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### **Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club**



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### <u>President's Message</u> Greetings everyone.

Well another year has gone by and our great club continues to flourish. With Mike and Lisa Seastrom providing their talent and leadership and the dedicated group of couples and individuals who make up our Board of Directors leading the way, there is no doubt that Buckles and Bows will continue to thrive. Even though this Covid stuff is apparently never going to end. Our Tuesday and until July 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday Class and Workshops continue to be a weekly party for everyone who attends.

At our annual General Meeting the entire Board of Directors was unanimously reelected so we can expect the party to continue.

We had a very special dance on May 28<sup>th</sup> featuring Andy Allameo and his instructions for HEX Squares. Almost 40 dancers showed up at 5:30 for the hex squares and many stayed until 10:00 for the entire dance. By the time everyone arrived at 7:30 there were enough folks to fill 13 squares. Pretty crowded in the Conejo Community Center but everyone had a great time.

I am told that the construction work at the Goebel Center is proceeding on schedule so we should be able to return "home" for our regular Tuesday program on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep in mind that we will start a new SSD class in September so it's never to soon to start thinking about inviting family and friends to join us. I would also like to point out that since the Covid pandemic began Buckles and Bows has lost less than 10% of it's membership and has added nearly as many new members.

See You in a Square.

Bill & Nancy Armstrong - Presidents

### **Spring Class Update**

At the Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> class, the students learned the last calls on the SSD calls list. 9 of our 16 students attended that night. So even at this late point in the class, we're not quite sure how many will be graduating or when we will have our graduation. We do plan to have a short ceremony soon to acknowledge those who have sufficiently learned the SSD steps, accompanied by a graduation cake and a night of dancing. With no new calls to cover, it will be fun for all who join us.

Some of our students also attend the Boots and Slippers class. That, of course, is good for them for review, practice, and learning any steps they may have missed. It's interesting, too, because Dick (Boots) is teaching the traditional Mainstream and Plus class while Mike is teaching the SSD class. Up to this point, the calls have matched up well, so it's a win-win situation, where students from either class can attend the other class if they so choose.

Coming soon is the summer workshop. Mike is going to incorporate dancing for the SSD dancers as well as the Plus dancers, and he'll even include some line dancing and contra dancing from time to time, which always makes for a unique, party-like night out. We can all look forward to a fun summer workshop.

We expect the workshop to be a big help to our new dancers, because it will give them the rest of the summer to practice all of the steps they've learned. And, of course, we thank all the Angel dancers for attending class and helping our new dancers. It's great to have you in the squares.



Dean and Joanne Cunningham - Class Coordinators

### **Important Dates:**

- •Thursday nights thru June, Class for New Dancers at Conejo Community Center
- •Tuesday nights July 5th onward, Class and Workshop at Goebel Senior Center
- •Saturday June 25th, 'Fabulous 50's' Club Dance (Caller: Darren Gallina).
- •Friday, July 1st, Square Dance Demonstration at the Stagecoach Inn
- •Saturday July 23rd, 'Hot Summer Nights' Club Dance (Caller: Pat Carnathan)
- •Sunday August 14th, 'Sea Breeze' Club Dance (Caller: Buddy Weaver)

### Buckles and Bows Board Annual Picnic, General Meeting and Elections

Sunday June 5th was the club's Annual Picnic at Dover and Hendrix Park in Thousand Oaks. The weather, food and conversation were all great. Each board member gave a short summary of their club duties. Club members discussed how to welcome the sudents who recently completed their training on all the SSD list of dance calls. The meeting finished with the relection of the board.





### May Birthdays

Iris Katzman Gary Woodgerd Marsha Richardson Hatton Fred Moore John Sluke Clare Sluke Carol Tapking Mim Spitz Otis Rogers Jerry Akers Jack Merk Mike Seastrom Annette Carnahan Steve Langberg Diane Schreiber Bob Spitz

#### <u>May</u> Anniversaries

Joan Kelly Stone

Howard & Barbara Jacobowitz
Fred & Suzy Moore
Gary & Iris Katzman
Mike & Lisa Seastrom
Mike & Lorraine Newlon
Chuck & Joan Stone
Steve & Wendy Wieser
Jim & Peggy Magnuson

New Lifetime Club Members
Jim and Peggy Magnuson
Frank and Joyce Schaible

### Spreading Sunshine

Kathy & Jon DeForge

Stay well and keep dancing



#### June Birthdays

Denise Richardson
Fred DeMartino
Roxana Chappell
Gus De Fore
Neal Albert
Soo Jin Place
Maria Jambor
Nickie Dwork
Dan Carnahan
Louella Ferguson
John Wilson

#### June Anniversaries

John & Sybil Duhig David & Karen Morelli Mike & Sharon Waters

### Spring Outing to Ventura and Channel Islands Harbors

On May 21st, our Buckles and Bows members enjoyed a Spring Outing to the Ventura Harbor. We met at Andria's Seafood Restaurant for lunch, and traveled on to the Channel Islands Harbor for a docent lead 1&1/2 hour tour of the Maritime Museum. Then we moved down the street to the Clemens beach house for refreshments and conversations. It was a fun filled day.



Paulette Clemens - Social Chair





Photos by Mike Newlon















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'.

### **My Story - Judy Powell**

I was born and raised in Hyde Park on the south side of Chicago. I graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelors in Elementary Ed. I met my husband there and was married the week before I graduated. I lived and taught 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> grades in Chicago, Western Massachusetts (the Berkshires), New York City (a private school), and Newton Center outside of Boston where my son was born. Shortly thereaf-

vate school), and Newton Center outside of Boston where my son was born. Shortly thereatter I moved with him to Los Angeles where my sister had moved the year before, starting in the San Fernando Valley to Agoura to Thousand Oaks.

In the 1970's LA was attempting to integrate their school staffs. No principal was allowed to hire me because I was female, white and English speaking and they had enough of those. I became a teller at Wells Fargo Bank where I worked for seven years, eventually becoming an Assistant Branch Manager in Calabasas. In my second year there I joined a management training program in which I received my finance education and where I met my best friend and business partner of the past 38 years.

In the 1980's we had both had enough of banking. With the help of our parents we purchased a preschool and its property in Simi Valley - two single ladies, each with one child, and with a very large loan to repay. In three and a half years we had made a success of it, sold that school and purchased the Carden School of Camarillo, Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We owned that for 15 years, sold it, got it back 6 years later, and now own only a preschool on the campus of Cal State Channel Islands where we both can work from home, again successfully.

My son, his wife, and my two grandsons moved to New Jersey for work sixteen years ago when the youngest was four months old. I started traveling there four times a year and continued to do so until the pandemic. Now they live in Massachusetts (full circle for my son) and twice a year is enough since the boys don't even have vacations at the same time anymore. Occasionally in the past 16 years they have come to see me - Disneyland and all that!

I have been fortunate to be able to travel the world - Europe, Africa, South America, the Galapagos, China, Israel, Fiji, Tahiti, and Australia. I volunteer for special events in the national parks (mostly at Paramount Ranch) and usher at the Civic Arts, play golf, needlepoint, read, garden and spend a little time at my school. In 2009 a Carden teacher friend told me she had just finished learning to square dance and I should try it. She never returned after the second class of her second year but I was having fun and have ever since.

Judy Powell

## Results from the May Collection Drive for Manna Food Bank

The club donated 51 bags of groceries and \$240 in personal cash. At the general meeting the club voted to donate an additional \$200 from our treasury. Manna really appreciates our dedicated support.



The collection loaded into baskets at Manna.

## 'Sea Breeze' The Biggest Dance of the Buckles and Bows Year

31 years ago, Buckles and Bows sometimes danced in Malibu. They decided to hold a summer Sunday afternoon dance/fund raiser on the grounds of the Malibu High School. The site is high on the hills above Highway 1. The afternoon wind is always blowing off the ocean. Hence the dance name. The idea was to bring in dancers from the surrounding clubs. While the site has moved around over the years, the name and purpose remain the same. Have a big dance on Sunday afternoon bring in dancers from all over. Pre-Covid the Goebel Center was filled with 200 plus Sea Breeze dancers.

Volunteer to help make this year's Sea Breeze a big success.

### Food for Seabreeze 2022



Everyone is encouraged to participate by bringing food to share in one of two categories: Finger Food or Dessert to serve 12. Please choose a food, which allows a person to simply pick up the food item. No dipping, cutting, or slicing to be done at the event. Food workers will put the item on an individual plate for the serving tables.

Questions??? Contact Donna 805 657-0185 or Kathy 805 208-1248

### It's Basket Time!

At Buckles and Bow we always make fantastic baskets for our Sea Breeze raffle. In the past we have made baskets with themes such as:

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Spa Day	Baby Girl	Holiday				
Gardening	Baby Boy	Movie Night				
New Parents	Book Lovers	Camping				
Grandchildren	Cook's Delight	Asian Food				
Wine Lovers	Italian Dinner	BBQ Basket				
Night Out	Mexican Food	Car Care				
Night In	Arts & Crafts					





- \* You can donate new items or gift certificates.
- \* You might make your own themed basket.
- \* You might enjoy putting a themed basket together with a friend or two.

Bring your basket or items in a bag (we have some baskets) to the workshop or to Nancy Armstrong's home (259 W Sidlee St. T.O.)

Questions??? Contact Nancy Armstrong (368-5362) or Suzy Moore (498-8706)

# Fabulous 50's

caller: Darren Gallina

Cuer: Gary McLaughlin

## Saturday June 25, 2022

Rounds 7:00 to 7:30 & between tips

Plus Level 7:30 to 10:00

Bonus Advanced Tip at 10:00

Donation: \$ 10.00 per person

Casual Dress, or 50's costumes

Proof of COVID vaccination required
Or proof of negative COVID test within 48 hours
Local mask requirements apply





### Coming Dances:

July 23 - Pat Carnathan Rounds 7:00-7:30, Plus 7:30-10:00 Aug 14 - Sea Breeze -Buddy Weaver

Conejo Community Center at Dover and Hendrix Park



1175 Hendrix Ave Thousand Oaks CA 91360

> Information: Bill & Nancy (805) 368-5371

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# Hot Summer Nights Saturday, July 23, 2022

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**Caller: Pat Carnathan** 

**Cuer: Joe Scarlatella** 



Rounds 7:00 to 7:30 & between tips

Plus Level 7:30 TO 10:00

Bonus Advanced Tip at 10:00

<u>Casual Dress</u> <u>Favorite T-Shirt & Shorts</u>

Donation \$ 10.00 per person

Proof of COVID Vaccination required
Or proof of negative COVID test within 48 hours
Local mask requirements apply

### Coming Dances:

Sunday, Aug 14, Sea Breeze- Buddy Weaver Sept 24, Eric Henerlau

Goebel Adult Community Center

1385 E. Janss Road
Thousand Oaks
1/2 block East of 23 Freeway
@ Janss Road Exit

Information: Bill & Nancy (805) 368-5371 Janss Rd.

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Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club Thousand Oaks CA

## **Buckles & Bows 31st Annual**

## SEA BREEZE DANCE

Caller: Buddy Weaver

Cueing: Cindy Mower

Gift Basket Raffle

Light Refreshments

Donation: \$15.00 each

Sunday, August 14, 2022
Squares 2:30 – 5:00 PM
(Including SSD, Mainstream, Plus, & Advanced)
Rounds 2 PM & Between Tips

Goebel Adult Community Center 1385 E. Janss Road Thousand Oaks

### **Tropical Attire Encouraged**

Information:

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## May and June Photos

## May Dance with Andy Allemao and 'HEX' Dancing







## June General Meeting and Picnic



## Congratulations



## June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Class	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Class	10 Boots pers 6	11 s & Slip- Guide Dog ance
12	13	14	<i>15</i>	16 Class	<i>17</i>	18
19	20	21	22	23 Class	24	25 Club Dance 'FAB 50's'
26	27	28	29	30 Class		

## July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Stage- coach Inn Demo	2
3	4	5 Class	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Class	13	14	<i>15</i>	16
17	18	19 Class	20	21	22	23Club Dance 'Summer Nights'
24	<i>25</i>	26 Class	27	<i>28</i>	29	30
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