

The Dusty Trails

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SAVE *the* DATE

The Trail Dusters will be celebrating their



on Sunday **OCTOBER 2, 2022, 2:00 pm** at:

Wilkinson Multipurpose Center 8956 Vanalden Avenue Northridge, CA

Our callers will be **Mike Seastrom and Ken Bower**. Mark this date in your calendar as you would not want to miss this exciting event.



More information to follow as we get closer to this date.



From the Presidents' Desk

It's April and spring has finally sprung and if we're lucky, the weather will reflect this wonderful change. Here's hoping the sky will be bright and clear and the grass beneath our feet will be a beautiful green. There are many things to celebrate in April whose name was derived from the Latin word "aperio" meaning to bud or open.

Be careful not to be fooled on April 1 but start planning for the celebrations of Passover on April 15 and Easter on the 17th. Earth Day is the 22nd when we all remember to take care of our planet.

Here's some trivia about the month of April. In 1945, the United States started the invasion of Okinawa which soon after ended the war. In 1976 Steve Wozniak, Steve Jobs and Ronald Wayne founded Apple Computer which years later had a radical impact on the world.

Last month (March) saw us dancing once again on Wednesday nights. Our masks kept our smiles from illuminating the room as we spun through our squares. Our hopes and our plans are to dance with "masks optional"

in April as long as a new variant of Covid doesn't show its ugly face.

I'd like to encourage all of you who have been reluctant to join our Wednesday dinners and classes to please join us once again. Don't worry about forgetting any calls because we're currently doing "Social Square Dancing" with some plus tip reviews and Angel Tips.

It's wonderful to see old friends again and we hope you will join us soon.

Stay happy and well.

Jane Lief
President



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays



Ken Burkenheim	2
Flo Tapp	6
Marshall Goldberg	11
Judie Hirsh	12
Collin Brown	13
Robert Grossman	13
Francie Bordofsky	21
Stuart Levy	26
Eileen Burkenheim	26
Dale Kaufman	27

April Anniversaries

Mini Steinberger & Hal Rothberg	4
Lori Hazan & Terry Holzman	12
Judy & Stephen Levy	15
Paula & Al Masters	28

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

Ilene & Mark Abramson

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Coordinators Corner

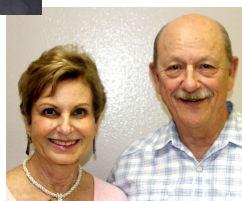
What a wonderful group of enthusiastic Rail Dusters we have in our class. We are lucky to have 8 energetic students. We are so appreciative to those of you who have come out to help. Keep coming; the Rail Dusters **do** need your continuing support. If you haven't been coming to class, put on your dancing shoes and show up at Bay Laurel Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. We start with Line Dancing, followed by Social Square Dancing and a review of plus calls.

Now we would like you to meet our Rail Dusters. Following are the bios of 4 of our students. You will have to wait until the next issue of Dusty Trails to meet the others.



Lynn & Joel
Ovadia

Cindy
Kestenbaum
& Alex Strouzer



Class Coordinators

Know Your Rail Dusters



Cookie & Hal Stiskin

Cookie's real name is Roberta but watch out if you ever call her by that name! Hal is a nickname for Harold. They have one son, Howard, and one grandson, Ryan.

Cookie was born in Manhattan and moved to Brooklyn when she was 12. Cookie's father owned a store in the lower east side of Manhattan near the Tenement House Museum. Hal was born in New York but grew up in New Jersey. They met in the country, a resort in New York State called Green Mansions.

Together they have lived in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut and California. Hal also lived in Arkansas for a short time during a job relocation. Their garage probably isn't as full as most of ours since they relocated so many times.

Both Cookie and Hal are retired. Hal worked for R and G Sloane as a Chemical Engineer (research and development). Don't mess around with Hal because he also has a Private Detective License. Cookie has a Liberal Arts Degree with a Masters in Education. She was a fifth grade teacher at Burton Street Elementary School in the San Fernando Valley.

Cookie & Hal rode a donkey down to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, all the while teetering on the edge of the cliffs for hours. Looking back they can think – "Only a Jackass could do this!" They love to travel and consider their animal safari in

Africa one of their favorite adventures. We are hoping they also add square dancing as one of their favorite activities.

Many thanks to **Nikki and Steve Rosentsweig** for bringing them into our club.



Jennifer Mantell

Jennifer is called Jenn by most of her friends. She is engaged to Bob Zoren and hopes to adopt two children after their marriage. Jenn was born in Bronxville, New York City, and then moved to an army base in South Carolina. Then she moved to Culver City, the Hollywood Hills, and then Westwood where she has remained. Jenn works as a courtesy clerk at the Ralph's West LA store and also worked at the Sofi Stadium as a cashier and runner. She is also a preservation assistant for Christoph Brown, Etch Productions, the amazing etch a sketch man.

Jenn likes Star Wars films and some of the Star Trek ones. She loved her trip to Italy, to the Pointe Vecchio with her mom and dad for her 21st birthday. She also loves cruises and has been on many. One of the most exciting things she has done, besides travel, is to go on a roller coaster at the top of the New York Hotel in Las Vegas.

Cowboy Bob, and his parents, **Arlene & Mitch Zoren**, introduced Jenn to square dancing and she is very proud of her progress. Be sure to welcome her and Cowboy Bob into your square.



Erica Miller

Erica Miller is an octogenarian, an author, motivational speaker, therapist, businesswoman, and Holocaust survivor. She can now add "Rail Duster" to her accomplishments.

When you dance with her in a square you quickly notice her enthusiasm and carefree, upbeat personality. Erica is a widow and has two children and five grandchildren. She is a three times bestseller author, soon to release her fourth book. She is also CEO of a family realtor business in Austin, Texas.

Erica was born in Austria/Romania. At the age of 7, she and her family were imprisoned for 4 years in a Nazi holding camp in Mogilev, Ukraine (ages 7-11). She moved to Israel in 1949 at the age of 15. In 1958 she came to the United States. Erica has a PHD in psychology. She is the founder and executive director for over 40 years of ten mental health clinics, the "Miller Psychological Centers."

Erica has so many exciting things that she has done in over 80 years. She loved climbing Mt. Everest with her children. Erica describes herself as fearless living with guts and determination her whole life. She is a Holocaust survivor and served in the Israeli Air Force in charge of airplane supplies that the pilots ordered. She is a world traveler and has been to over 190 countries and loves being an international best seller speaker.

Many thanks to **Jill Sanders** for introducing Erica to our club.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee presented the 2022 - 2023 Slate of Officers to the board. A motion to accept the Slate of Officers was unanimously approved. Ballots were recently mailed to the membership to vote. **When you receive your ballot, hit forward, cast your vote and send to Mark Abramson markabe@aol.com**

Slate of Officers for 2022 – 2023 is as follows:

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Nominations (cont'd)

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Kurtzer & Richard Rose

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Sobel

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Alex Strouzer

Sunshine & Showers

When "bad" things happen but then ultimately result in good endings, I like to think of these happenings as "Sunshine." This past month, we have had several such events in our Trail Duster family.

On February 26th, 2021, **Bill Dickter** had a neurological event which caused him to be "out of it" (to use his words) for 12 hours. **Farryl** says that, while he was able to speak, he made no sense. **Bill** underwent extensive testing, but no cause was found for the event which doctors called, "Global Temporary Amnesia." Thankfully, there have been no reoccurrences for one year, and now **Bill** and **Farryl** are celebrating GOOD HEALTH! Be assured, we are ALL celebrating with you!

Lynn Ovadia is continuing her recovery at home following recent total knee replacement surgery. I am happy to report that she is making gradual but good progress and her pain is decreasing. This past week, she surprised Joel with her insistence on going to Costco! By using the shopping cart for support, she was able to accomplish her "mission." Hooray for you, **Lynn**! May each new day bring additional accomplishments as you work toward a total

recovery! Our best wishes on achieving that goal!

While preparing for her shower on Super Bowl Sunday, **Anita Higer** suffered a bad fall when her foot got stuck in her slacks. She managed to crawl to the door when the 3 firemen and the paramedics arrived, and one fireman was designated as having the "best sense of style" and therefore was elected to help dress **Anita** before she was transported to the hospital! Thankfully, x-rays showed that nothing was broken, but her hip was severely bruised. Now, **Anita** is able to put weight on her leg and is able to drive since her right leg was unharmed. The lesson she is sharing with everyone is this: SIT DOWN when putting on or taking off any articles of clothing! And to you, **Anita**, we're so grateful that you are on the mend and hope that you'll soon be able to resume all of your usual activities.

I am happy to report that **Pat Kessler** is continuing to improve following her recent heart procedure. **Pat**, may each and every day find you feeling stronger and on the road to being fully recovered!

Finally, I have some special news to share. After studying for 4 1/2 years toward a change of career, and putting in 3,000 hours of training under supervision by clinical psychologists, my daughter, **Laurie Kaman**, recently passed her State Board Exam and is now a fully licensed Psychotherapist with a specialty in trauma. Needless to say, I'm a very proud Mom!

May each of you enjoy good health as we head into the Spring season, and may the sun shine

brightly upon you and your loved ones. Please remember to contact me with your news of "sunshine and showers" so that I can share your news with our "family." Please e-mail me using Norm's address: Normanjik@verizon.net.

Warm regards,

Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine &
Showers Chair



Ways & Means

We've said hello to Daylight Savings Time and goodbye to "Covid" (hopefully). So this is an exciting time to say hello and welcome back our almost normal life.

Most of us are looking forward to all the activities we're planning as the days of April begin and Spring goes forward. The birds are singing and the flowers are blooming and we are truly blessed.

We sincerely thank those of you who are supporting our Wednesday pre-class dinners. This is an easy and fun way to make some money for our club. We try to create a warm and inviting atmosphere - there's always lots of animated conversation and laughter. In case you haven't noticed, Trail Dusters love to talk and laugh - along with eating of course.

We are always looking for new restaurants that are willing to give back 15% or 20% to our club. So please share any ideas you may have.

Here is our calendar of
restaurants for April:

April. 8 Sharkey's
April 13 Hook Burger
April 20 **NO CLASS**
April 27 The Stand

Remember to check your emails in
case of any last minute changes.

Flo & Bill
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Ways &
Means Chair

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

APRIL 12, 2022

7:30 PM

Zoom

ZOOM MEETING

On The Lighter Side



BREAD IS A LOT LIKE
THE SUN.
IT RISES IN THE YEAST
AND SETS IN THE WAIST.

Puns

Those who jump off a bridge in
Paris are in Seine.

A man's home is his castle, in a
manor of speaking.

Shotgun wedding - A case of wife
or death.

A hangover is the wrath of
grapes.

Reading while sunbathing makes
you well red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I
for an I.

A bicycle can't stand on its own
because it is two tired.

A chicken crossing the road is
poultry in motion.

Every calendar's days are
numbered.

A boiled egg in the morning is
hard to beat

Once you've seen one shopping
center, you've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a
knead-to-know basis..



When a new child visited our
Sunday school, the teacher greeted
him and asked his age. The little boy
held up four fingers. "Oh, you're
four," said the teacher. "And when
will you be 5?"

The child stared at her and after a
few seconds replied, "When I hold up
the other finger."

I don't usually
talk about my
expensive trips,
but I just got
back from the
grocery store...



I Thought The Dryer Made My
Clothes Shrink.
Turns Out It Was The
Refrigerator.



CELEBRATING OUR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH BIRTHDAYS AT BAY LAUREL



Front row: Judy Comroe, Cindy Kestenbaum, Ellen Sternfeld, Paula Seliga, Shelly Fried, Mark Simon
Back row: Steve Bessem, Mike Sternfeld, Joel Ovadia

LINE DANCING AT BAY LAUREL LED BY OUR CALLER, PAUL WATERS



FOLLOWED BY SQUARE DANCING



AND THE DANCING CONTINUES



April 2022 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Sharkey's 5:30 Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 	11	12 Board Meeting  7:30 pm	13 Hook Burger 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	14	15 1 st Night of Passover and Good Friday	16 Passover 
17 Easter 	18	19	20 NO CLASS	21	22 	23
24	25	26	27 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	28	29	30

