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Esteemed Members — **Jerry** and **Ruth Blackmar**

by **Tom** and **Pat Roberts**, Presidents



It was our pleasure to nominate *Trailblazers* Club newest Esteemed Couple: **Jerry** and **Ruth Blackmar**. They have been honored with gold badges representing their invaluable contributions over time to the betterment of our club. (“Golden Oscars” are already taken, so we bestow Badges).

In our club of superstars, the **Blackmars** are generous *Trailblazers* members who blaze a little brighter and have that sparkle that can’t be resisted. They have been active, contributing *Trailblazers* for a decade, serving on the Board and as Club Volunteers most of the time.

Jerry and **Ruth** cheerfully introduced a smooth transition to computer squares at our A2 and C1 sessions (not an easy task). They are at the dance sessions, with genuine smiles, equipment set up and ready, and somehow know when the dancers arrive (because not all of us remember to check in). Happily, they pop us all in and out of squares as our “feet demand”. You will also see them buzzing about the floor troubleshooting and helping everyone to feel welcomed and have a good time. They are skillful and attentive dancers welcomed and appreciated in every tip.

Ruth and **Jerry** are active recruiters and supporters of square dancing, encouraging others to not only get into square dancing, but ‘angeling’ them along in differing levels at various classes and workshops. They are also currently Presidents of *FunWuns* club. And may we mention, they are our *Trailblazers* “Sweetheart Couple 2019” A □ D Representatives. We’ve seen them enjoying themselves at festivals, *Extravaganzas*, and weekend dances, always showing good-natured grins, patient persistence, and caring attitudes. **Jerry** was overheard saying that ‘we should not only participate through attendance, but also help as needed by taking an office or volunteering to help with whatever needs to be done’. They exemplify “Walk the Talk”.

The **Blackmars** have practiced that positive approach to square dancing since they were “kids” (You know, the age before drivers’ licenses). We are all the better for having them as corners, partners, participants, members, and friends. They truly have that “Touch of Gold”. We are proud to have **Jerry** and **Ruth Blackmar** as Esteemed Members of *Trailblazers*.

Name That Esteemed Member Challenge Game . . .

You'll read several "Who" clues that apply to one or both of the recently recognized Esteemed Members — either answer as **Tom**, **Pat** or **both** to tally your score . . . Ready . . .

Who is always looking for the most economical way – both in time and money – to accomplish a *Trailblazers'* task?

Who always make you feel genuinely welcome at *Trailblazers* dances?

Who always cheerfully takes on the task or duty even if it is dreaded and while doing so makes it seem not all that bad?

Who with an easily displayed, sincere smile and a joyful sounding voice leaves no doubt you are glad to be seen?

Who made an effort to ensure *Trailblazers* Square Dancers could find their dance hall – by designing and making banners that mark the spot as well as look innovative and inviting?

Who makes an effort to ensure every Square Dancer at a *Trailblazers* Square Dance is afforded every opportunity that that dancer possibly wants is offered the very opportunity by filling in either as a belle or a beau?

Who takes the time from their personal activities to attend other Square Dance community dances so they can spread the word about *Trailblazers'* purpose – to promote and encourage **Advanced** and **Challenge** Square Dancing?

Who when seen at a Square Dance event not sponsored by *Trailblazers* – whether locally or once removed – by their friendly, positive demeanor and enthusiasm makes others understand that a *Trailblazers*-sponsored dance certainly must be a "not to be missed" weekend?

Who when you spend some time with them together in a square makes you glad you had some time together?

Who in many different ways and times and over many years have taken the initiative to start a needed and necessary *Trailblazers* club function, for example, an electronic club newsletter, a club website?

Who when a new *Trailblazers* square dance procedure – for example, computer squares, is introduced to the *Trailblazers* ensures it is properly tweaked to become a beneficial addition?

Who takes the time and the needed effort to ensure members are recognized by editing a column published in the **TRAILBLAZER** with our members' Square Dancers profiles?

Who, month-after-month, provides five-star accommodations to *Trailblazers'* calling staff?

Tommy Game Host says it's time to tally your score and turn the page . . .

Certainly, time does not permit us to list all enhancements to *Trailblazers* that have been enacted by this couple – that would take many, many more Who’s — besides the end-of-game time buzzer just went off.



Here's — — — Esteemed Members — **Tom** and **Pat Roberts**



Their dedication to *Trailblazers*' purpose and activities, and personal attributes make this couple a *Trailblazers* Esteemed Members.

Tom and Pat, thanks for all you both have done on behalf of *Trailblazers*.