Happy Labor Day Weekend

It may be nearing summer’s end, but . . .
You have yet another opportunity to celebrate
as you join your Trailblazers friends to keep pace with the always inspiring caller

Barry Clasper

Trailblazers members are invited to join the Trailblazers Board of Directors for their short, but productive, meeting (less than 30 minutes) on Sunday, September 3 between the C2 and C3A sessions

Upcoming 2017 and 2018 Trailblazers Dances and Sessions Schedule

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Respect other dancers and treat everyone with courtesy.

Avoid distracting others in the square with unnecessary noises, bickering or horseplay.

Recognize that squares should not be set up or booked unless it is for the purpose of helping me or helping another.

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Barry Clasper — Trailblazers September 2017 Caller

Barry - the caller and the dancer
Our talented neighbor from the North is back — Since Barry’s first calling engagement with Trailblazers in April 2004 he has called every year — September 2005, February 2006, October 2007 and 2008, September 2009 and 2010, April 2011, and every September since 2012—and we always so glad his endearing wife Pam comes along.

Barry resides in Toronto, Ontario with his wife, Pam. They started dancing in 1973, just two weeks after the birth of their youngest son. Barry started calling in 1984 when a local C-2 tape group asked for help with some things they couldn't find on teaching tapes. He figured if he was going to write material to help them, he might as well call it. Since then he has expanded his calling skills in both directions and now calls from Mainstream through C-4.

As a dancer, Barry loves choreography that is smooth and flowing yet also provides some mental stimulation and the occasional surprise. When calling, he strives to create this effect through smooth danceable choreography flavored with a bit of unusual positioning to create a dance experience containing both physical and mental elements.

Barry changed careers in September 2007. He retired from IBM after 30 years and is now a full-time caller and able to travel more than he has in the past. He’s called at weekends and conventions in seven Canadian provinces, District of Columbia, and 26 states, as well as Beijing (China), the Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Germany, Japan, Sweden, and Taipei (Taiwan). Barry is currently a permanent staff caller with AACE (Academy for Advanced and Challenge Enthusiasts).

Barry is a member of CALLERLAB and the Gay Callers Association. Within CALLERLAB he is a member of the Board of Governors, is on the Executive Committee and is a past Chairman of the Board (2013-2015). He has written articles for Zip Coder, The Call Sheet and American Square Dance Magazine.
Alice Rubow - Pat on the Back

Looking at Alice Rubow, you can see there are many layers: there’s the layer with strong family ties, there’s the quiet multi-tasker utilizing opportunistic dance breaks to accomplish paperwork, and there’s that lovely smile that joins the square with competence and good nature once the music begins.

Alice began square dancing in 1972 while attending UC Davis. She was looking for an alternative activity to the “party-hearty and drinking” campus environment. She and some friends made a difference. They learned to dance, then began the Cal-Aggie Square Dance Club on campus. Proving the adage: “The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better.”

Alice has continued participating in square dancing, even if some of her former clubs have not: Merry Twirlers in Glendora, Diamond Cutters in Temple City, and Black Sheep to name a few. However, she remains active and supports SoCal PACE, and Trailblazers.

Her strong foundation of dancing skills and definitions . . . all the way to C3 level . . . would include talented instructors: Charles Bridges, George Monaghan, Dick Houlton, Scot Byars, Dave Rensberger, and of course, Keith Rubow. Square dancing is a family affair: Keith and Alice danced with their three sons when they were younger . . . and maybe again when all are older. Her favorite level is
Pat on the Back, Alice Rubow (continued from page 4)

C3A because it isn't as demanding as C3, however it's not offered as often as she would like.

Alice takes advantage of dancing where it's offered. Some favorite locations are AACE and the Heartland Jubilee. Dancing at the county fairs is fun for her. She's even danced on a bus! (That brings a whole new dimension to “Weave”.) A couple of favorite calls include Lickety-Split and Drift Apart (is she still on a freeway?); she wouldn't mind, however, if Reverse Cross and Turn or C2 Rotates took a permanent detour.

Square Dancing offers Alice opportunities to be a Doer: she's held positions of Treasurer, Secretary, and Refreshments . . . but she's also busy doing lots more: Reading, Family History, Road Trips with grandchildren, Quilting, and even some walking in her spare time. Alice says it best: Square Dancing “is good exercise; it keeps your mind active; you get to meet good people; and you can dance in fun places.”

We're glad that Alice does it all . . . and can still be in the hall dancing with us.

[A BIG Pat on the Back to Alice for contributing to this article . . . Pat]

Editor’s Note: Alice’s Pat on the Back Article will be moved to the August 2017 TRAILBLAZER.
Hi. I am Barbara Shermomura, your 3rd Vice-President (Refreshments).

My square dance journey began during the fall of 1989. (But first a little background): I was working full time as an R.N. case manager; my three children were young adults, pursuing their education and developing their life goals. I was officially divorced in 1986. I was caring for my aging dad. I began attending the singles group at my church and one day. . . Someone suggested starting a square dance group. Square dancing was something I had heard about, but had never participated in. I signed up immediately! But after only two sessions, I was disappointed when the class was cancelled due to lack of participation. As it happened, I told a friend about my failed attempt to join a square dance class. To my utter shock and joy my friend informed me she had also just started a beginner class. I had no idea that she had square danced in the past. She advised me that I still had two weeks to sign up. Needless to say, I joined her at the very next session. That was October 1989. My Square Dance journey had begun!!

The club was Calico Singles and the instructor was Mike Duffy. I still remember my first “tip.” I was hooked from that moment, and I still am. That first class had about 75 students, and while I do not know their numbers, many wonderful “Angels.”

I loved my one night out a week for that first learning year and graduated in May 1990. Then I continued dancing at our Thursday class level dances throughout the summer.

In September 1990, I began attending Plus Club dances with Calico Singles, Santana Swingers, Rustlers, Happy Squares, Single Stars, and Rainbow Squares. My greatest hurdle in those days was finding dance partners by utilizing the “Tip Card.” For me, it was very difficult. But I do love the singles rotation system that’s used now!

I pursued classes in A1 and A2 throughout the early ’90’s. In 1995, I was invited by Joe Fortenberry to attend Trailblazers, then became a member in 1996. My instructors for Advanced levels included Larry Ward, Mike Sikorsky, and Marty Firstenberg. I also attended Craig Shucker’s workshops.

During the late ’90’s I enjoyed dancing with Romney’s Stars, Motivates, Pioneer 8’s, Scrambled 8’s and Trailblazers.

My journey continued to Challenge level in 1998 when I began C1 classes with Michael Kellogg, George Monaghan and Frank Lescrinier. Then in
2000, I began the C2 adventure in classes with Michael Kellogg, George Monaghan, and Frank Lescrinier. (They knew how to move you along and UP).

The next journey phase, C3A, began in 2005 with George Monaghan, but his class disbanded in 2006. I was fortunate enough to join the C3A workshops at Paul Freeman’s, Martin Hall South (Harry & Denise Martin), Andrea Weinberg’s, and now Jane Clewe’s. That’s my highest level . . . so far.

Currently I dance with Trailblazers, PACE, Fun-Ones and Romney’s Stars; I truly enjoy dancing any level.

I appreciate all callers, but as I have progressed up levels, I am very thankful for the Advanced and Challenge callers who call for Trailblazers and PACE, such as: Vic Cedar, Bronc Wise, Rob French, Darryl Lipscomb, Barry Clasper, Saundra Bryant . . .

Goodness, I enjoy them all! I especially am grateful for callers who repeat sequences when the floor breaks down. I truly believe our dances should include “workshop time” since most dancers have difficulty locating workshops and classes.

As I travel infrequently, I really enjoy attending two “out of town” events: Bakersfield Fiesta and PACE Extravaganza. I’ve also attended Romney’s Hemet weekends and the National Conventions when held in Anaheim and Long Beach.

It is difficult for me to single out a favorite call, especially at the Challenge level, as that is what most calls are to me - a challenge. I do like variations of Chain Reaction, Triple Play, Tea Cup Chain, Plenty, and Criss-Cross Your Neighbor. On the other hand, phantoms hate me . . . and I’m not fond of them.

Square Dancing is my special time to get out and interact with seven other wonderful people, executing the caller’s wildest ideas. It has also led me to experience Country Western Line Dancing, Clogging, and Round Dancing (which I love as much as Squares).

I have had the pleasure of serving as Trailblazers Refreshment Chairperson (3rd V.P.) for several years. By the way, please help feed the “kitty”. In addition, I coordinate the singles rotation.

Until recently, I taught a class at my church for intellectually challenged students. I treasure
Board (Not Bored) Member, Barbara Shermomura (continued from page 7)

the memories of that small class. I have fond recollections of them giving love without asking anything in return; it has inspired me to love this way. My greatest "teacher" was my daughter, Kim, born with Down's Syndrome. She blessed our family for five years, but her love is forever.

At this time, none of my family square dance, but I hope they will give it a chance someday.

My aspirations for Trailblazers are that we remain "people friendly" and always strive to improve and maintain our dancing skills, individually and as a group.

[Thank you to Barbara for "refreshing" our Trailblazers and guests. She is always a friendly smile as we munch and dance.]

Your contributions to the Refreshment Kitty are greatly appreciated.

We count on your continuing support to help defray the costs for coffee, tea and paper goods. THANKS soooooo Much.
Lazy Dog Squares

5th Saturday C2 Dance

We are pleased to announce a new place to dance C2!

Saturday, September 30, 2017
Michael Kellogg

Schedule: 11:00-1:30 C2 Workshop $10
2:30-5:00 C2 Dance $10

Location: Friendly Valley Country Club, The Annex
19345 Avenue of the Oaks
Newhall, CA 91321

This is a gated community – tell the Security at the gate that you are here for the square dance in The Annex. Turn left at the stop sign and the parking lot is to your right.

Easiest directions:

Coming from the South: Get on the 5 north to the 14 north. Take off ramp 3, Placerita Cyn. Turn left, then right at the light (Sierra Highway), continuing north. The third light will be Friendly Valley Parkway; turn left.

Coming from the North: Get on the 5 south to the 14 north. Follow above directions.

Coming from the East: Get on the 14 south. Take off ramp 4, Golden Valley. Turn right, then right at Sierra Highway, going north. Second light will be Friendly Valley Parkway. Follow above directions.

Contact Administrator: Joni Micali 661 904-6142; c3bdancer@gmail.com
Trailblazers Members and Friends

If you saw the adjoining ad in a past Square Dance publication, please let Trailblazers Presidents Tom or Pat Roberts know:

what publication you saw it in

If you provide the correct answer, you will be entered into a drawing for a complementary ticket to a single Trailblazers dance session.

The contest will be open until the end of the last Trailblazers dance session on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

The lucky winner will be drawn by Sandie Bryant at the Trailblazers December 2017 dance.

{Sorry present and former Board members are excluded from entering the contest. However, if you as a Board member know the answer, please NO coaching.}
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## Trailblazers and Friends September and October Anniversaries

(The number in parenthesis = anniversary years)

- Ben Teller & Ben Britt — September 5 (9)
- Anne Uebelacker & Mary Hutchinson — September 14 (4)
- Pete & Suzanne McCourt — September 20
- Steve & Mickey Klinger — September 21 (26)
- Jane Clewe & Debbie White — September 23 (36)
- Chris Clarke & Joni Micals—September 28 (32)
- Lynn & Sue Batema — October 1 (51)
- Bibi & Fabienne Orinx—October 4 (26)
- Vic & Debbie Ceder — October 14 (28)
- Jeff & Shirley McNiel — October 16 (24)
- Jerry & Andrea Weinberg — October 16 (29)
- Tom & Pat Roberts — October 22 (44)

## September is International Square Dance Month.

English, Irish, and Scottish settlers brought Square Dancing to the United States. As it evolved in the U.S., a caller was added, to help dancers stay in step. It remains popular today.

As you are aware Square Dancing is lively and quick, and lots of fun. Square Dancing is also great physical and mental exercise. Medical sites and journals speaks to its health benefits for people of all ages.

The origin of International Square Dance Month is unknown and research does not uncover the roots. But, don't miss the opportunity today to spend some time with your Square Dance friends at Trailblazers, as well as your other favorite clubs.
Callers Schedule

September 2 & 3, 2017
Barry Clasper (Toronto, Ontario, Canada)

Next October 7 & 8, 2017
Darryl Lipscomb (Mission, Texas)

November 4 & 5, 2017
Todd Fellegy (Meriden, Connecticut)

December 2 & 3, 2017
Sandie Bryant (Chicago, Illinois)

January 6 & 7, 2018
Bronc Wise (Mission, Texas)

February 3 & 4, 2018
Bill Haynes (Gilbert, Arizona)

March 3 & 4, 2018
Anne Uebelacker (Auburn, Washington)

April 7 & 8, 2018
Rob French (Sunnyvale, California)

May 5 & 6, 2018
John Marshall (Sterling, Virginia)

June 2 & 3, 2018
David Heffron (Novelty, Ohio)

July 7 & 8, 2018
Tim Ploch (Houston, Texas)

August 4 & 5, 2018
Bill Harrison (Cheltenham, Maryland)

September 1 & 2, 2018
Barry Clasper (Toronto, Ontario, Canada)

Website Information
www.trailblazers-socal.org

Questions
Tom & Pat Roberts (562-756-1915)

Dance Schedule
1st SATURDAY of the Month
C1: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM
Last tip increased difficulty at C1
A2: 3:00 to 5:30 PM (Computer Squares)
Computer Squares during A2 ONLY
Last tip increased difficulty at A2

SUNDAY following 1st Saturday of the Month
C2: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM
Last tip increased difficulty at C2
C3A: 3:00 to 5:30 PM, Last tip: C3

Location Map
Mel’s Dance Center
5946 Westminster Blvd, Westminster, CA 92683
(Freeway Signs read Westminster Ave)
Your efforts in passing along the word about the fun Square Dance times at Trailblazers is appreciated. Aren’t you glad we have these opportunities to spend some time together? Your help and participation has certainly enhanced our Square Dance enjoyment. To assist with your ambassadorship, Caller and Dance Schedule flyers are available on Trailblazers website at:

www.trailblazers-socal.org/flyers/index.htm

The flyer is available both in black & white or color and is similar to the flyer shown on page 12 of this newsletter.

Again, thanks for your support, participation and help . . .

Trailblazers members and friends, your input for, and suggestions about, the TRAILBLAZER, are always appreciated and welcomed.

Please share:

- Your happenings
- Square Dance Events
- Suggestions for improving the newsletter

Hal Anker
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Want to add your birthday or anniversary to our Members and Friends list or spot a mistake in your listing. Please email: tommyeditor@yahoo.com or see the TRAILBLAZER Editor at one of our Square Dances.

Thanks

Trailblazers Sunshine

Know or heard about a Trailblazers member or friend who needs an extended hand of friendship in a time of happiness or sadness. Please inform Barbara Lane, our Trailblazers’ Sunshine Representative, so a big “Yellow Rock” can be sent through a written note. Barbara can be contacted in person, by phone (949-290-5590) or email at turnaroundblanel@yahoo.com