



Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club



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President's Message

Good News!! Bill got his first vaccine shot yesterday. Bad News: ugh, he must be at least 75 . It's really amazing what we look forward to these days. Remember when visits to the doctor or dentist were just grudgingly accepted? Now they are our link to the outside world. A chance to leave the house & see if the car still runs. And a trip to the Ventura County Fairgrounds to get a shot! Life can't get much better than that!

We want to continue to remind everyone to join us on Tuesday nights with Mike and Lisa. Even if you haven't or don't want to try the two couple dancing you will enjoy seeing and sharing stories with everyone. They say that there may be "light at the end of the tunnel" so it's a good time to renew contacts and start thinking ahead to when we can actually meet in person again.

We have had a number of requests for information or guidance regarding the safety steps that we will be taking when the time comes to return to dancing at the Goebel Center. The short answer right now is we just don't know. We do expect that there will be some guidance from The Goebel Center and the Medical Community but we should begin thinking now about how to make our activity as safe as possible. We will have a Board meeting on Thursday February 18th and as always invite everyone to attend to add your input to this or any other topic that you would like to discuss. If you want to join us, please contact us by email so that we can send you information to join the meeting.

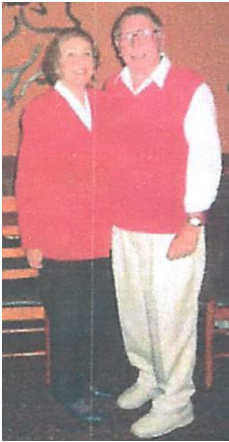
See you on Zoom.

Bill & Nancy



BlueBox
project | IN MEMORY OF
REBECCA READ

6TH Annual Blue Box Project
Collection of Feminine Products
to Benefit Lighthouse For Women and Children
February 1-28
Special B&B Collection Drop-off Day at Goebel Center
Parking Lot 3-5pm Wednesday Feb. 17th
SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS
OR CALL PAT & JERRY AKERS 805-657-6655



As you may have heard, Russ Moore passed away on December 23, 2020, after a two week battle with COVID-19. Betty Moore, his wife of 68 years, had passed away six months earlier, on June 13, 2020, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Russ & Betty Moore were long time members of the Buckles & Bows; always willing to step in and help whenever they were needed. By Sandy Hood

Russell Moore Beloved Father and Devoted Husband

Russ passed away on Dec. 23, 2020, in Valencia, Calif., after a two week battle with COVID -19. All the staff at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital said what a neat man he was, and were there to comfort him.

Russ was born Dec. 6, 1927, in Keokuk, Iowa. He left the snowy midwest in the mid-1940s to come to sunny Southern California. He married Betty Crocker Moore in 1952, and after 68 years, was just recently widowed this past June. The family settled in Thousand Oaks in 1962, and he lived there until health issues forced a move in 2016. For the last five years, Russ was a very active member of the Atria of Santa Clarita community, even calling Bingo many days a week.

Russ worked for the Southern California Gas Co. for 37 years. He was an avid golfer all of his life, just quitting the game at 87. It was not until he was 81 when he scored his first hole in one at the Westlake Golf Course. A year later at 82, he scored his second, on the same 17th hole.

For over 40 years, Russ and Betty were active members of the square dance community, dancing and traveling throughout the U.S. with the Buckles and Bows group.

Family vacations were enjoyed for decades in Maui. The California Redwoods were also a favorite spot. Russ also enjoyed watching the old Westerns.

Russ is survived by his daughter, Marilyn Moore of Santa Clarita; and his son, Randall Moore of Yuba City, Calif.

Russ was a wonderful successful husband and father, and will be greatly missed. Dad lives forever in our hearts and souls.

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Square Dance!

February Birthdays

Bob Peterson
 Edward Hansen
 Bill Kitchens
 Jay LaRue
 Kit Hime
 Pete Pederson
 Dee Bower
 Dean Cunningham
 Betsy Fries
 Ann Duran
 Jessica Lee
 Scott Boucher
 Mike Waters
 Adrienne Clark
 Alan Grant

February Anniversaries

Ted & Joanne Noller
 Kevin & Juli Hamilton

Spreading Sunshine

Kathy & Jon
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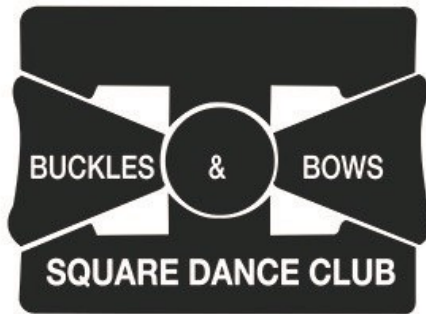


Everyone stay well!!

Zoom Dancing

John Duhig's emails provide the ZOOM links to dances. You and your Phantom Couple can have the best square in your house.

Mike and Lisa Seastrom make Zoom dancing fun!



BlueBox project IN MEMORY OF REBECCA READ

What

A donation drive for feminine products (tampons, pads, deodorant, shampoo, soap, Body wash, etc.) for women in need in Ventura County

The **Blue Box Project** was started in 2015 by our granddaughter, Rebecca Read, as a service project for her Girl Scout Gold Award. She established this project to collect donations of sanitary and personal hygiene products for women affected by domestic violence. She installed collection boxes in churches. It was her hope that the project would continue for years to come and it has. Visitors to those churches have taken the idea out to other states. Sadly, Rebecca lost her life in an auto accident in the summer of 2016.

In Thousand Oaks we are holding the sixth annual Blue Box Project to honor what would have been Rebecca's 23rd birthday, Feb 17th.

All donations will be delivered to Lighthouse for Women and Children.

Thanks for your support.
 Jerry and Pat Akers



3 ways to donate:

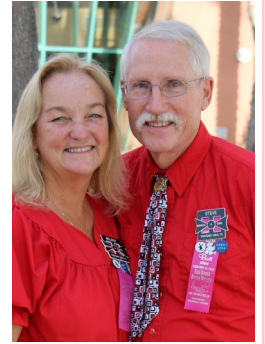
- Special B&B Collection Drop-off Day at Goebel Center Parking Lot 3-5pm Wednesday Feb. 17th Stay a while to greet your Square Dance friends. Masks required.
- Home of Pat & Jerry Akers, 1583 Wakefield Ave., Thousand Oaks
- Order directly through our Amazon Wish List

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7FEPGMFMSDS?ref_=wl_share

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.

— Our Story— Steve and Melody Buczynski

It's a small World. Steve and Melody both lived their early childhood years about 15 miles east of San Diego in the small town of Spring Valley California. Although they didn't know it at the time Steve would pass Melody's grandparent's house every day on his way home. They first met many years later at the wedding of Steve's older brother Leon to Melody's older sister Jean. They would see each other from time to time during family events but there was no romance.



Steve graduated high school in 1972 and joined the Air Force. Melody's family moved to AZUSA California in 1966 where she grew up. Steve was stationed at Norton Air Force base in San Bernardino. After Steve's dad passed away his mother moved to Arcadia California to be closer to family. (ROMANCE BEGINS May 1974) On one of Steve's trips to Arcadia he stopped by AZUSA. Melody was home sick that day from school with a cold. For some reason when Steve arrived, Melody was feeling much better so they both went to see the school concert that evening. Not sure how it happened but Steve came down with a cold shortly thereafter. The romance blossomed and August 1975 the beginning of Melody's senior year in high school they were engaged. One year later after Steve's discharge from the Air Force and Melody's graduation they were married September 1976. (They said it would never last).

Steve joined the Air Force Reserves and got a civilian job at March AFB as an aircraft mechanic. They bought their first house in Sunnymead California (Marino Valley today). They were blessed with a daughter Christina in January 1979. They lived so close to the base Steve would go home for lunch from time to time. 9 months later they were blessed with their son Sean in October 1982.

They moved to Santa Maria California in May 1983 when Steve got a quality assurance job at Vandenberg AFB on the space shuttle and satellite programs. Looking for career advancement they moved to Thousand Oaks when Steve landed a job with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in September 1990. Melody started working at a school kitchen with mother's hours for 21 years. Like most parents their lives revolved around the kid's activities for a number of years, scouting, sports and school activities. They are very proud of both kids receiving the highest scouting ranks, Girl Scout Gold award and Boy Scout Eagle award. On a side note, Sean is currently working as a first responder for the City of Santa Maria Fire Department. The kids have blessed Steve and Melody with 5 grandchildren and still counting ranging 4 to 18 years old.

Steve retired from the FAA in December 2010. Melody retired from the Conejo Valley school district food services in June 2011. They currently enjoy Cruising and traveling the world. Like everyone, Covid 19 has put a major dampener on checking off items on their bucket list. On the positive side they are in good health and spirits high.

Like most people becoming empty nesters they needed something to do. One day after church, they were having dinner out and ran into good friends, Pat and Jerry Akers. They were invited to a beginning square dance class. The rest is history, 12 years later they can't wait for their vaccination to get back to their favorite social activity, Square Dancing.

Melody and Steve

February 2021

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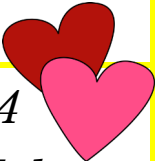



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| 21 | 22 | 23 | Engineers Week | | | |
| 28 Tooth Fairy Day  | | | | | | |

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