

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

"Things don't just happen,
they are made to happen".
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

We have had our new/old board meeting with binders and ideas being handed over to the new board members to continue the *happenings* of our club.



One month has gone by since receiving our presidential gavel and we see that Trail Dusters are making things *happen*.

Trail Dusters are making things *happen* by attending the work shops at Wilkinson multi purpose center, Goebels Center, or Simi Valley Center. Both new and experienced dancers are welcome at these venues – see flier page 9.

Our (almost) dance on July 8th was quite eventful. Good things were *happening* in the kitchen under the supervision of **Sandy & Bob Sobel**, and **Joni & Mark**

Simon, Diane Jubelier Light & Les Light were making their wonderful fruit salad and veggies and dip *happen* when lo and behold a huge explosion occurred. Out went the lights at Wilkinson (as well as most of the northwest valley) and the dance was cancelled.

Sizzling Summer Sunday will *happen* on August 27th beginning with dinner at the Salad Farm and continuing at Jane Lief's daughter Tracey's home – see flier page 8.

This summer's recruiting event should be a "*happening* one". Everyone is invited to come and even bring a recruit or two! For those of you who have not had the pleasure, fun and camaraderie of attending the summer bash, you are in for a really great time. We can't think of a better place to start some new and wonderful friendships.

So let's start out this year with a "Big Bang!" Trail Dusters can make this happen!

Looking forward to seeing you in a square.



Anita &
Gary Higer
Presidents

OUR NEXT DANCE IS A TEAM JERSEY DANCE

Who is your team?
Is it local or
regional; American
or National; East or
West; maybe
Collegiate?



Wear their
jersey, or
colors, or

wave a pennant on **Saturday, August 12th** at our Club dance and show your support. Our dance will feature Mike Kellogg calling and Milo Molitoris cueing. Mike, originally from Northridge, began square dancing at the age of 21 and started calling almost immediately in 1983. He now celebrates 24 years of calling experience

Dancers know him for his high energy, exuberant, and uplifting calling style. It's hard not to have fun when you're dancing to Mike's lively style. During the 80s and 90s Mike called squares full time, traveling extensively throughout the U.S., Europe, and Japan. He has now reduced his traveling schedule and works full-time during the day as a systems analyst for Technicolor in Camarillo.

I do not need to remind you that the snacks will be delicious and plentiful – be sure to stop by the kitchen and say thanks – but do not get in their way as they race around putting the food at for our guests – and you - to eat!

Remember, attending a Trail Duster's dance is one of the reasons you worked so hard to learn square dancing – that and the food and the friendship! So come out and enjoy all 3 - see flier page 6.

Your roving reporters from Canada

Shirley &
Collin Brown



Publicity
Chairs

colshirl35@gmail.com

Visitation

Our August visitation will be with Buckles & Bows

Date: **Sunday Aug 13**
Callers – Buddy Weaver &
Hunter Keller

Rounds - 2:00 pm
Plus Level 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm.
Goebel Center - 1385 E Janss
Road in Thousand Oaks
Meals provided – Tickets are \$15
in advance and \$17 at the door

Upcoming Visitations

Sept 16 with Valley Trailers.
Caller is Mike Sikorsky. Rounds at
7:30 pm - Squares at 8:00 pm at
Wilkinson Center in Northridge

October 28: with Boots and
Slippers. Caller is Darren
Gallina. Rounds at 7:00 pm -
Squares at 7:30 pm at Simi
Valley Center in Simi Valley

Sandra & Robert Sobel

Visitation
Chairs
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Hello from the new Membership
and Statistics chairs.

We are happy to introduce ourselves as the new Membership and Statistics chairpersons for 2017-2018. We are fortunate to follow **Carol & Richard Lewis**, who left this office an extraordinarily well-organized machine and a comprehensive set of computer files. We extend a giant "Thank You" to Carol & Richard for their service to the club.

The club roster will be updated and re-issued in August, so watch for your name and contact information. The information on the membership form you filled out will be used for the update.

During the next few months we will be reminding everybody to renew membership for 2018, so be sure to check here for this important activity.

Since this office is called "Membership and Statistics," we will try to include some statistics from time to time. This month we report that our club's 196 members include 67 couples, 43 women, and 19 men.

Any changes to your address, telephone contacts, or email? Send them to us by the end of July and we'll make sure they get included in the next roster update. We will be happy to hear from you!

Aug Birthday

Judith Altman	6
Richard Wallach	9
Sandra Sobel	16
Royce Walker	16
Winnie Davis	21
Ronald Cohn	25
Ruth Ann Hapner	27
Lori Hazan	28

Aug Anniversaries



Carol & Richard Lewis	1
Marilyn & Leonard Bloom	5
Rusty & Norm Kaman	5
Evelyn & Stephen Luner	15
Iris & Thom Smotrich	15
Tova & Doug Sobel	16
Maxine & Irwin Tuckman	16
Maureen & Shelly Fried	18
Gayle & Dick Hodnefield	20
Judie & Art Hirsh	25
Sandy & Jeff Cohen	26
Arlene Zoren	26
Ilene & Mark Abramson	28
Jane Lief	29

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

Ilene & Mark Abramson



Membership & Statistics

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Please use the subject
“TD Roster Change”.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2017

7:30 P.M.

CAREN & SHERWIN'S HOUSE



Recruitment

We're ready once again to spread the word. Call us eager, enthusiastic and excited. It is time again to get out there and convince a whole new group of potential dancers what a great time awaits them in our new Rail Duster class beginning Wednesday, September 6th - see flier page 7 for more details.

Don't wait another minute to tell your friends. Get out there and spread the word: Square Dancing is new and different and is a wonderful way to meet new friends, get great exercise, and join a superb group of young minded people. A few weeks ago, Margie Hausman invited 3 other couples to hold a demonstration at her Yacht Club in Westlake. It was so much fun and we hope to get a few of her members to join us. They were very receptive and enthusiastic. Perhaps you know another venue we could hold a demonstration and hand out our fliers?

If you know any potential dancers just email Marilyn Bloom marlenbloom@sbcglobal.net their names in the following format or just bring your recruits to the summer party.

Name of Dancer _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Your Name _____

With your help, we can have another large class in September.

Summer Party Alert!

Hard to convince your friends to learn to square dance? No problem. Simply invite as many people you know to the upcoming,

well touted, exciting, and not-to-be missed, end-of-summer pre-new-class celebration and Trail Duster Sizzling Summer Sunday. Here's a great chance to give friends and newcomers a fine taste of what our club is all about.

The party will be held on Sunday, August 27 at the home of Tracey Wolfson, daughter of Jane Lief – see flier page 8 for more details, This event promises to be another over-the-top good time for all.

The evening begins at 6pm at the Salad Farm for dinner. The Salad Farm continues to serve great salads and extends generous donations to our club. It's a fun place before going to the Wolfson's for desserts and more fun. This is one of our most attended and eagerly anticipated events.

Caren Blumfield



caren1224@hotmail.com

Sunshine & Showers

Westwood has lost a “fixture” with the June 20th passing of **Wendy Goldzband**'s Father. The 92-year-old man was previously an avid biker before the issue of balance became a problem. But when it did, instead of giving up, he got himself a 26-speed tricycle and continued riding all over Westwood! He and **Wendy**'s Mother were married for 69 years. To you, **Wendy**, and to your Mom and the rest of your family, we express sincere condolences on your Father's passing, and we hope that all of your happy memories will bring you a measure of comfort now and in the days to come.

On the brighter, sunnier side, **Rusty and Norm Kaman** (that's us!) are thrilled to announce the engagement of their son, Jerry, to Bethany Prince of Spokane, Washington. Jerry and Bethany became friends at age 15 when they were both cheer/yell leaders at Chatsworth High School, and have remained in touch throughout the years. They've been going together for the past 6 years. Jerry is an engineer in television (currently the Chief Engr. for "The Voice" and numerous other shows,) and Bethany is employed at Gonzaga University in Spokane. The couple will ultimately make their home in Walla Walla, Washington.

Hopefully, there is more news out there to be reported from you, our Trail Duster Family. I look forward to hearing from you at the e-mail address shown below.

Many thanks, and here's to lots of "sunshine" in each of your lives!

Warm regards,
Rusty Kaman,

rusty_k@verizon.net
Sunshine & Showers Chair



Coordinators Corner

Your new Class Coordinators, **Bill Dickter and Judy Comroe**, have been formulating goals for the new class of 2018 which will meet for the first time on Wednesday, September 6th. We have agreed that an important goal for the coming year is to graduate new dancers who will feel a commitment to the Club and feel comfortable going to dances (with support from experienced angels).

We seriously believe that these goals must be met if Trail Dusters, as a dance club, is going to survive and grow.

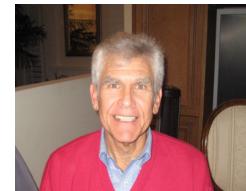
As we all know, it is very important that the students get more floor time so we will actively encourage the class to go to additional classes at other clubs. We also plan to support and accompany our students to fun dances that other clubs host and will need help from the current membership.

We plan to meet with the previous class's coordinators, before the August Board meeting, to get their view points on what went right and what could have been done better. Similarly, we plan to meet with Arlen to get his input.

As the club has only two coordinators this coming year, a looming challenge for us will be to find angels for the WWP (women without dance partners). We also will need additional members to watch the floor each week so that we can have the strongest squares possible across the entire dance floor.

We have some thoughts about this and hope to have a detailed, coordinated plan to submit to the Board in August.

Stay tuned for more information in the September edition of the Dusty Trails.



Bill Dickter
**Your
Coordinators**



Judy Comroe

THE DUSTY TRAILS GOES TO ALASKA



First, Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig brought their copy of Dusty Trails on their Alaskan Cruise.

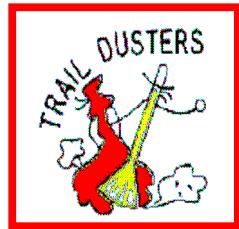


Then a few days later, Adriane & Mike Kreisberg brought their copy of the Dusty Trails to their Alaskan cruise.

Traveling at different times they knew the Dusty Trails would love Alaska.

HOLD THE DATE FOR THE 2018 SPRING WEEKEND. WE ARE GOING TO OXNARD – MAY 4-6

See website <http://traiidusters.com/> for pictures of previous fun spring weekends – go to Photo Albums



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule – 2017/2018

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
May 13, 2017	<i>Pat Carnathan</i>	Cupcake Dance
June 10, 2017	<i>Vic Ceder</i>	Silly Socks/Silly Shoes
July 8, 2017	<i>Charlie Robertson</i>	* Angel Appreciation Night
August 12, 2017	<i>Mike Kellogg</i>	* Baseball Jersey Dance
September 9, 2017	<i>Buddy Weaver</i>	* The 60's- Era of Hippies, Peace & Love
October 14, 2017	<i>Tim Pepper</i>	Ice Cream & Root Beer Floats Dance
November 11, 2017	<i>Andy Allemao</i>	Thanksgiving in a Cup
December	<i>Dark</i>	
January 13, 2018	<i>Arlen Miller</i>	Crazy T-Shirt Dance
February 10, 2018	<i>Johnny Preston</i>	Love Is In The Air
March 10, 2018	<i>Dick Hodnefield & Andy Allemao</i> <i>Class Level Dance</i>	Fabulous 50's
April 14, 2018	<i>Mike Seastrom & Buddy Weaver</i> <i>"Our 60th Anniversary Dance"</i>	

* Summer Casual Attire

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Marilyn & Len Bloom 818-326-6019

Classes remain Wednesday evenings at Bay Laurel Elementary,
24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas.



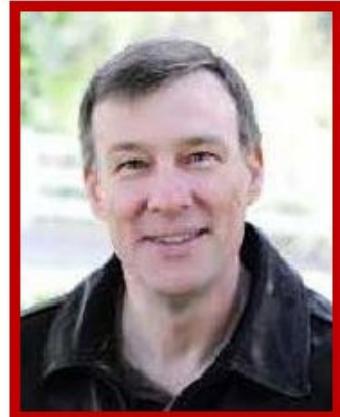
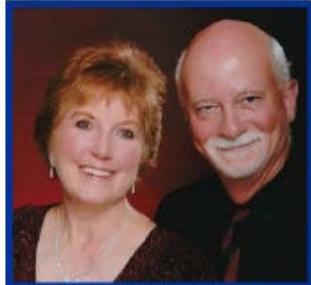
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

TEAM JERSEY NIGHT

**WHO IS YOUR TEAM!! IS IT A LOCAL TEAM, REGIONAL, AMERICAN, NATIONAL
COLLEGIATE?? SHOW YOUR SUPPORT – WEAR THEIR JERSEY.**

CALLER: MIKE KELLOGG



CUERS: MILO & CINDA MOLITORIS

Rounds 7:00 – 8:00 pm & between tips

Squares 8:00 – 10:00 pm - Plus Level Dance, A-1 Tip

Wilkinson Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge

**** CASUAL SUMMER ATTIRE ****

UPCOMING DANCES

September 9

Buddy Weaver

the 60's – Era of Hippies

October 14

Tim Pepper

Ice Cream/Root Beer Float

November 11

Andy Allemao

Thanksgiving in a Cup

For More Information Call: Anita & Gary Higer 818 789-9398

Website: www.traildusters.com – Singles and Couples Welcome



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**So, do you THINK THAT you CAN'T DANCE??
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For More Information Call:

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The Trail Dusters Present

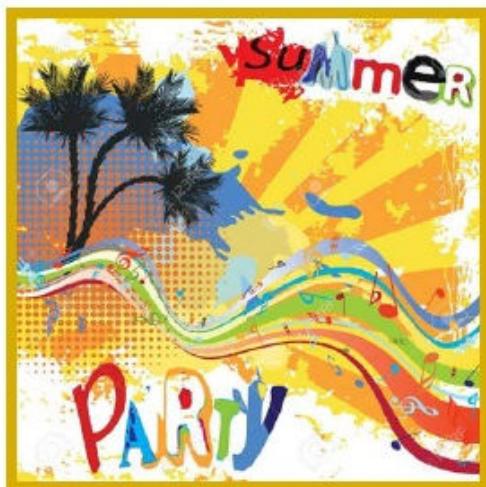
Sizzling Summer Sunday

August 27, 2017

Join our club members for some great food and great socializing all with the added benefit of raising \$\$\$ for our Club at one of our favorite eating places!



5780 Canoga Avenue
Woodland Hills
6:00 - 7:30 PM for dinner



Then travel to the home of Tracey Wolfson, Jane Leif's daughter, at 5819 Oakdale Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 for more food, music, and fun. No swimming pool but there is a large Jacuzzi !

7:30 PM till Midnight or beyond

Bring a food item to share. Cheese, crackers, appetizers, desserts, soft drinks, wine. Also swimsuit & Towel if you want to use the Jacuzzi!

MUNCH AND MINGLE - SCHMOOZ AND MUNCH

Bring potential Rail Dusters, introduce them to the social aspect of our Club, how nice we all are and how much fun being a member of our club and square dancing is!

All are welcome!!

For More Information Call

Caren Blumfield 818-216-2990 or Caren1224@hotmail.com

Summer Workshops

Monday 7:30 - 9:30

**Boots & Slippers
Simi Valley Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi
Simi**

Monday 7:30 - 9:30

**Lads & Lassies
Wilkinson Senior Center
8956 Vanalden Avenue
Northridge**

Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00

**Buckles & Bows
Goebels Adult Community Center
1385 E. Janss Road
Thousand Oaks**

Sunday 7:00 - 9:00

**Farmers & Charmers
Wilkinson Senior Center
8956 Vanalden Avenue
Northridge**

August 2017 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Caren & Sherwin's House	9	10	11	12 Dance at Wilkinson caller Mike Kellogg cuer Milo Molitoris see pages 2 & 6
13 Visitation at Buckles & Bows callers - Buddy Weaver & Hunter Keller – see page 2	2	15	16 .	17	18	19
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