



# Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club



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## President's Message

The most unusual Holiday Season of our lifetimes is beginning. Every year at this time Buckles and Bows members are looking forward to meeting over a thousand of our friends in Indio for the annual RIVCO Square Dance Festival and beyond that Thanksgiving with of our families and friends. Well, the festival is cancelled and for most of us Thanksgiving will be a much quieter affair with only immediate family. Our creative callers including our own Mike Seastrom are planning 3 days of Zoom dancing to replace the festival and while we are looking forward to dancing and seeing some of our friends on the screen it certainly will be far different from the excitement of our favorite festival. You can find more information about the Zoom festival in this Newsletter.

There is one thing that the Covid Virus cannot destroy and that is the generosity and community spirit of our members. Each year for many years Buckles and Bows and our members have made very generous contributions to MANNA our local food bank. This year will be no different and the need is greater than ever before. Because we have no dances we will be sponsoring a food drive for Manna on Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup> between 3:00 and 5:00 PM in The Goebel Center parking lot. Look for a list of suggested items later in the Newsletter. Since we will be there for a couple hours this can also be a good chance to catch up with friends that you haven't seen recently while socially distancing of course!

Many of you will recall that last year for The Holiday Party we participated with The Goebel Center in their "Angel Tree" whereby we were able to select the names of seniors in need and provide them with holiday gifts. We recently learned that they will have the same program this year and they are very happy to have Buckles and Bows participate. Last year nearly all of our members selected one or more names off the tree. The method for getting the names will no doubt be different this year so we will keep you informed as we learn more.

We want to thank all of you for helping us keep Buckles and Bows moving forward during these trying times because we are certain that when the time comes to bring back our favorite activity Buckles and Bows will lead the way.

See you on Zoom and at the MANNA Drive

*Bill & Nancy*



The flyer on Page 2 gives  
the details for  
the Drive By Manna Food Collection



# BUCKLES and BOWS

Drive-by and Drop-off in the Goebel Center Parking Lot,  
Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5 pm.

Stay a while to greet your Square Dance friends.

Masks required.

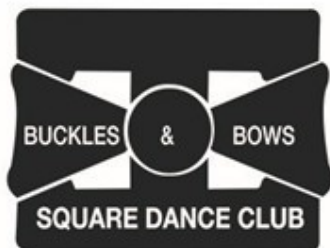


# FOOD DRIVE

## High Priority Items

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|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Canned Tuna         | Canned Meat          | Mac & Cheese | Hamburger Helper |
| Canned Pasta        | Canned Stew          | Canned Chili | Peanut Butter    |
| Jelly & Jams        | Canned Vegetables    | Canned Corn  | Canned Fruit     |
| Cereal (hot & cold) | Soup (cans or mixes) | Boxed Rice   | Boxed Pasta      |

Manna also accepts monetary donations and gift cards from all grocery stores, including Costco.



Alternate drop-off Sat Nov.14 through Wed. the 18<sup>th</sup> at the homes of  
Bill and Nancy Armstrong, 259 W. Sidlee, T.O.  
or Pat and Jerry Akers, 1583 Wakefield, T.O.

**November Birthdays**

John Duhig  
 Richard Pool  
 Howard Jacobowitz  
 Donna Baker  
 Jody Conn  
 Harvey Cusworth  
 Jim Magnusen  
 Barbara Katzman  
 Brad Baker  
 Suzette DeMarco  
 Juli Hamilton  
 Lou Jambor  
 Nancy Armstrong  
 Ray Hime  
 Nancy Bohannon  
 Christina Wilson  
 Joanne Noller

**November Anniversaries**

Shiaw Chang  
 Alan & Jeanne Grant  
 Dave & Linda Egli  
 Bill & Marsha Hatton  
 Neal & Bobbi Neal  
 Dan & Annette Carnahan  
 Mark & Jody Conn

**Spreading Sunshine**

Kathy & Jon  
 DeForge

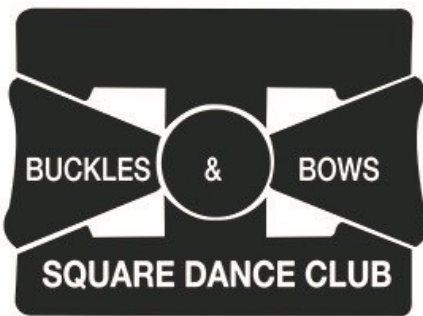


**Concerns:**

Cyclist Joanne Cunningham is recovering from an interrupted bicycle ride.

Dean Thompson is making a great recovery from knee surgery. He will be ready to dance, when we all can square up.

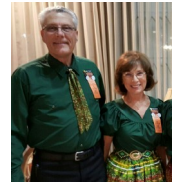
Everyone stay well!!



**Membership Renewal**

If you have not yet paid your dues, we will be available at the Manna Food Drive. Bring your check and save the postage.

*Bryan & Carol Tapping*  
 Membership Directors



**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.

**Social Activities**

**Holiday Event**

We are actively working on putting together a Holiday Event. Although we all can not gather in person, why not use the Zoom Format to have some holiday fun and entertainment. With only our head and shoulders view with zoom, a holiday hat or headdress would be a interesting way to celebrate. Ladies, no need for a pricey holiday dress with matching shoes and purse. Some ideas can be found at Party City, Dollar Tree, 99 Cent Store or the internet. Let's be creative. There will be prizes for the Most Creative, Most Original, Funniest and more.

The date of this event is yet to be announced later.

**Senior Angel Tree at the Goble Center**

This year Buckles and Bows will again be coordinating with the Gobel Center to bring some holiday cheer to our less fortunate seniors with the Angel Tree. The center is definitely interested in our participation and we are working on a format to address this outreach. Last year our club overwhelmed the center with our participation and we look forward to the same interest this year.

Paulette and Terry Clemens



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.

### — My Story — Brigitte Dickinson

I was born in January 1939 in Berlin, Germany. I am the middle of 3 sisters. My father was a butcher and my mother a home maker. When I was very small my father was drafted into the army. He was sent to fight. After the World War II he was finally able to come home in 1947. So my first memories of him, start when I was eight years old.



My mother cared for me and my sisters by learning to make hats. In 1941 our family was evacuated from Berlin to Poland. As the war was ending in Poland we were captured by the Russian army and spent time in a concentration camp. Mom had to work in the nearby farm fields. Finally in 1947, we were allowed to return to our Berlin apartment.

With our family reunited, my Mom and Dad worked clearing out and cleaning up the battle-damaged homes of Berlin. My father could not find work as a butcher because there was so little meat to cut and sell. Instead he worked in a fish factory. So we ate a lot of smoked fish. To this day I don't like smoked fish.

I attended school through the eighth grade. From age 16 to 18, I was an apprentice at a pastry shop. I learned to bake all sorts of delicious morsels. Once I had knowledge of each item's ingredients, I worked the counter selling the treats and taking care of the customers. It was great work. I could eat anything I wanted, if I was fairly sure the item had accidentally touched the floor. As teenagers my sisters and I really didn't do much, because our father was always waiting behind the door to be sure we didn't come in a minute too late.

In August 1961, the communists erected the Berlin wall. My immediate family was lucky as we lived in the western sectors. Some of my father's distant relatives were stuck on the eastern sector. Earlier my mom's sister had moved to the United States in 1956. My mom and dad had divorced, so when I was 22 in October 1962 my aunt sponsored my mother me for immigration to the US. We lived in Alhambra. My sisters and father stayed behind in Germany. I still visit my sisters in Germany.

I arrived in the US with limited English skills. I worked as a nanny in Pasadena caring for 3 children. I had limited time off. My first real day off was a celebration for my birthday. Out for the evening, I met a Hungarian man who sweetened me up. 6 months later in 1964 we were married. We lived in the Silver Lake area, We had 2 boys, 4 years apart. I was a stay at home mom and my husband was a house painter. In the early years of our marriage our rare vacations were trips to Hungary to visit my husband's relatives. Both sons now live in Colorado. So, I travel to see my grandchildren.

Moving to Tujunga complicated raising our two boys. My English was still limited so I was frustrated when the boy's teachers wanted me to help teach them to read. How could I do that? So, I put them in a private school.

The marriage ended and I started working in a German Deli. I could clerk and also slice the meat. Having a butcher for a father can come in handy. At the Deli I met a gentleman who worked at Alpha-Beta. It turns out he was the head chef. I was soon working Alpha-Beta as a cashier.

In 1982 people from my church suggested I start Square Dance lessons to help me with my English. Me a German lady learning to Square Dance. What is that? So I met my 2<sup>nd</sup> husband at the 'Squeeze -n- Squares' club dance in Glendale. We moved to Leisure Village and became involved with the 'Rip Snorters' Club in Camarillo. As long as he was living, we danced. My 2<sup>nd</sup> husband died in April 2000. I met Sandy and Dianne through Camarillo dancing. As Camarillo square dance clubs closed, I joined Buckles and Bows in 2008.

My current activities include volunteering 2 days per week at the local hospital. We use donated unsold flowers to make flower arrangements for patients. We also distribute toys to the children. I am a member of the project club for the hospital making ponies and pillows. I am known for my fast knitting.

Visiting my children in Colorado has led to some high-level square dancing. In Frisco, Colorado we squared up wearing snow boots at 9000 ft. elevation. When visiting Germany, I have danced in my hometown of Berlin. With Sandy Daugherty as a traveling companion, I have been to Italy, Spain, Greece, Netherlands, France, Hawaii, and Bavaria. My most recent trip was a tour of Germany and Austria with Mike and Lisa Seastrom.

In 1984 I became a U.S. Citizen. I remember being amazed that I owned a car. I am the first person in my family to have a driver's license. Now I am spoiled living in the United States.

*Brigitte Dickinson*

### October 2020—Pismo Beach Campout

The Buckles & Bows RVers held their October 2020 Pismo Beach camp out. Ten rigs joined in the fun at the famous Pismo Coast Village RV Resort. Even during Covid19 we safely enjoyed delicious Ice Cream at Burnstein's Ice Cream Lab and golfing at Avila Beach Golf Resort. You just can't hold a good club down! By Mike Newlon



# November 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 <i>Happy Hour Day</i>	13	14
15	16	17 <i>Mana Food Drive</i>	18 <i>Mickey Mouse Day</i>	19	20	21
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Live Lively -



Square Dance!

