



The 5th Wednesday Letter

From Sandi & Dan Finch

Wednesday, March 31, 2004

Miscellany

Dancers at our "Wednesday Night With Dan and Sandi" were treated to "warming rolls" by an area Girl Scout cadette hoping to earn her Silver Award.

Erin Smith of Cadette Troop 575 in Long Beach came up with the idea of making flannel scarves and wrapping them around a packet of warm beverage mixes to give to seniors.

She showed up with her mother during one evening dance program. We thoroughly dispelled her image of seniors as doddering and aged!

And for the cynical among us, it was hard to believe someone was there to give away something—for free—just because it seemed like a good idea.

It was a sweet gesture by the Long Beach girl that became a learning experience for all of us.

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We want to thank everyone who brings refreshments from time to time to add to our party atmosphere.

On Thursday night, *Shirley Blair* often turns up with a treat and *Bill Fryxell* always brings cookies, muffins or some such.

We see a lot of cakes come in to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. If we missed your special day, it must not be on our calendar, so be sure to tell us when it is.

Of course, Wednesday Night runs so smoothly because of the able assistance of *Howard & Sally Davis*. But, where would we be without *Dee Myers'* chocolate-covered strawberries from time to time or the Marie Callendar pies that *Mickey & Clara Marshall* pick up?

Thank you also, Margie Moeller, Colette Weiss, Carol Rhyne, Madeline Ruge, Alice Scanlon, Sheba Faust, Alice Nackard and Patricia Michaud for your frequent contributions of cookies, jello and fruit.

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We have recently gotten our hearing assistive listening device back in service (it went back to the factory in November). If you need to hear the cues a little better, try one of these receivers. We have them to loan out.

Passages

BOB MALTHOUSE, a fixture in our round dance community for more than 30 years, died suddenly February 5, 2004, at his Bellflower home. He worked as an air traffic controller at one of the Los Angeles area airports, and was a former Marine, but music and dance were his loves. More than 700 persons attended his memorial at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim.

Bob's FunRounders is trying to continue and has had Eileen Silvia and Jerry Miller doing

rounds until a permanent club cuer is found.

PAM HARFORD, longtime dancer partner of John Michaelson, died in her sleep March 13, 2004, after a long fight with lung disease and cancer.

Her father was a songwriter and her mother an actress, and she had spent her entire life around the motion picture industry. She co-taught with John and assisted him at his dances when she was able.



Days of Our Lives For the Second Quarter

Birthdays:

Wendell Ebling	Alice Scanlon
Malcolm Wong	Bob DuFault
Jack Friend	John Hooton
Alice Nackard	Pat Lane
Max Martel	Paul Stottlemeyer
Ann Lane	Howard Davis
Ken Zieg	Eddie Span
Tim Todd	Bettie Stottlemeyer
Bob Mahrt	

Anniversaries:

Rick & Jeannie De La Torre
Fred & Gloria Lesh
Mas & Aiko Nabata
Bob & Nancy DuFault

More Ramblings

Al Smith has recently joined "Wednesday Night With Dan & Sandi." He came to the Thursday Night transition class for several months and now regularly hits the advanced level workshops.

Rudolf Rather, who lives part-time in Germany, visited the Thursday Night Transition Class.

Winners of this year's Academy Awards Prediction Contest were *Eileen Wade*, Thursday Night, and *Carol Rhyne* and *Ken Scholtz*, with tying entries on Wednesday Night. All three predicted winners in six of the seven top categories.

Larry & Carol Rhyne celebrated their anniversary with a get-away to Cambria

Thank you, *Russ & Stella LaRose*, for organizing the sing-along of Irish songs for St. Patrick's Day.

Ramblings:

Gloria Lesh entertained her brother from Michigan earlier this month when he came here for a new type of back surgery. The laser procedure was done on a Tuesday, he came to the Stottlemeyer's class with her and Fred that night and flew home the next day.



Bob & Lorraine Mahrt and Russ & Stella LaRose are just back from a 10-day riverboat cruise on the Mississippi. They were part of the group of 12 who went with Fred & Keiko Migliorini to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. For talent night, the group did two round dances a la formation team.



Paul Stottlemeyer is recovering from the bone infection in one of his feet. He has been able to come to his Tuesday night class at the Cypress Senior Center without a wheelchair for the past month and this week he even cued one dance and demonstrated a section of it. It won't be long before Dan & Sandi will be out of a Tuesday night job.



Audrey Pecor is recovering from third degree burns she got on her torso from a pot of water spilling as she took it out of an overhead microwave oven. She has had to undergo IV treatments and daily wound re-dressing at the hospital, but she came out to dance for the first time in four weeks on Tuesday night. Nothing like the feeling of getting better!



Howard & Sally Davis and Ken & Marion Scholtz have been on cruises recently as the on-board dance instructors. We missed *Jim Throgmorton & Margie Moeller* for a bit, as they went to sea to do some whale watching. *Fred & Gloria Lesh* got away to Death Valley for Fred's birthday. *Pat & Ann Lane* drove to Florida for the Coliseum round dance event with the Gosses, Rumbles and Worlocks. Other round dance weekenders: *Penny Sherwin, Russ & Stella LaRose, Ed & Di Gaines and Marie Marlow (and Dan & Sandi)* made the Black Tie Affair in Mesa. We have had representatives from our groups at Goss' Palm Springs Weekend, Winterfest and the San Diego Round Dance Festival as well as the Coliseum so far this year. That means a head start on lots of new dances!



Thank you, *Don Miller*, for helping to handle the technical set-up for Winterfest in January and all your "sound" assistance to us through the year.



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