

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

We're nearing the end of yet another wonderful year of dancing, friendship, good times. and, thanks to Jill and Avi and their team, celebrating holidays with fun filled Wednesdays and lots of munchies.

In July, the new board takes over and you've elected a wonderful group of hard working and dedicated members of Trail Dusters to lead our club into another wonderful year.

As is said, spring is the season for new beginnings as we watch plants grow again, new seedlings sprout, and hibernating animals awake. We entered Spring in March and it won't end until May, so we can still put "spring" in our step as we get ready for new beginnings with a new board and a new graduating class.

We won't be dancing around a Maypole on Wednesday nights, but I remember the May Day celebrations and the Maypole from elementary school. The pole symbolizes sacred trees, the world axis (which starts leaning more to the sun) and growth and regeneration. I had to look that up because I don't remember this from school.

If we lived in Australia, this wouldn't be spring, it would be autumn. I

read that there have been some reports that say children grow faster in the spring compared to other seasons. But, if that's true, who knew? If you've noticed that a new mowed lawn and flowers smell stronger in the spring, you're right. It's true because there is more moisture in the air.

Please mark your calendars for our SPRING FLING on May 21 so we can show what we've learned this past year (see flier on page 10). Also mark your calendars for June 14 for a special graduation (see flier on page 11).

Happy Trails everyone.

Jane Lief

President



NEXT BOARD MEETING

MAY 9, 2023

7:00 PM



ZOOM MEETING

**TRAIL DUSTERS
SNACK-A-MANIA
LUAU
AND
SNACK-A-THON
coming
MAY 17, 2023**

See flier on page 9

Yes, it's coming up soon!
WIKI-WIKI !

"OH MY, SO WHAT SHOULD WE WEAR?"

Check out the following guide:

•Wear a grass skirt. No, it does not have to be real grass.

•Wear your favorite Hawaiian Speedos and ride the wave in on your favorite surfboard!

•Wear a Hawaiian shirt or dress. Now THAT'S an original idea.

•Or, you might even choose to throw some real or fake plastic flower leis around your neck

•THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION FOR "THOSE IN THE KNOW"... Just Google the word "luau" if you're still clueless. And if you're still in doubt, just watch some reruns of Hawaii Five-O for some real authentic ideas. And, while you're watching, eat some Poi. That should get you all in the mood.

•Be bold, be creative, and be unusual (the best thing to do). For heaven's sake...just remember to wear something...ANYTHING...that is even remotely LUAU/HAWAIIAN related.

AND, as usual, we will have a very special evening treat, in addition to the SNACK-A-MANIA edible treats!

Just be ready and equipped to dance the Hula or the HUKILAU led by your very own hula dance instructors, Snack Queen and Snack King!

Just when you thought things couldn't get any better, they just did!

ALOHA!!

Hugs, kisses & snacks,



Jill Sanders Avidorable Nudell



May Birthdays

Jeri Sobel	3
Bob Zoren	5
Ron Lynn	8
Denise Kurtzer	11
Rick Kessler	12
Jane Lief	12
Sandy Cohen	15
Terry Karsh	15
Otis Rogers	16
Gayle Cantrock	17
Nancy Wallach	17
Stan Zwicker	17
Sandra Sabatino	18
Leonard Bloom	20
Wendy Goldzband	23
Joyce Smith	23
Lana Collier	24
Kay Mann	24
Jerry Seliga	24
Marlena Zeavy	30

And a belated Happy Birthday to Jennifer Mantell whose birthday was on April 1.

May Anniversaries

Diane Jubelier - Light Les Light	15
Ellen & Mike Sternfeld	28
Mindy & Joe Dill	29

**Ilene & Mark
Abramson**



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Chairs

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Celebrating the 60s at Bay Laurel

It was a triumphant return to the 1960s on April's third Wednesday themed night at our Square Dance class. Angels and Rail Dusters alike came out in full force dramatically decked out in an ocean of tie dye shirts, peace sign insignias, wacky wigs, and absolute 1960 closet essentials that even included Paul's fringed leather vest.



Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell and their helpers did a spectacular job creating an authentic display of popular foods of the 60's with fun decorations that took us back to a memorable time in our past.

With so much participation, a highly anticipated contest yielded three sets of lucky winners:

Joni & Mark Simon took home the prize for "The Grooviest." Phyllis & Simcha Saul won for "Most Far Out", Jennifer Mantell & Bob Zoren were thrilled to win for "Best Tie Dye"

while Terry Karsh won for "Best Wear Your Cool Costume A Week Early."

Once again, our square dance club and class put their all into having a great time. We are one fine group.

Maureen & Shelly Fried



Coordinators Corner

Over the horizon, but just barely, are some great happenings. Our Rail Dusters are having fun in class and are getting comfortable with the SSD level calls. They can almost see May 21 when Trail Dusters will have its first dance since Covid-19. Speaking of May 21, your coordinators are hoping that all of our angels who come to Wednesday classes will come to the dance to support our almost-to-be Trail Dusters. And, to show our neighboring square dance clubs that Trail Dusters is alive and kicking, er, square dancing. See flier on page 10.

Our Rail Dusters will be celebrating Bill's (me your coordinator) birthday on June 12 and better yet, they will be graduating on Wednesday, June 14th. You do remember your graduation when you became Trail Dusters, don't you? We, along with the Board, are planning yet another super graduation evening and we want you to come and enjoy this event with the Rail/Trail Dusters.

So save the date and plan on attending this gala graduation on June 14 – see flier on page 11.

By the way, the Rail Dusters are working hard on their play and given what we know about them, it should be lots of fun.

Your Coordinators,



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BradzDad@gmail.com
310-926-8034(24/7 maybe)



Lynn & Joel Ovadia
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818-648-1415

Sunshine & Showers

As the showers from above subside bringing sunnier weather, so do the showers in our Trail Duster family appear to be decreasing this past month. There is one note of sadness to report, however, and that is the April 21st passing of **Sandy Cohen's** Mother, Rose. She lived to celebrate her 98th birthday just last week. Services were held on April 26th at Mt Sinai in the Hollywood Hills. **Sandy**, to you and your family, we extend our sincere condolences on your loss and hope that the love and caring of family and friends, together with the memories you shared, will bring you comfort – now and in the future.

Now for some HAPPY NEWS! One of **Rita (and Arnie) Karp's** twin granddaughters, Sarah Ann Karp, was married to Ian James Nelson on March 25th. Guests enjoyed an outdoor reception on a beautiful evening after which the newlyweds enjoyed a brief ski trip to Oregon. Now back at their current home in Simi Valley, Sarah is a nurse at Children's Hospital, and Ian delivers pharmaceuticals to hospitals up and

down the coast. Congratulations, **Rita**, on the joy of seeing your grandchild married, and to the bride and groom, may you enjoy a long and happy life together.

The month of April brought a brand new grandson to **Nikki and Steve Rosentsweig**! They were already grandparents to an 8-year-old grandson. They are now enjoying the arrival of Myles Stanley Rosentsweig who entered the world on April 6th weighing 7 lbs., 5 ounces. **Steve** tells us that Myles' big brother is taking an active roll in caring for his baby brother. **Steve and Nikki** couldn't be more delighted at having two grandchildren, and we are delighted for you! May these children always bring you joy and happiness. CONGRATULATIONS!

As so many of us are blessed to know, happiness is being a grandparent! **Judy Comroe** is a proud grandma – and with good reason! On May 15th, her granddaughter, Veronica Whitman, will receive her M.S. from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. And on June 14th, **Judy's** grandson, Victor Whitman, will receive his M.B.A. from UCLA Anderson School of Management. **Judy** will be attending both graduations. She will be accompanying her son Mark and daughter-in-law to NYC to spend a week celebrating with Veronica. The following month, they will be in Los Angeles for Victor's graduation together with Veronica and **Judy's** other grandson, Russell. Both new graduates are presently interviewing and talking to recruiters. Warm congratulations to you, **Judy**, and to all your family on these wonderful accomplishments!

Adriane and Mike Kreisberg have shared some exciting news. Their

25-year-old Israeli grandson, Aviv Blum, is studying at The New School in New York on an 83% scholarship where he plays the saxophone in the music school there. He auditioned for a Jazz Festival in Finland and was chosen to participate in the Summer Festival in June with all expenses being paid for 7 days! Congratulations, Aviv. May you enjoy a rewarding and unforgettable experience!

What a pleasure it has been to share so much SUNSHINE this month! Thanks to all of you who have come forward and contacted me with your news. Hopefully, we can continue on the sunny side of the street as we go forward!

Please email me at Rusty_k@verizon.net if you have news to share and I will contact you for details .

special

Warm regards

Rusty Kaman,
Sunshine &
Showers Chair



Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters & Rail Dusters,

Time is really flying by and we're getting very close to the end of this calendar year of square dancing. We'll have five Wednesdays of dancing in May, one in June and then **GRADUATION on June 14th.**

As always we want to thank those of you who come out to have our group

dinners at 5:30 each week before class. The food is always good with lots of choices. All the participants are warm and friendly and it's a great way to start our Wednesday dance class. Plus, we're raising funds for our square dance club, which is a very good thing.

Here is the list of restaurants we'll be eating at in May.

May	3	Sharkey's
May	10	The Stand
May	17	Hook Burger
May	24	California Pita
May	31	Sharkey's



See you soon.

Flo & Bill
Tapp

Denise
Kurtzer &
Richard
Rose



HOLD THE DATE

See Flier Page 10

An update on our upcoming **SSD Dance** for Rail Dusters and Trail Dusters. Other clubs will be invited to join us.

When: Sunday, May 21, 2023
Time: 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Where: Wilkinson Center
8956 Vanalden Avenue
Northridge CA 91324
Caller: Mike Seastrom
Donation: \$10.00 per person

We will need volunteers so we can have a smooth running dance. if you can help, be sure to sign the

volunteer list that will be at class each Wednesday before the dance...or email Farryl Dickter at farryl.ateam@gmail.com and let her know you want to help.

Everyone is welcome. Even if you haven't danced in many years, we will need your help. And you can always do the line dancing with us.

If you are planning to attend the May 21 dance (we sure hope you are) please wear a white top and a black skirt or pants with the Trail Dusters colored tie.



If you do not have one of these ties and would like to purchase one, email jerisobel@earthlink.net. The cost is \$5.00.

And do join us for diinner at Sharkey's in Northridge after the dance.

On The Lighter Side

**A man is suing
Smart Water for not
making him smart,
and I'd like to
formally announce
my lawsuit against
Thin Mints.**

Traveling with the Trail Dusters to Japan and The White House



Patti & Marshall Goldberg take Dusty Trails to Kyoto, Japan



Jacqueline & Royce Walker take Dusty Trails to the White House

March and April Birthdays



Front Row: Dale Kaufman, Jennifer Mantell, Randee Samsky, Grace Mitnick, Francie Bordofsky
Back row: Alan Shotsky, Steve Besem, Shelly Fried, Richard Lewis, Jon Feldman

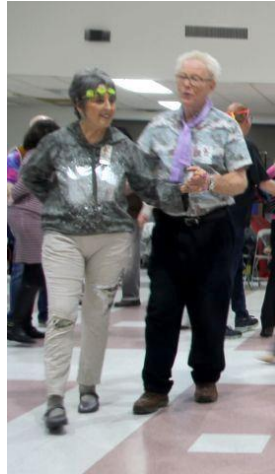
Celebrating the 60's at Bay Laurel



Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell decorate for the 60's celebration



The 60's (cont'd)



Costume Winners Are:



Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell chose the following winners
 Joni & Mark Simon – “The Grooviest”, Phyllis & Simcha Saul – “Most Far Out”
 Jennifer Mantell & Bob Zoren – “Best Tie Dye”, Terry Karsh – “Best Wear Your Costume A Week Early”

Wearing the Most Tie Dye



Front row: Bill & Flo Tapp, Paula Nudell, Jennifer Mantell & Bob Zoren, Alan Shotsky,
 Ron Mitnick, Jaci Feldman 2nd row: Joni & Mark Simon, Simcha Saul,
 Bob Sanders, Oz Burstein, Renny Traub 3rd row: Bill Dickter, Art Hirsh
 Avi Nudell, Adriane & Mike Kreisberg.

Wearing the Most Fringes



Front row: Irwin Tuckman, Jill Sanders, Laura Burstein, Grace Mitnick
 Sandra Sabatino Back row: Phyllis Saul, Jeri Sobel,
 Paul Waters, Maureen Fried, Avi Nudell, Farryl Dickter



LUAU & SNACK-A-THON

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TRAIL DUSTERS

Sunday - May 21, 2023

Spring Fling



Celebrate the arrival of Spring – after a long winter of rain – and join us for an afternoon of dance. FUN, food, & friendship.

MIKE SEASTROM

SSD WITH 2 PLUS TIPS AND LINE DANCING

2:00 – 4:30 PM – \$10.00 PER PERSON
Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge

★★PLEASE WEAR CLUB DRESS CODE – WHITE TOP AND BLACK PANTS/SKIRTS WITH THE CLUB TIE!★★

***** DINNER AFTER THE DANCE *****

Please plan to join us for dinner AFTER the dance at



Sharky's

18426 Nordhoff St, Northridge, CA 91325
PLEASE RSVP TO FLO TAPP @ (818) 422 6784
you are planning on joining us for dinner.

For More Information Contact: Farryl Dickter @ farryl.ateam@gmail.com



CALLING ALL TRAIL DUSTERS & RAIL DUSTERS

Save The Date!

Class Graduation & Silent Auction June 14, 2023



Our coordinators Bill Dickter, Lynn & Joel Ovadia and the Board of Directors are busy planning an evening on June 14, 2023 to celebrate the success of our class members and to welcome them into our Club. Many of you have met them and acted as angels since September, 2022 – and others of you have met them by reading their bios in the Dusty Trails over the past 3 months, either way, plan to join us.

*There will also be a Silent Auction with the money collected going to the Ronald McDonald Charities. There will be a wide variety of items offered - certificates from restaurants, sports, museums, as well as health and beauty services. **Bring your checkbooks and be ready to bid on some incredible offers and support this cause.** If you choose to not participate in the Silent Auction, you can make a direct donation which will be forwarded to RMHC and they will issue a tax receipt.*




***Doors will open at 6:30 to view and bid
Graduation will start at 7:00 promptly***

*If you want to join the committee and help to make this fundraiser a success,
please contact Denise Kurtzer by cell 310-717-1981*

Further details will be forthcoming – dinner meet-up, desserts, and more - in the next month – but we want to give you lots of notice so you can put the event on your calendars!

May 2023 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	4	5 	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	10 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day 	15	16	17 Hook Burger 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day 
21 SSD Dance See pages 4 & 10 	22	23	24 Calif Pita 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	25	26	27
28	29 	30	31 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	27	28	29

