

# The Dusty Trails

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## From the Presidents' Desk

Charles Dickens wrote the beginning of our President's letter for us: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." Dickens said it much better than we could.

Through illnesses and losses, the Trail Dusters have been there to support one another. The Trail Dusters have also been there to share our happy events. We are a family.

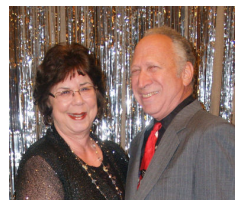
We thank everyone who has contributed to, and participated in, Trail Duster activities throughout this pandemic. Your friendship and caring helped all of us through a difficult year. As we start the New Year, we hope that 2021 brings only Joy, Happiness, Good Health, and Friendship.

Hopefully with the vaccine on the way we will celebrate next

New Year's Eve in our traditional way.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

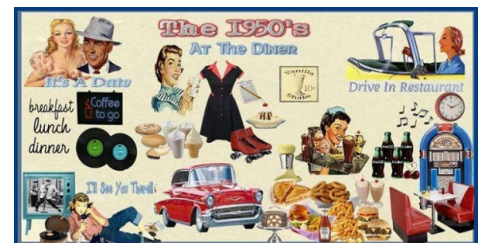
Nikki and Steve Rosentsweig Presidents



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## BACK TO THE '50'S

Our next virtual dance is on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> with our favorite caller, Paul Waters, calling the square dance and Caren Blumfield continuing to teach us line dancing. As usual Paul will start sharply at 7:00 pm but the Zoom will open at 6:30 for people to join and visit before dancing.



We are bringing back poodle skirts, white T-shirts, greased back hair and pony tails. Did you know that

the 1950's saw the birth of the teenager and with it rock n roll and youth fashion. Previously teenagers dressed similar to their parents but then a rebellious and different youth style developed. This was particularly noticeable in the overtly sexual nature of their dress. Men wore tight trousers, leather jackets and there was an emphasis on slicked, greasy hair and girls wearing peddle pushers, and shorter poodle skirts.

So dress the '50's and join us for fun and friendship!

See you there.

**Fom Your roving reporter from Canada,**

**Shirley Brown**



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### HOLIDAY HAPPINESS OUR PREVIOUS DANCE

December is usually such an exciting month because of all our special holidays, wonderful food, magical lights, and family gatherings. In true Trail Duster fashion, we are staying in touch and continuing our fond memories of our dancing through our monthly zooms and breakout rooms – see pictures page 5.

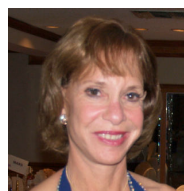
No moping around for us! So once again we met, we visited and we danced. Paul set off our theme with his holiday screen background



and many of us wore holiday accessories, including hats, jewelry and appropriate colored clothing. Then he led us through our squares which were actually pairs.

Caren taught us two new line dances, the Jerusalema and the Hand Jive. (Watch the dances on youtube if you missed them and/or if you just want to review them). Most of your other favorite line/group dances will be performed again at our fabulous New Year's Eve bash. Don't miss this exciting event. If you don't want to dance you can still listen to fabulous music, hear jokes and visit through breakout rooms. Trail Dusters are moving ahead as best we can to cope with Covid.

**Caren Blumfield**  
Dance Reporter



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### Jan. Birthdays

Kathy Cirillo	1
Sandy Kaufman	2
Mike Sternfeld	3
Arthur Grossman	6
Maxine Tuckman	8
Sandy Tilsen Okada	9
Helene Harris	9
Norm Kaman	9
Hal Rothberg	9
Bren Levy	10
Linda Peck	10
Judy Comroe	11
Marilyn Katlein	12
Robert Cirillo	13
Linda Cole	16
Lois Michaelson	18
Larry Rofe	20
Jack Levy	21
Lorraine Levin	25
Rusty Kaman	30
Maureen Fried	31
Jill Pivnik	31

### Jan. Anniversaries



Marilyn & Stan Zwicker	18
Dorothy & Leon Stabinsky	19
Flo & Bill Tapp	23
Evie & Iran Ausley	27

### From Your Membership and Statistics Chairs

We are planning to distribute a new roster this month.

If anybody has any roster changes since the January 2020 roster, and have not previously sent them, please send them to us at:

[Markabe@aol.com](mailto:Markabe@aol.com)

This includes new e-mails, phone numbers, addresses, or names.

Thank you, and hope to see you all in a square soon.

**Ilene & Mark**

**Membership Chairs**



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### NEXT BOARD MEETING

**JANUARY 12  
2021**

**ZOOM MEETING**

**7:30 P.M.**



## Sunshine & Showers

As I write the date for the coming year for the first time, it is my fervent prayer that we're all going to experience a healthier and much better year ahead. That is my wish for all of you.

At this time, prayers for a return to good health go out to **Winnie Davis** who has been battling the Covid 19 Virus at home. Thankfully, **Winnie** has had a more mild case than most, but the illness still takes its toll. **Winnie**, may it not be long until you are feeling your energetic self again so that you can return to at least some of your many activities that you enjoy. Please take care!

Also on the recovery list, but for a different reason, is "Yours Truly." On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, I underwent a (long overdue) total hip replacement and am so grateful to finally be on the mend. My physical therapist told me she never thought she would see me standing up this straight! I'm very excited about this and look forward to shedding my walker in the next few weeks and being able to stand up on my own!

Heartfelt condolences go out to **Dale** and **Sandy Kaufman** on the passing of **Dale's** younger brother Sander. At age 64, Sander, who resided in the desert, succumbed to pancreatic cancer. **Dale**, may all the memories you made with your brother through the years remain with you always and be a source of comfort ~ now and in the future.

To each of you in our Trail Duster "Family," may you stay well and safe as we face yet another ominous period before the worst is said to be over. Then, may the future bring an abundance of

blessings to you and your loved ones; blessings I hope you will share with the rest of us! Let 2021 be filled with all that you hold dear. Remember . . . I'm just an e-mail away when you have news to share!

Fondly,  
Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine &  
Showers Chair

[Rusty\\_k@verizon.net](mailto:Rusty_k@verizon.net)



## Know Your Board Member



**Collin and  
Shirley Brown**  
(as written by  
Shirley)

Collin and I are Canadian citizens who were transferred to California in 1997

where Collin worked at Universal Studios in the Motion Picture division. We lived in Studio City and slowly started to build a circle of friends. One of those friends hosted a couple of parties a year where we met Anita & Gary Higer. At every July 4<sup>th</sup> party for 3 years, he gently encouraged us (better described as hounding!) to join square dancing. With the commitments we both had at our jobs we just felt the drive out to Calabasas was not possible on a work night. Finally, Collin retired and in September 2008 we started as Rail Dusters and graduated in June of 2009. "Doing fine in 2009" was our graduation motto and we have not looked back.

Our first year as angels, and every year since, we have served on the Board as Class Coordinators, Vice-

Presidents, Presidents, Past Presidents, Publicity and Website Master. I was one of the organizers for the New Year's Eve Gala for 4 years. Even though I live in Canada I am still remaining on the board as Publicity and Webmaster.

We have learned square dancing up to C-1 level and have danced across the USA, usually going to the National Square Dance conventions or special square dance weekends. We have made many friends through square dancing, not only at the Trail Dusters, but from around the world. Also our family doctor is pretty amazed as how active and healthy we are – mostly due to our dancing! During the restrictions of COVID 19 we have continued to dance – twice a week we virtual dance for 2 couples at the C-1 level for 1.5 hours each session and 1 session of 1 hour at the Plus level. It is not the same BUT it is keeping the calls in our memory banks and we feel that we will be ready when dancing returns.

In August 2013 Shirley retired and in March 2014 we moved back to Canada and settled in Kingston, Ontario, a town of 125,000 located on the north shore of Lake Ontario across from New York State and almost directly north of Syracuse. Our son and 2 oldest grandsons, as well as Shirley's 5 siblings, all live here. Our other son and fiancé live in Toronto, two hours away. Our daughter, grandson, and granddaughter live in Kitchener, one hour the other side of Toronto.

But because the winters here are cold, snowy and icy we have returned to Studio City every winter for 4 to 6 weeks to visit dear friends and also Mesa Arizona for a month or two of square dancing, hiking, and swimming. We are both sorry that COVID 19 will prevent us



from doing so this winter but we will travel back as soon as we can.

Take care and please stay healthy.

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See flier page on page 6 to see what the Trail Dusters are planning for New Year's Eve. Hurry and make your reservation before we run out of zoom space.

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### PARAPROSDOKIANS

(Figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous).

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. Knowledge, is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
3. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of an emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor."
4. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
5. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find someone older than me
6. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

### HELPFUL HINTS



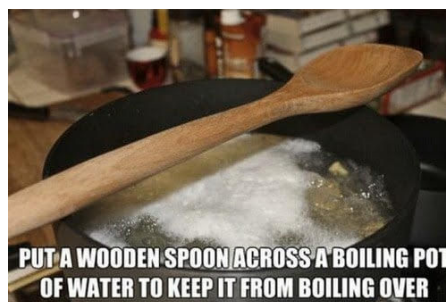
Use a bread tab to hold your spot on a roll of tape



A frozen, saturated sponge in a bag makes an icepack that won't drip all over when it melts



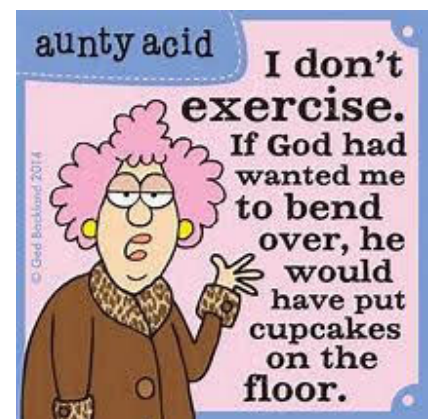
PLACE A RUBBER BAND AROUND AN OPEN PAINT CAN TO WIPE YOUR BRUSH ON, AND KEEP PAINT OFF THE SIDE OF THE CAN



PUT A WOODEN SPOON ACROSS A BOILING POT OF WATER TO KEEP IT FROM BOILING OVER

### On The Lighter Side

I HAVEN'T LOST MY MIND.. HALF OF IT JUST WANDERED OFF, AND THE OTHER HALF WENT LOOKING FOR IT.



### Covidlusalional (adjective)

Holding the belief that you will accomplish, in quarantine, all those tasks that you have put off for your entire adult life.



## OUR VIRTUAL HOLIDAY HAPPINESS DANCE

Mimi



Sheldon

Lorraine



Lenny & Marilyn



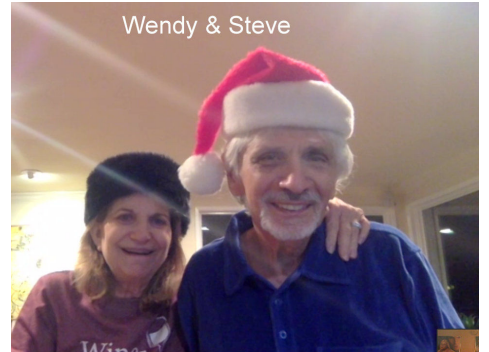
Jennifer



Joni & Mark



Wendy & Steve



Cindy & Alex



Bill and Flo



Arlene



Eileen



Shirley & Collin



Jane



WHAT FUN WE HAD AT OUR HOLIDAY HAPPINESS DANCE.  
SEE YOU AT OUR NEW YEARS ZOOM



# Happy New Year

## TRAIL DUSTERS VIRTUAL GALA DANCE

**December 31 – 10:00 PM – 12:30 AM**

*"Those Were the Days My Friends,  
We thought they'd never end"*



Remember the past New Year's Eve Galas, remember the fun, the friendship & the dancing??? You do not have to have just memories this December 31<sup>st</sup>, join us for our virtual Gala Dance where we say Goodbye to 2020, thank goodness, and Hello to 2021

**LOCATION:** Your Home **-PRICE:** Your Friendship

**REFRESHMENTS:** Bring your favorite finger food & a drink to toast in 2021

**Paper Hats, noise makers and streamers to be provided by you!**

**DRESS TO IMPRESS**

*This is not square dancing, it will be dancing to all the favorite tunes that you have enjoyed every NYE, including line dancing lead by the incomparable Caren Blumfield!*

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

***By December 26th***

**RSVP to Mike & Ellen Sternfeld at [mikeypint@verizon.net](mailto:mikeypint@verizon.net)**

**Questions? Call Caren (818-216-2990) or Bill (310-926-8034)**



## January 2021 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				Dec 31, 2020 Zoom Party 	1 New Years Day 	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Zoom Board Meeting  7:30 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Zoom Virtual Square Dancing  7:00 pm	21	22	23
24  31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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