

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

Kon'nichiwa! That's Japanese for hello. That's right! We are on our way to Japan. The Trail Dusters are invading Japan. They haven't seen anything like this since WWII.

The two of us will arrive in Tokyo and spend several days exploring the city. Then we will take the bullet train to Kyoto for more touring on our own for a few days, then board the ship for a two week cruise around Japan with about 30 other Trail Dusters. Should be a lot of fun and a great adventure.

Hello! That's New York for Hello! We just got back from a trip to New York just in time to get ready to go to Japan. We went to New York for a fabulous wedding for my cousin and his beautiful wife. We had a wonderful time. We visited the 911 Memorial, spent an afternoon at the Metropolitan Museum, walked the High Line, ate pizza and pastrami sandwiches, walked on 5th Avenue, saw a couple of Broadway plays, and had a wonderful time. What a great city.

Speaking about great, we have a great new group of Rail Dusters. With Paul's unique and fantastic teaching, they are doing terrific. Recently, Randee and Mark

hosted a wonderful "get together" brunch (see article page 4) at their house. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to bond. And, no one went home hungry.

Remember we WON'T be hosting our Saturday club dances in November or December. **BUT, everyone PLEASE mark your calendars for Sunday, January 12, 2020.** We will be having a **Class Level** dance with **Paul Waters** and **Mike Seastrom** at Wilkinson Senior Center from 2:00pm-4:30pm. It is important to have a strong turnout to support Paul and Mike. All the new graduates, this year's new Rail Dusters, as well as every Trail Duster is encouraged to attend. Last year our club participated in record numbers. We hope that for this dance, we can exceed that number.

The year 2020 is just around the corner. We already have the most wonderful Trail Dusters New Year's Eve party planned, and hope everyone will attend – see article page 5. We're looking forward to a marvelous night together.

So, now we say Sayonara. That's Japanese for goodbye. We will miss you all while we're gone. So, a little earlier than usual, we wish

all our wonderful Trail Duster family a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Best Wishes,

**Joni & Mark
Simon
Presidents**





Our Last Month's Scarecrow Ball Dance

We are grateful that the Saddleridge fire that was scorching the hills above Wilkinson Center did not affect where we were dancing.

Our cuer, Milo Militoris, who lives in Porter Ranch, had to be evacuated and couldn't cue for our Round Dancers. However, **Tim**



Pepper stepped up to the plate and filled in with line dancing in between his squares .



It was fun, different, and exciting. Many of our new angels attended, thanks to Randee and Mark. The new dancers loved dancing to Tim Pepper. We are encouraging them to continue to come dancing on the second Saturday of each month.



Maxine and Irwin Tuckman put out a great spread of snacks and Sandy and Robert Sobel helped out orchestrating the kitchen as usual. Some of our attendees came to our "Scarecrow Ball" in costumes. Many thanks to our dancers who came in spite of the smoke and ashes.

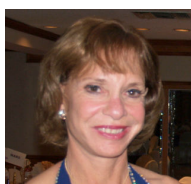


We sincerely hope that none of our Square Dance friends lost their homes and were able to return to normal. **We will be dark in**

November and December, so we expect to see all of you ready to start of the New Year by attending our January 12th class level dance on **Sunday** with **Mike Seastrom and Paul Waters** calling. The dance will be from **2:00-4:30 pm**. Come dressed in your favorite football team attire as we have our Tailgate Party to get ready for the Super Bowl. We can all meet for dinner afterwards.

Caren Blumfield

Dance Reporter



**List of callers - 2019 -2020
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Nov. Birthdays



Steven Rosentsweig	1
Alex Strouzer	1
Alan Shotsky	2
Steve Berman	3
Rita Karp	6
Phyllis Saul	6
Joan Kallet	7
Jackie Kantor	7
Marty Yakerson	8
Adrianne Kirman	9
Farryl Dickter	22
Marilyn Bloom	23
Jacquelyn Walker	24
Arlene Zoren	24
Myron Ross	30

Nov. Anniversaries



Judy & Stuart Levy	2
Francie & Steve Bordofsky	16
Elise & Neil Sandler	24

Membership

Friendly reminder!! It's time for all of us to renew our annual membership. Current memberships expire at the end of December 2019. Renew now to keep your membership though 2020.

All membership dues need to be postmarked by November 30, 2019, so that our insurance covers all members.

The best way to renew is: Print the renewal form on page 13 Please print legibly!

Make out a check to **Trail Dusters** for **\$35 for single membership, \$70 for couple**.

Mail the form and the check to:
Ilene and Mark Abramson
4425 Estrondo Drive
Encino, CA 91436

I will also be available before class to accept membership forms and payments.

All current members must renew to maintain membership. This includes our newest Trail Dusters who graduated in June and paid half-year dues that cover the period from July through December 2019.

If you have any further questions, please email Mark Abramson.

Ilene & Mark Abramson
Membership
Chairs



markabe@aol.com

Sunshine & Showers

The months of September and October have brought much "sunshine" to two Trail Duster families with the arrival of new grandchildren! **Paula and Jerry Seliga** are proud to announce that their son Michael and daughter-in-law Stephanie added a 3rd child to their family on September 18th. Xavier Horizon was born in Trout Lake, Washington where his 6 ½ year-old sister promptly announced, "This was fun! Let's do it again next year!" His 4 ½ year-old brother, on the other hand, was not quite as excited. Warm congratulations to **Paula and Jerry** who will soon be traveling to WA to meet their new grandson.

Rhonda and Bill Shapiro are celebrating the birth of their new granddaughter, calling her their "Yom Kippur Miracle!" Sophie Bree was born on October 8th to the **Shapiros'** daughter Julie and son-in-law Patrick Maloney. Sophie joins her big sister, 2-year-old Layla. To you, **Rhonda and Bill**, and to all your family, we wish you joy and happiness –now and for all the years to come.

It is with great pleasure that I report the happy news from these two families. I look forward to hearing from other members of our club family, both Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters, with news of happenings in your lives. Please contact me with your news at the e-mail address shown below.

Until next month,

Sunshine & Showers
Chair

Rusty Kaman
rusty_k@verizon.net



Coordinators Corner

RAIL DUSTER BRUNCH

The kick-off for the 2019 Rail Dusters was a huge success at the Sunday brunch for all the new students at the home of Randee Samsky and Mark Cutter – see picture on page 8. The informal gathering allowed everyone to get to know each other and have fun at the same time with "Dice Game." You had to be there to truly appreciate this innovative game to introduce the attendees.

The feeling of fellowship was highly evident and the prospect of all the new students completing the nine-month course of square dancing is very promising.

Although the class on Oct. 30 will be dark at Bay Laurel, Randee and Mark will hold a workshop review at their home instead. Every call taught by Paul Waters will have a walk through with the class coordinators and angels.

This is one of the many ways the Trail Dusters board is attempting to elevate the level of proficiency among both new students and recent graduates.

REVIEW OF CALLS TAUGHT

by Joel Ovadia

There are three websites which provide information about square dancing. **Copy these websites for future reference.**

1. saddlebrookesquares.com

This website shows dancers performing each call. Directions to website use: 1. Type in the web address and click enter. 2. On the home page in the right column under Website Roadmap in blue,

under Square Dance Lessons, click on "online video lessons."

3. In the Lesson Index in the blue square, click on "Review Mainstream Lessons." 4. Find the name of the call, click on "Play" to the left. 5. Click on the arrow in the center of the video. You can drag the red circle on the white line on the bottom to the call you want to watch.

2. tamtwirlers.org This website uses squares for men and circles for women to show the moving pattern of the call. It also has written descriptions of the calls.

Directions to website use: 1. Type in the web address and click enter. 2. Click on "Taminations" in the green bar under the page title. 3. Under Mainstream click on Basic 1 or Basic 2 or Mainstream and later Plus to find the particular call. 4. Click on the particular call. The calls are listed alphabetically in each level. You will see a list of starting positions. Click on one.

5. Click on the right facing arrow below the diagram to start the circles and squares moving showing the pattern of the call. 6. Click on "Definitions" for written descriptions of the calls.

3. opensquares.de/basic. This website has written descriptions of the basic calls. Directions to website use: 1. Type in the websites address and click enter. 2. When you see the list, click on the particular call you want to read about.

For visual learners you will like the saddlebrookesquares.com and tamtwirlers.org websites.

This week Paul taught five new calls--**DOUBLE PASS THRU, CALIFORNIA TWIRL, BEND THE LINE, SQUARE THRU, DIVE THRU.**

The following list will show you where you can watch these calls demonstrated on the internet.

Go to saddlebrookesquares.com, tamtwirlers.org or opensquares.com

1. **Double Pass Thru**

13 Basic 2 Third Column

2. **California Twirl** 1C Basic 1 Second Column

3. **Bend the Line** 4 Basic 1 Second Column

4. **Square Thru*** 5 Basic 1 Second Column

5. **Dive Thru** 7 Basic 1 Second Column

* Square Thru can be 2, 3, or 4 pull bys. " Square Thru" is 3 turn ins and one pull by, but the caller can call "square thru 3" with 2 turn ins and one pull by, or " square thru 2" with one turn in and one pull by.

Please watch the video on saddlebrookesquares.com.

As coordinators we are here to help you.

See you in a square.

Randee Samsky & Mark Cutter



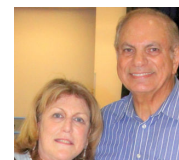
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One Exquisite Night in Paris

Welcome, or ***Bienvenue*** as the French would say, to our Trail Dusters New Years Eve Celebration as we spend one glorious night in ***La Ville Lumière***, or the ***City of Lights, Paris***.

As the capital of France, Paris is known for its art, for its fashion, and for its extraordinary food. Your New Years Eve Committee has made sure all of these elements will be included in our spectacular evening as we say farewell to 2019 and welcome 2020 with panache and élan.

Express your finest fashion flair as Trail Dusters and friends enjoy an evening resplendent in their usual glitz and glamour in the beautiful surroundings of the Woodland Hills Hilton Hotel. Enjoy the majesty of Versailles, pass through the Arc de Triomphe, travel with us on the avenue of the Champs Elysee and much more as we visit the best of France and fill our glasses with wine and champagne as we revel in one of Europe's most romantic locations.

The evening will be replete with a beautiful array of hors d'oeuvres, a sumptuous dinner, dancing till past midnight, the usual Trail Dusters joyous camaraderie, wine on every table, and for the romance the French are known for; a champagne toast to welcome the New Year.

Invitations will be coming out in November. Please don't wait for the last minute to respond as we fill up before the deadline. Let Marilyn Bloom know if you are planning to attend, especially if you will be away for most of November. If you

want to reply before you receive your invitation, please go to page 10 for a copy of the invitation and response card. You can send the response card and check for \$105 per person to:

Marilyn Bloom
11868 Moorpark Street Unit H
Studio City, CA. 91604

So as we say in French, Bon soir or Good Evening till we meet in December!



Maureen, Marilyn, Caren, Jeri
New Years Eve Committee

Refreshments

Hello Trail Dusters,

It is already the end of October and our Wednesday night classes have been going great. We always have a wonderful array of treats to keep us going as we are having so much fun expending energy in our squares. The Refreshment Chairs want to thank everyone who brought fruit, desserts, and cheese and crackers to our class. Since so little is ever left over, the food is obviously a hit.

As you are aware, setting up the food so that it is ready for a hundred people is a very big job. Thank you to everyone for having your food plated and cut up ahead of time so that it can be ready as soon as class starts. A reminder: when it is your week, please be at Bay Laurel by 6:45 to help get everything ready. You also need to stay at the end to help with the clean up, since everything needs

to be packed up and taken home by Denise and Richard. They really need the extra hands.

How many of you are familiar with Taix French Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard? If you grew up here in L.A., you probably spent many family dinners at this well-known institution that has been a part of L.A. for nearly a century. In case you weren't aware, the property has been sold to a real estate developer. We are in luck, however, because the plan is to build a smaller version of the restaurant, including the bar and lounge popular with Dodger fans. Included in the plans will be 170 luxury apartments on the site as well. The new owners plan on keeping much of the charm of Taix's intact when it reopens. For the restaurant's fans, that is good news!

Thank you to everyone for your help,

Your Refreshment Chairs



Paula & Al Masters



Cindy Kestenbaum &
Alex Strouzer



Denise Kurtzer &
Richard Rose

Ways & Means

Dear Trail Dusters & Rail Dusters,

We meet at 5:30 for our pre-class dinner, varying restaurants each week, and it is always a "fine dining" place. Not only do we enjoy the food and

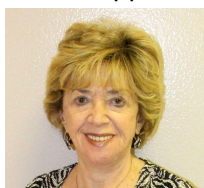
the socializing, but each restaurant gives us a percentage of the total money spent. So, this is such a win-win!!! We get to become better friends, we fill up our tummies with great food, and our club makes some money every single Wednesday evening.

5:30 is the time so we can get to Bay Laurel in time to start dancing at 7:00 PM. Please join us. We have lots of fun.

The schedule for November is as follows:

November 6 The Stand
 November 13 Mod Pizza
 November 20 Sharkey's
November 27 NO CLASS

Your hostesses,
 Jane Lief Flo Tapp



**FOR OUR
 SPRING
 WEEKEND
 JUNE 5-7
 2020**

**Xerox colored paper needed
 in light colors --(yellow, light
 blue, light green, etc).**

**Can you donate a ream or
 two?**



**If so, please
 bring it to class or email
 Mark Cutter
mjct222349@gmail.com**



**HALLOWEEN COMES
 TO BAY LAUREL**

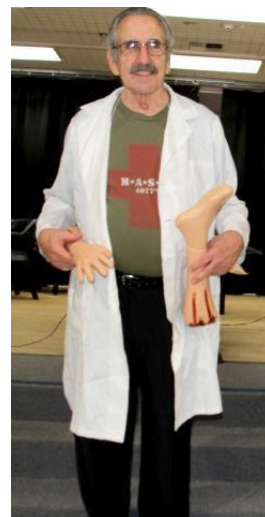
COSTUME WINNERS



**Bob Zoren & Jennifer Mantell
 Most Glamorous**



**Patti & Marshall Goldberg
 Most Original**



**Paul Kayne
 Scariest**



**Madeline Johnson & Robert Cirillo
 Most Delicious**



**Sherwin Silver & Caren Blumfield
 Most Creative**

HALLOWEEN AT BAY LAUREL



Legions of Super Rail Dusters

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED AT BAY LAUREL



Ron Sobel, Richard Rose, Renny Traub, Steve Bordofsky, Bob Sanders

RAIL DUSTERS AT BRUNCH



Front row: Linda Tonkins, Debbie Rose, Lela Heslin, Jennifer Mantell, Jill Sanders, Randee Samsky & Mark Cutter (Coordinators)
Back row: Curt Gorlick, Eileen Burkenheim, Pete Sapon, Bob Sanders, Robert Reeves

TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



Joni & Mark Simon bring the Dusty Trails while visiting the 911 Memorial in New York.



Paula & Jerry Seliga introduce the Dusty Trails to the Albuquerque Balloon Festival.

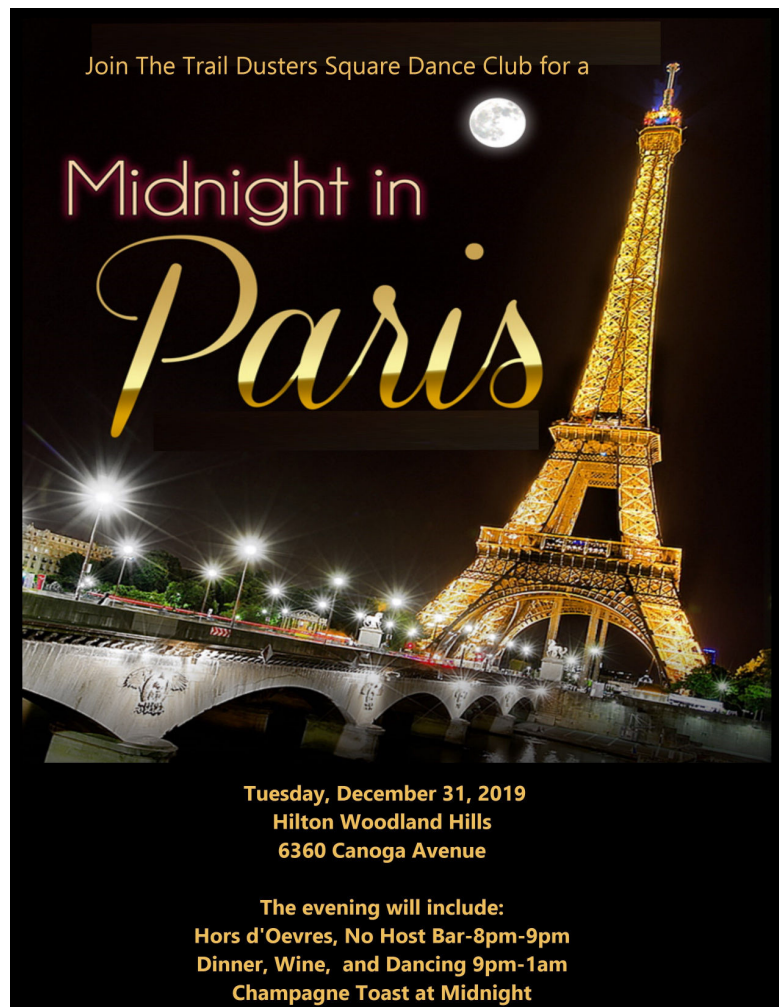


Patti & Marahall Goldberg in North Dakota where Marshall completed his goal of visiting 50 states. He was so excited with this feat that he didn't realize the Dusty Trails was being held sideways. They still managed to read it.



Howard Weiner, Collin & Shirley Brown and Adrianne Kirman use a high tech version of carrying the Dusty Trails while visitng Eagles Nest, Obersalzberg, Germany.

Invitation



Response Card

A Trail Dusters Night in Paris

\$105 per person

_____ will attend

Phone _____

Herb Chicken _____

Braised Short Ribs of Beef _____

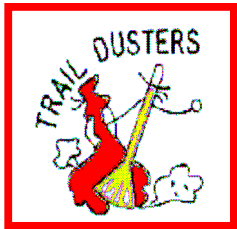
Grilled Salmon _____

Payment of \$ _____ enclosed.
Please make checks payable to Trail Dusters.

Please place the names of guests you would like
to sit with on the back of this card.

Valet Parking or Self Parking: \$10.00
RSVP by December 9, 2019

The response card has a black background with a gold Art Deco border. The text is in white and gold, with the title 'A Trail Dusters Night in Paris' in a stylized font.



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule – 2019 - 2020

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
November 9, 2019	Dark	
December	Dark	
Sunday 2:00 - 4:30 pm January 12, 2020	<i>Mike Seastrom & Paul Waters Class Level Dance</i>	Tailgate Party- Get Ready for the Super Bowl
February 8, 2020	<i>Rod Shuping</i>	Love Is In The Air
March 14, 2020	<i>Dick Hodnefield & Andy Allemeo Class Level Dance</i>	Shamrock Sashay It's St. Patty's Day
April 11, 2020	<i>TBD</i>	Hobo Hoedown Taxes Paid
May 9, 2020	<i>Mike Kellogg</i>	No Siesta - Let's Fiesta
June 13, 2020	<i>Mike Seastom</i>	Crazy Socks - Crazy Shoes
July 11, 2020	<i>Ken Bower</i>	* Summer Camp Days
August 8, 2020	<i>Pat Carnathan</i>	* Mad Hatter's Tea Party
September 12, 2020	<i>Buddy Weaver</i>	* Rock Star - Rock On

*** Summer Casual Attire***

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Joni & Mark Simon 323-333-4947 marksimon43@gmail.com



REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS - NOVEMBER 2019

All food need to be plated and do not need cutting

November 6

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Michael & Adriane Kreisberg
Sheldon & Lorraine Levin
Jack & Bren Levy
Carol & Richard Lewis
Jane Lief



November 13

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Les & Diane Light
Lois M & Joey Z
Paula & Al Masters
Michele Minsky
Paula & Avi Nudell



November 20

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Sandy & Roy Okada
Jill Pivnik
Lainy Parlen
Linda Peck
Elaine Pfefferman

November 27

DARK



wiseGEEK

For more information call Paula & Al Masters (818) 360-7857
Email al_masters@msn.com



TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$70 COUPLES / \$35 SINGLES
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "TRAIL DUSTERS"

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH DUES BY NOVEMBER 30 (EARLIER PREFERRED!)

PLEASE PRINT

DATE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME(S) _____

☐ Information in the roster is correct – no changes

☐ PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING ☐ CORRECTION ☐ ADDITION ☐ DELETION

Enter Only The Information To Be Changed, Added or Deleted (Since Last Published Roster)

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone (hers) _____

Cell Phone (his) _____

E-Mail Address (hers) _____

(his) _____

☐ Everybody please fill out the info below

Birthday (Month & Day)

Hers _____ His _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (MONTH & DAY) _____

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND DUES TO:

ILENE AND MARK ABRAMSON
4425 ESTRONDO DRIVE
ENCINO CA 91436

(make check payable to "Trail Dusters")

November Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Set Clock Back  Daylight Savings Time Ends CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS	4	5 NO BOARD MEETING	6 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	8	10	11 NO DANCE
10	11 	12	13 Mod Pizza 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 NO CLASS	28 Thanksgiving 	29	30

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