -7:30 PM Rounds
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM Squares
SSD and Plus Dancing
Donation $12.00
Featured Caller
Phil Farmen
Rounds by Judy Keller-Smith
Lines by James Caton
For more information call 323 369-8047 or 310 990-1724

Ribbons & Souls
Sun-shiny Days
$12 DONATION
PLUS DANCE
ADVANCED BONUS TIP
COMPUTER SQUARES
SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026
7:00-7:30 Rounds 7:30-10:00 Squares & Rounds
MIKE HAWORTH & HEATHER HAWORTH
CALLER CUER
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING - MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVENUE, CULVER CITY 90230
ENTRANCE TO FREE PARKING ON CULVER BLVD.
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BLUE MOON
PLUS Dance
Advanced Bonus Tip
$12 Donation | Computer Squares
7:00-7:30 Rounds | 7:30-10:00 Squares & Rounds
ROD SHUPING CALLER
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ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS INVITES YOU TO THE

SPRING Fling

SSD DANCE

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 1PM - 4PM

$15 PER PERSON • SINGLES ROTATION

DALE HOPPERS **SYLVESTER NEALON** **JIM SMITH**

HAWTHORNE MEMORIAL CENTER
3901 W El Segundo Blvd
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Questions? Please email Stuart at
smosh713@sbcglobal.net
Please mention Spring Fling in the subject line

SQUARE DANCING
Fun From Every Angle!

CALLERLAB (NEW) MAINSTREAM SUGGESTED TEACHING ORDER

Effective September 1, 2026

1. Circle Family
   a. Circle Left/Right (1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Full)
   b. Circle of 4 Left/Right (1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Full)
   c. Single Circle Left/Right (1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Full)
2. Dosado
3. Promenade Family
   a. Couples Promenade
   b. *Single File Promenade*
   c. *Star Promenade*
   d. *Wrong Way Promenade*
4. Arm Turn Family
   a. Right/Left Arm Turn
   b. Allemande Left/*Right*
5. Star Right/Left
6. Right and Left Grand Family
   a. Right and Left Grand
   b. *Weave the Ring*
   c. *Wrong Way Grand*
7. Pass Thru
8. Wheel Around / *Reverse Wheel Around*
9. Courtesy Turn
10. Right and Left Thru
11. Swing
12. Ladies Chain Family
    a. Ladies Chain, *(Ladies Chain 3/4)*
    b. Four Ladies Chain, *(Chain 3/4)*
    c. *Chain Down the Line*
13. Half Sashay Family
    a. *Half Sashay*
    b. *Rollaway*
    c. Ladies In, Men Sashay
14. Turn Back Family
    a. U-Turn Back
    b. Backtrack
15. Separate Family
    a. *Separate*
    b. Separate Around 1 or 2 to a Line
    c. *Separate Around 1 or 2 into the middle*
16. Lead Right / Lead Left
17. Veer Left / Veer Right
18. Star Thru
19. Circulate Family
    a. Couples Circulate
    b. (Named Dancers) Circulate
    c. *All Eight Circulate*
    d. *Single File (Column) Circulate*
    e. *Box/Split Circulate*
20. Bend the Line
21. Square Thru / *Left Square Thru*
22. Split Two
23. Grand Square
24. Double Pass Thru
25. First Couple Go Left/Right,
    Next Couple Go Right/Left
26. Wheel and Deal
27. California Twirl
28. Slide Thru
29. Dive Thru
30. Box the Gnat
31. Ocean Wave Family
    a. Alamo Style
    b. Balance
    c. Step to a Wave
    d. *Dosado to a Wave*
    e. *Single Circle to a Wave*
32. Trade Family
    a. Couples Trade
    b. (Named Dancers) Trade
    c. Right/Left Hand Trade
    d. Partner Trade
33. Swing Thru / *Left Swing Thru*
34. Run / *Cross Run*
35. Pass the Ocean
36. Extend
37. Flutterwheel / Reverse Flutterwheel
38. Sweep a Quarter
39. Trade By
40. Ferris Wheel
41. Zoom
42. Touch a Quarter
43. Hinge Family
    a. Single Hinge
    b. Couples Hinge
44. Centers In
45. Cast Off Three-Quarters
46. Spin the Top
47. Scoot Back
48. Fold / Cross Fold
49. Tag the Line Family
    a. Tag the Line (In / Out / Left / Right)
    b. Fraction (1/4, 1/2, 3/4) Tag
50. Recycle (from Waves only)

It is suggested that calls in italics be delayed until later in the teaching sequence.
See details in the *(New) Mainstream Playbook.*

It is recommended that the Mainstream Program should be taught in no less than 30 hours of instruction (15 two-hour classes or 20 ninety-minute classes).

CALLERLAB (NEW) PLUS PROGRAM

Effective September 1, 2026

1. (Anything) & Roll
2. (Anything) & Spread
3. Acey Deucey
4. All 8 Spin the Top
5. Chase Right
6. Circle to a Line
7. Clover and (Anything)
8. Cloverleaf
9. Coordinate
10. Crossfire
11. Cut the Diamond
12. Diamond Circulate
13. Dixie Grand
14. Dixie Style to an Ocean Wave
15. Do Paso
16. Eight Chain Thru/Eight Chain 1, 2, 3, etc
17. Explode & (Anything) (From Waves Only)
18. Explode the Wave
19. Fan the Top
20. Flip the Diamond
21. Follow Your Neighbor
22. Grand Swing Thru
23. Linear Cycle (From Waves Only)
24. Load the Boat
25. Pair Off
26. Partner Hinge
27. Partner Tag
28. Pass the Sea
29. Pass to the Center
30. Peel Off
31. Peel the Top
32. Ping Pong Circulate
33. Quarter Thru / Three-Quarter Thru / Grand Quarter Thru / Grand Three-Quarter Thru
34. Relay the Deucey
35. Scoot & Dodge
36. See Saw
37. Shoot the Star/Shoot the Star Full Around
38. Slip the Clutch
39. Spin Chain & Exchange the Gears
40. Spin Chain the Gears
41. Spin Chain Thru
42. Teacup Chain
43. Thar Family
    a. Allemande Thar
    b. Allemande Left to an Allemande Thar
    c. Wrong Way Thar
44. Track 2
45. Trade the Wave
46. Triple Scoot
47. Triple Trade
48. Turn Thru
49. Walk and Dodge
50. Walk Around the Corner