

# the GHILLIE CALLUM

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## OJAI WORKSHOP WEEKEND

An amiable group of 30 traveled to the Ojai Retreat Center Aug. 18-20 for the first-ever Ojai Workshop Weekend. This event was co-sponsored by the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley branches and was designed as an upscale replacement for the Harwood Weekend.

Steve & Julie Wyrick trekked from Walnut Creek to join us and provided outstanding live music for the entire weekend with their wonderfully danceable tunes.

Friday night got off to a great start with Irish ceildih dancing inter-

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Saturday breakfast at Ojai was enjoyed outdoors.

Photo by Dave Dreker

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

While preparing my message for the fall edition of our newsletter, I was reminded of the poet John Keats' beautiful description of autumn: "a season of mists and mellow fruitfulness." Autumn in Southern California may indeed have fruitfulness, but there will be very little "mellow" for SCDers as we begin our new season of dancing.

It is one of the busiest times on the calendar, beginning with the traditional "kick-off," the Interbranch Dance launching the season.

This will quickly be followed by the Seaside Games in Ventura, our Halloween Dance, the St. Andrew's Ball and our traditional Hogmanay dance, which will bring 2017 to a close.

Interspersed with our own activities will be the events of all our sister branches in Southern

California — a busy time indeed.

And then 2018 itself will start off with a bang with the OC/LA Burns Supper & Ball in January and the very exciting dance weekend in Catalina next May.

The dedicated Teachers' Committee has, once again, prepared an exciting selection of dances for the season — some old favorites, some new and challenging.

Happy dancing! I look forward to seeing everyone at the many events upcoming.

*Ann McBride*

PS: I have a new email address, so please feel free to contact me at any time with any suggestions: [AnnMcbride1024@gmail.com](mailto:AnnMcbride1024@gmail.com).

## CATALINA ISLAND ADVENTURE 2018

Though many of you have been busy with summer plans and travels, I wouldn't want you to miss out on the great Catalina Island Adventure in May 2018!

We have a new venue for the Friday night festivities, which will include a bountiful Mexican buffet with ice cream. Jeff Altman and Margaret Burnett are planning a great ceilidh experience for us that night.

The ball will be outstanding with Andy Imbrie, Judi Nicolson and Ian Nicolson playing for us. It will be a Great Gatsby-themed night in the famous Catalina Casino Ballroom.

And, with the ability to choose your own hotel, you can keep the price at a level you can afford. There are still rooms available for under \$150 night on Catalina — share with a friend and really save!

You won't want to miss the experience of being taught by Antoine Rousseau, who is coming

Come and Join us for

**WORKSHOP AND BALL**  
MAY 4 - MAY 6, 2018  
AVALON, CATALINA ISLAND,  
CALIFORNIA, USA

**TEACHERS**  
A Rousseau - E Brunken - M McLaughlin  
**MUSICIANS**  
Andy Imbrie - Judi Nicolson - Ian Nicolson

Registration Form & full details on website  
[www.rscds-interbranch.org](http://www.rscds-interbranch.org)

I am going to  
**CATALINA ISLAND 2018**

Sponsored by the RSCDS So. California Branches

all the way from Paris, as well as our own effervescent USA teachers Marjorie McLaughlin and Elaine Brunken.

**Information: Doris Fisher, 310-625-9071,  
doris.fisher@gmail.com**

*Doris Fisher*

## CALENDAR

### LOS ANGELES BRANCH

#### SEPTEMBER

- 23 Interbranch Dance.** Tustin Senior Center, 200 C St., Tustin. Co-hosted with the Orange County, San Diego and San Gabriel Valley branches. Music: Patti Cobb, James MacQueen.  
Information: Ward Fleri, ward.fleri@gmail.com.

#### OCTOBER

- 28 Halloween Dance.** First Christian Church, 4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City. 7 p.m. Music: recorded. Wear a costume representing the name of a Scottish dance.

#### NOVEMBER

- 25 St. Andrew's Ball.** South Bay Masonic Center, 520 Main St., El Segundo. Music: Lyle Ramshaw and John Taylor.

#### DECEMBER

- 31 HOGMANAY.** El Segundo Woman's Club, Mariposa at Standard, El Segundo. Music: recorded.

#### JANUARY

- 27 Burns Supper & Ball.** Ports o' Call Restaurant. Music: Stringfire!

**Deadline for the December issue is Nov. 1.**

## OTHER BRANCHES

#### OCTOBER

- 14 OC Monthly Dance.** Tustin Senior Center, 200 C St., Tustin (new monthly dance location). Music: recorded.
- 21 SGV Tea Dance.** Church of Our Saviour, 535 W. Roses Road, San Gabriel. Music: Steve and Julie Wyrick.

#### NOVEMBER

- 11 OC Monthly Dance.** Tustin Senior Center, 200 C St., Tustin. Music: recorded.

#### DECEMBER

- 9 OC Christmas Ball.** Tustin Senior Center, 200 C St., Tustin. Music: Hood, Wink and Swagger.

## SCD-SoCal-mail

Regular e-mails about all local dance events, links to videos of dances, commentary about newly introduced dances and occasional tidbits of Scottish history, geography and culture are supplied by Robb Quint.

To be added to the mailing list, contact Robb at [volleyballjerry@aol.com](mailto:volleyballjerry@aol.com).

## INTERBRANCH DANCE

September 23, 2017  
Tustin Senior Center  
200 C Street, Tustin

|                               |     |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| Lady Catherine Bruce's Reel   | B J | RSCDS Graded Book     |
| Eileen Watt's Reel            | I R | RSCDS Magazine Dances |
| Dalkeith's Strathspey         | I S | Book 9                |
| It's Not Rocket Science       | I J | Delaware Valley 25    |
| Mist o'er the Loch            | I S | QE Diamond Jubilee    |
| The Ruby Rant                 | A R | Book 49               |
| Beach Dancer                  | B J | Whangarei Book        |
| John McAlpin                  | I S | RSCDS Magazine Dances |
| Cadgers in the Canongate      | A R | Book 9                |
| The Festival Man              | I J | Book 48               |
| Mrs. MacLeod                  | B R | Book 6                |
| Granville Market              | B J | RSCDS Graded 2        |
| The Land of Enchantment       | A S | Los Angeles 25th      |
| Bratach Bana                  | A R | Bon Accord            |
| The Cranberry Tart            | I J | Seven Year Itch       |
| Delvine Side                  | B S | Book 2                |
| The Reel of the 51st Division | B R | Book 13               |



## ST. ANDREW'S BALL

November 25, 2017  
South Bay Masonic Center  
520 Main St., El Segundo

|                                |     |     |                        |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------|
| Haste to the Wedding           | NEW | B J | Book 25                |
| The Fireworks Reel             |     | I R | Book 48                |
| The Library of Birmingham      |     | A S | Book 49                |
| Welcome to Dufftown            | NEW | I J | Jessie Stuart Leaflet  |
| Bridge of Nairn                |     | B S | Book 13                |
| The Australian Ladies          |     | I R | Glasgow Assembly       |
| The Happy Dancers              |     | I J | 10 Social Dances       |
| Double Trouble Triangles       | NEW | A R | Book 50                |
| Delvine Side                   |     | B S | Book 2                 |
| The First Rain of Spring       |     | I J | Book 49                |
| The Celtic Cross               |     | B R | First Carnforth Coll.  |
| Ecclefechan Feline             |     | B J | Le Petit Chat Celtique |
| The Bonnie Tree                |     | I S | Book 46                |
| Captain George Vancouver       |     | A J | Vancouver 50th         |
| The Countess of Dunmore's Reel |     | I R | Book 49                |
| Peggy Spouse MBE               |     | I S | Book 46                |
| Shifftin' Bobbins              |     | B R | Ormskirk Book 6        |

## HALLOWEEN DANCE

October 28, 2017  
First Christian Church  
4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City

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|-------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------|
| Beach Dancer            |     | B J | Whangarei Book         |
| The Bonnie Tree         |     | I S | Book 46                |
| The Celtic Cross        | NEW | B R | First Carnforth Coll.  |
| Glen Feshie             |     | B S | Grampian Coll.         |
| The Australian Ladies   | NEW | I R | Glasgow Assembly       |
| Ecclefechan Feline      |     | B J | Le Petit Chat Celtique |
| The Birks of Invermay   |     | B S | Book 16                |
| The Ruby Rant           |     | A R | Book 49                |
| Delvine Side            | NEW | B S | Book 2                 |
| The Zoologist           |     | I J | Book 46                |
| Lauderdale Lads         |     | B R | Duthie, 8 SCDs         |
| The Paisley Weavers     |     | B S | 3rd Graded Book        |
| The Festival Man        |     | I J | Book 48                |
| Amanda Mae's Strathspey |     | I S | Los Angeles 25th       |
| Davy Nick Nack          |     | B R | Glasgow Assembly       |



## HOGMANAY

December 31, 2017  
El Segundo Woman's Club  
Mariposa at Standard, El Segundo

|                           |     |     |                       |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| Haste to the Wedding      |     | B J | Book 25               |
| General Stuart's Reel     |     | I R | Book 10               |
| The Library of Birmingham |     | A S | Book 49               |
| Itchy Feet                | NEW | I J | Coast to Coast        |
| Bridge of Nairn           |     | B S | Book 13               |
| The Cape Breton Hornpipe  |     | I R | Ottawa 25 Dances      |
| The Celtic Cross          |     | B R | First Carnforth Coll. |
| Peggy Spouse MBE          |     | I S | Book 46               |
| Jill's Gentle Jig         |     | B J | Measures of Pleasure  |
| Double Trouble Triangles  |     | A R | Book 50               |
| Welcome to Dufftown       |     | I J | Jessie Stuart Leaflet |
| Delvine Side              |     | B S | Book 2                |
| The Australian Ladies     |     | I R | Glasgow Assembly      |
| Captain George Vancouver  |     | A J | Vancouver 50th        |
| Amanda Mae's Strathspey   |     | I S | Los Angeles 25th      |
| The Back o' Bennachie     | NEW | B R | Duthie, 8 SCDs        |
| The Glens of Antrim       |     | I S | Belfast Book          |
| The Happy Dancers         |     | I J | 10 Social Dances      |
| Shifftin' Bobbins         |     | B R | Ormskirk Book 6       |



## L.A. DANCERS AT TAC SUMMER SCHOOL

TAC (Teachers Association of Canada) Summer School had 211 registered participants, with a record-breaking 67 first-time participants. That included L.A. Branch members Lindsey Courtney and Laura Young, and San Gabriel member/Bobby Brown scholar Martha Matthews.

Also attending were Alice Allen of the Los Angeles Branch and Pat Zschoche of the Orange County Branch. Roberta Gotfried (L.A. Branch) and Marjorie McLaughlin, Jeanne Moody and Ward Fleri of San Diego attended the Teachers' Weekend and AGM.

As the Bobby Brown scholar, Martha divided her time between working with the musicians and dancing. The goal of the scholarship is to expose a promising musician to some of the best SCD musicians, to play with them in actual class and party situations.

TAC Summer School is famous for the outstanding quality of the teachers and musicians. This year, it was also the floor that everyone loved. It was a beautiful hardwood sprung floor that flexed with the impact of the dancers. The musicians could also feel the movement through their platform, which motivated them. The result was a week of inspired dancing with a minimum of tired feet or aching muscles.



Southern California dancers attending the 2017 TAC Summer School are, from left, former LA and OC member Linda Silber, Lindsey Courtney, Alice Allen, Pat Zschoche, Martha Matthews and Laura Young.

Laura and Lindsey made an adventure out of traveling to Vancouver by taking five days to drive up in Lindsey's brand new Lexus. Alice flew up and stayed an additional week helping her sister in Idaho harvest and consume her bumper crop of blueberries. Roberta skipped Summer School to spend another week with her "perfect" grandson in Chicago.

*Alice Allen*

### SEASIDE SCOTCH HOP

October 14, 2017

First United Methodist Church  
1338 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura

|                     |     |                        |
|---------------------|-----|------------------------|
| Beach Dancer        | B J | Whangarei Book         |
| Delvine Side        | B S | Book 2                 |
| The Cranberry Tart  | I J | Seven Year Itch        |
| The Ruby Rant       | A J | Book 49                |
| The Zoologist       | I J | Book 46                |
| Mist O'er the Loch  | I S | Q.E. Diamond Jubilee   |
| Lauderdale Lads     | B R | Duthie 8 SCDS          |
| Ecclefechan Feline  | B J | Le Petit Chat Celtique |
| Australian Ladies   | I R | Glasgow Assembly       |
| The Bonnie Tree     | I S | Book 46                |
| Eileen Watt's Reel  | I R | RSCDS Magazine Dances  |
| Davy Nick Nack      | B R | Glasgow Assembly       |
| The Paisley Weavers | B S | 3rd Graded Book        |
| The Festival Man    | I J | Book 48                |

### NEW MEMBERS

The Los Angeles Branch welcomes new members Laura Young, Jessica Schulman, John Allen, Ruth Steinberg and Heather Chaney, along with her children Margaret and Knox.

*Melinda Brown*

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If your address label on the envelope for this Ghillie Callum has a ★ or if you receive your Ghillie Callum by email and an application form is included, you need to renew your membership in the Branch. Please contact membership chair: Melinda Brown 30547 Mehrten Dr., Exeter, CA 93221 mjt1002@hotmail.com

# COSTA MESA GAMES DEMONSTRATION



Special thanks to:  
Pat Zschoche for organizing the demonstration;  
Norm McCallum for being our liaison with USS;  
Shirley Saturensky, Deanna St. Amand and Pat  
for announcing; Bob Harmon for preparing and  
running the music; Donna Audibert, Jason Craig,  
Betty Petit and Audrey Prest for staffing the  
booth; Donna, Pete Anderson, Steve Bryan and  
Norm for set-up; Donna, Pete, Pat, Karen Kerman  
and Linda Boucher for packing up the booth.

Photos by Claudia Pedersen  
and Audrey Prest



## CLASSES

### Valley College

It's summer time, and the living is easy ... especially for me, unable to work, garden, drive or walk any distance due to a broken ankle! I'm spending my days doing very little other than floating in the pool (I can't kick), visiting with the friends and family who are willing to make the trek to Granada Hills and watching British murder mysteries on TV ... Hello, Father Brown! :)

Fortunately others in our group are living more interesting and active lives. Margaret Burnett took part in another art showing in July. Dave and I were there to enjoy the view, as was Jeff, who seemed to be attracting a large crowd, as he was in charge of pouring the wine. Anyway Deanna and Audrey were there as well, and Deborah Ash and Robb and Jerry. It was a lot of fun, and the art was both interesting and lovely to look at.

Audrey ventured to Iowa in the August heat and humidity to help her granddaughter Cierra move into an apartment at the University of Iowa. Also (and I know we're all shocked by this) going to do some ancestor hunting in Iowa and Illinois with her daughter Julie. No ancestral stone must be left unturned!

Aase visited family in Denmark with her son, daughter-in-law and two grandkids. The older one, Freya, was looking forward to seeing the "princess castles" (who wouldn't be!), while Magnus was interested in Viking ships.

Terry and her husband Jim went up, up, up into the south Colorado Rockies for a five-day weekend (we usually refer to that as just short of a week. :) to visit Jim's college roommate.



Margaret Burnett showed off some of her watercolors at an art gallery reception in July.

They've done it before so know it's a good idea to stop at a lower altitude to adjust before heading up the rest of the way. Terry brought over a bag of lovely garden-fresh tomatoes and chard before she left — what a treat!

Some of our group were looking forward to the Ojai SCD weekend ... one of us hoping she could dance on her ankle. The ones I know are going from Aase's class are Terry, Margaret and Jeff, Jon, Aase, and Dave and me. There may be more, and I apologize if I've left out a classmate!

I'm sure I've left out some interesting tidbits, but if I told you everything what would you talk about while Aase's trying to teach us a new dance?

Hope you're all having (had) a great summer and are looking forward to another busy, fun and laughter filled year of dancing!

*Robyn MacGarva*

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### Santa Barbara

Last year's Santa Barbara Christmas Revels, set in 18th-century Scotland, brought three dancers into the RSCDS community. Fourteen-year-old Hady (rhymes with caddy) Julca has added energy, humor, enthusiasm and ballet styling to the Santa Barbara class — that is,

when her rehearsal schedule allows her time to attend.

After Revels, she played Viola in "Twelfth Night." At the Lobero Theatre in May she acted in a production of "Brundibár," an opera written in World War II and performed by children bound for concentration camps. Hady performed and wrote a monologue for the role of Éva

Székely, a Holocaust survivor. At Shakespeare camp she played Cassius in a scene from “Julius Caesar” and Beatrice in “Much Ado About Nothing,” a comedy scene that began with a round of country dancing — she was in her element!

Ruth Steinberg, singer, cantor, counselor and director of the Jewish Family Service of Greater Santa Barbara, has enjoyed Israeli folk dancing from the age of 10, but came to love Celtic music as well, especially when her elder daughter spent a year in Ireland. This year her younger daughter, Talya, spent her junior year in Edinburgh.

Ruth has already been to Scotland twice this year, with another trip planned for August! In March, Talya unexpectedly landed the role of Buttercup in a local production of “H.M.S. Pinafore,” so Ruth and her husband flew over to watch her perform.

While there, Ruth took the opportunity to buy ghillies at the James Senior factory in Glenrothes, Fife.

In May came the end-of-semester tour of Scotland, taking in the Highlands, the Isle of Skye, Culloden and Dalhousie Castle, plus a trip to Denmark.

And August? Talya, a good Jewish girl, will play Mother Superior in “Sister Act” as part of



New to Santa Barbara are Ruth Steinberg and Hady Julca.

the annual Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the largest arts festival in the world.

A third dancer, Rachel Morris, a featured dancer in Revels, now dances with the Ventura class — we are grateful to the Revels for bringing such talent to our classes.

*Ilse Gilbert*

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## Demonstration Team

The Demonstration Team wrapped up the dance year with a pair of performances. First was the annual visit to the British Home to participate in their annual fundraising fair. It’s physically the hardest performance, but they are such delightful people that we just laugh and get on with it.

The following week we performed for the Royal Stewart Society’s dinner, a celebration in honor of Queen Elizabeth II’s birthday. The audience was small, but they enthusiastically joined in the audience participation. I think we made some friends that evening.

We still had a few more classes to round out the month and we worked on some old and new dances.

For our final class, we had a bit of a party. Kris, Mike and Marisa McGinnis provided some lovely refreshments, and Roberta led us through

eight dances to evaluate for Book 52. Some were challenging, some easier, most got a big thumbs-up. We will see which ones make it into the new book.

With that we scattered to our summer plans. Roberta Gotfried attended the TAC Teachers Conference Weekend and AGM, visited her now 9-month-old grandson Ivan again, and will also teach two classes in the Bay Area. Ivan is already moving in rhythm with the music, she reports.

Grant Clark and his family headed north for a family visit to Winnipeg, Canada. Jim Bell went back to Texas; Alice Allen joined the small Southern California contingent at TAC Summer School; and Martina Hansen spent the summer with family in Germany. We will reconvene in September to prepare for the Seaside Games in Ventura in October.

*Alice Allen*

## Ventura

The Ventura Class took some time off at the end of June and early July for vacations and rest. Then, despite several class members still traveling and one recovering from eye surgery, we were able to spend the rest of the summer dancing. Several evenings we even had 12 or more dancers. It was wonderful!

On July 21 we gathered for a tribute and toast to Frank Ibbott, former teacher of the Ventura class. As Yukari Hirayama noted, it would have been Frank's 96th birthday on that day, so it seemed fitting to have a remembrance of him and all of his contributions to the class and to the Los Angeles Branch.

On Aug. 11 we had a sendoff party for class members Barbara and Alan Hoff. They are moving to Santa Rosa to be closer to their daughter. (Their new address is 5510 El Encanto Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.) They have been very loyal and supportive members of Ventura County dance classes, as well as helping with L.A. Branch events, the Seaside Highland Games and making CDs for branch dances.

About 25 dancers attended class that evening to say goodbye to our dear friends. We



Lisa Sage, center, holds the farewell cake for Alan and Barbara Hoff at the Ventura class.

danced a couple of their favorite dances and then partied with yummy treats and a toast. They will be sorely missed. But as our cake that evening said, "Haste ye back! We lo'e ye dearly," and we wish them all the best with their new adventures.

Now with fall approaching, we are looking ahead to the Seaside Highland Games and Scotch Hop in October. We hope that many dancers will be able to come out and join us for that weekend celebration of Scottish dancing and culture.

Happy dancing!

*Lisa Sage*

## Torrance

Jack Rennie's Torrance class was pleased to host a summer dance at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center on July 22. We were happy to have four sets of four couples dancing most of the night. The spread of food was delightful, and we thank those who were able to join us.

Jack's Friday night class is attended by about 12 in the beginner hour and about 14 in the intermediate hour. Of our class regulars, Heather Chaney and her children Margaret and Knox are new members of RSCDS, as is newer dancer Linda Kodaira, who joined a few months prior. Donna Dean and Wendy Lee, our newest dancers, are doing well and continue to join us for multiple sessions.

Nancy Myers recently joined the branch board as a member at large. Thank you, Nancy, for your willingness to serve. Katsuko Ahn is gradually returning to class after a foot injury.

Mike Herrera has legally changed his name to Cummings Herrera to reflect his Scot-

tish ancestry.

Tony McQuilkin, our resident thespian, continues his involvement with the Aerospace Players, who performed "Seussical" this summer at the nearby James Armstrong Theater. Tony is currently embarking on a choir tour to England.

A number of our dancers take advantage of the educational opportunities available at the Arts Center, such as Bill and Nancy Hartung who are learning sign language this summer.

Finally, our own Doris Fisher is coordinating registration for the Catalina Island Workshop and Ball to be held May 4-6, 2018. For information, please see page 2 and/or feel free to contact Doris at [doris.fisher@gmail.com](mailto:doris.fisher@gmail.com) or call 310-625-9071.

The next nine-week session begins Sept. 22. Registration with the Torrance Recreation Department is required and can be done by phone, 310-618-2720, or email, [enroll@torrance.gov](mailto:enroll@torrance.gov). Or go to [TorranceCA.gov/classregistration](http://TorranceCA.gov/classregistration).

*Heather Chaney*



## Thousand Oaks

The Thousand Oaks class has been on summer break since Memorial Day weekend, so there is not much to report.

The big news over the summer, and sad news indeed, is that stalwart class members Alan and Barbara Hoff moved away to Santa Rosa in order to be near their daughter and family in Ukiah.

There they'll be able to attend Ron Wallace's SCD class, so all in all a great new circumstance for them. And for that we are all of course most happy for them.

Several members of the Thousand Oaks class were able to attend a farewell party for the Hoff's held by our county sister class in Ventura, which had classes running through the summer, which the Hoff's also regularly attended. So those who were there did have an opportunity to say a personal "goodbye" and wish them well.

The Thousand Oaks class will resume for its late-summer and fall run of 10 weekly classes on Tuesday, Sept. 12. Our friendly crew from three counties welcomes experienced dancers, whether as new regulars or one-time visitors.

*Robb Quint*

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## Redondo Beach

Our class at the American Legion hall continued through the summer, except for one very hot and humid night.

Leslie Evans embarked on a trip to the Turkish baths site at Gallipoli, which her husband had always wanted to see. Doris and Eric Fisher had a brief trip to Toronto, Canada, that included the CN Tower and Niagara Falls.

Kris and Mike McGinnis had yet another graduation for daughter Marisa. Kathryn

Hawkins received word of her son receiving a law school scholarship.

Molly Dawes, our only nonagenarian, and Roz Gotfried, a close second, continued to dance most class nights of the summer, along with Carol Johnson, Val and Denis Rodgers and occasionally Tony McQuilkin and Michael Herrera.

Rosemary Abend guest-taught a few nights, as did Kris McGinnis working on her teacher-exam dances.

*Jack Rennie*

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dispersed with a murder mystery written and produced by Anthea Macdonald.

Her talented thespian troupe (Doug Macdonald, John and Judith Allen, Margaret Burnett, Jeff Altman, Aase Hansen, Ann McBride and Mike and Kris McGinnis) put together costumes and props that added a lot of fun to the evening.

Our very own chair Ann McBride (aka "Diedre," an Irish dance teacher) was the poor victim, but fortunately it turned out she wasn't really dead after all and ended the evening teaching us a few more Irish dances.

The Saturday and Sunday morning workshops were taught by Aase Hansen and Anthea and Doug Macdonald. They did their best to encourage us to close in third position and to use proper handing in four hands across, while talking us through fun and challenging dances.

Jon Reeves pulled out his cookbooks and put together a pork carnitas taco bar for us on Saturday night, concluding with homemade ice cream and churros with pastry cream. Everything was made from scratch, with two days of prep cooking at home.

The retreat center was lovely, peaceful and quiet with many patios where various drinks were enjoyed along with lively conversation. Dancers had time to explore the unique town of Ojai on Saturday afternoon.

After the dance on Saturday night, we found time to play card games, including an old favorite from Harwood, Spoons. Ask Terry Schaeffer about the bruises she got playing that game! (Who knew it was a contact sport?)

To sum it up, this was a lovely weekend — and a repeat performance was suggested.

With sore feet and a happy heart,

*Doris Fisher*

Cathey Lawlor, left, was among the Scottish dancers performing at the Opening Ceremonies of the 1984 Olympics at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.



## RALPHS REWARDS PROGRAM

The branch earns a contribution from the Ralphs Rewards Community Contribution Program when members register to benefit the Branch, while they continue to earn their own Ralphs Rewards points. Pick up a flier and learn how to register or call 800-443-4438. **You still need to re-register every September.** Our Organization Number is 93159. Then use your Ralphs Rewards card (or phone number) every time you shop.

## IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service was held July 7 in Culver City for Cathey Lawlor, the first woman to chair the Los Angeles Branch of the RSCDS.

Cathey, 73, grew up in Beverly Hills and lived many years in Culver City before moving to Porterville, where she died on May 21.

She began Scottish Country Dancing in about 1980 and was a member of Jack Rennie's Miles Playhouse class in Santa Monica. She also attended other classes, workshops and special events.

She served as treasurer of the branch in 1982-83, vice chairman in 1983-84 and chair in 1984-85.

Dancers who attended the service at Holy Cross Cemetery included Wilma Fee, Melinda Brown, Pete and Line Anderson and Ward and Cynthia Fleri.

*Melinda Brown*

**My neighbor knocked on my door at 2:30 a.m. Can you believe that! 2:30 a.m?? Lucky for him, I was still up, playing my bagpipes.**

## AMAZON SMILE

The branch has yet another opportunity to earn donations. AmazonSmile will make a contribution when you shop using our account number. Learn how by going to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0205054>.

## MEMORIAL FUND

The branch has money in a Memorial Fund, to be used for equipment purchases or special events. It can be used for scholarships to help members attend a workshop or something related to Scottish Country Dancing but who cannot afford the whole cost on their own. Applications are available from branch teachers.



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