

The Dusty Trails

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July 2023 - A Note From Your Presidents

We hope you are all having a most wonderful summer! This is our first posting as Presidents, so please indulge us as we start this exciting, upcoming Trail Dusters Year 2023-2024 with a pun (full disclosure: you probably should get used to them from us!):

Jeopardy Answer: TRAIL DUSTERS' SQUARES

Winning Jeopardy Question: What are the **best SQUARES** that get you **AROUND**?

Corny we know, **but true!!! Trail Dusters is the Best place to be Around Great People and Fun Times!!!**

We joined Trail Dusters 5 years ago...encouraged to attend by our dear sisters and brothers-in-laws (Joni, Mark, Terry and Renny, just so the group knows who to blame, lol). We were reluctant, we must admit, and certainly not sure at all what to expect. We **found so much...LOTS** of fun and dancing, challenge and laughter, amazing events, and most importantly, warm and wonderful friends, including each of **YOU!** Being part of Trail Dusters has

truly and simply created a new and great **community** for us and has **changed our lives for the better!**

We know this was not an accident that **our group's leadership, teams and members over the years** have used their enormous effort, time and talents to make our Trail Dusters a very special and welcoming place. **So, thank you to each of you!**

This past year's President, Board members and volunteer teams were similarly inspirational! What incredible friends and mentors. They worked through the crazy times and created a fantastic and highly successful year. It included: lots of dancing, lessons and learning, monthly extravaganzas including nights celebrating the 60s, St. Patrick's Day, a Hawaiian luau, Halloween and more (complete with décor, costumes, food, birthday tributes, and fun). We also had an amazing New Year's Eve celebration, a very successful Student Stomp and SSD Dances at the Wilkinson Center plus entertaining and informative Newsletters and updates. We had a talented and fun Trail Dusters' class that recently graduated. They

performed an amazing, well-coordinated, entertaining event full of supportive members (from many classes). There was delicious food, fun décor, and even a highly successful fundraiser for Ronald McDonald's Charities!

Please join us in a tremendous and well-deserved **thank YOUUU!** (arms fully swinging) for all those involved this past year, especially **past-President Jane Lief** and **each** one of the many Board members who inspired and helped out. Congratulations and welcome to the new Trail Dusters!

We are very excited for this coming year! This year's Board members are again a very dedicated and talented group! Together with our great caller Paul Waters, we will all aim with great passion to create another incredible year of fun, dancing times (for established dancers as well as new learners) with emphasis on great music, learning, joy and friendship! **So, please come next year, One and All. We would love to see each of you! Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors to come check out our Trail Dusters group.** You'll want to calendar our upcoming **Welcoming Summer Party**, to be held on **Sunday, August 20, 2023.** It promises to be a great, unique event and your guests will learn--like we all did--about the special Trail Dusters' community, and how fantastic and welcoming a Square can be "All Around!"

Marshall & Patti Goldberg, Presidents



Coordinators Corner

The class of 2018 has graduated and are your coordinators ever grateful. Yes, it was a lot of work and we are happy to turn over the coordinators' reins to Caren Blumfield, Sherwin Silver and Jeri Sobel. We want to thank Paul Waters for caring about the students and helping them learn the SSD-level calls and preparing them to dance as Trail Dusters. We cannot thank our club members enough who came out to angel the Rail Dusters. Your support was vital to our having a successful class. All you wonderful angels made our job much easier.

We are thankful for the support our president **Jane Lief** gave us. Whenever we had a problem or question, she was right there to help us. We cannot forget the members of our Board of Directors. For those of you not on our club's board, you have no idea how hard they worked. They did all the heavy lifting to make the graduation evening such a great success.

Oh yes, almost forgot about the class of 2023. We were lucky to have such a wonderful group of guys and gals in the class and welcome them to Trail Dusters. If you read their biographies in previous editions of the Dusty Trails, you found that we have an interesting, talented and accomplished group of students. They worked hard and kept on coming to class even when they had a challenge with learning a new call. Like the energizer rabbit, they kept going and going. They certainly are proficient with the call "sides face, grand square." We thank them for all the time and effort they put into this past year in class and for the clever songs they sang to us at graduation. We look forward to dancing with

them and attending lots more fun square dancing events together.

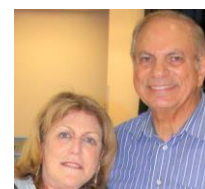
Now more than ever, as our new club members venture out, we need to be encouraging and helpful as Trail Dusters' angels. The two of us are committed to inviting the new Trail Dusters to future SSD-level dances. I think we all remember that when we were newly graduated dancers, how difficult those first club dances were. Our new Trail Dusters have worked very hard and are fully aware they need to keep dancing to "own" their calls. We will send out notifications of future SSD dances in July and August. We will be there to support our new graduates. So, angels, c'mon out to these dances and provide friendly and reassuring faces.

Speaking of former coordinators, there is one more thing we give thanks for - we no longer will be nagged by Madame Editor to turn in our Coordinators Corner article every month. Yippee!

Your Coordinators,



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NEXT BOARD MEETING

JULY 12, 2023

5:30 PM

**AT MAUREEN & SHELLEY
FRIED'S HOME**

Graduation Kudos



Thanks to all Trail Dusters who helped assure that our graduation was a huge success. So many people volunteered for so many different areas. No wonder everything went so smoothly. A huge thank you to:

Jane Lief, our incredible leader, who helped see that all bases were covered. In her wonderful way with people and attention to detail, she helped organize all facets of the graduation so it would run smoothly. She even made the coffee and brought the water.

Shirley Brown who created the graduation fliers, organized and ran the pages for the graduation book and 'Certificate of Graduation' that was given to Joel Ovadia to give to the Rail Dusters. She also wrote and printed the program, did all the publicity constantly reminding the membership about the graduation and Silent Auction. Due to her efforts, we had over 100 people attending graduation.

Flo Tapp who arranged to have dinner at The Stand before graduation to help raise money for the Trail Dusters (The Stand gives back 20% of the proceeds). Over 30 people attended.

Len Bloom, Steve Rosentsweig, Simcha Saul who spent the evening taking pictures to capture the moment, Len & Steve took candid while Simcha filmed the graduation play.

Joni & Mark Simon and Jeri Sobel who decorated the stage with mylar curtains and balloons, so the Rail Dusters had a beautiful place to stand as their bios were read. They

even hung a 2023 sign to help recognize the Class of 2023.

Bob Sobel whose organizational skills and understanding of needs are second to none. He drew a layout of the room so the tables for the various activities would be in the proper place, worked out the layout for the chairs leaving an aisle for the Trail Dusters to march toward graduation. He and **Sandy Sobel** checked in all the attendees.

Jennifer Mantell, Bob Zoren with the help of Dale Kaufman & Bob Sanders put out all the chairs according to Bob Sobel's design.

Sandy Kaufman who scotch taped all the reserved signs to their chairs.

Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell who organized & arranged to have people bring food and help with decorating the refreshment tables. Those who volunteered to bring food were Gayle Cantrock, Patti Goldberg, Margie Hausman, Les Light, Lynn Ovadia, Geraldine Rothenberg, Joni Simon, Alan Shotsky, Jeri Sobel, Flo Tapp, and Paul Waters.

Geraldine Rothenberg, Phyllis Saul, & Farryl Dickter who were responsible for cutting Paul's homemade bread.

Nikki and Steve Rosenstweig who were responsible for obtaining the graduation cake which **Phyllis Saul** cut into serving pieces.

Rhonda Shapiro who played 'Pomp & Circumstance' for the graduates.

Alex Strouzer who helped with the sound system and made sure we had cordless mikes.

Bill Dickter & Joel Ovadia, the Coordinators, who did a masterful job in steering the Rail Dusters to graduation, arranged for the

procession as the graduates marched down the aisle, introduced each of the new graduates, handed them their newly acquired white badges and graduation book.

Denise Kurtzer who single handedly obtained over 80 items donated for the Silent Auction. The money raised is going to Ronald McDonald Charities. She obtained a slew of restaurants, playhouses, salons, bowling, pilates and much more.

Helping her were:

Caren Blumfield who cut all the boards and **Lorraine & Sheldon Levin** who helped put all the bidding sheets onto the boards and organized items for sale. Also helping were **Sandy Kaufman and Sandy Sobel**, who gathered all the bidding sheets after the auction was closed and were runners to give each person their paid item.

Bob Sobel, Dale Kaufman, Bill Shapiro, Mark Abramson who collected the checks from the bidders and marked them paid so they could receive their items.



Many thanks to all.

Marilyn Bloom - If anyone was left out, I did not write this article.

silent Auction

The auction was held during the graduation festivities of the class. Over 100 Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters including guests were in attendance. Everyone was given the opportunity to bid on the 80 items that were available. The list included fine restaurants, ice cream shops, tickets to theaters and other

events that included plays, sporting events and more. Several of those in attendance who were not interested in bidding, contributed to this worthy cause by leaving a check or cash in the donation box provided for that purpose.

When all of the checks are in, we will present them to RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES in person. **Due to your generosity we raised over \$5,000.**

Many thanks to the many people who helped make this a successful event.

Denise Kurtzer



July Birthdays

Elaine Pfefferman	1
Hy Katlein	3
Steven Katz	4
Al Masters	4
Joni Simon	4
Nikki Rosentsweig	7
David Simon	9
Bernie Brauner	11
Mark Abramson	13
Sheldon Levin	18
Judy Levy (Judy & Stephen)	18
Shirley Brown	20
Sherwin Silver	26
Nancy Sachs	27

July Anniversaries

Paula & Avi Nudell	11
Sandy & Bill Sarnoff	16
Margie & Jeff Hausman	21
Harriet & Steve Berman	26

Ilene & Mark Abramson

Membership Chairs



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Sunshine & Showers

June has been an exciting month for many of you with graduations – especially for your grandchildren.

Thank you, **Mike and Ellen Sternfeld**, for sharing the exciting news in your family. “Two wonderful Mitzvahs,” (as Mike put it,) took place in May and June. Their grandson, Matthew Owen, graduated with honors in May from the Colorado School of Mines with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has already started his new job with the U.S. Navy, working for the Federal government as a contract employee. He is stationed at the Naval Base Kitsap in Bremerton, Washington near Seattle and will be working with the Nuclear Engineering group.

The **Sternfelds’** granddaughter, Sarah Gordon, graduated on June 9th from Birmingham Community Charter High School as an A.P. Scholar (with over a 4.0 GPA.) She will be attending Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff in the fall where her major will be in Criminology. Sarah will carry a double minor - in Psychology and in Theatre Arts.

Warm CONGRATULATIONS to you, **Ellen and Mike**, on your grandchildren’s accomplishments to date. We share in your pride and, like you, feel confident that your two hard-working grandchildren will go on to create very successful futures!

As many of you already know, **Shelly Fried** recently returned home from a safari with Covid. However, I am happy to report that he is on the mend and getting stronger every day. **Shelly**, healing thoughts and our very best wishes go out to you for a full and rapid recovery! (Of course, with **Maureen** as your nurse and personal chef, we wouldn’t expect anything different!)

Sad news has come to us from Palm Desert. **Marilyn Baum**, wife of Bruce Baum, long-time Trail Duster and angel, passed away on May 29th, just 4 days before her 84th birthday. Introduced by another Trail Duster, **Rita Karp**, she loved to angel and help others to enjoy square dancing as much as she did. **Marilyn** leaves behind hubby Bruce Baum and two sons, Joel Mandel (Peggy) and Ron Mandel (Lisa) in addition to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bruce, to you and your family, know that **Marilyn** will be missed by many, and we hope that loving memories of all the years you shared will bring a measure of comfort to you now and in the future.

To all of you who posted news of the graduation of your grandchildren on Facebook, I would have loved to have shared your “Sunshine” with our Trail Duster family as well. However, to do that, I need to hear from you at my email address (Rusty_k@verizon.net) and hope you will choose to contact me soon so that your news can be published in the next issue of the Dusty Trails. This goes for ALL your news! I hope to hear from you soon!

Warmly,
Rusty Kaman,
Sunshine & Showers Chair



TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



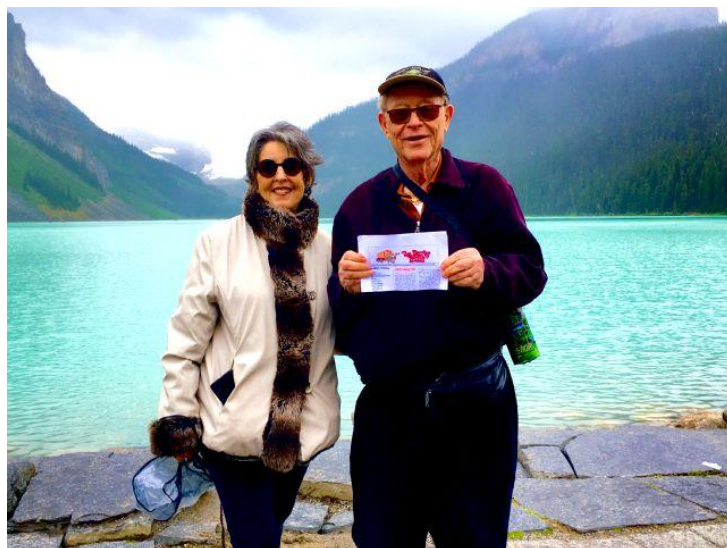
Jerry Seliga, Terry Karsh, Paula Seliga, Renny Traub
read the Dusty Trails in the Vatican Museum



Rachel and mom, Nikki Rosentsweig, in Juneau, Alaska



Maureen & Shelly Fried take the Dusty Trails to South Africa



Adriane & Mike Kreisberg at Lake Louise in Canada



Marlena & Reuven in Iceland.
Reuven holds the Dusty Trails
carefully so it won't be blown away
as he stands on the black sand.



MEET OUR NEWEST TRAIL DUSTERS



1st row: Laura & Oz Burstein, Grace & Ron Mitnick, Howard Wien 2nd row: Stewart & Paula Brooks, Jaci & Jon Feldman. Kathy Wien
Back row: Joel Ovadia (coordinator) Cheri & Fred Warner, Bill Dickter (coordinator)

PAST PRESIDENTS



Front row: Judy Comroe, Rhonda Shapiro, Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig, Margie & Jeff Hausman, Marilyn & Len Bloom, Sherwin Silver
Back row: Bill Shapiro, Joel Ovadia, Bill & Farryl Dickter, Jane Lief, Joni & Mark Simon, Stan Zwicker

GRADUATION AT BAY LAUREL



GRADUATION (CONT'D)



GRADUATION (CONT'D)





Joel & Bill say "Thank You."

Now It's Time For Intermission





AND NOW THE PLAY



NOW WE DANCE



July 2023 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Board Meeting 5:30 pm Pot Luck Maureen & Shelly Fried's home	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

