

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

Each month we celebrate different holidays but what would May be without recognizing May Day? We can't have a May Day without unity and togetherness. People all over the world celebrate this special day through singing, dancing, the enjoyment of flowers, and the many other traditions in some of the 66 countries that celebrate this holiday.

Culture or countries at this time of the year simply don't matter as long as people come together as one in celebration. In May we can all enjoy blooming flowers and trees when nature is the most beautiful and we can look forward to our June 8th Graduation with a little pomp and circumstance. Stay tuned for more information about this great event.

May also signals the approaching conclusion of our first year of "Social Square Dancing" and how it has brought all of us together once again to enjoy dancing and mingling with friends between tips and over dinner before the classes.

Please pay attention to the email flyers sent out by Shirley Brown announcing our dinner locations

that are arranged by Flo Tapp. We thank these ladies for their diligence and hope that the next few weeks show a large turnout. Remember that Trail Dusters earns money on each dinner that is purchased at these restaurants which helps the Club with our finances.

I also want to encourage all of our members to be thinking about inviting your friends, relatives, and acquaintances to join us in September when we begin dancing again after our summer of traveling and relaxing. We always welcome new dancers to keep our Club grooving and growing which has made us so successful in past years.

Please stay well and mark your calendars for our Anniversary Dance on October 2. It will be a fun-filled afternoon and evening so watch carefully for more detailed information closer to the event.

Jane Lief

President



PS - Just as a little known fact...May Day in Hawaii is called Lei Day in celebration of the Aloha spirit.



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
Mark Cutter	23
Wendy Goldzband	23
Joyce Smith	23
Lana Collier	24
Kay Mann	24
Jerry Seliga	24
Marlena Zeavy	30

May Anniversaries

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

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

Ilene & Mark Abramson



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Coordinators Corner

"Good things come in small packages" as the expression goes. This year this expression applies to our small but enthusiastic class of Rail Dusters. Our eight class members have stayed with us through our two month hiatus during January and February due to Covid. We are appreciative of you, the Trail Dusters angels, who come out week after week to help our Rail Dusters learn and practice dancing the calls.

Please keep coming to our classes as our Rail Dusters need your continuing support. If you haven't attended class in a while, put on your dancing shoes and enjoy an evening of dancing with our talented caller, Paul Waters. Classes start at 7:00 P.M. with line dancing, followed by social square dancing instruction and a review of the plus calls in plus tips. We promise you this will be an enjoyable evening as well as great exercise.

Now let's meet some of our Rail Dusters. They are a diverse, interesting group of people. The following are the biographies of four more of our students.

Lynn & Joel
Ovadia



Cindy
Kestenbaum
& Alex
Strouzer

Class Coordinators

Know Your Rail Dusters



Eileen Burkenheim

Eileen is married to Ken Burkenheim. She has one daughter and one granddaughter. She was born in Chicago but has been living in Los Angeles for over 39 years. She worked at Life Emergency Response for 30 years. Her mother is in the "Help me, I fell down and can't get up" commercial.

Ken is Eileen's 4th and "last" husband. She graduated in 2008, took a few years off and has returned to us because of Ken. He loves dancing and under duress made her return to our club. Thank you Ken for bringing Eileen back to us.

Eileen's number one thrill was having her daughter, Rebecca. Her next thrill was being married to Ken in 2017. Since then, they have been around the world three times including many cruises in the six years of their marriage. Her favorite adventures have been their African Safari, walking under the ocean and walking on the Great Barrier Reef.

Eileen joined square dancing when she met Otis at Farmers and Charmers and he steered her towards our Trail Dusters Club. **Caren Blumfield and Sherwin Silver** are long time friends of Eileen and they kept making her come back every week and eventually encouraged her to date Ken. Eileen is another single who owes her wonderful relationship with her "incredible husband" to square dancing!



**Jill & Bob
Sanders**

Jill and Bob Sanders have been married for over 30 years. They met on a blind date! They have two sons, Jeremy 30 and Jonathon 28. Jill was born and raised in Long Beach, California, moved to Kansas City, Missouri, then moved to New York City and finally returned to Los Angeles. Bob was born in Wichita Falls, Texas, and after a few years moved to Idaho. Then his family moved to Scottsdale, Arizona where he was raised.

Jill has a BA, Masters in Education and Masters in Public Health, all from UCLA. She taught elementary school for 3 years in Long Beach and Kansas City. After 3 years, she changed careers and worked for over 30 years for CareAmerica and Blue Shield Health Plans. She managed a team that negotiated contracts with physicians and hospitals creating provider networks. She is now retired from healthcare and has found another career investing and managing real estate in Austin, Texas.

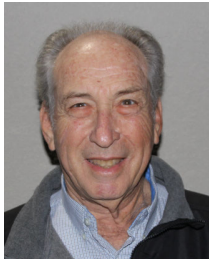
Bob has a BS and a Juris Doctor degree, both from Arizona State University. He practiced law in Phoenix for 4 years and then moved to Los Angeles as General Counsel of Weider Health and Fitness. Then he worked for Carnation Company/Nestle S.A. as Deputy General Counsel and intellectual property executive. He is now retired and trades stocks and plays a lot of golf.

Jill loves party planning and is actively involved in the creation of a pro-Israel Political Network in the West Valley/Conejo Valley for AIPAC as well as other organizations where she is on their

board. She loves playing pickleball. Bob and Jill both spent years watching their sons play junior golf, high school golf, and tour golf all over the country.

Jill and Bob love traveling and Jill's favorite place to travel is Israel. When the internet was being organized, Bob was involved in domain names and other internet issues associated with the development of the internet. It was a very exciting time because there were thousands of people working together to develop a global network.

Randee Samsky is responsible for introducing Jill and Bob into our club.



Earl Metter

Earl Metter was born in Boston but moved to Los Angeles when he was 2 years old. He has been married twice, divorced once and is now separated. He has 3 children, ages 52, 48 and 46. He also has 3 grandsons ages 13, 11, and 9. Unfortunately they all live far away.

Earl has a BS from USC in advertising and marketing. He advertised for Mustang cars and was an introduction production manager for three **Super Bowl Programs**. He is currently working as a shuttle driver for Enterprise Rent a Car, probably racing around town in a Porsche or Tesla!

Here are a few interesting coincidences about Earl and other Trail Dusters. He lived on the

same street as Judith Altman in 1955 and was friends with her brother. He was a classmate of Art Hirsch. Who knew that one day they would all be do-si-doing together.

One of most exciting things that Earl has done is River Rafting down the roaring rapids. He loves to try new adventures. Earl is an excellent Rail Duster and we have **Judith Altman** to thank for bringing him into the Club.

Sunshine & Showers

With the beginning of Spring, we have a mixture of news to report this month. First, get well wishes go out to Rail Duster, **Hal Stiskin**, husband of **Cookie Stiskin**, who underwent open heart surgery on Monday, April 18th. I am told he is doing nicely and will be in the hospital for a little while. If you would like to send **Hal** a note or a card, this would certainly be appreciated. His address is **19400 Cypress Point Drive, Northridge, CA 91326**. **Hal**, you have loads of good wishes being sent your way, and we're glad you are now on the road to a full recovery. May each new day find you feeling stronger and closer to being able to partake in the activities you most enjoy (including square dancing!).

It was wonderful to see **Stan Zwicker**, a longtime Trail Duster, looking so well after undergoing treatment for bladder cancer off and on since October 2020. He recently completed his latest round of treatments and is now undergoing tests to assess his current status. **Stan** is, thankfully, feeling well and looks TERRIFIC as he awaits his test results. **Stan**, we're all looking forward to hearing GOOD NEWS and wish you many healthy and happy years still to be enjoyed!

Happiness abounds at the home of **Farryl** and **Bill Dickter** with the news of their son Brad's engagement to his girlfriend of 4 years, Erin Beltran. Brad and Erin are planning a Fall wedding in Utah where they reside. They both ski and enjoy the outdoors, and they're both adventurous. They work remotely, Brad as Director of Training and Development, and Erin as a College Success Coach. From your Trail Duster "family" may we extend our congratulations and best wishes to you, **Farryl** and **Bill**, and to Brad and Erin for your happiness as you go forward with continued success in both your careers.

Wishing all of you a healthy and happy Spring with lots of positivity in your lives. Please remember to contact me at the email address shown below with any news of graduations, engagements, weddings, new grandchildren or great grandchildren, illnesses or the like. I will then contact you for the details and permission to share your news in our monthly *Dusty Trails*.

Fondly,
Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine &
Showers Chair

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

MAY 10, 2022

7:30 PM

Zoom

ZOOM MEETING

Ways & Means

Greetings to Rail Dusters and Trail Dusters,

Wow! How fast the time is going. We are now actively planning graduations festivities for Wed. June 8th

But first we have the whole month of dancing in May, and of course before we dance **we have to eat !!!**

Don't forget that the eating starts at 5:30 pm and that the "eats" are always great, but the conversation and laughs and friendships are even better. And remember that the more we spend on our dinners, the more money we raise for our club, and that's a very good thing!

Here is our calendar of restaurants for May:

May. 4	Sharkey's
May 11	The Stand
May 18	Calif Pita
May 25	Hook Burger

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

Flo & Bill
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Traveling With the Trail Dusters



Mike & Adriane Kreisberg read the Dusty Trails while visiting Cairo, Egypt

On The Lighter Side

Do they allow loud laughing in Hawaii?
Or just a low ha.



Yes officer, I did see the 'speed limit' sign, I just didn't see you.

May 2022 Trail Dusters Calendar

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

