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July 2024 - A Note From Your Presidents

Another year Bites the Dust (sorry Queen)!!! And here we are suddenly heading into summer, with the next Trail Dusters' dance year glowing ahead on the horizon!

Some highlights to enjoy from our **remarkable** TD 2023-2024 year:

- An amazing summer party with complete dancing horses (looking and acting suspiciously like Avi Nudell and Alan Shotsky)... followed by energetic calls, emails, outreach, and then three open-Wednesday nights! We soon welcomed a full room of TDs and lots of great Rail Duster dancers for the fall!
- Delicious and festive Snack-a-Thons--celebrated with themes of St Patrick's Day, Hawaiian Luau, Sweetheart Event, Halloween, Winter Wonderland, and our country's beloved Veterans!
- A packed Student Stomp shared at the Wilkinson Center, and also an incredible Tinsel Town hosted LGBT Center visit, dance & dinner with Paul Waters...lots of fun (and food & Square dancing) at both!
- Weekly delicious, fundraising dinners at local restaurants!
- A sold-out **fabulous**, **sparkling** New Year's party, a **dancing dream** (no, not Square dancing)!

- A wonderful weekend away in Oxnard. members over ninetv participating...and offered we unbelievable events, including a tour to DW Drums and a private drum concert by the one-and-only Glen Sobel (Jeri and Ron Sobel's son), a Sock Hop Funfest & concert, Harbor cruising, a Prom hysterical Party with propscostumes-cheerleading contest, a wonderful play and hilarious Jokeoff!
- And recently, Graduation evening beyond compare... honoring each Rail Duster...and then being entertained by this brilliant and special Class who somehow kept their incredible show (or "shhhhoe" as their Ed Sullivan said) a secret!!! The night also topped off with a silent auction fundraiser for Ronald McDonalds house, with over 100 items for sale and raising over \$8,000 for this charity group...and then more dancing! Amazing.
- And of course, weekly dance instructions and lots of rockin' with our talented and dedicated dance caller/leader Paul, concluding each week with the "Biggest Circle of Thanks" EVER!!!

Simply put, Trail Dusters once again showed that is the place to be. It is a wonderful community for all of us, where we can share time

together and enjoy dancing and friends! Why do we have one of the biggest groups in Southern California? Why do members rave about it, even if they confess they hesitated at the beginning? Because it is FUN! Our members and our Rail Dusters put it best - we get to play together and let out our inner Just pause for a moment during dancing or at events and look around. Lots of smiling from ear to ear.

Trail Dusters is so welcoming, and beyond anything else, we are truly a family of friends.

Of course, none of this "iust happens." Trail Dusters is a **TEAM**, a well-oiled machine. There are so many, many people working at events and behind the scenes to promote and create each weekly dance, each event wonderful and rewarding. This past year's Board members and volunteer teams were a hard-working, exceptional team! No one ever asks these people to help. They just do it. They each get paid a large multiple of zero. Thank them... or better yet, jump in and join the Team!

And looking forward, we can't wait for this coming year, soooo let's have fun and spread the word! We are sure to have another fun-filled, packed year of dancing, food, learning and new friends! So, send us contacts, bring along new friends to our Meet 'n Greet Summer Party on August 25th (see pages 3 & 21). Encourage your friends to "just try" the beginning dance or two, and of course, come next year and DANCE with us. Jump in! Trail Dusters is so great because of each of YOU!!

Marshall & Patti Goldberg, Presidents





July Birthdays

Elaine Pfefferman Hy Katlein Steven Katz Joni Simon Nikki Rosentsweig David Simon Bernie Brauner Mitch Zoren Mark Abramson Kathy Wien Sheldon Levin Judy Levy (Judy & Stephen) Shirley Brown Sherwin Silver Nancy Sachs Steve Kalan

July Anniversaries



Paula & Stewart Brooks Paula & Avi Nudell Sandy & Bill Sarnoff Margie & Jeff Hausman Harriet & Steve Berman



August Birthdays

Jill Sanders Judith Altman Sandra Sobel Royce Walker

August Birthdays (cont'd)

Laura Burstein	18
Winnie Davis	21
Paula Nudell	21
Ronald Cohn	25
Ruth Ann Hapner	27

August Anniversaries



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Carol & Richard Lewis	1
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Grace & Ron Mitnick	4
Marilyn & Leonard Bloom	5
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Maxine & Irwin Tuckman	16
Maureen & Shelly Fried	18
Judie & Art Hirsh	25
Sandy & Jeff Cohen	26
Patti & Marshall Goldberg	26
Arlene & Mitch Zoren	26
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TRAIL DUSTERS, IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. GRADUATES, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO BECOME MEMBERS

Trail Duster members are the best ever because they pay their dues on time and participate in our fun activities. Currently we have 153 members eager to square up.

As Membership chairs, our job includes receiving all dues, keeping track of who are the members, creating the roster, and sending birthday and anniversary greetings each month in the Dusty Trails.

Dues are being collected in August and September. Your dues help pay the rent and caller fees for weekly classes and for our dances. Members receive the "Dusty Trails" monthly newsletter that will keep you informed of all of our activities. You will get a

roster to keep in touch with your square dance friends.

The best way to renew or become Members is:

- 1. Print Renewal Form on page 20 and fill out the required information. Please print legibly!
- 2. Make out a check to Trail Dusters for \$40 for single membership, \$80 for couple. Same as last year and the year before!
- 3. Mail the form and the check to: **Ilene and Mark Abramson** 4425 Estrondo Drive Encino, CA 91436

Mark will be available at classes during the month of September with blank forms.

Please note that the form asks for birthday and anniversary month and date. This is used only to send best wishes in the Dusty Trails. Please do NOT include the year. That would be TMI for us.

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

Thank you for your support and cooperation, and don't forget to tell your friends to join our fantastic Trail Dusters Club.

llene and Mark Abramson







Aug 1 - Sept 30 - Membership Renewal

Aug 25 - HAWAIIAN SUMMER PARTY

Sept 11 - Class/Dancing Starts Up

Our Upcoming Summer Party PLEASE, the food you bring MUST be

ALOHA all you square dancin' and tantalizin' Trail Dusters! YES YOU! It's that time of year again for our annual **DUSTERIN'** SUMMER TRAIL SIZZLIN' PARTY

Cheri & Fred Warner's Home 4625 Westchester Dr., Woodland Hills **SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 @ 7:00**

Party is in a guard gated community so give the name of the Warners at the gate - see flier on page 21.

And of course, y'all are invited! That's right! Each and every one of you! AND please make sure to bring LOTS of your FRIENDS & FAMILY that want to join us and hopefully become Trail Dusters, learn how to square dance and have fuN

Our theme this year is HAWAIIAN AND, the most important item of all, hold on to your reigns and get ready for 2ND ANNUAL SUMMER SIZZLIN' ENTERTAININ' by none other than our own Woodstock (Alan), Avilicous, and a couple of surprise guests galore...all brought to you and your guests, for an abundance pleasure of and entertainment!

Bring potential new class members to join our incredible Trail Duster Club as we all meet again in friendship.

Start the evening by meeting for dinner at 5:30 pm for socializing with the added benefit of raising \$\$\$ for our Club at:

Urban Plates @ 5:30 21857 Ventura Blvd, Woodland Hills

And finally, last but not least, the PRICE OF ADMISSION for this spectacular and sizzlin' summer get together, as always, is up to you. Make it your selection of munchies to share, such as veggies & hummus, cheese and crackers, (no chips), fruit platters, cookies, pastries, soda and/or wine. Water and coffee will be available. And plated and ready to serve. Thank you in advance. We look forward to partvin' with you on Aug. 25, 2024, at 7:00 pm!

ALOHA!



Snack Queen Jill and Snack King **Avilicious**



Our Recent May Weekend

A STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE

Isn't it amazing how we can remember so clearly our high school days from over 50 years ago but we can't remember a few simple square dance steps, the name of the movie we saw last weekend, or even the name of the book we just finished. We hope that along with your school day and prom memories, that you also remember the fun times you had at our Trail Dusters Weekend in Oxnard.

Remember the tour of the DW drum factory and Glen Sobel's amazing demonstration and question and answer period. Were you sitting at the PE department table, the Health Office or the Principal's office? How many squares of toilet paper did our unsuspecting Rail Dusters take?

Remember how we rocked out to Tatiana's performance and shocked we were when "Elvis" joined us on the stage. The Pink Ladies even paid us a visit.

Did you walk to the Collection shopping center with us in the morning or did you stay to chat with friends in the breakfast room? Did you learn something new about your iPhone in Paula Seliga's class? Did vou laugh a lot on the Harbor Boat

Tour and/or enjoy your docent tour at Heritage Square? Or, did you shop at the outlets or thrift stores or go exploring on your own? Did you pig out in the hospitality room thanks to Phyllis & Simcha Saul, and did you win or lose money playing poker or Maj or rummy Q?

Most spectacular of all, never to be forgotten, were the centerpieces you all created with your High School Mascots. (see pages 12 & 13). Not only did you have centerpieces, but the tables, chairs and clothing accessories were mind blowing. There was a giant kangaroo dancing around, fruit loop dread locks, prom king and gueen and a gueen on her throne. We had an Eagle Scout, a real tree filled with apes and monkeys, a bra wearing owl and a giant alligator. The otter relaxing in the sun was awakened by a rock quitarist prancing around the room. What more could one hope for. The room and the school songs and surpassed cheers our wildest expectations.

The play, Jerome and Irwin's time machine, brought us back to high school reunions and plenty of laughs. The audience thoroughly enjoyed watching as judged by all the applause.

If that wasn't enough, how about waking up to Jeff Cohen's hysterical joke-off. His debut has clinched his position for all future joke-offs. We didn't want the weekend to end so what did we do...we went to eat, of course! The Lazy Dog Cafe was the perfect place to say goodbye to each other and reminisce.

It is difficult to have wonderful weekends come to an end but like everything in life, time marches on. However, our memories keep things in our hearts, and I hope all of your hearts are filled with wonderful memories and new friendships. takes a village to put on a successful thoroughly delicious and beautiful

weekend and we had an amazing village behind us. Thank you to every one of you who supported us and believed enough in your planners to attend.

Phyllis Saul & Caren Blumfield



A Graduation Like No Other

For the new Trail Dusters graduates, the best is yet to come, but they



surely got a tremendous start at their June 12, 2024 graduation on a Wednesday night.

This was an evening like no other. Our new club members ruled the night as they paraded through the Bay Laurel Hall ushering in a very exciting class of new Trail Dusters. Most notable was all we learned through the biography presentations of this new class. How very lucky are we to have this totally talented, active, and generous class of new members enriching our club.

It is our custom to have the new class present a play on their graduation, the intent being to bring the class together and bond with their new friends. The success of this amazing graduation play not only displayed a strong new connection among the Rail Dusters class, but had the whole room of more than 135 dancers and friends singing and coming together in fine Trail Dusters fashion. It was incredible.

Of course, no Trail Dusters' party is complete without an amazing food display and this graduation dessert table topped them all! What a

table was created by Jill Sanders, Avi Nudell and their team for this special occasion.

There were so many club members and friends that contributed to make this a wonderful night; Paul Waters, Marilyn Bloom, our presidents Patti & Marshall Goldberg, to name a few.

Thanks to the outstanding gift procurement skills of Denise Kurtzer for our auction items. As of this writing we have collected over eight thousand dollars for the Ronald McDonald House and the money is still comina. This is a stellar accomplishment by Denise Kurtzer, her team and our generous club members.

Most notable were the dedicated and indefatigable efforts of Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver and Jeri Sobel, the class coordinators, who worked diligently to bring this class to its successful completion. They did a stellar job teaching what Trail Dusters is all

Maureen & Shelly Fried

about.

Event Reporters



Starting off with some "Sunshine," CONGRATULATIONS to our graduated 27newly TRAIL DUSTERS! Welcome to our "family," and may you continue to improve your skills and enjoy dancing for many years to come!

Here's wishing a very HAPPY 30th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to Sandy and Bob Sobel (on May 11th.) May you celebrate many more healthy and happy years together!

Additionally, on June 19th, **Lynn & Joel Ovadia** will be celebrating their
43rd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!
May you continue to share many
more wonderful years of marriage!

On May 11th, our soon-to-be-installed Class Coordinator, Gayle Cantrock, met with an unfortunate mishap. While working on her pool, she suddenly found herself under water in the deep end! In spite of wearing a shoe, she badly injured her foot, resulting in multiple broken and misplaced bones. Following 3 weeks sporting a cast, Gayle ultimately had surgery on June 17th and is now recuperating at her daughter's home where she will remain until she is able to get around in her own home. She has minimal pain and says she is doing "okay." She appreciates all the calls and concern from her fellow Trail Dusters. That's what families are for! Gayle, we hope that every day brings improvement so that very soon, you will again be out on the dance floor and enjoying your usual activities!

I'm happy to report that **Steve Levy** is feeling much better as his fractured hip continues to heal. He no longer needs a wheelchair and is doing well with a walker. Also on the bright side, **Steve and Judy** will be celebrating their grandson, Oren Levy's Bar Mitzvah on July 6th at Temple Israel of Hollywood. Best wishes to the entire **Levy** family on this special occasion!

On a sadder note, **Steve**'s sister, Dot Goosenberg Omens, a long-time Trail Duster, passed away May 26th in Oceanside. Steve, to you and your family, our sincere condolences. May all the good times that you shared bring you comfort now.

On May 18th, long-time Trail Duster **Ron Lynn** awoke and announced to his wife Sandy that he was having a heart attack. He promptly swallowed some aspirin while Sandy called the

paramedics, and within 15 minutes, Ron was on his way to West Hills Hospital. Thanks to their quick thinking, Ron received the treatment he needed, namely two stents put in his blocked artery. He remained at the hospital for 6 days where he enjoyed the daily visits from his son and his wife. Ron then spent one day at Kaiser before returning home where he is now resting He is recovering. blessed have "Nurse Sandy" by his side and calls her care, "Flawless!" I asked Ron whether he intends to get back on his motorcycle once he is well. His response: "l'd rather die than be without it!" Ron, we're wishing you a rapid and full recovery so that you will soon be back to doing what you love the most!

To all of you comes a wish for much "Sunshine" every day. But whatever life brings, please be sure to email me at Rusty_k@verizon.net and let me know what is happening. I will call you for the details and, with your

permission, share your news in my column.

Rusty Kaman,



Happy trails to you until we meet again and then see you in September when the summer is through. Actually, we will see you on August 25 at Urban Plates in Woodland Hills before our summer party – see flier

on page. 21.

We have raised so much money for Trail Dusters throughout the year by just gathering with friends to share a nibble or two or three. It has been a great year for our Club and next year it will be wonderful if more members

join us for dinner. If you have any ideas about future restaurants we might all enjoy, send your suggestions to Joel and Lynne Ovadia, our new Ways and Means gurus. Just as an FYI, we raised \$1,682, for the club just by having dinner with friends.

Yours truly,

JaneLief



lief.jane@gmail.com

WHAT THE HECK IS A WORKSHOP???

Over the past few weeks, you have received emails encouraging you to attend the SSD Workshops Buckles & Bows is hosting every Tuesday evening through the months of July and August. Many of you may be wondering what is a workshop? and why should I attend? Here goes, I will try to give you a few of the answers.

At workshops the caller will focus on one or two calls that you have been already taught by Paul, review them in detail, and then will use that call a lot throughout the evening. When that evening is done you will be more comfortable with those calls.

Why attend workshops??

- First will provide you with more "floor time"- this means more practice!
- Second will improve your skill of the new calls you have just learned.
- Third you will become a more confident dancer and you will thoroughly enjoy yourselves at our SSD Dance coming up in October.

But the most important reason – the evening will be fun! So, give it a try, do not be shy, It may be the best decision you made this summer!

See flier page 22.

JULY AND AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Front row: Nikki Rosentsweig, Cookie Stiskin, Ruth Ann Hapner, Jill Sanders, Lisa Lawrence, Amos Tabibian, Joni Simon

Back Row: Steve Kalan, Sherwin Silver

TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



Paula & Jerry Seliga take their Dusty Trails to Sedona





Marilyn & Len Bloom go to St Thomas with their Dusty Trails and, with their daughters Laurie & Michele, swim to different islands to spread the word about square dancing.

MEET THE NEWEST TRAIL DUSTERS



Front Row: Charles Mond, Michael & Meryl Russo, Renee Kibbler, Diane Gordon
2nd row: Eddie & Debbie Borden, Dean Kibbler, Susan Britton, Jerianne & Joe Keaney, Sherry Raber
3rd row: Amos & Fariba Tabibian, Jackie Ershoff, Lisa Lawrence, John Carpenter & Katherine Dorfman, Rene & Peter Maier, Michael Raber
Not shown: David Britton, Merry & Jay Mulein, Marsha Saylor

Your 2024 - 2025 Board



Seated: Gayle Cantrock, Avi Nudell, Jill Sanders, Patti & Marshall Goldberg, Marilyn Bloom, Rusty Kaman, Sandra Sobel Next row: Jeri Sobel, John Dobroth, Alan Shotsky, Farryl & Bill Dickter, Lynn & Joel Ovadia, Jane Lief, Denise Kurtzer, Steve & Nikki Rosentsweig, Joni & Mark Simon, Sherwin Silver, Caren Blumfield, Grace Mitnick, Leonard Bloom, Maureen & Shelly Fried, Victor Wolfe, Paula Brooks, Robert Sobel, Stewart Brooks.

Not Shown: ShirleyBrown, Ilene & Mark Abramson,

Our Famous May Weekend Let's Get Started









The Put together Committee



Kneeling: Farryl Dickter, Jeri Sobel Semi Circle: Sherry Raber, Sandra Sobel, Lorraine Sheldon, Marilyn Bloom, Phyllis Saul, Linda Cole, Jane Lief, Jill Sanders, Caren Blumfield, Maureen Fried

The Day Arrives with a tour of the Drum Factory



























DUSTER



Glen Sobel gives us a demonstration



Then we Go to the Hotel















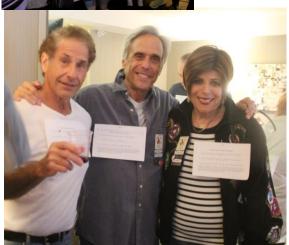
















A Salute to the Veterans



Steve Berman, Jeff Cohen, Victor Wolfe, Dale Kaufman, Michael Kreisberg, Len Bloom, Shelly Fried, Alex Strouzer



Let the Party Begin

Let's call up the Rail Dusters



Michael & Sherry Raber, Katherine Dorfman & John Carpenter Diane Gordon, Lisa Lawrence, Peter & Rene Maier Debbie & Eddie Borden, Charles Mond, Fariba & Amos Tabibian

The Pink Ladies



How may sheets of toilet paper did you take as a Rail Duster?



Thank you to our Talented Caren Blumfield

Jill Sanders, Margie Hausman, Rene Maier, Patti Goldberg, Laura Burstein, Sherry Raber, Paula Nudell

The Entertainment Begins with Tatiana















Sisters - Terry, Joni, & Patti







Now let's see the Decorated Tables



Owl - Hooter High



Gorilla - Evolution High



Alligator - Gator High



Kangaroo - Hop-a-Long- High



Turtle - Shell Shock High



Eagle - Soaring High



Peacock - "NBC" High



Toucan - Fruit Loop High











Frog – Kermit High

LET'S GO SEE THE PLAY















































THE WEEKEND IS ALMOST OVER - BUT NOT BEFORE THE JOKE-OFF































Getting Ready

GRADUATION























Graduation Begins









Graduation Continues

































Thank you Avi & Jill

Now Let's Eat































The Players















DUSTERS

TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$80 COUPLES / \$40 SINGLES
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "TRAIL DUSTERS"

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

DATE		
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME(S)	
Information in the roster is cor	rect – no changes	
PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOW	VING CORRECTION ADDITION DELETION	
Enter Only The Information	n To Be Changed, Added or Deleted (Since Last Publishe	d Roster)
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Cell Phone (hers)		
Cell Phone (his)	0	
Cell Phone (his) E-Mail Address (hers)		
E-Mail Address (hers)		
E-Mail Address (hers) (his)		
E-Mail Address (hers) (his)		

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND DUES TO:

ILENE AND MARK ABRAMSON 4425 ESTRONDO DRIVE ENCINO CA 91436

(make check payable to "Trail Dusters")

Aloha Trail Dusters!

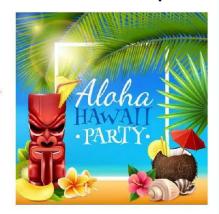
HAWAIIAN SUMMER PARTY MUNCH. MINGLE & SCHMOOZ

Sunday, August 25, 2024 @7:00 pm

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Price of Admission for Summer Party:

Bring munchies to share such as: vegetables & hummus, cheese and crackers, (no chips). fruit platter, cookies, soda or wine. Water and coffee will be available. Food must be plated and ready to serve.

Please bring potential Rail Duster couples as Guests so they experience the fun and friendship and so we can convince the**m** how much fun and friendship square dancing offers!!

> Kindly RSVP by August 20th your intention to join us at Urban Plates AND/OR the summer party via email to

Jane Lief @ lief.jane@gmail.com

www.traildusters.com



Square Dance SSD Workshop

Tuesday Evenings

July 9, - August 27, 2024

Caller: Mike Seastrom & Friends

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Donation: \$7.00 per person Credit cards accepted

Goebel Adult Center

1385 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks 91362

The evening is for recent graduates and to strengthen the skills of dancers. Review of SSD calls with lots of dancing.

Visit Us @

Web Page: http://www.bucklesandbows.org/

Facebook: Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club Thousand Oaks CA

August 2024 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 see pages 3 & 21 Summer Party	26	27	28	29	30	31

