



The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

THE WONDER YEARS

What none of us know and all are wondering is when this Covid virus will be a thing of the past. We're all tired of living under this cloud but hopefully the sun will peek through and start shining down on us. Can we all just say "amen."

It was with regret that our board members felt the need to cancel the Annual Summer Party but it was absolutely the right thing to do. Always better to be safe than sorry. We'll plan for another date when we can mingle without wondering if we're doing the right thing.

Looking at past issues of Dusty Trails, we thought after canceling our March classes, we might be able to start dancing again in April 2020. Little did we know that it would be 18 months before we would again be focused on starting our classes. Our hopeful date is on September 22, 2021. We're wondering again when normalcy will return. Let's just call this time, "The Wonder Years." When we return to Bay Laurel in September we will be dancing outside under the stars with those fully vaccinated.

We're all curious and we wonder about different events in life. If you

watched the Summer Olympics and didn't know when or where the first Olympics were held, stop wondering because here's the answer: The first modern summer games were in 1896 in Athens, Greece. We made it through the "dog days of summer" which were from July 3 to August 11. Do you wonder where the term came from? The days are named after the Sirius Dog Star which is located in the constellation Canis Major. Now your wondering has been satisfied.

Please be sure you reach out to other Trail Dusters to say hello. Hopefully we will see each other at Bay Laurel on September 22, 2021. See page 4.

Please everyone be healthy and happy.

Jane Lief

President



P.S. If you're still sitting on that check for your membership dues of \$40.00 per person, drop it in the mail today to Mark Abramson.

4425 Estrondo Drive
Encino, CA 91436

See membership article on page 2 and membership renewal form on page 5.

Sept. Birthdays



| | |
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| Howard Weiner | 1 |
| Marilyn Zwicker | 3 |
| Sandy Sarnoff | 4 |
| Iris Smotrich | 7 |
| Marilyn Ross | 9 |
| Rhonda Eisner | 10 |
| Avi Nudell | 11 |
| Robert Ruiz | 12 |
| Gary Higer | 13 |
| Miriam Brauner | 13 |
| Marlene Lovett | 13 |
| Stephen Levy | 14 |
| Mindy Brown | 14 |
| Adriane Fox-Kreisberg | 14 |
| Ronna Banks | 15 |
| Ilene Abramson | 17 |
| Joey Zepkin | 17 |
| Reuven Zeavy | 19 |
| Beverly Rutkin | 26 |

Sept. Anniversaries



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| Marlena & Reuven Zeavy | 3 |
| Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver | 4 |
| Marilyn & Hy Katlein | 7 |

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND STATISTICS CHAIRS.

The Trail Dusters' Board has decided to change our **membership year** from January through December to **September through August**. This means the membership year corresponds to the dancing year. So August is the month to renew your membership through August 2022.

All membership dues should be postmarked by August 31, 2021, so

that our insurance covers all members. The best way to renew is:

1. Print the renewal form on page 5 and fill out the required information. Please print legibly!
2. Make out a check to Trail Dusters for **\$40 for single membership, \$80 for a couple.**
3. Mail the form and the check to:

Ilene & Mark Abramson
4425 Estronda Drive
Encino, CA 91436

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

Ilene & Mark Abramson



Membership Chairs

Markabe@aol.com

PROOF OF VACCINATION

Your board is taking everyone's health very seriously and with that in mind all Trail Dusters' activities will require that every attendee be vaccinated.

To make the process of verification as easy as possible, you will only need to **show us one time** that your vaccinations are complete.

Bob Sobel is organizing this project and **Jeri Sobel** has graciously agreed to record this information for us. Therefore. If you have not done so, please send a copy of your proof of vaccination by **Aug 31** (Photo or Scan) to Jeri at her email:

Jerisobel@earthlink.net

You may also mail the proof to her address @ 23678 Ingomar Street West Hills, CA 91304.

Know Your Board Member



Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig

You may wonder, who are Nikki and Steve Rosentsweig, and you may also wonder why we are writing this article about ourselves. It's because Marilyn Bloom asked us to do it, and it's hard to say no to Marilyn.

We have been fortunate to be members of the Trail Dusters since 2011. Joining the club with our Friends, Sim and Phyllis Saul, we thought we would learn to square dance, actually to relearn it since we danced for a brief time many years ago. We found that the Trail Dusters was not only a place for us to learn square dancing, but it also became the center of our social life, bringing with it so many special friendships and activities. To learn more about the club, we joined the Board. and over the years have served as Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Membership and Statistics, and Parliamentarians. We also served as Co-Wagon Masters, planning a Trail Duster Spring Weekend. We also served on several committees. We very strongly recommend that if you haven't done so already, get involved! It makes a difference!

Steve: I was born in Boyle Heights and then moved to Montebello for my early elementary school years. Then my parents moved us to an apartment in the Fairfax area when I was in the 6th grade, where I attended Laurel Elementary School. Next I went to Bancroft Jr. High and Fairfax High School. I attended college at UCLA where I received BA and MA degrees in Mathematics, plus certifications in teaching and

supervision. I took a job as a Mathematics Specialist, working with Elementary and Jr High Students and teachers in the Willowbrook School District. At the time, it was the poorest school district in California (Willowbrook later merged with Compton Unified). Six years later I started working at A. E. Wright Middle School in Las Virgenes Unified School District, where I taught math and science as well as computers. I later became a Math Department Chairperson and a Dean. After enjoying many years of teaching, I was asked to become the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction at Calabasas High School which I did for 13 years. I then returned to A. E. Wright Middle School as its Principal for 7 years until I retired.

I enjoyed all my jobs and still stay in contact with many of the people I worked with. But, I am enjoying retirement. I am taking courses through the Pierce Encore Program, learning the Piano, playing Bridge, and enjoying my hobbies of Photography and Travel (when we can). I also volunteer my time as the Vice President of the Board for the Santa Monica Mountains Resource Conservation District.

Nikki: I grew up in West L.A. and attended Burnside Elementary (which is now Saturn St. School, because they moved the front of the school to Saturn St.) I went to Louis Pasteur Jr. High and Alexander Hamilton High School, which Bill Shapiro also attended. We did not know each other then because there were over 800 students in our graduating class. I attended and got a teaching credential at Cal. State Los Angeles. I met Steve through a friend, while we were studying in the library at UCLA. Initially, I tried to set him up with a friend of mine. Then I discovered how smart, sexy, kind, and funny he was. How could I resist! We married 3 years after we

met. We have two children, a boy and a girl, who are married. We have a 6 ½ year old grandson, who is a joy. We are lucky that they all live close to us. I started teaching elementary school when our son, Paul, was in 3rd grade and our daughter, Rachel, was in kindergarten. I enjoyed teaching, but retirement is wonderful! I love taking classes, playing games with our friends, and having sing-alongs.

Nikki and Steve: We are those rare people actually born in Los Angeles. We have been happily married for 51 years and look forward to at least another 51. We enjoy doing things together and with our many Trail Duster Friends.

Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig

Sunshine & Showers

I think I will call this month's column, "On the Mend." When you read further, you'll understand why.

The first well wishes go out to **Gary Higer** who is continuing in a rehab facility where his is receiving physical therapy for back issues. **Gary**, we all hope that it won't be too much longer before you're able to walk again comfortably and can return home to Anita. May you continue to see progress each and every day!

What a joy it was to call the home of Marilyn and **Lenny Bloom** and hear **Lenny** say, "I'm doing fine! I'm better every day!" Lenny suffered a bad fall recently and broke both his collarbone and a rib. He was told there is no treatment for this; he must heal on his own. Fortunately, he can do so at home! Meanwhile, he revealed that, while recuperating and spending more than the usual time at home, he is learning the "domestic side" of his wife – this

after 65 years of marriage! He and Marilyn still get out but Marilyn is the designated driver! Here's wishing you continued healing, **Lenny**, with a total recovery coming in the not-too-distant future!

Judy Comroe is finally out of rehab and back in the comfort of her own home following extensive physical therapy for her recent total knee replacement. She is getting around quite well and has been able to shed her walker for just a cane. Her usual upbeat attitude has not gone unnoticed by her young PT who comes to her house for her treatment twice a week. He told her that she is not like any of his other patients-especially anyone in her age group! Way to go, **Judy!** Anxious to get her life back, **Judy** is diligent about doing her exercises and looks forward to being able to drive again and enjoy her many activities that have been sidelined for a while. **Judy**, we're just as eager to see you involved with all your pastime pursuits as soon as possible! Here's wishing you rapid healing!

Jeff Cohen is currently recovering in the hospital after undergoing successful triple bypass surgery on August 19th. Sandy tells us that he is doing well and is now up and walking. **Jeff**, we're all sending warm wishes for a rapid and full recovery and are so glad to hear that you are now on the road to good health! May every day find you feeling stronger!

Rhonda Shapiro has finally returned home following two major back surgeries in a period of 3 weeks. Visits from family members and her grandchildren while she was recovering at a rehab center helped to pass the time in a most pleasant way. Now, as **Rhonda** is recuperating slowly at home, hubby **Bill** has been doing an amazing job

of caring for **Rhonda** and seeing to her needs – including changing her IVs on schedule and so much more. I have dubbed him “Dr. Bill.” **Rhonda**, may your pain diminish with each passing day, and may you realize your goal – to walk again – in the near future! We all send our love and healing thoughts, and to you, “Dr. Bill,” we are so grateful for all you are doing.

Word has just come to me of the passing of one of our former “family” members. **Jordan Wank**, a graduate of the Class of 2013, and danced with us until 2019, passed away on August 24th. No other information is available at this time.

On the bright side, here’s wishing a GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Winnie Davis** who has just celebrated her 90th birthday! **Winnie**, may you continue your daily swimming, singing with the Temple Choir, and engaging in the many activities that give you pleasure for many more years still to come!

Hopefully, next month, this column will be filled with news of happy events in your lives – events you will choose to share with the rest of our Trail Duster Family. And to you who celebrate, may the New Year bless each of you and your family members with good health and safe keeping. Happy New Year!

Fondly,
Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine &
Showers Chair



Rusty_k@verizon.net

SQUARE DANCING AT LAST

We are planning to start Square Dance Classes on **Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM.** Please arrive early at **Bay Laurel** to sign in so we can start on time. You must be vaccinated and the proof of this vaccination sent to Jeri Sobel – see page 2. If you are bringing new dancers, send their vaccination cards to Jeri Sobel.

The cost per class is \$3.00 per person - \$7.00 for new students.

We are all looking forward to being together. The first class will be held outdoors at Bay Laurel. How exciting to finally get back to dancing.

Check your emails to see where we meet for dinner before class.

Stay safe and healthy.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

ZOOM MEETING

7:30 PM



Interesting Facts

“Stewardesses” is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

“Lollipop” is the longest word typed with only your right hand.

“TYPEWRITER” is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

No word in the English language rhymes with month , orange , silver , or purple.

“Dreamt” is the only English word that ends in the letters “mt.”

Our eyes are always the same size from birth on, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

The sentence: “The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog” uses every letter of the alphabet.

The words “racecar,” “kayak” and “level” are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are only four words in the English language which end in “dous”: tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are two words in the English language that contain all five vowels in order: “abstemious” and “facetious.”

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don’t appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

**Dusted once.
It came back.
Not falling for
that again.**



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Hers _____ His _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (MONTH & DAY) _____

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND DUES TO:

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(make check payable to "Trail Dusters")

September 2021 Trail Dusters Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| 5 | 6  | 7 Rosh Hashanah  | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 36 | 14 Zoom Board Meeting  7:30 pm | 15 In the Evening  Kol Nidre <small>www.ccsnyc.org</small> | 16  | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 First Day of Square Dance Class - Bay Laurel 7:00 PM | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Bay Laurel 7:00 PM | 30 | | |

