

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

Who would have guessed that the second month of 2022 would bring so many highlights and achievements for us? The weather as I started writing this is 87 degrees and it's February 13. As I'm finishing this, it's going to rain today (February 22). The Rams just won the Super Bowl, Covid numbers (fingers crossed) are dropping and in March we will be returning to Bay Laurel for more classes. In the meantime, we're enjoying our once a month Wednesday dances led by Paul Waters.

March has so much to look forward to as we approach International Women's Day on March 8 (yay for women), St. Patrick's Day on the 17th (thank you Irish) and the first day of spring on March 20. Daylight savings time also begins on March 13 when we SPRING FORWARD so when we're on our way to Wednesday classes, we will be doing the drive in sunlight.

Spring is a wonderful time to look forward to many of the definitions for Spring (yes, there are several) reflects us as dancers returning to our squares. As we all know, spring is the season between winter and summer and in the northern hemisphere it's the months of March, April and May. It also means

the ability of something to return to its original shape (like Trail Duster's returning to our squares). We are looking forward to a little more SPRING in our step and being bouncy and lively as Paul returns to the microphone to start calling once again. Spring also means to leap up. If our case, it's step up. An often used phrase is "Spring into Action" and that's just what we plan to do when we return to the dance floor.

I hope this publication finds all of you healthy and happy and anxious to return to our "normal" lives as we Spring into March.

Jane Lief

President



NEXT BOARD MEETING

MARCH 8, 2022

7:30 PM

Zoom

ZOOM MEETING



March Birthdays



Joel Ovadia	9
Steve Besem	11
Richard Lewis	13
Ellen Sternfeld	15
Randee Samsky	18
Diane Jubelier-Light	20
Marc Schwartz	23
Arline Simon	26
Paula Seliga	29
Shelly Fried	31

March Anniversaries



Arline & David Simon	1
Lorraine & Sheldon Levin	21

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

Ilene & Mark Abramson



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Know Your Board Member



Marilyn & Len Bloom

Marilyn Bloom

I was born in Manhattan, New York, and received all my education in this wonderful city. To this day people marvel that I was raised in Manhattan. We lived a block from Central Park where, since air conditioning was not invented, we spent many a hot night sleeping there. I sure wouldn't try that today. I attended PS 86, Julia Richman High School and Hunter College. At this time Hunter was an all girl's school (they allowed boys in after I graduated). At Hunter, I majored in Psychology and minored in Education. This led to becoming an Elementary teacher and was assigned to the same school I attended as a child – PS 86. Image my surprise when two of the teachers at this school still worked there. Needless to say I received excellent guidance.

While I was at Hunter College many of us worked as waitresses in the Catskill Mountains during the summer to make money to get us through the winter season. That is where I was fortunate to meet Lenny, and it was love at first sight. He was a senior at CCNY and I was a Junior at Hunter College. We were married 4 years later on August 5, 1956 in Manhattan. I left my teaching job and we moved to Los Angeles to start our lives together. My sister and her family already lived in Los Angeles, so at least we had some family here.

Len Bloom

I was born in New Jersey, spent my early schooling in Toronto, Canada, and had one year of high school in

New York. I spent my college years at CCNY. While there, I played basketball, was on the fencing team and learned my acting skills in several plays. My major was Statistics and my minor was in Accounting. While in school I worked in the Catskills during the summer months where I met my lovely wife Marilyn. After graduation, I became a statistician, and I was drafted during the Korean war where I spent my tour in Panama.

My future began as a statistician for a catalog house in Fairlawn, New Jersey, but marriage and a desire to live in California changed that. So Marilyn and I packed up and moved to Los Angeles where we put down our roots. I was a salesman, an advertising agency executive, a restaurant manager and finally settled in as a marketing expert for a Savings and Loan Company. This became my direction. I went from being a branch manager and marketing executive to being a regional director with nine branches to monitor until retirement.

Marilyn & Len

After our wedding and honeymoon, we moved to Los Angeles where we rented an apartment near the La Brea Tar Pits. In 1963, we bought our first home in Van Nuys on Bessemer Street where our three children, one boy and two girls, were born. Since Lenny's job was relocated to Huntington Beach, we decided to relocate and purchased a home in Fountain Valley. Len worked for Merit Savings & Loan as a Marketing Vice President. I took a teaching job as a Middle School teacher as (are you ready for this) a Coach of baseball, football and basketball. When you see me, ask me about this unbelievable experience. Luckily, it only lasted six months when I was given the assignment of teaching English and Science. Our children received a

great education in the Fountain Valley School System.

We lived there until 1986 when I was asked to join Assemblyman Tom Bane and run his Valley office. Since his wife was a dear friend of mine, how could I refuse? So we relocated to Studio City where Lenny went to work for Allstate Savings & Loan and I got my feet wet in politics.

When Tom Bane passed away, I decided to leave politics and start my 3rd career as a fundraiser for the Los Angeles Jewish Home where I remained for 20 incredible years.

We love to travel and have visited Israel, Alaska, Paris, Budapest, Prague, Vienna, England, Ireland, Scotland and the Caribbean. We have also traveled within the United States seeing our own wonderful country. We enjoy spending our leisure time reading, seeing plays and movies, and visiting with friends.

It was after retiring that we were pulled into square dancing by Mike Antin. We are so glad we listened to him and in 2005 became part of the Trail Dusters' family. This widened our social scope tenfold. We were truly blessed to meet so many wonderful friends and join a wide group of activities.

We joined the board in 2006 and were in charge of arranging for homes to have our After Parties. We also held the positions of visitation chairs, treasurers, refreshments, class coordinators, A Square D delegate, co-chairs of the New Year's Eve Gala for many years and helped organize and write the plays for the May Weekend. We were Vice Presidents, Presidents for two terms, and for the last 12 years, and currently, are the Newsletter Editors.

We have been blessed with four amazing grandchildren, three girls and one boy. Our son, with his family, lives in Flagstaff. One of our daughters with her husband, lives in Sedona where they have a restaurant. It is lucky for us our other daughter still lives in Los Angeles.

Trail Dusters have truly enriched our lives. We look forward to many more years of continuing relationships and warm friendships.

So dear friends, this concludes our "Know Your Board Member" column. We hope you enjoyed meeting all of us and that it will encourage you to get more involved. You will be glad you did.



Membership and Statistics

By now you should have all received a new roster, effective February 1, 2022.

Please note that it includes a page of Rail Duster contact information and photos, as well as an officer list.

There is one correction:
Rail Duster Jennifer Mantell's email is jennm4170@gamil.com.

Some Statistics:
We currently have 149 members, including 50 couples, 34 women, and 15 men.

There are 8 Rail Dusters, including 2 couples, 3 women, and 1 man.

Ilene and Mark Abramson
Membership & Statistics

Sunshine & Showers

The past month has brought a variety of weather conditions to our club family as you will see.

Get well wishes go out to **Pat Kessler** who is, at this time of writing, resting and recuperating at home following fairly simple heart surgery on February 10th. Since **Pat's** cell phone was lost in the hospital, her temporary cell number is: **442- 370-0386**, or, if you wish to send her a note, you can refer to your latest Trail Duster Roster for her new address in Rancho Mirage. To you, **Pat**, our best wishes for a rapid and full recovery, and a return to all the activities that bring you pleasure!

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to **Leslie & Bob Ruiz** on the passing of her 95-year-old father, Murray Perlstein, on February 7th. Murray was a WWII veteran who served on the USS New Jersey. He and his wife, Sydell, were married for 75 years. He leaves behind **Leslie** and her brother, 4 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. **Leslie**, may the many memories that you have acquired during your father's long life serve to bring you and your family comfort now and in the future.

Although no longer a member of Trail Dusters, **Janet Blander** left behind a great many friends in our club upon her January 31st passing following her battle with lung cancer. **Janet** and her husband **Stan**, graduates of the Class of '97, were active club members and served as our Class Coordinators. They were high school sweethearts in NY after having met when **Janet** was just "Sweet 16," and they went on to enjoy a 60-year marriage. In addition to Stan, **Janet** leaves behind two sons and a daughter, and several grandchildren. Stan, know that many

hearts are with you at this difficult time. May all your precious memories help to give you strength and comfort, now, and in the days ahead.

Concluding on a happy note, warm congratulations are extended to **Rhonda** and **Bill Shapiro** on the marriage of their daughter, Jenny Shapiro, to Greg Navarro. The wedding took place on February 19th at the Skirball Cultural Center where grandparents **Rhonda** and **Bill** thrilled at watching their granddaughters acting as Flower Girls! The newlyweds, who first met on J Date several years ago, are busy in their professions; Jenny working for Disney in Talent Relations and Greg as a screenwriter. They are making their home in North Hollywood following a short trip to Solvang. Once the world is in a safer place, Jenny and Greg look forward to honeymooning in Italy and Croatia. To all the **Shapiro** family, our best wishes for many years of happiness.

Hopefully, there will be lots of sunshine in each of your lives going forward, and you will have good news to share with your fellow club members. Remember to contact me at the address below so that I can call you for additional details before putting your news in the next *Dusty Trails*. Whether it's sunshine or showers, I'm waiting to hear from you!

Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine &
Showers Chair



For the next month, please
contact me at:
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Ways & Means

Dear Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters,

We're both excited and happy to tell you that dancing will resume in one week – on Wednesday March 2nd. We will start the evening off with dinner at Sharky's Woodfired Mexican Grill at 5:30. We invite and encourage everybody to join us. It's a great way to meet and get to know your fellow Trail Dusters while eating dinner and socializing. We always have great conversation and lots of laughs.

We all love Sharkey's owner Marjaneh who has been a big supporter of our club and gives us 20% of whatever we spend. She owns several in this chain and it's great to support these restaurants because the food served is really healthy. They opened in 1992 across from Valley College with an innovative approach to Mexican food. They wanted to get away from greasy tacos in favor of fresh, organic, grilled healthy eating. They use the best freshest ingredients and meat that is free of preservatives, all fresh vegetables and organic salads.

The restaurants we'll be dining at in March are:

Mar. 2	Sharkey's
Mar. 9	Calif Pita
Mar. 16	Olde New York Deli
Mar. 23	Salad Farm
Mar 30	The Stand

Let's have a big turnout as we greet each other, eat, dance and have a lot of fun

Flo & Bill Tapp

Ways & Means
Chair

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**EXTRA EXTRA
CLASSES WILL BEIGIN AGAIN
STARTING MARCH 2. 2022**

We want all our members to be safe so we will continue to wear our masks.

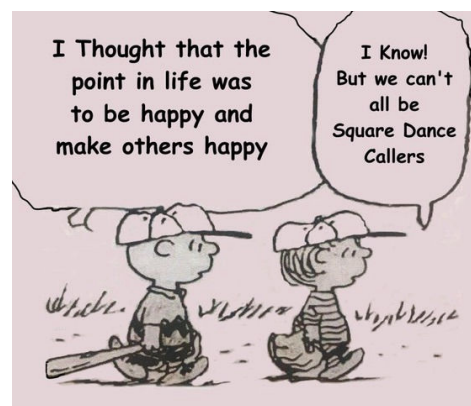
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PROOF OF YOUR
BOOSTER TO
jerisobel@earthlink.net**

in order to join Trail Dusters activities



On The Lighter Side



**I HATE IT WHEN I CAN'T
FIGURE OUT HOW TO
OPERATE THE I-PHONE,
AND THE RESIDENT
TECH EXPERT
IS ASLEEP.**

BECAUSE HE'S 5.

**AND IT'S PAST
HIS BEDTIME.**

Traveling With the Trail Dusters



Maureen and Shelly Fried bring the Dusty Trails to Dubai to read before checking into the International Hotel and then continue their reading in Luxor, Egypt

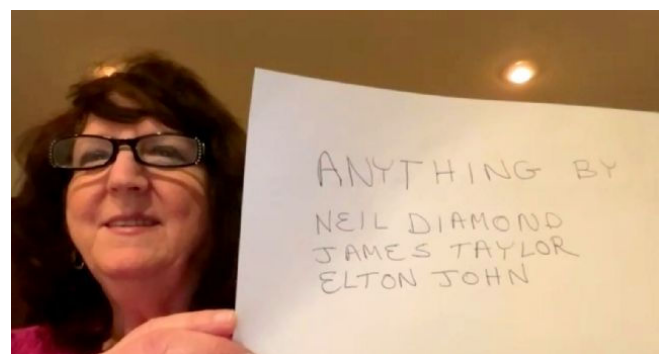
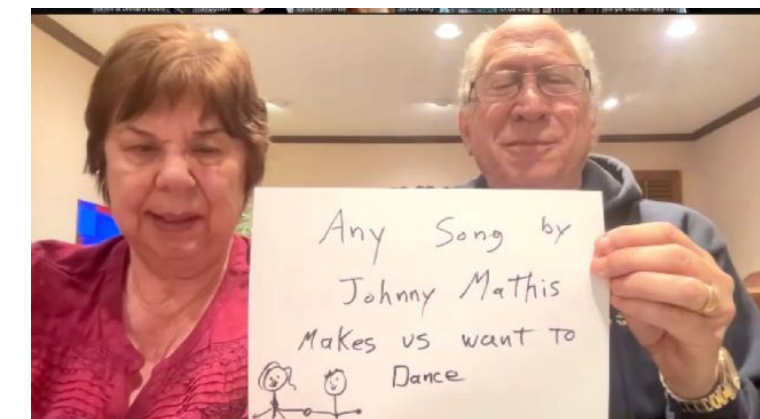
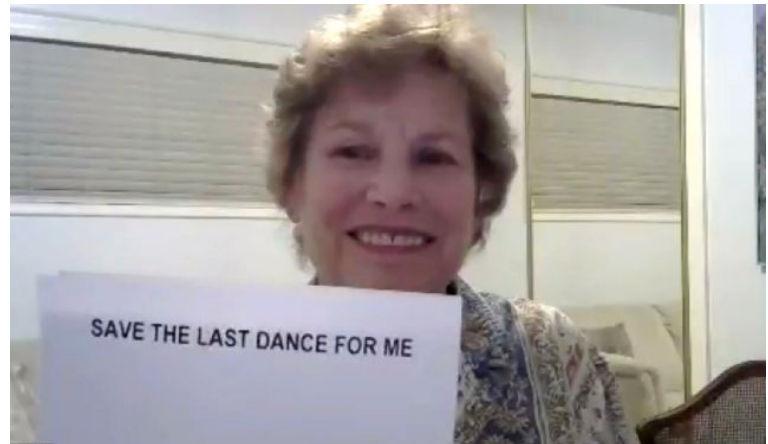
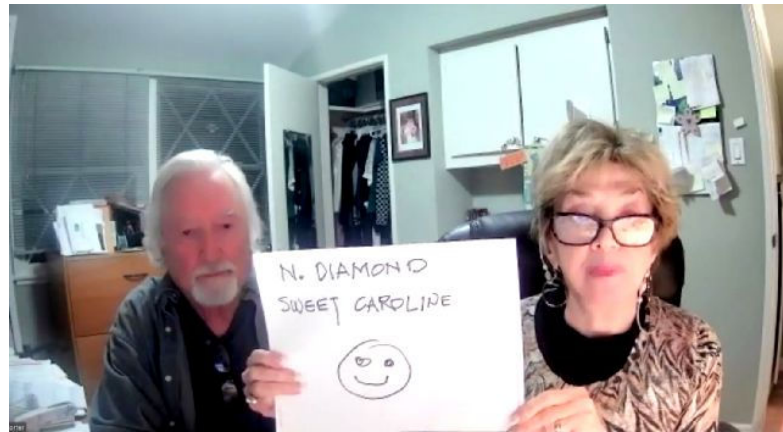
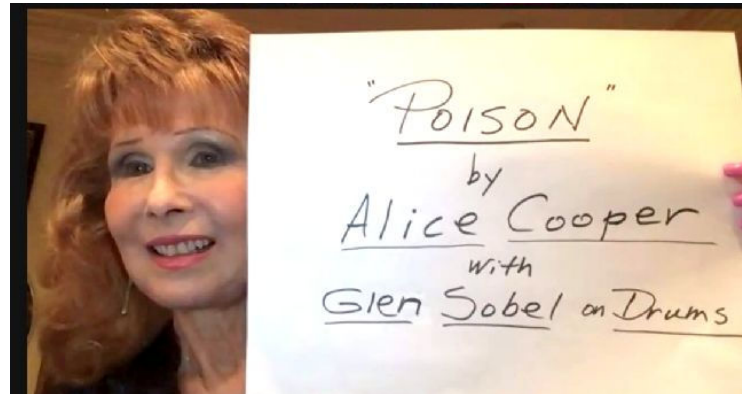
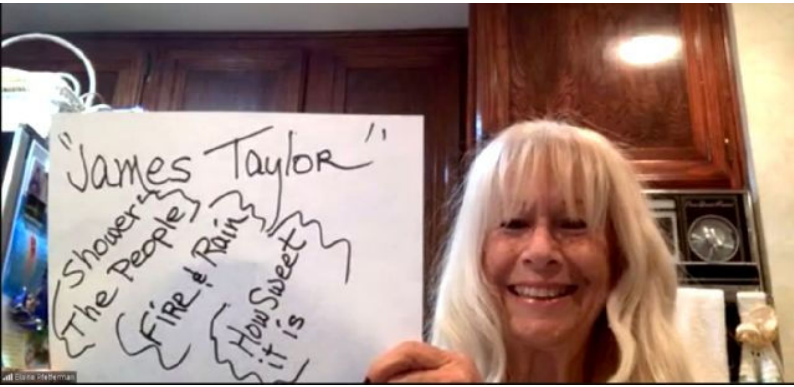


Paula and Jerry Seliga take the Dusty Trails into the Musical Instruments Museum in Phoenix



Renny Traub, Steve Rosentsweig, Mark Simon, Leonard Bloom bring the Dusty Trails as they explore the Vasquez Rocks Area

Songs We Like To Dance To



Break Out Rooms



Classes are returning!

*TIME TO PUT ON OUR DANCING SHOES AGAIN AND MEET FOR DINING
AND DANCING.*

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

All the arrangements, with safety first in mind, have been made and we are excited to see you there. Here are the plans.



5:30 PM – Meet to dine, raise money and schmooze at one of our favorites. Then on to dancing!

Sharkeys - 6219 Topanga Canyon Blvd.

7:00 PM – Class starts with Paul reviewing the calls and refreshing our memories. Please check in no later than 6:45 so we can start promptly at 7:00


Masks are required to be worn, bring your own water, no food or drinks will be provided but we will provide hand sanitizer, gloves, and extra masks.

Proof of full vaccination, including booster, must have been received by Jeri Sobel jerisobel@earthlink.net. If you have yet to send in your proof, either send it in now or bring it with you. No one will be allowed into our class without providing this proof.



***Look At The Smiles
This could be you!***

2022 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Sharkeys 5:30 pm . Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	3	4	5
6	7	8 Board Meeting  7:30 pm	9 Calif Pita 5:30 pm . Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	10	11	12
13 	14	15	16 Old New York Deli 5:30 pm . Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	17 	18	19
20 	21	22	23 Salad Farm 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	31		

