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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY

John & Carolyn Melstrom



JOHN & CAROLYN MELSTROM

Aloha from Maui. Yes, it's that time of year again. But this year has a few different twists. Rather than having to vacation during the summer crush, Carolyn and I are free to choose any time of the year. We chose the month of May. Retirement has certainly opened up a host of new opportunities. There are fewer school-age children, but there is an increase in older people and grandchildren. Weather seems a bit cooler and more breezy, but the humidity is much better than in the warmer summer months. The mai tais and tropical itches taste as good as ever. Another twist is this is my last newsletter as President. John and Barbara Marshall have taken over the helm and the club is assured of great leadership.

Vic Ceder's April dance was a great hit. Vic workshopped the fractional parts of calls. Dancers were reminded of the importance of knowing the definitions when some dancers performed one fractional part of the call while other dancers performed a different fractional part. Vic's asymmetric calls were real crowd pleasers. Dancers would be in all sorts of weird formations, waiting and listening carefully for the next call, when Vic would calmly say "Oh, look! Allemande Left." We never saw it coming! As I departed into the western sunset in May, Mike Jacobs came into town. I have been told that Mike called an outstanding dance. Mike always has interesting material and keeps everyone entertained.

The recent elections bring a not-too-different Trail-  
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**New Trailblazers Board:** [L to R] John Martin, Peggy Martin, John Melstrom, Vickie Morris, John Marshall, Robert Morris, Barbara Marshall, Jeff Overbey, Nancy Rosenblum, Bruce Rosenblum. **MISSING:** Carolyn Melstrom and Barbara Shimomura

## Coming Trailblazer Dances

Friday C-3A—Saturday A-2  
Sunday—1st Session C-1, 2nd Session C-2  
*See the last Page for Locations*

### 2007

June 1, 2, 3	Lee Kopman
Jul 6, 7, 8	Sue Curtis
Aug 3, 4, 5	Darryl Lipscomb
Aug 31, Sept 1, 2	Anne Uebelacker
Oct 5, 6, 7	Barry Clasper
Nov 2, 3, 4	John Marshall
Nov 30, Dec 1, 2	Todd Fellego

**SPECIAL EVENTS!!**

Oct 26-28, 2007	<b>HELEN'S BARN</b> Bakersfield, CA C-2 w C-3A * tip Featuring: Ben Rubright Info: Danielle@fusionlight.com
Nov 16-18, 2007	<b>NOVEMBER SHUFFLE</b> Hemet, CA A-2 & C-1 Featuring: Romney Tannehill, Jerry Jestin Info: www.romneytannehill.com
Nov 23-25, 2007	<b>PACE EXTRAVAGANZA</b> Oxnard, CA C-1, C-2, C-3A, and C-3/C4 Featuring: Vic Ceder, Geo Jedlicka, Linda Kendall, Ben Rubright Info: Gary & Blanche Rever 805-526-8010



**John and Barbara Marshall**

**For more EVENTS and info check out our new website**  
**Http://www.trailblazers-socal.org**



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**TRAILBLAZER BOARD MEMBERS**



President	John & Barbara Marshall
1st Vice President	John & Carolyn Melstrom
2nd Vice President	John & Peggy Martin
3rd Vice President	Barbara Shimomura
Secretary	Nancy & Bruce Rosenblum
Treasurer	Robert & Vickie Morris
A Square D Rep	Jeff Overbey

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(Continued from page 1) **[President's Message]**  
 blazer Board to office. Our new officers are John and Barbara Marshall – President, John and Carolyn Melstrom – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, John and Peggy Martin – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Barbara Shimomura – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President, Bruce and Nancy Rosenblum – Secretary, Robert and Vickie Morris – Treasurer, and Jeff Overbey – A Square D Representative. I like to draw the analogy of this Board compared to the perfect square. Everyone knows their definitions, everyone brings an enthusiasm to make the square successful, everyone helps each other to keep the square moving, everyone is a team player. Every member of the Board has shown a willingness to volunteer their time and energy to serve their club. Having this caliber of leadership will insure that the Trailblazer tradition of excellence will continue uninterrupted.

Although the composition of the Board has not changed much, Carolyn and I can't step aside without a few words about those who have done so much to help us. Words of thanks can't even begin to express our appreciation for all the hard work John and Barbara Marshall have done for us. They have been our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President for the five years we served as President. They have been instrumental in arranging our caller schedule, re-scheduling when conflicts occurred, transportation of callers to and from halls, and housing callers. It is because of their organizational skills that things have gone so smoothly. John and Peggy Martin did an admirable job as Secretary. Their willingness to be a part of the Board and their "team" attitude insured that everything would work smoothly. With their experience in other clubs and their friendly, outgoing manner, they will be instrumental in bringing new members into the Trailblazers. Barbara Shimomura took it upon herself to organize and manage donated refreshments when we had no 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President. Her decision to fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President position shows her willingness to be a part of the team and her desire to contribute to the Trailblazers. The donations of goodies at Trailblazer dances is greatly appreciated and encouraged, but it is because of Barbara's efforts that we are able to enjoy them. Don't hesitate to step forward and lend her a hand. Bruce and Nancy Rosenblum are our newest Board members. They have worked hard and have

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## NEW TRAILBLAZER MEMBERS



Frank and Kathy Miller

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**PHOTOGRAPHER WANTED:** Any Trailblazer who can point a digital camera and press the button. Owning your own camera is desirable but not mandatory. We would like to continue publishing monthly pictures, but we need people to help out. Contact a Board member if you can spare a few minutes during a dance.



**Vic Ceder  
April 2007**

### Workshop Highlights

Mike Jacobs

Corrected: June 1, 2007

A-2 workshop:

From 2 faced lines or waves do calls that feel more comfortable from columns or boxes, i.e. leads right roll to a wave, peel & trail, peel off, trail off.

### **Caller Quotes**

Mike Jacobs

Drag her back home  
I could make a career of this sequence  
Wake me when you're done  
Return the favor ladies  
Now change your feet  
Boys you just fidget  
Heads they couldn't have done it without you



**Mike Jacobs  
May 2007**

(Continued from page 3) **[President's Message]** advanced upward in the dance levels. Regular dance attendees, they have now volunteered to offer their services to the club. As Secretary, they will provide a new and fresh energy, and I know they will do an outstanding job. Robert and Vickie Morris have done a fantastic job as Treasurer. Careful management of the club finances has left our bank balance virtually unchanged over the past few years. Robert created unique monthly reports and historic graphs that have given needed information that was never before available to the Board. The information they provide will give the Board the key data needed in order to make informed decisions. Jeff Overbey continues as our A Square D Representative. He provides us with key information regarding insurance and membership and keeps us connected to the rest of the square dance community. Special thanks go to Steve and Mickey Klinger. Without Mickey's hard work, we would not be reading this newsletter. Her reminders keep all newsletter contributors in line and result in an outstanding publication every other month. Finally, many thanks go to Karl Springer. He has done a magnificent job as Trailblazer webmaster. Thanks to Karl, we are kept up to date with email reminders, the electronic newsletter, and many valuable links to helpful articles, calendars, maps, and other clubs.

As I stated above, Carolyn and I cannot adequately express our thanks and appreciation for all the efforts of our past Boards. We see Trailblazers as a solid influence in Southern California advanced and challenge dancing. As other clubs experience declining membership, Trailblazers continues to grow. New dancers come each month and remark how friendly and helpful our club is. People can come and enjoy dancing at a higher level to great national-level callers. These things don't come about in a vacuum. First there has to be a great membership. We are proud of everyone who wears the Trailblazer badge. They are the goodwill ambassadors who represent us in the square dance community and provide the atmos-

phere at our dances that makes people want to come back. And behind the scene there is a Board that is committed to making everything work smoothly, committed to strengthening the Trailblazer image, and committed to providing a fun experience for dancers. Carolyn and I are happy to be a part of this new Board and we will do our utmost to make this the best Board yet.

Finally, a few notes before closing. Lee Kopman flies in for our June Trailblazer dance. Lee is always entertaining and we can be assured of a challenging dance. Our July dance features Sue Curtis, who recently moved to Boston. This will be Sue's first Trailblazer dance, and we will be in for a great treat. Also, on June 28, two Trailblazers, Robert Morris and Ed Rutledge will be featured at a New Callers Hoedown. They will call at the Western Weavers dance in Burbank on Friday, June 22. Give them your support.

See you on the dance floor.



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**Friday Schedule**  
**C-3A** 8:00 - 11:00 pm  
 C-3 Tips at 10:30

ROSEMEAD BLVD  
 TEMPLE CITY BLVD  
 KAUFFMAN AVE.  
 BALDWIN AVE.  
 LONGDEN AVE  
 WOODRUFF AVE  
 LAS TUNAS DR  
 WOMEN'S CLUB  
 TO 710 FWY ← 10 FWY → TO 805 FWY →

TEMPLE CITY WOMEN'S CLUB  
 9704 Woodruff Ave., Temple City

**Saturday Schedule**  
**A-2** WORKSHOP: 2:15 - 5:00 pm  
 DANCE: 7:30 - 10:00 pm  
 Two C-1 \*Tips each session  
 Two C-2 \*Tips 7:00 - 7:30 pm

COMMUNITY CENTER  
 105 FWY.  
 ROSECRANS AVE.  
 SOMERSET BLVD.  
 ALONDRA BLVD.  
 710 FWY.  
 GARFIELD AVE.  
 PARAMOUNT BLVD.  
 DOWNEY AVE.  
 605 FWY.  
 91 FWY.

PARAMOUNT COMMUNITY CENTER  
 14400 Paramount Blvd., Paramount

**Sunday Schedule**  
**C-1** 11:15 am - 1:45 pm  
 One C-2 \*Tip  
**C-3B** 2:45 - 3:10 pm  
**C-2** 3:15 - 5:30 pm  
 Two C-3A \*Tips

SHOPPING CENTER  
 22 FWY.  
 BOLSA CHICA RD.  
 WESTMINSTER BLVD  
 SPRINGDALE ST.  
 GOLDENWEST ST  
 BEACH BLVD  
 BOLSA AVE  
 EDINOR AVE  
 405 FWY

Located in Shopping Center  
 5946 Westminister Ave., Westminister  
 (at Springdale)

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**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE,  
 ALL FRIDAY NIGHT C-3A  
 DANCES WILL BE HELD AT  
 Temple City Women's Club  
 9704 Woodruff Avenue  
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