

The Dusty Trails

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WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPECIAL SERVICES - WILKINSON

Hi, It's Nikki and Steve Rosentsweig. We are currently the Liaison between the Trail Dusters and the Wilkinson Senior Center. The Center, located in Northridge, is where our club holds the dances that we sponsor.

If you are a Rail Duster, we hope that next year, as a club member, you will participate in our dances. They are a lot of fun, and dancing to new Callers is a great learning experience.

We joined Trail Dusters in the Class of 2012, and we have enjoyed dancing and making wonderful friends ever since. We have been President, Vice President, Membership Chair, Secretary and Parliamentarian. If you have not participated on the Board, and have the opportunity to do so, we strongly encourage you to jump on board.

Also consider becoming one of the many people who volunteer their time behind the scenes to make this club's activities so successful.

Wishing
you a
Happy &
Healthy
New Year!



Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig



January Birthdays



Kathy Cirillo	1
Sandy Kaufman	2
Mike Sternfeld	3
Maxine Tuckman	8
Hal Rothberg	9
Bren Levy	10
Judy Comroe	11
Marilyn Katlein	12
Robert Cirillo	13
Linda Cole	16
Jaci Feldman	16
Lorraine Levin	25
Rusty Kaman	30
Maureen Fried	31

January Anniversaries



Marilyn & Stan Zwicker 18
 Flo & Bill Tapp 23

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

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Hooray for the Holidays at Bay Laurel

The spirit of the holidays was definitely in the air for our December holiday table on Wednesday, the 13th, during our Rail Duster's class at Bay Laurel. The delightful display of Chanukah and Christmas treats was beautiful and absolutely delicious.

Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell's creative decorations were so very pretty you immediately felt the warmth and cheer of the coming holidays. The treats were also in a league of their own with the vast and artistic array of choices that were spread on the tables.

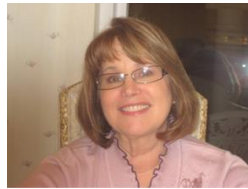
There were amazing home baked cookies, a Christmas tree shaped cheese platter, homemade decorated Chanukah cookies, an incredible birthday cake, fruit and vegetables galore.

It was an exceptional holiday display. Thanks to Jill and her team

of bakers and doers who helped make this evening a feast for the eyes and souls. It was a great event.

Your reporter

Maureen Fried



JOIN US FOR A WINTER WONDERLAND ON JAN 17

So, what's a Winter Wonderland, you must be asking yourselves. Just be creative, use your imagination, and come dressed in a Winter Wonderland outfit.

STILL CONFUSED??? YES, IT'S A COMMON OCCURRENCE AT OUR AGE. Okay all you Trail Duster Troopers...here are some suggestions: WEAR a beanie, ear muffs, a scarf, ski boots, skis, a wet t-shirt, a moose head with antlers, OR BETTER YET, This is an opportunity NOT to be missed. Just dress for a Winter Wonderland. It's entirely up to you! Be creative!

See y'all on
 JANUARY 17th
 Snack-A-Thon Night

COME HUNGRY!
 COME TO DANCE!
 COME IN COSTUME!



Snack Queen Jill



Snack King Avilicious

Coordinators Corner

December is almost behind us but we are looking forward to six more months of dancing with our Rail Dusters. So many are naturals on the floor and doing great and some are catching on at their own rate and will eventually master the calls. We will do our best to provide workshops for those who want extra help because "No Rail Duster Left Behind" is our motto.

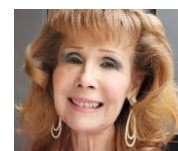
Please continue to be patient and helpful and kind and keep smiling. Each week we lose a couple or two to traveling but they return with a vengeance to learn what they missed. As coordinators, we feel it is our responsibility to help support our class. It is really all of you on the floor who keep them smiling and wanting to return.

By the way you do not have to stay in your same square all night, move around and get to meet new people. We will definitely need all your help at the SSD dance aka The Student Stomp on Sunday, January 28, 2024 - see article on page 4 and flier on page 8.

We end the year looking forward to spending New Year's Eve with many of our Rail Dusters who are joining us at The Hilton.

See you in a Square.

Caren & Sherwin



Jeri Sobel

Class Coordinators

Meet The Rail Dusters

Lisa Lawrence



Lisa is a Native Los Angeleno. She has lived in Hawaii, Ventura, Orange County, and Palm Springs. She moved back to the Los Angeles area 10 years ago due to illness in her family.

Lisa started out at the age of 16 working in the administrative offices at Beverly Hills Doctors Hospital, UCLA Medical Center and St. John's Hospital. She was one of the original staff members selected to help open Tarzana Hospital. Lisa has been a clinical nutritionist for 35 years. She is the coauthor of several Health and Wellness books as well as a motivational speaker.

She is now retired but forever busy. Lisa has one son, two stepsons, two stepdaughters plus two almost stepdaughters. She has four granddaughters and two grandsons. Add to that list, three dogs of her own and ten grand pups and seven grand kittens.

Lisa studied Ballroom Dance for three years until Covid. She has a wonderful forever fiancée, Al, who she is desperately trying to get to come and watch our Square Dance group in action. We would love to have him join us!

Lisa also loves cooking, being a kitchen alchemist and sharing her creations with friends and family. Lisa and Al are Pickleball fanatics along with Farryl & Bill Dickter who convinced her to come square dancing.



Rene & Peter Maier



Rene was born in California, but Peter is from Bayside, New York. In 1967, at the age of 13, his parents moved to Los Angeles. Both are retired now. Rene worked as the Office Manager of an advertising agency, and Peter owned a printing paper wholesale company.

He retired at 51 years of age. Peter is busier than ever growing fruit trees and making jam. He also goes to a gym and loves reading Sci-Fi, Fantasy and Historical Fiction. Rene sews and makes quilts and enjoys reading.

They have been married for 42 years and have three children, a daughter 40 years old who has two children, both girls, 4 & 6, a son who is 38 years old and has one son who is 2 and another child (a boy) due in April, a son who is 31 years old and has two children, a girl 5 & a son 7. That makes 5 1/2 grandchildren!!!

Rene is the daughter of a Holocaust survivor and Peter is the son of a Holocaust survivor. Laura and Oz Burstein brought them into our Club, and they are naturals on the floor. We love having them in our squares and we love Peter's t-shirts!

We welcome them with open arms and feel so lucky to have them with us.

Debbie & Eddie Bordon



Debbie was born in Illinois and moved to California when she was three months old. Eddy was born in Los Angeles, a true native.

They don't have grandchildren yet but they have two incredible kids. Their son lives in DC and is a partner at the Sidley Austin law firm. Their daughter worked as an assistant to her parent's accessory business and up until recently was working at a pediatrician's office in Beverly Hills.

Debbie and Eddy met while she was working as a salesgirl at Eddy's family's department stores. Eddy's grandfather started the business, and his father & uncles expanded the business over the years to twelve locations.

Debbie was promoted from working as a salesgirl to their accessory buyer. That's when she found her love for accessories and handbags. After working for Eddy's family as a buyer for two years she decided to go out on her own. She started "By Debbie" in 1978 and it took off right away. There was a lot of travel involved which was tough with a baby at home. Eddy and she worked as a team and always made things work. Debbie would travel to NY a minimum of 5 times a year and Paris, London, Milan and China twice a year. She sold to almost all the major stores in the country.

After about 20 years Eddy came into the business and handled everything which gave her more time for designing and travel. After her daughter graduated from college she joined the business which was a blessing for Debbie. She had a fresh

young eye and after three years became her mom's right arm. They traveled together, designed together, shopped stores together and created five different lines a year. Covid was the demise of her business and basically forced her to retire.

Eddy has always been a great athlete and fortunately, with retirement, he was able to have more time for sports. He could play almost any sport and was good at it. His true love was basketball. At 70 he was still playing full court basketball with guys in their 40's. After discovering he had a-fib the doctor told him his basketball days were over. He has been playing pickleball two or three times a week for the past six years and he loves it! He also still plays racquetball on occasion.

Joni and Mark Simon have been trying to get them to square dance with us for years. But, when Margie and Jeff Hausman recently asked them to give it a try, they agreed.

They love square dancing and they love all the people. Debbie said that everyone there is so warm and welcoming and they are always willing to step in to help.

Student Stomp

Rail Dusters, this dance scheduled for Sunday January 28th is for you! Now that you have learned the SSD calls it is time for you to get on the dance floor with different callers and dancers and have fun – see flier on page 8.

A Square D along with all seven clubs from across the valley and their callers will collaboratively host this dance. Trail Dusters who have mentored you since September will be there to help you join tips and ensure that you are welcome,

comfortable, happy and enjoying yourselves.

The floor will be full – but remember everyone there knows that you are all new dancers so do not be afraid or nervous. This will be an exciting and fun afternoon as you venture out into our world of square dancing. You won't want to miss this. See you all there!

**Shirley Brown
Publicity Chair**



Sunshine & Showers

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE!

Farryl and Bill Dickter are enjoying their new role as "Puppy Raisers" for Guide Dogs of America." They will have "Wookie" for 16-18 months while they attend weekly kindergarten classes and other activities for obedience training. Here's wishing you both a successful adventure with your pup and that your efforts will lead to Wookie becoming a wonderful guide dog for a visually impaired person or one with PTSD.

Please remember to contact me with any news in your family over the Holidays (Engagements? Weddings? New Grandchildren?) as well as illnesses or passings of family members. You can email me at Rusty_k@verizon.net and I will contact you for the details.

Warm wishes for a healthy & wonderful year!



**Rusty Kaman,
Rusty_k@verizon.net**

Sunshine & Showers Chair

Ways & Means

We hope everyone has had a very happy New Year and that you celebrated wisely watching your calories so that you can all join us on Wednesday nights for our "dinner before dancing." We will be sitting and shmoozing before we spin and twirl.

Dinner before our classes is a wonderful time to get to know new and old members alike. These friendships are what make our Club special.

A new restaurant has been added on January 24, and we're all in for a treat as we dine at Mendocino Farms in Calabasas.

The following is the schedule of restaurants for the month of Jan.

January	10	Sharkey's
January	17	The Stand
January	24	Mendocino Farms
January	31	Calif Pita

Flo & Bill Tapp 818-422-6784

Jane Lief



818-881-8300



**January 3
Holiday Break — No Class**

**January 10
Yahoo - Classes Return**

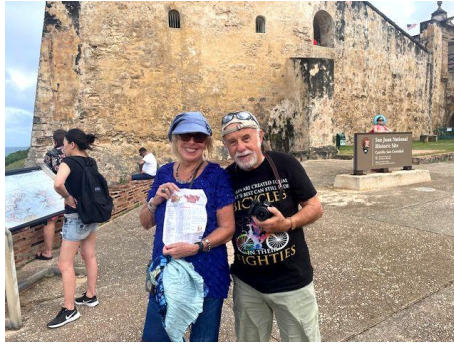
**January 17th
Class – Winter Wonderland**

**January 28
Student Stomp - SSD**

TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig introduce the Dusty Trails to Pismo Beach



Paula & Jerry Seliga bring the Dusty Trails to San Juan, Puerto Rico



And then to Tortola

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Front row: Alan Shotsky, Victor Wolfe, Caren Blumfield, Art Hirsh, Patti Goldberg, Phyllis Saul, Steve Rosentsweig, Marilyn Bloom
Back row, Rene Maier, Jay Mulein, Paul Waters, Farryl Dickter, Bob Cirillo, Simcha Saul

The Holidays come to Bay Laurel



Bob Zoren & Jennifer Mantell wear the perfect outfit to celebrate the holidays



Winter WONDERLAND

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Snack Queen Jill & Snack King Avilicious

STUDENT STOMP

SSD CLASS LEVEL DANCE

ASQD

EVERYONE WELCOME – COME SUPPORT
THE STUDENTS

CALLERS:

Janienne
Alexander

Dick
Hodnefield

Dale
Hoppers



CALLERS:

Don
Schadt

Mike
Seastrom

Rod
Shuping

Paul
Waters

Sunday, January 28, 2024

2 – 4:30 pm

Donation \$10.00

ROTATION BOARD

SOME LINE DANCING

Wilkinson Center

8956 Vanalden Ave. Northridge, CA 91324

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Sierra Hillbillies–Trail Dusters – Western Weavers**

Information: Linda Kaplan 805-231-6171

January 2024 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day 	2	3 NO CLASS	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	10 Sharkey's 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm see snackathon pages 2 & 7	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Mendocino Farms 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	25	26	27
28 STUDENT STOMP See pages 4 & 8	29	30	31 Calif Pita 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm			

