## 🐱 Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club 🐱

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### **President's Message**

The good news for Buckles and Bows, at least at the time this is being written, is that The Goebel Center remains open leaving us with one of the few places in the area where we can dance indoors. Since our next dance is scheduled for Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> we can only hope that this will remain the case. Please check out the flyer in this NewsLetter. As all of you know by now, everyone attending this or other Buckles and Bows events must be fully vaccinated for the COVID Virus.

Our Tuesday night Workshops continue to be well attended with eight to ten squares each Tuesday evening and we are all looking forward to our first SSD class which will be starting on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Goebel Center. At our last Board Meeting we decided that due to the many uncertainties related to the COVID Virus we will not widely promote this first class to the general public. Rather, we will devote this class to former class members who haven't graduated and to any friends and family you may wish to invite. We expect that this will keep the class numbers down somewhat while we continue to introduce the new SSD program and will be more manageable in the unlikely event that we have to alter our schedule due to the dreaded COVID. We still encourage you to bring your friends and if you know someone who hasn't danced for awhile this would be the time to bring them back.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you on Sunday afternoon and again at our next workshop on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

See You in a "Real" Square.

Bill & Nancy



### **Important Dates:**

- Every Tuesday night, 'Summer Workshop'
- Sunday Afternoon August 22nd, 'Welcome Back' Club Dance
- Tuesday September 14th, Start of New Students Class.

## Continue recruiting friends, neighbors, and family for the Sept. 14th Class!!!

# Buckles & Bows Dance Sunday August 22, 2021

# Caller: Buddy Weaver Cueing: Milo Molitoris

Proof of COVID VACCINATION REQUIRED

Donation: \$10.00 each at the door Light refreshments only

Rounds 2 PM & Between Tips Plus Level 2:30 – 5:00 PM Advanced Tip at Break and at 5:00 PM

## **Tropical Attire Encouraged**

Information: Bill: 805 368-5371 <u>Visit Us @</u> Web Page: <u>http://www.bucklesandbows.org/</u> Facebook: <u>Buckles and Bows Square Dance Club</u> Goebel Adult Community Center 1385 E. Janss Road Thousand Oaks

# Modern Square Dance Classes thru Dec Classes thru Dec Sept 14 thru Dec Tuesday Sept 14 thru Sept 14 thru Sept 14 thru First 2 Classes FREE First 2

# **Buckles and Bows Square Dance Club** Donation: \$5 per person **Proof of Covid Vaccination Required** Goebel Adult Community Center 1385 E. Janss Rd. Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

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#### Membership Update by Bryan and Carol Tapking

We would like to welcome 4 New and 1 returning member to our Buckles & Bows Club. Roy & Sandy Okada, Jon & Janet Brooks are new to our club. Jeanne Grant is a returning member. Additionally Dirk and Maryann Gastaldo are students, who have completed all requirements and have been approved by the Board.

Please add their current information to your Club Handbook.

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### Dear Fellow Buckles and Bows Vagabonds,

This notification is about our biggest trip in Pismo Beach at Pismo Beach Coast Village RV Resort. Your Wagon Masters, Peg, Jim, Donna and Brad, will be there from Tuesday, October 5 and leaving on Monday, October 11.

We have reserved 15 spots this year. To make sure we have reserved the correct number of spots, I will need to hear from you as soon as possible to let us know if you will be attending.

Just because the Wagon Masters will be there six nights, does not mean you are required to do so. For those still working, they often just reserve Friday and Saturday nights and leave on Sunday. You can set any dates you wish during the 6 nights or if you wish to extend, just let us know. We will talk to you about costs much closer to the event. In the mean time, Brad has paid to reserve your first night. PLEASE email with the dates you will be attending.

Haven't got a rig? There are two alternatives some people used last year. The Armstrong's rented a trailer, which was delivered to their campsite. They were very pleased with the entire concept. When they arrived, the rig was completely set up with chairs sitting outside for a campfire. Renting is all the fun of camping, but none of the fuss or ongoing costs. The DeForges planned the second alternative. They rented a hotel room, at a reasonable rate within a quick walking distance of the campground. They were also very pleased. I am sure either family would be happy to talk to you about how they made their arrangements.

Donna and Peg will be emailing attendees the details of events (food/day trips) a week or so in advance of the event.

Camping is such a friend-building event, and there is always room for another rig. The expression, "More the merrier", certainly fits this trip.

So if you will be attending, please respond with your dates, as soon as you can so we can all camp as a group. Hope to hear from you soon!!!! If you would like to be added or removed from our RV list, please let us know by email or phone.

Sincerely, Brad and Donna Baker 805-328-8113 Jim and Peg Magnuson Joanne Cunningham suggested the newsletter could be a path for us to learn about our fellow club member's backgrounds. She has provided the first article in the new '**Our Story**' series. The idea is club members contribute a short biography to be shared. The hope is even with limited social contact, we can learn about each other. Please send your one page or less stories to Pat and Jerry Akers email: akers.jerry.e@gmail.com. A special thank you to John Duhig, This featured continues because he hunts down 'volunteers'.

### Our Story - Terry and Paulette Clemens

Terry, born and raised in Sioux City, Iowa. After graduating high school he enlisted in the US Army. He finished his enlistment by spending 13  $\frac{1}{2}$  months in

Korea, leaving the service as a Sargent E5 and as a training NCO at Fort Ord. In 1966 he was appointed to a State Farm Agency in Reseda, Ca.

Paulette was born in LA. Her father, a civil engineer with Caltrans said their home was on what is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> base of Chavez Ravine, "Dodger Stadium". Raised in Monrovia, she was employed by AT&T after high school graduation.

We met on a blind date, dinner and a 3Dmovie in Hollywood. Terry was really taken by Paulette as she sat very close to him at the movie only later to find out a large fella next to her was taken most of her seat. As they say, "love at first sight", with Terry living in WLA and Paulette in Monrovia it was a weekend romance. After months of driving back and forth Terry surprised Paulette with an engagement ring and were married at the Presbyterian Church in Monrovia. New in the business, no time or money for a honeymoon, their wedding night was spent at a hotel in Claremont, complete with a 25 cent vibrating bed. Terry sprang for pizza and a bottle of Champagne, a tradition we have kept every year since. On to a cabin in Crestline where Paulette cooked her first meal...fried round steak. Just terrible!

Our first apartment was furnished with the money we received from wedding gifts, all bought at the unclaimed freight store in Van Nuys. One year in an apartment was enough and we decided buy our first home in Woodland Hills, thanks to the G.I. Bill where our 2 daughters were born. Out growing that house we moved to West Hills where we stayed for 34 years, eventually moving to SV where we've lived for 19 years. Raising two daughters kept us very busy, seemed as though we were leaders or sponsors of each group, be it church, school, Brownies or sports. We enjoyed a lot of family travel, ski trips, fishing and camping in our trailer.

Terry's career continues with State Farm after 55 years by moving his office to Westlake Village last year. During his career he has achieved many honors and awards, yearly qualifying for the travel club was a way for us to see the world. Qualifying for the President's Club was quiet an honor as only the top 50 agents of the then 18,000 in the nation made this goal. His ultimate achievement was the "Crystal Excellence" award, one of which very few SF Agents achieve.

Paulette, being a stay at home Mom opted for volunteer work along with playing tennis. Later she transitioned into Terry's office and became licensed in all lines of insurance. Still volunteering, her favorite philanthropies were The Children's Hunger Fund where she organized a celebrity golf tournament. Another group she was involved in was The Assistance League of Conejo Valley, singing with the" Homemade Jammers" visiting senior care & retirement centers.

With our 6 grandchildren grown or not close by, our enjoyments these days are being able to travel, entertain guests, golf and of course square dance. We also enjoy riding our bikes, long walks on the beach looking for sea glass on Hollywood Beach where we have had a home for many years.

After a humble beginning we feel we have been abundantly blessed and all this was made possible from our Lord.



# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Friend- ship Day	2	3 Work- shop	4 Choco- late chip Cookie Day	5	6	7
8 Summer Olym- pics End	9	10 Work- shop	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Work- shop	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31 Work- shop				

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Be Late for Some- thing	6 Rosh Hasha- nah	7	8	9	10	11
12 Grand- parents Day	13	14 Class 1st Night	15 Yom Kippur	16	17	18
19	20	21 Class 2nd Night	22	23	24	25 Club Dance
26 Johnny Apple- seed Day	27	28	29	30		

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