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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my last article as the "mother hen" of this flock. It has been an interesting 12 months - a year of ups, downs, challenges and success. First and foremost, **THANK YOU** to my board, all the committee chairmen, square heads and each and every member. Your constant help, cooperation and support have been invaluable.

Congratulations to the incoming officers. I know Gary and Diane will be great assets to the club and the board. You have a year of possibilities ahead of you - be open to change, new ideas and have fun. There are wonderful opportunities ahead for the Rafter Rockers.

Again, Bob and I thank you for everything. At times when you think you need an angel, come to club and look around. Friends are angels in disguise!

Judy

## FAREWELL KEN & CHRIS

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Rafter Rockers held a farewell potluck to say goodbye to Ken and Chris and to express our

sincere thanks for 20 years of great square dancing and wonderful friendship. We have had so many good times together, and we do so much appreciate all of the extra efforts that both Ken and Chris have put forth to make our square dancing events special. We will miss them, and for selfish reasons hate to see them go: but we wish them the very best in their new homes in Montana and Arizona, and hope that they will occasionally find their way back to these parts and drop in on us.

## WELCOME GARY & DIANE

Though very sorry to see Ken & Chris retire, we are extremely fortunate to get Gary & Diane Carnes as our new Caller & Taw. As most of you know, Gary is an outstanding caller who, over the years, has called for many clubs in the Santa Clara valley. He is also frequently the featured caller at hoedowns and square dance weekends both locally and out-of-town. He also is often in charge of, and the principal performer at, square dance afterparties.

Diane, to many of us who belong to Gary's Monday night advanced club, is the very nice lady who quietly takes care of all of the behind the

scenes business. She will be a great addition to the club.

Let's all make Gary & Diane feel really welcome.

### DANCING AT THE FAIR

The Fair will be May 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. Our roster has been sent in. For free admission, you must go in square dance attire and wear your badge. More details will be announced.

### NEW MEMBERS

Please extend a warm Rafter Rocker welcome to our newest members:

Richard and Julie Hayashi  
Darrell and Joanne Linafelter  
Earl Johnson & Carol Isbell

### THEATRE

On Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, many Rafter Rockers enjoyed Neil Simon's The Goodbye Girl preceded by dinner at Casa Valencia and followed by desserts at Tom and Jane's. What a great way to spend a memorable evening!

The next theatre party is Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> when we'll see The Music Man on the stage at Saratoga Civic Theatre. See Jane Bishop or Bob Eggers for details - dinner reservations, show tickets, or what you'd like to bring to the dessert afterparty at Joe and Judy

Ventimiglia's. Sign up now so you don't miss out on a pleasant outing.

Jane Bishop & Bob Eggers

### CAPITOLA - WAVES & WINES

Ocean views and wine tasting anyone? For an adventurous group of 14 Rafter Rockers, the Armdts led a 10k walk (6.2 miles) through the paths and stairways of Capitola featuring lunch in the park with goodies from Gayle's Deli, and culminating with wine tasting at the Bargetto Winery, a lovely creekside winery founded in 1933. Seems the Chaucer's Olallieberry was the hit of the tasting, and several bottles learned their way to San Jose.

A pleasure to have Diana Chambers, Marie Fowler's daughter join us. Many of you remember Diana as she helped Marie host those after-theatre dessert parties. Diana was here from Santa Barbara to help her mom celebrate her birthday.

No, we didn't catch the escaped convict, but the search made for lunch-time excitement. The most popular lunch choice was the Blue Plate Special featuring chicken salad on a flakey croissant accompanied by a crispy green salad.

Don't you wish you had been there? We had a great day. Thank you, Jean and Don. Let's do it again.

Happy trails!

Jane

## CIRCUS CIRCUS

Well, the Rafter Rockers did it again!! With all of the great decorations, the great raffle prizes and door prizes, the lavish quantities of wonderful food, and the superb calling of Bronc and Ken this dance should continue our reputation as having the best hoedown of the year.

Much appreciation goes to Don & Donna Herrera, to each of the committee chairmen who organized the various tasks, to Bill & Beth Barnes for the afterparty and to all of the member that served on committees, prepared food, or helped with the decorating or cleanup. Great job gang!!

## BAKERSFIELD FIESTA

This year's Bakersfield Fiesta was held on March 17 - 19 and, as usual, was a large successful event with attendance in excess of 2800 dancers. This large turnout is easily accommodated by the large size of the halls, the number of levels offered (mainstream thru challenge and round dancing), and the number of callers participating. This year's caller lineup was Ken Bower, Randy Dougherty, Darryl Lipscomb, Johnny Preston, Charlie Robertson and Jerry Story. Next year it will be Darryl Lipscomb, Tim Marriner, Mike Seastrom, Gary Shoemake, Mike Sikorsky and Bronc Wise.

Rafter Rocker attendance, of four couples, was way down this year - but we made the most of it and had a great time. We even teamed up with three other couples for a great Saturday night potluck. Many thanks to Frank and Betty for being our impromptu Wagonmasters.

Next year's Fiesta will be held on the weekend of March 16 - 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and try to attend this fun weekend.

## COMING EVENTS

SCVSDA 44<sup>th</sup> Jubilee at Watsonville Fairgrounds featuring Top Ten Callers and showcasing Dan Nordbye and Joe Saltel. Put Oct 13 & 14 on your calendars and plan to dance and enjoy a Santa Maria style BBQ. Jane Bishop has info.

Anyone who has suggestions for future activities please see Jane.

## FUTURE DATES:

May 10 Dancing at Fisher  
May 17 Dancing at the Fair  
May 24 Dancing at Fisher  
June 2 Theater Party  
June 15 Move to Cabrini for Summer  
July 12 Sikorsky Dance - Donations to Committee to Promote Square Dancing  
Aug 30 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Hosted by Beaus & Bows at Cabrini

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\* Looking for replacements - these couples will be leaving the area later this year

\*\* Resigning (after 5 years) - need replacment now