

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

Look at next month's issue for a message from our esteemed presidents as they return from their trip to Japan.

We all look forward to welcoming them home.



As you can see Joni & Mark Simon have introduced the Dusty Trails to Japan.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR JANUARY DANCE

Our next club dance is **Sunday afternoon, January 12th 2020** from 2:00 – 4:30 pm and is a **CLASS LEVEL DANCE** with our own **Paul Waters** calling along with everyone's favorite caller, **Mike Seastrom**. Many of you attended our Class Level Dance last November with these two callers and despite the worry caused by the fires and evacuations everyone had a great time, proof that these two gentlemen know how to make a dance fun for all!



The theme is **Tailgate Party** – so wear your favorite team's colors, either professional or

college (or maybe even High School) - hat, T-shirt, jersey, scarf pin, ring, even socks, show your loyalty! See flier on page 10.

As this is a Trail Duster event, I am sure I do not have to tell you that refreshments will be served. But I am telling you that Sandra & Robert Sobel will have organized our members into preparing delicious and plentiful munchies for your epicurean pleasure – and to keep your energy level up for dancing.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2019

7:30 P.M.

FLO & BILL TAPP'S HOUSE

All club members are encouraged to support this dance. We particularly ask that our Angels encourage our newest dancers to attend and then mentor them. Make sure they are in a square and that they are having fun at the dance. This is a great opportunity to show our class members the friendship, as well as fun, that square dancing provides.

So come out and support your club and our new dancers! What better way to spend a Sunday than dancing, eating and friendship?

Your roving reporters from Canada,

Shirley & Collin Brown

Publicity
Chairs



**List of callers - 2019 -2020
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Dec. Birthdays



Simcha Saul	4
Janice Reiss	5
Art Hirsh	7
Milo Molitoris	9
Patti Goldberg	13
Les Light	13
Bill Sarnoff	13
Harriet Berman	14
Lainy Parlen	15
Victor Wolfe	16
Joe Dill	17
Caren Blumfield	24
Leslie Ruiz	25
Anita Higer	26
Paul Kayne	27

Dec. Anniversaries

Paula & Jerry Seliga	4
Jacquelyn & Royce Walker	9
Joni & Mark Simon	19
Sandy & Ron Lynn	22
Joyce & Ira Kopkin	28
Nikki & Steven Rosentsweig	28

Membership

Firm reminder!! It's time for all of us to renew our annual membership. Current memberships expire at the end of December 2019. Renew now to keep your membership through 2020. All membership dues need to be postmarked by November 30, 2019, so that our insurance covers all members.

As of November 20, we have received payment from 134 out of the current 193 dues-paying members. So, if you have not done so, please get your renewal to me ASAP.

The best way to renew is: Print the renewal form on page 9. Please print legibly!

Make out a check to **Trail Dusters** for **\$35 for single membership, \$70 for couple.**

Mail the form and the check to: Ilene and Mark Abramson
4425 Estrondo Drive
Encino, CA 91436
I will also be available before class to accept membership forms and payments.

If you have any further questions, please email Mark Abramson.

Ilene & Mark Abramson
Membership
Chairs



markabe@aol.com

Sunshine & Showers

At this time, we're sending all our best wishes and healing thoughts to members of our Trail Duster "family" who have been struggling with health issues but are, thankfully, now on the mend.

Anita Higer underwent back surgery a few weeks ago and is now out of the hospital and convalescing at an assisted living facility in Burbank. There by her side is hubby **Gary** who is recovering from a fall that resulted in a broken bone in his foot. **Gary** reports that both he and **Anita** are doing well. If you would like to contact them, you can call **Anita's** cell phone or send them a note at their current address. They have moved from their tri-level residence and are happily now on one floor! That address is: 225 North Evergreen Street, #228, Burbank, CA 91505. **Anita** and **Gary**, we miss you and hope that very soon you will both be feeling better than ever and able to return to the many activities you most enjoy!

Bob Reifel is now out of the hospital after spending several weeks there dealing with multiple issues. He is continuing his recuperation at a rehabilitation center where his devoted wife **Marlene** will continue to visit and spend time with him until he is ready to return home. If you'd like to send a card or note, this would be much enjoyed and appreciated. Please send your good wishes to the **Reifels'** home address as shown on our club roster. **Bob**, we hope that very soon, you will be feeling well and strong enough to return home

To all of you – Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters – please be sure to contact me (at the e-mail address

shown below) with any news of "sunshine" or "showers" so that I can pass the word along to the rest of our "family."

May each of you find much for which to be thankful this Thanksgiving holiday, and may you enjoy much "sunshine" each and every day.

Warmly,
Sunshine & Showers
Chair
Rusty Kaman
rusty_k@verizon.net



Coordinators Corner

Rail Dusters Workshop

Although the class on Oct. 30 went dark at Bay Laurel, Randee and Mark had a workshop review at their home instead. Every call taught by Paul Waters had a walk through with the class coordinators and angels. A great big thank you to all those who came to help.



Many thanks to Ricky Campos for being the caller of the night. The Rail Dusters

had such a positive experience and felt the practice was very beneficial.



What a wonderful evening of friendship, dancing and, of course, eating. See picture of Rail Dusters who attended on page 5.

Randee Samsky & Mark Cutter



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Roy Okada
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Lynn & Joel Ovadia

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One Exquisite Night in Paris

Welcome or **Bienvenue** to our Trail Dusters New Years Eve celebration. Join us as we say farewell to 2019 with extraordinary food, your finest fashions, and all the glitz and glamour of Paris.

We will pretend to visit the best of France as we fill our glasses with wine and champagne. You could be at Versailles, the Champs Elysee or at the Arc de Triomphe. We will dance past midnight and toast our friends as we welcome in the New Year.

We are already 75% filled, so don't wait for the last minute to respond because we will fill up before the deadline. Please go to page 6 for a copy of the invitation and response card. You can send the response card and check for \$105 per person to:

Marilyn Bloom
11868 Moorpark Street Unit H
Studio City, CA. 91604

For those people just returning from Japan, Marilyn has your invitations and will be bringing them to class on Wed., Dec 4th.

So, as we say in French, Bon soir or Good Evening till we meet at the beautiful Woodland Hills Hilton Hotel.



Maureen, Marilyn, Caren, Jeri
New Years Eve Committee

Refreshments

Hello Trail Dusters,

This year has gone so quickly! The holidays are upon us and the New Year is not too far behind.

Our Wednesday night classes are going strong and all of the refreshment chairs appreciate your efforts. The desserts and fruits are very popular and, of course, gives everyone that extra boost of energy for the dancing. Please remember that we have close to one hundred people weekly and need enough yummys to keep everyone happy and full.

As you know, you will receive an email to let you know that it is your week to bring a treat for the following Wednesday class. In addition, a monthly schedule is posted in the Dusty Trails – see page 8. If you are not available on the date that you are assigned, please take the initiative to exchange with someone else and let us know about the arrangements you have made. Sadly, this does not always

happen and causes a shortage of snacks.

On your scheduled date, please arrive by 6:45 to help us set-up and plan to stay a few minutes after class to clean up. Please bring your snack ready to serve, cut up and plated. In addition, we need you to NOT dance the last tip, but to help clean up. If any of what you brought is left, please take it home with you. This job comes up for you only once or twice a year, and your help is greatly needed.

If you are planning to bring a birthday cake, let us know in advance and be available to help serve and clean up.

We especially want to thank **Wendy Goldzband and Steve Katz** for stepping in for Denise Kurtzer and Richard Rose so that they could go on their planned Japan trip with a clear conscience knowing that everything would run smoothly. Steve and Wendy have done an incredible job.

Wishing all Trail and Rail Dusters a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, joyous Kwansa or any way you celebrate the season. See you all in 2020!

Your Refreshment Chairs

Paula & Al Masters Cindy Kestenbaum & Alex Strouzer



Denise Kurtzer & Richard Rose



Ways & Means

Dear Trail and Rail Dusters,

Wow, we are quickly approaching the end of the year. All is going well in the food departments. Our pre-class dinners continue to be a success and from the looks of everyone, a good time is being had by all. We are not only eating delicious dinners, but the socializing, chatting, and giggling are apparent, and **each week we are raising money for our club.**

Great news, amazing Jane has gotten us a **new restaurant** to attend on December 18th, just a few doors down from The Stand. It's called **ROSTI** and they have terrific food. We hope that those who have not joined us will, and that the rest of you continue to come. This is a great way to get to know your fellow club members. We usually have at least 35 people at our pre-class dinners.

5:30 is the time so we can get to Bay Laurel in time to start dancing at 7:00 PM. Please join us. We have lots of fun.

The schedule for December is as follows:

- December 4 Hook Burger
- December 11 Salad Farm
- December 18 * Rosti, Calbasas
- December 25 **NO CLASS**

Your Hostesses,



Jane Lief



Flo Tapp

*Rosti will accommodate each couple paying individually. Just walk up to the cash register, order and be seated. They will deliver the food to you, just like our other restaurants.

RAIL DUSTERS WHO ATTENDED THE WORKSHOP



Front row: Barbara Zeidman, Linda Tonkins, Jill Sanders, Eileen Berkenheim, Jennifer Mantell
Back row: Robb Weinstein, Pete Sapon, Curt Gorlick, Robert Reeves

TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS

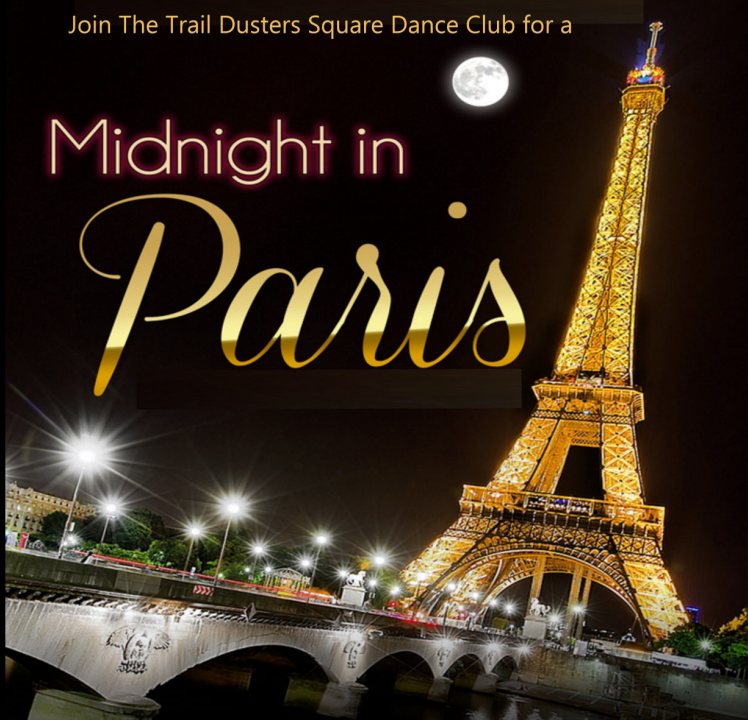


Joe & Mindy Dill & Jeri & Ron Sobel hanging out with rock royalty in Biloxi MS, after show at Beau Rivage Resort
Can this really be Alice Cooper and his drummer Glen Sobel?

Invitation

Join The Trail Dusters Square Dance Club for a

Midnight in
Paris



Tuesday, December 31, 2019
Hilton Woodland Hills
6360 Canoga Avenue

The evening will include:
Hors d'Oeuvres, No Host Bar-8pm-9pm
Dinner, Wine, and Dancing 9pm-1am
Champagne Toast at Midnight

Response Card

A Trail Dusters Night in Paris

\$105 per person

_____ will attend

Phone _____

Herb Chicken _____

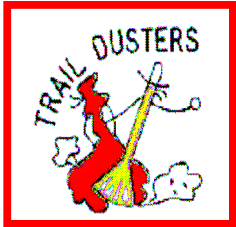
Braised Short Ribs of Beef _____

Grilled Salmon _____

Payment of \$_____ 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.

Valet Parking or Self Parking: \$10.00
RSVP by December 9, 2019



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule – 2019 - 2020
2ND Saturday of Month

Rounds @ 7:00 PM – First Tip @ 8:00 PM
Alternating Rounds & Tips with 1 A-1 Tip

Wilkinson Senior Center – 8956 Vanalden – Northridge

DATE	CALLER	THEME
November 9, 2019	<i>Dark</i>	
December	Dark	
Sunday 2:00 - 4:30 pm January 12, 2020	<i>Mike Seastrom & Paul Waters Class Level Dance</i>	Tailgate Party- Get Ready for the Super Bowl
February 8, 2020	<i>Rod Shuping</i>	Love Is In The Air
March 14, 2020	<i>Dick Hodnefield & Andy Allemeo Class Level Dance</i>	Shamrock Sashay It's St. Patty's Day
April 11, 2020	<i>TBD</i>	Hobo Hoedown Taxes Paid
May 9, 2020	<i>Mike Kellogg</i>	No Siesta - Let's Fiesta
June 13, 2020	<i>Mike Seastom</i>	Crazy Socks - Crazy Shoes
July 11, 2020	<i>Ken Bower</i>	* Summer Camp Days
August 8, 2020	<i>Pat Carnathan</i>	* Mad Hatter's Tea Party
September 12, 2020	<i>Buddy Weaver</i>	* Rock Star - Rock On

*** Summer Casual Attire***

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Joni & Mark Simon 323-333-4947 marksimon43@gmail.com



REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS - NOVEMBER 2019

All food need to be plated and do not need cutting

December 4

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers
Cheese & Crackers

Janice Reiss
Rosalie Rifkin
Larry Rofe
Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig
Geraldine Rothenberg
Leslie & Bob Ruiz



December 11

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers
Cheese & Crackers

Beverly Rutkin
Sandra Sabatino
Nancy Sachs
Elise & Neil Sandler
Phyllis & Simcha Saul
Louise Schoenneman



December 18

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers
Cheese & Crackers

Gloria & Marc Schwartz
Paula & Jerry Seliga
Rhonda & Bill Shapiro
Alan Shotsky
Joni & Mark Simon
Joyce Smith

December 25

DARK



wiseGEEK



For more information call Paula & Al Masters (818) 360-7857
Email al_masters@msn.com



TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$70 COUPLES / \$35 SINGLES
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "TRAIL DUSTERS"

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH DUES BY NOVEMBER 30 (EARLIER PREFERRED!)

PLEASE PRINT

DATE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME(S) _____

Information in the roster is correct – no changes

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION ADDITION DELETION

Enter Only The Information To Be Changed, Added or Deleted (Since Last Published Roster)

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone (hers) _____

Cell Phone (his) _____

E-Mail Address (hers) _____

(his) _____

Everybody please fill out the info below

Birthday (Month & Day)

Hers _____ His _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (MONTH & DAY) _____

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND DUES TO:

ILENE AND MARK ABRAMSON
4425 ESTRONDO DRIVE
ENCINO CA 91436

(make check payable to "Trail Dusters")



TRAIL DUSTERS

SUNDAY, January 12
2:00 - 4:30 PM

Tailgate Party

CLASS LEVEL DANCE



PAUL WATERS

MIKE SEASTROM

Wilkinson Senior Center
8956 Vanalden Ave, Northridge, CA

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S COLORS!!

Hat, Jersey, Scarf, Pins
(Either Professional or College Teams)

For More Information Call: Joni & Mark Simon -323 333-4947
Website: www.traildusters.com – Singles and Couples Welcome

December Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Hook Burger 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting 7:30 pm Flo & Bill Tapp's House	11 Salad Farm 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14 NO DANCE
15	16	17	18 Rosti 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21 First Day of Winter 
22 	23	24	25 NO CLASS 	26	27	.28
29	30	31 New Years Eve 				

TRAIL DUSTERS
 Anita & Gary Higer
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