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ASqD Who? What? and What's it gonna cost me?

ASqD is an abbreviation for the Associated Square Dancers and Trail Dusters is a member of this organization. Why should you care about ASqD? The bottom line is that the Association provides guidance and recommendations to the sixteen square dance clubs that comprise ASqD. In addition, ASqD provides a forum for square dance clubs to raise questions, introduce new ideas and recommendations that many clubs may want considered. Trail Dusters have an ASqD delegate and it's me, Bill Dickter. I was motivated to become the delegate when I found out that there were some ASqD initiatives and other important stuff that we are missing out on.

ASqD holds General meetings on a quarterly basis and are open to delegates from all ASqD member clubs. There are sixteen member clubs that comprise ASqD and they geographically range from Thousand Oaks to Orange County. General meetings were held at the Hawthorne Memorial Center until Covid-19 hit. Meetings are now held via Zoom and this makes it easier for member clubs to participate.

There are many instances where ASqD efforts provide support for the Trail Dusters and the other clubs. Most notable is ASqD's taking the lead to introduce SSD, Social Square Dancing, to member clubs and oversee and support its implementation. Another example is where ASqD has taken responsibility for providing insurance for square dance clubs. This includes facilities and club members too. Recent ASqD efforts have identified a new insurance company with a lower cost plus a terrific insurance broker to work with (that would be Paul Waters). Notably ASqD warned member clubs to stop using raffles to raise funds when it found out that club raffles are illegal in California. Old time Trail Dusters remember our weekly 50-50 raffle which we had to give up.

At the club level, Trail Dusters is one of nine clubs that comprise ASqD's Valley District. Each club has a delegate who attends the monthly District meetings (and that includes me). District meetings provide an opportunity to bring clubs together and share ideas about how various challenges and issues are being dealt with. I find these meetings bring up stuff that I find useful and bring them back to our board to consider. In addition, I submit a paragraph or two at each meeting and inform other delegates as to what's going on with Trail Dusters. I also interact with other delegates

when they discuss what is happening with their clubs. A recent topic of conversation that is germane to Trail Dusters is what type of class or workshop they are considering for their newest members who have completed the fifteen week course learning the SSD calls. This is an issue that our board is addressing.

Thanks for reading all this stuff. We'll turn the lights out now.

Bill Dickter
A Square D Delegate



From Your Membership Chairs

We are concluding a successful membership renewal campaign and wish to thank all of you who are supporting our club by staying members. We particularly want to give a big "Thank You" to last June's graduating class, all of whom joined us. We also want to thank those of you who responded warmly to Ilene's reminder phone calls.

As of October 22, we have received dues from 145 of you, and another 5 checks are "in the mail." This total of 151 exceeds the 142 members we had at this time last year.

Look in your email for a new roster coming soon to all members.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Ilene and Mark Abramson
Membership & Statistics



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Coordinators Corner

We are thrilled the word was out about how much fun our square dancing club can be. As I write this, I am looking at a new Rail Duster class of 27 dancers with a possible few more if they can catch up when they return. The room is full with a minimum of 10 squares and we so appreciate all of our Trail Dusters who are coming out to help. Please bear with us if we need you to sit out one time to get a Rail Duster into a square. We have assigned mentors for some of our Rail Dusters to help them get acquainted with more people and bring them into more

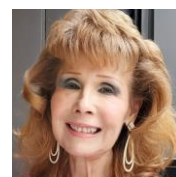
squares. Please continue to introduce yourselves to our Rail Dusters and have patience for some of our Trail Dusters who have returned after a long absence.

We have some amazing people joining us this year and the more we get to know them the more impressive they become. Also, please try not to leave before 8:30pm when the Rail Dusters are done dancing because it is very difficult to find an available couple to take your place in the square.

Our weekly restaurant flyers and monthly issues of the Dusty Trails are now being sent out to the Class. In addition, see pages 13 & 14 for the new Rail Duster Roster to help you identify our class members and welcome them into our club. We will start including their short bios in our December issue of the newsletter.

This incredible class of square dancers is only possible because so many of you, our Trail Dusters, show up every week to help them learn to dance. Thaaaank You!.

Caren & Sherwin



Jeri Sobel

Class Coordinators

NEXT BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBE 14,
2023

7:00 PM



November Birthdays



Steve Rosentsweig	1
Alex Strouzer	1
Alan Shotsky	2
Steve Berman	3
Rita Karp	6
Phyllis Saul	6
Farryl Dickter	22
Paul Waters	22
Marilyn Bloom	23
Jacquelyn Walker	24
Arlene Zoren	24

November Anniversaries

Francine & Steve Bordofsky 16

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

Halloween Comes to Bay Laurel

Another Fun Filled Night

There was no shortage of ghosts and goblins at our Wednesday night Halloween themed Rail Dusters' class. The enthusiasm of Trail Dusters was amazing.

Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell's excellent team brought together a beautifully decorated table full of unique and delicious homemade delectables from ghost lollipops, cookies, and of course a selection of bountiful breads made by our caller, Paul Waters.

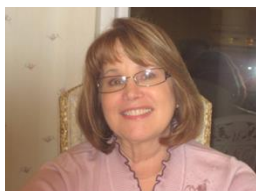
The evening began with a matchless rendition of YMCA led by Paul Waters and his back-up dancers who were Bob Sanders, Jill Sanders, Jeri Sobel, Avi Nudell & Paula Nudell.

There were so many participants in the evening's Costume Contest. Difficult decisions were made and the following rose to the winning circle: Earl Matter, the Scariest, Farryl Dickter, the Funniest, Caren and Sherwin were the Best Duo, Fariba and Amos Tabibian, the Most Creative, and of course, the Sexiest, and Best Bread maker was Paul Waters.

See pictures on pages 7-9.

Thanks to all who helped make this theme night a total and scary success.

Your reporter
Maureen Fried



THE 2ND ANNUAL TRAIL DUSTERS THANKSGIVING

SNACK-A-THON

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
COLLEGE TEAM
SHIRT & COLORS
or just
WEAR FALL COLORS**

Yeppers...once again, it's THANKSGIVING and that time of year for the annual, UCLA vs. USC rivalry. Be absolutely certain to join us! See flier on page 10.

This is your prime time opportunity to support and stand together, united behind the team of your choice.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you for this fun and exciting evening. Remember, winning isn't everything, but it sure is nice.

So, do wear your favorite college team shirt or just wear fall colors.



Snack Queen Jill



Snack King Avilicious



November 12th Dance

You won't want to miss our first club dance of the season on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 2:00-4:30 pm** at Wilkinson Senior Center in Northridge! Unlike most dances, this one will be extra special since we will not have *one*, not *two*, but *THREE* callers--Mike Seastrom, our own Paul Waters, and Janienne Alexander-- so it should be high energy and a real treat!

This dance will be mostly at the SSD level, with 2 plus tips, and some line dancing. So, anyone who graduated is invited to join the fun. Of course, like all Trail Duster events, there will be yummy holiday goodies to binge on.

So, call some friends, make a date, and don't be square, just be there IN a square.

Then join us for dinner at Sharkey's after the dance to continue the camaraderie – see flier page 11.

Farryl Dickter

Caller Coordinator



Sunshine & Showers

We begin this month's report with sincere condolences to recent Trail Duster graduate, **Oz Burstein**, on the October 10th passing of **Oz's** 97-year-old Father, Elias Burstein. Residing in Camarillo with **Oz's** 88-year-old Mom, the senior Burstein retired at age 65 after having a food catering business with his wife. Together they had a route



of different factories where they made the rounds feeding the employees. **Oz** says his Mom was a wonderful cook and loved making everyone fat! **Oz**, we hope that your memories of your dad and his long life will remain with you and be a source of comfort to you and your family.

Heartfelt condolences are extended to **Victor Wolfe** whose 101-year-old Mother, Helen Wolfe, passed away on October 1st. Born in Chicago in 1922, she and **Victor's** Dad were "a team," as **Victor** describes them, running a trucking company where his mother worked for 45 years. **Victor** called her a "lovely lady" who would cook for 40 to 50 people during the Holidays. Helen retired at age 96 after suffering a fall in her condo. She ultimately died of dementia, leaving behind four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Victor, may you and your family find comfort in your dear Mom's long life and the many memories you have of such a special lady. May you enjoy brighter days ahead.

News has come to me of the recent passing of Trail Duster **Rosalie Rifkin** who graduated with the Class of 2012. Sadly, I have been unable to reach anyone at her number for further information. If you have something you'd like to share, please let me know in an email. Thank you.



Finally, it's time for the sun to shine with a true love story! **Shirley and Collin Brown** have exciting news to share, and because **Shirley** expressed that news so beautifully herself, I'm going to pass her writing on to you here.

"On a typical Fall Day in Canada, our only daughter, Meaghan, married Chris, a love from her younger days, and rekindled as a mature love after reconnecting with each other on Facebook 2 years ago. Chris was our neighbor 35 years ago when Meaghan was 14 and they swore love – only to drift apart as happens with young teenagers. Today, Meaghan is a Senior Associate with RBC Dominion Securities Investment Firm. Chris is Director of Community Services, Wilmont District. They are making their home In Kitchener, Ontario, a 4-hour drive from **Shirley and Collin**. **Shirley and Collin** are over the moon to see the love and respect they have for one another, and now they rest easy knowing that Chris will care for her."

Warm CONGRATULATIONS to the bride and groom and to the new IN-LAWS! May the newlyweds enjoy a lifetime of happiness together.

Wishing all of you lots of SUNSHINE in the days ahead. I am looking forward to hearing from you by email with any and all your news, Sunshine or Showers.

Warm regards,
Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine & Showers Chair

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NEW YEAR' EVE

Trail Dusters' Hideaway

We know a dark and secluded place, where **everyone** will know your face.

Of course, you know this special place - it's the **Trail Dusters' Hideaway!**

Plan on attending our 2023 **New Year's Eve Extravaganza at the Hilton Hotel**. Have a glass or two of wine, a fast embrace and come to our **Trail Dusters' Hideaway** where we will once again dance 2023 away and welcome another new year in style and grace.

Our committee will not disappoint as they once again transform the Hilton Woodland Hills dining room into a colorful Latin setting replete with a tender touch of Tango.



There will be delicious hors d'oeuvres, one bar drink per person on the house, a delectable dinner, wine on all the tables, a midnight champagne toast, and a night of dancing, entertainment and revelry. A night surely not to be missed.

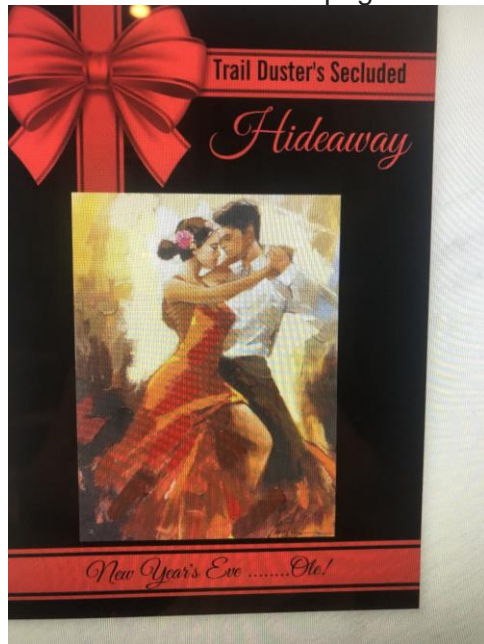
Invitations will be given out at Wednesday's class on Nov. 1st. For the ones we cannot hand out, we will mail. If you want to attend this gala event and have not received an invitation by the second week in November email Marilyn Bloom - marlenbloom2@gmail.com.

Since we sell out quickly, you don't want to miss out on this fun evening. So, you will need to **RSVP soon** to secure your place as we expect a full crowd of Trail Dusters, Rail

Dusters, and friends. Also, please be aware (due to our contract) there will be no refunds after December 5.

Join us for another wonderful annual Trail Duster event. And no one will care how late it gets!

See rest of invitation on-page 12



Your New Year's Eve Committee
Caren Blumfield, Maureen Fried,
Jill Sanders, Marilyn Bloom
Jeri Sobel

Ways & Means

Well, it's almost time to say good-bye to Daylight Saving time and time to say hello to the holiday season. With all of the activities ahead we want to be sure we're staying nourished with good healthy foods. That's the reason why all of the

restaurants we choose to dine in always have the option of salads. We've been having lots of people dining together and also have a few Rail Dusters joining us.

We meet at 5:30 each Wednesday before class. A reminder will be sent to your email with more information!!! We look forward to seeing all of you.

The following is the schedule of restaurants for the month of November:

November 1	Sharkys
November 8	The Habit
November 15	All American BBQ
November 29	The Stand

Flo & Bill Tapp 818-422-6784

Jane Lief



818-881-8300



Nov. 12
Club Dance – SSD/Plus
Nov 15
Thanksgiving Snack-A-thon
Nov. 22
Thanksgiving - No Class
Dec. 13
Holiday Party Snack-A-thon
Dec. 20
Holiday Break — No Class
Dec. 27
Holiday Break — No Class
Dec 31
New Year's Eve Gala
Jan 3
Holiday Break — No Class
Jan 10
Classes Return

SPRING WEEKEND HOTEL

We are looking for a hotel for the spring weekend. We need 2 nights for 30+ rooms, a hospitality room for 2 days and nights. We also need 2 breakfasts, 2 banquet dinners. The drive should not be more than 2 hours. Palm Springs is OK.

Any suggestions would be appreciated. Please contact Caren Blumfield -818-216-2990 caren1224@hotmail.com

On The Lighter Side



**OLD AGE COMES AT A
BAD TIME!
WHEN YOU FINALLY
KNOW EVERYTHING,
YOU START TO FORGET
EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.**



SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Front row: Adriane Kreisberg, Geraldine Rothenberg, Steve Bordofsky
Row 2: Jeffrey Hausman, Debbie Borden, Earl Metter, Beverly Rutkin, Bill Tapp, Merry Mulein
Row 3: Bob Sanders, Alan Shotsky, Avi Nudell, John Carpenter, Kathy Dorfman, Fred Warner, Robert Jaffe

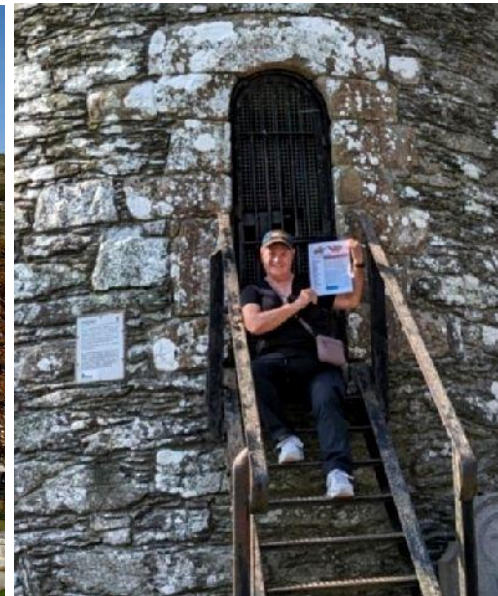
SHIRLEY & COLLIN BROWN INTRODUCE THE DUSTY TRAILS



To the Synagogue in Budapest



While in Krems an der Donau, Austria



and when visiting Dundrum Castle in Ireland

Halloween Comes to Bay Laurel



Thank you Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell, for organizing all the refreshments



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Look At All These Costumes





COSTUME WINNERS



Paul Waters (Sexiest & Best Bread Baker), Farryl Dickter (Funniest), Sherwin Silver & Caren Blumfield (Best Duo)
Earl Metter (Scariest), Fariba & Amos Tabibian (Most Creative)



**THE 2ND
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Snack Queen Jill &
Snack King
Avilicious





TRAIL DUSTERS

Sunday - November 12, 2023

Grab your pumpkin spice latte and a cozy sweater because fall has arrived. While it's time to say farewell to relaxing beach days and hot weather, autumn brings adventure and excitement all its own. Join us as we celebrate Fall and all it brings!

**3 CALLERS – MIKE SEASTROM
PAUL WATERS, & JANIENNE ALEXANDER**

**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 & BLACK PANTS/SKIRTS WITH 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 if you are planning on joining us for dinner.

For More Information Contact: Farryl Dickter @
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NEW YEAR'S EVE INVITATION



A Class of Wine, A Fast Embrace...

NAME (S) _____ will attend

Couple \$250 Single \$125

_____ amount 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. We will make every effort to accommodate.

Choice of Entree

_____ Herb Chicken _____ Braised Shortribs _____ Grilled Salmon

Valet Parking or Self Parking \$10

RSVP by December 12, 2023

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10/29/2023

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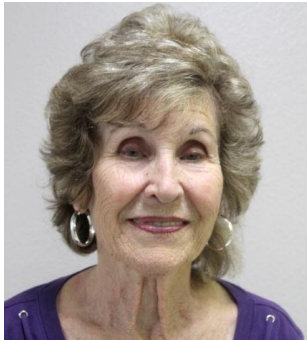


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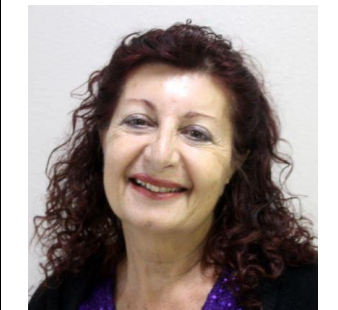
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November 2023 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4
5 Set clocks back 	6	7	8 The Habit 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11
12 SSD Dance. Caller – Mike Seasrom, Paul Waters, Janienne Alexander 2:00 pm -4:30 pm See pages 3 & 10.	13	14 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	15 All American BBQ 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 NO CLASS	23 Thanksgiving 	24	25
26	27	28	29 The Stand California Pita 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	30		

