

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

Wow! We're the presidents of Trail Dusters. Unbelievable! As many of you know, we have spent much of our time in the kitchen for the last two years. First in the kitchen at Bay Laurel on Wednesday nights and, for the last year, at Wilkinson for our monthly Saturday night dances. Now we're the presidents. We went from being the kitchen help to the presidency in just two years. You can't tell me this is not a great country. Only in America!

We are very proud to be your presidents. The dancing and friendships we have developed with everyone has been life changing for us. I have to thank my sister-in-law, **Terry Karsh**, for having the patience, fortitude, and perseverance to continue to ask me, for seven years, to come and try square dancing. I am so glad I finally did it. We very much want to give back to our club for all the wonderful gifts it has given us.

However, we are very aware that we have some big shoes to fill. **Anita and Gary Higer** have set a high standard for us to meet. They have been exemplary presidents, and we must all be very grateful for everything that they have done, and continue to do, for our club.

We hope that we will make them proud of us.

We didn't get much of a honeymoon as the new presidents to be. The board of directors learned a couple of months ago that Arlen Miller, our caller for the last eleven years, had decided that it was time for him to make a change. He made the decision to leave Trail Dusters to become the caller for another square dance club. So we started looking for a replacement caller. We found, interviewed, and hired a wonderful caller named **Paul Waters**.

Many of you may remember Paul from the couple of times that he filled in for Arlen. We were all thrilled with him and had lots of fun on those days. Paul comes from a long history of square dancers and square dance callers. His mother is a well known caller and was the reason that Paul started square dancing during his senior year in high school. We have spent quite a bit of time getting to know Paul, and we are convinced that he is going to be a fabulous member of the Trail Dusters "Family." He has a lot of exciting ideas and plans for the club. We feel certain that everyone is going to be very happy with Paul. His teaching style, his patience, and his kindness will make us much more successful

dancers and create a very enjoyable dancing experience (see next column for Paul Water's biography).

We have a lot to look forward to in the next twelve months. We are very excited about the prospect of bringing in new dancers and making new friends. The class level dance at Wilkinson is always a fun night. New Years will be here before we know it, and we always have a wonderful time to bringing in the new year. Our Spring weekend was a smash hit this year, and we are sure it will be just as great next May. There will be many other great events to share together.

We are going to have fun, have lots of laughs and, VERY IMPORTANT, become better dancers. We look forward to great times with everyone and are excited to be the presidents of the Trail Dusters.

**Joni & Mark
Simon
Presidents**



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**NEXT BOARD MEETING
JULY 10, 2018**

7:30 P.M.

OLD & NEW BOARD

**WENDY GOLDZBAND'S
HOUSE**



Paul Waters

Paul, a third generation Californian, first became interested in square dancing

during his senior year in high school when he took a beginners class with the Conejo Swingers, a teen club in Thousand Oaks. Although the class started in February 1972, he decided to try his hand (voice?) at calling, and started a calling class the following December, a scant nine months later.

Dancing has always been an important part of his life. Over the years this has included participation in international folk dancing, square dancing, round dancing, international style competitive ballroom dancing, clogging, contra and country western. Coming close to completing twenty-eight years of calling, Paul calls through C-2 and dances through C-3b.

Presently he teaches the beginners classes for the Tinseltown Squares of Los Angeles as well as calling dances for local clubs and out-of-town engagements. Some as close as San Diego and Sacramento, and others as far away as Cleveland, Ohio and Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (for Les Carrés aux Dattes d'Ottawa-Hull Date Squares - try saying that three times fast).

When not calling or working, Paul likes keeping up with personal computer technology, doing step-aerobic classes to hold off the ravages of time, collecting interesting friends and generally enjoying life to the fullest.

HAWAIIAN DREAMING

Saturday, July 14th, Ken Bower will be calling at our monthly dance. Ken was first introduced into square dancing in 1961 and within one year started calling.

By 1965 he was traveling full time. Since then he has called in every state in the United States as well as Australia, China, England, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Taiwan, and Sweden to name a few. Ken will tell you that he started calling before he was born!



Ken is a favorite caller for many dancers. He has a great singing voice, an excellent variety of music, and truly loves calling. He calls

with high energy – but not necessarily fast - and has so much fun when he calls that as a dancer (or a dancer sitting out), you cannot help but laugh.

All this translates into a wonderful evening of entertainment. To round out (pun intended) the evening, our round dancers will be enjoying the excellent and smooth cueing of Milo Molitoris – see flier page 12.

As usual, many members of the club will be on hand to prepare and serve nibbles and munchies for all to enjoy. No one ever goes home hungry from one of our dances...it is the unwritten rule of our host & hostesses in the kitchen each month.

There are many good reasons to attend this dance – some listed above. One more excellent reason is to come out and support **Joni & Mark Simon** at their first dance as presidents and thank **Anita & Gary Higer** for the great job they did and

for their ongoing commitment to Trail Dusters.

Your roving reporters from Canada

**Shirley &
Collin Brown
Publicity
Chairs**



Our Previous June Dance



It didn't take much time for many of us to remember how

much fun it was to dance to Mike Kellogg's melodic voice. He took the time to help review calls when squares

broke down and he even did his famous "acapella" call for one of his last sets. Milo



Mollitoris cued all our round dancers in between.



A big thank you to our kitchen pros,



Cindy Kestenbaum and Mark & Joni Simon who fed us "Movie Popcorn," Ice cream, apple pie, and lots of cookies in addition to cheese & crackers, veggie tray and lots of fruit to "Take me to the Movies" theme. We all had a wonderful evening and are looking forward to dancing to Ken Bower next month.

Your Dance Reporter

Caren Blumfield



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**List of callers 2018 – 2019
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Visitation

Our July visitation is at the

**Valley Trailers
Summer Hotdog Hoedown**

Date: July 21

Caller: Ken Ritucci

Rounds: 7:15 pm

Squares: 8:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Wilkinson Center
8956 Vanalden Ave
Northridge

Upcoming Visitations

August 24th (Friday)

**Western Weavers
Root Beer Floats**

Rounds: 7:30 pm

Squares: 8:00 - 10:30 pm

Caller: Jon Jones

Cuer: Jim Spence

Joslyn Adult Center

1301 W. Olive Ave.- Burbank

September 22nd (Saturday)

Boots & Slippers

Rounds: 7:00 pm

Squares: 7:30 pm

Caller: Rick Hampton

Cuer: Cindy Mower

Simi Valley Senior Center

3900 Avenida Simi

Simi Valley

**Sandra &
Robert Sobel
Visitation
Chairs**

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July Birthdays

Elaine Pfefferman	1
Hy Katlein	3
Steven Katz	4
Al Masters	4
Joni Simon	4
Leland Baum	7
Nikki Rosentsweig	7
David Simon	9
Bernie Brauner	11
Percy Calkins	11
Mark Abramson	13
Terry Holtzman	13
Louise Schoenneman	16
Ellen Paz	17
Sheldon Levin	18
Judy Levy (Judy & Stephen)	18
Shirley Brown	20
Gayle Stern	20
Tom Bolton	24
Sherwin Silver	26
Nancy Sachs	27

July Anniversaries



Anita & Gary Higer	1
Gloria & Marc Schwartz	1
Nancy & Richard Wallach	9
Mindy & Al Brown	11
Sandy & Bill Sarnoff	16
Margie & Jeff Hausman	21
Harriet & Steve Berman	26

Congratulations to all of you who are celebrating a special occasion.

Membership & Statistics

This month we welcome all 13 June graduates as new members of the Trail Dusters.

There are now 193 members of our club, including 64 couples, 44 ladies, and 21 gentlemen.

Ilene & Mark Abramson

Membership & Statistics

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Sunshine & Showers

Flo and Bill Tapp are once again enjoying the pride that comes with being grandparents. On July 4th, their "fabulous" grandson, Asher Yaakov Koppel Solway, will graduate from Telshe Yeshiva High School in Wickliffe, Ohio and will then continue on to college there. We share in your pride, **Flo and Bill**, and extend warm congratulations to you, to your grandson, and to all your family!

Sincere condolences are extended to **Doug and Tova Sobel** on the

June 15th passing of Doug's Father. Doug, may the memories that you made through the years with your Dad bring you comfort - now and in the days to come. We wish you brighter days ahead.

I feel quite certain that there are many more of you who have grandchildren who recently celebrated a graduation or perhaps are getting married. Perhaps you are celebrating the birth of a new grandchild. Wouldn't you like to share your news with the rest of your Trail Duster family?

Remember that we would ALL enjoy sharing your happiness, but before that can happen, you first need to contact me (at the e-mail address below) and give me some details! Whether you have sunshine or showers happening in your life, I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks.

Rusty Kaman



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Sunshine & Showers Chair

Coordinators Corner

The class of 2018 has graduated and are your coordinators ever grateful. Yes, it was a lot of work and we are happy to turn over the coordinators' reins to **Mark Cutter** and **Jill Pivnik**. We want to thank Arlen for caring about the students and helping them learn the mainstream calls and conquer the plus level calls. Thank you Arlen for your hard work.

In giving up our "job," we are thankful for a lot of things that happened over the past 10 months. We are thankful for all the angels who came out to help our

Rail Dusters and Angels In Training, week after week. Your support was vital to our having a successful class. All you wonderful angels made our job much easier.

We are thankful for the support our presidents, **Anita and Gary Higer** gave us. Whenever we had a problem or question, they were right there to help us. Even if we didn't have a question or problem, they were right there to help us. For those of you not on our club's board, you have no idea how hard they worked. They did all the heavy lifting to make the graduation evening such a great event.

Oh yes, almost forgot about the class of 2018. We were lucky to have such a wonderful group of guys and gals in the class and welcome them to Trail Dusters. If you read their biographies in previous editions of the Dusty Trails you found that we have an interesting, diverse, and talented group of students (the last two bios are at the end of this article). They worked hard, kept on coming to class even when they had difficulties with learning new calls. You could see the frustration on their faces when they didn't learn a new call yet, like the energizer rabbit, they kept going and going.

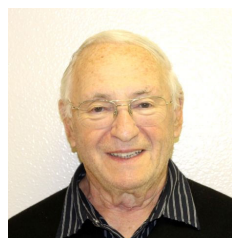
We thank them for all the time and effort they put into this past year in class and for the program they wrote and performed for us at your graduation. We look forward to dancing with them and attending lots more fun square dancing events together.

Now more than ever, as our new club members venture out, we need to be encouraging and helpful as Trail Dusters Angels. We remember when we were new dancers, how difficult those first club dances were. Our new club

members have worked very hard and are fully aware they need to keep dancing to "own" their calls. We remind our veteran dancers to lend positive support and helping hands as our club increases our membership with dancers who are committed to doing well and need a little more time.

As former coordinators, we are looking forward to dancing with the class of 2019 as ordinary Trail Dusters. Speaking of former coordinators, there is one more thing to give thanks for - we no longer get nagged by Madame Editor to turn in our Coordinators article every month. Yippee!

Let us introduce you to two of our recent graduates.



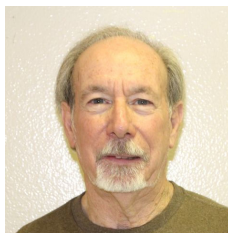
Leon Stabinsky

Leon Stabinsky is not new to Trail Dusters because he spent a year

with us on the sidelines watching his wife Dorothy dance. They have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

Leon was born in Brussels, Belgium and came to New York City in 1950 and then on to California in 1960. He is a mechanical engineer with degrees of BME, MME, EME, and a P.E. Leon retired from Rocketdyne after 35 years.

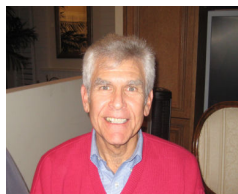
No one would ever guess that Leon collected Antique Scientific Instruments for over 40 years. One of the most exciting things he has ever done is to join Trail Dusters. He heard about our club from his wife who finally convinced him to try dancing. They are a welcome addition to our club!



Steve Besem

Steve Besem is dancing as one of our single Rail Dusters but he is married to Robyn and has two children, Michel and Rachel. He is from Brooklyn, New York, and moved to California in 1956.

Steve is an Optometric or Dr. of Optometry and has a practice in Santa Monica. He goes by the name of Dr. Seymour Besem. He has a Bachelor of Science and Associate Arts degree. One of the most exciting things Steve has done was being President of his B'nai B'rith Club as a teenager and being President of the Los Angeles County Optometric Society. He also loved working many years for his father in construction. Steve



heard about Trail Dusters from his friends **Jill and Jerry Pivnik.**

Bill Dickter

Judy Comroe

Your Coordinators



HOLD THE DATE FOR OUR SIZZLING SUMMER PARTY DAY: SUNDAY DATE: AUGUST 26, 2018 TIME: 6:00 - SALAD FARM TIME 7:30 - ELLEN & ILAN PAZ HOUSE FOR DESSERT - MORE INFORMATION IN NEXT ISSUE

Graduation – June 13



It's a wrap! The 2017 to 2018 Trail Duster year

culminated in a fabulous graduation ceremony for the Rail Duster class on June 13. And where did this stellar event take place? On the set of scenic Bay Laurel School where scrolls showed past graduating classes.



People started arriving to partake



of the delicious dinner of chicken pasta, steamed vegetables, salad and rolls which were served



promptly at 6:00 pm.



Dinner also included cut up watermelon, cakes, and assorted drinks. All were enjoyed by the Trail Dusters, Trail Dusters-to-be and their friends and family. A great big thank you to **Anita and Gary Higer** who again took care of all of the food arrangements and worked endlessly with a group of volunteers.



Then at 7:00 pm we were seated inside and the processional



ceremony began.



This was followed by the biography



introductions of our graduates and presentation of diplomas by our coordinators, **Bill Dickter** and **Judy Comroe**. It was thrilling to hear about such a dynamic group of graduates who are **Ronna Banks, Steve Besem, Gayle Cantrock, Lois Horn, Al Masters, Ellen & Ilan Paz, Larry Rofe, Leslie & Robert Ruiz, Randee Samsky, Leon Stabinsky, Gayle Stern**. We welcome all 13 graduates who became members of the Trail Duster family. **This years class motto is *We Are The Champions*.**

After the diploma ceremony, the



new graduates presented an



outstanding, hilarious creative skit



which we all thoroughly enjoyed. It was a night to remember.



After the play Arlen did his usual



dancing routine of having us



include our guests in a square dance demo. It was difficult to leave such an enjoyable evening,



Our June 13th graduation evening was perfect in every way.

Trail Dusters wish Arlen "Good Luck".



Please encourage all of your friends to come join us in September as we launch a new season – see flier page 13 .



Len Bloom

MEET THE GRADUATES



Front row: Leslie Ruiz, Gayle Stern, Ronna Banks, Gayle Cantrock, Randee Samsky, Leon Stabinsky, Ellen Paz
Back row: Robert Ruiz, Lois Horn, Larry Rofe, Al Masters, Steve Besem, Ilan Paz – looking at the class are the coordinators Bill Dickter and Judy Comroe

Summer Birthdays



Front row: Margie Hausman, Joni Simon, Louise Schoenneman, Sandra Sobel, Gayle Stern, Bill Shapiro
Back row: Nikki Rosentsweig, Percy Calkins, Nancy Sachs, Michael Whitman, Bill Dickter, (Farryl Dickter, not her birthday, but she supplied the cake) Irwin Tuckman, Elaine Pfefferman, Sheldon Levin, Al Masters



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule –2018 - 2019 2ND Saturday of Month

Rounds @ 7:00 PM – First Tip @ 8:00 PM
Alternating Rounds & Tips with 1 A-1 Tip

Wilkinson Senior Center – 8956 Vanalden - Northridge

DATE	CALLER	THEME
July 14, 2018	Ken Bower	* Hawaiian Dreaming!
August 11, 2018	Pat Carnathan	* Rock & Roll Revival
September 8, 2018	Buddy Weaver	Starry Starry Nights
October 13, 2018	Tim Pepper	Great Pumpkin Ball
November 10, 2018	Rod Shuping	Veteran Appreciation
December	Dark	
January 12, 2019	Arlen Miller	Around The World
February 9, 2019	Johnny Preston	Cupid's Ball
March 9, 2019	Dick Hodnefield & Andy Allemao Class Level Dance	Angel Appreciation Night
April 13, 2019	TBD	Cupcake Night
May 11, 2019	Mike Kellogg	Strawberry Fair
June 8, 2019	Mike Seastrom	* Crazy Hat Dance

*** Summer Casual Attire**

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Joni & Mark Simon 323-333-4947

**Classes remain Wednesday evenings at Bay Laurel Elementary,
24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas.**

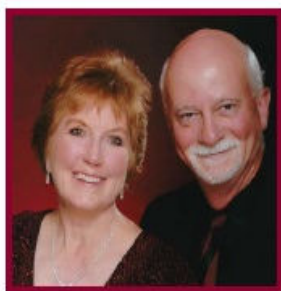


TRAIL DUSTERS

Saturday, July 14, 2018

HAWAIIAN DREAMING

CALLER: KEN BOWER



**EMCEES: MILO &
CINDA MOLITORIS**



*Rounds 7:00 – 8:00 pm and between tips
Squares 8:00 – 10:00 pm - Plus Level Dance, A-1 Tip
Wilkinson Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge, CA*



UPCOMING DANCES

AUGUST 10 - Pat Carnathan – Rock & Roll Revival

SEPTEMBER 8 – Buddy Weaver – Starry Starry Night

OCTOBER 13 – Tim Pepper – The Great Pumpkin Ball

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July 2018 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting Old & New Board - 7:30 pm Wendy Goldzband's House	11	12	13	14 Dance at Wilkinson- caller Ken Bower cuer Milo Molitoris see pages 2 & 12
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Visitation Valley Trailers Caller: Ken Ritucci See page 3
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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