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From the Presidents' Desk

We re Back on Track....two!

Yes, the Higers are back for a second term as Presidents! We would like to thank **Marilyn and Lenny Bloom** for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the Trail Dusters. They, along with the fantastic last year's board, have built a wonderful foundation for continuing our square dance program.

Plato has said, "The beginning is the most important part of the work." Each day is a new beginning. It is time to try new experiences and crossing things off our bucket lists.

We are excited to begin the new year of our Presidency with seeing our Trail Duster friends, meeting new people, and making new friends. Our work begins by asking you to put the Trail Dusters dances on July 8th and August 12th on your bucket list for summer fun. The dances are at Wilkinson Senior Center.

You can also improve your dancing skills by attending summer review workshops. On Monday, you can do a right and left grand at Wilkinson Senior Center from 7:30 until 9:30 P.M. or in Simi Valley

with Boots & Slippers from 7:30 until 9:30 PM. Tuesdays could find you loading the boat at the Goebels Adult Community Center in Thousand Oaks from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and Sunday evening you can weave the ring at Wilkinson from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Put any of these activities on your bucket list and you will have a summer full of active entertainment (see page 14).

On Sunday, August 27th, we will hold our Sizzling Summer Sunday Party. This event gives the Trail Dusters the opportunity to bring potential recruits to meet our club members and to munch and mingle! So follow your neighbor to our summer gala where there will be plenty of cold drinks in the bucket (page 13 for more details).

The fun will continue with Trail Dusters first class on September 6th. We will be promenading and stirring the bucket around the floor with our angels, our 2017 graduating class, and all the new faces that will be joining us.

The Higers, the Trail Dusters Board of Directors and our wonderful caller **Arlen Miller** invite you to work with us and enjoy all the activities throughout the year. That will cheerfully fill your bucket.

Looking forward to seeing you in a square.



Anita & Gary Higer Presidents

SILLY SOCKS – SILLY SHOES
OUR JUNE 10, 2017 DANCE



Vic Ceder really got into the theme of "Crazy Socks Crazy Shoes" by sporting his own crazy socks at our last dance.

Anyone

wandering into our room must have wondered what kind of crazy dancers we were when looking at the dance floor and saw crazy socks and crazy shoes!



See page 8 for a photo moment.

In between tips and cues from our famous cuer, Milo Molitoris, people could be found in the lobby munching on the food display by our kitchen staff. **Anita & Gary**



filled in for Sandy & Bob Sobel (Sandy is still recovering from a fall) with expert help from **Nancy & Richard Wallach and Susan and Steve Langberg.**



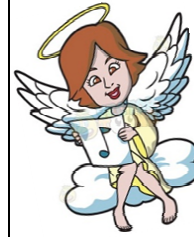
Your Dance Reporter



Caren Blumfield

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Our Next Dance is
ANGEL APPRECIATION NIGHT



Come to our Club dance on July 8th and join this year's Board as we celebrate and thank the club members who came to class every

week and supported our new dancers. Angels are necessary in assisting, supporting, and encouraging our new dancers and guiding them to graduation. Trail Dusters answered the call and came – see flier page 11.

Our caller, **Charlie Robertson**, began his calling career at the ripe old age of 12 in Southern California after mentioning to his Mom he wants to learn how to call. Charlie's mom contacted a local square dance caller and arranged lessons. Square dancing and square dance calling soon became a huge part of Charlie's life.

Over the last 30 years Charlie has been privileged to travel the world calling dances and weekend festivals and has been a featured recording artist on several square dance record labels and is proud to have recorded the first – and only-true Square Dance Rap song. He enjoys calling all levels from Basic through C1 and is known for his energetic style and creative choreography.

We are fortunate to have him back calling our dance so don't miss this opportunity to dance with him again. He is a warm, friendly young man who enjoys meeting all the dancers, and he'll call a great dance.

Of course Milo will be cueing our Round Dancers and will provide our dancers with a variety of dance

levels and styles, all delivered in his smooth manner that the Round dancers so enjoy.

As if you need another reason to attend, I will give you one more – munchies! Yes the Trail Duster Food Train will be there to provide some great snacks. Be sure and drop by the kitchen and thank them for their hard work.



Remember – summer is here and so is casual attire for the dance!

Your roving reporters from Canada



Shirley & Collin Brown

Publicity Chairs

colshirl35@gmail.com

Visitation

Our July visitation will be with Valley Trailers

Date: Saturday July 15

7:30 pm Rounds

8:00 pm Squares

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Where: Wilkinson Sr. Center Northridge

Upcoming Visitations

Aug 23 (Sunday afternoon) –

Buckles & Bows Sea Breeze

Callers – Buddy Weaver & Hunter Keller from 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm.

Goebel Sr Center - 1385 E Janss Road in Thousand Oaks

Meals provided – Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door

Sept 16 with Valley Trailers.

Caller is Mike Sikorsky. Rounds at 7:30 pm - Squares at 8:00 pm at Wilkinson Sr Center in Northridge

Susan & Steve Langberg

Visitation

Chairs

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List of 2017/2018 callers – pg 11

July Birthday

Elaine Pfefferman	1
Hy Katlein	3
Steven Katz	4
Joni Simon	4
Hana Klinenberg	5
Nikki Rosentsweig	7
David Simon	9
Bernie Brauner	11
Evie Antin	12
Mark Abramson	13
Terry Holtzman	13
Louise Schoenneman	16
Sheldon Levin	18
Judy Levy (Judy & Stephen)	18
Shirley Brown	20
Tom Bolton	24
Sherwin Silver	26
Nancy Sachs	27

July Anniversaries

Anita & Gary Higer	1
Gloria & Marc Schwartz	1
Nancy & Richard Wallach	9
Mindy & Al Brown	11
Sandy & Bill Sarnoff	16
Rita & Arnie Karp	20
Margie & Jeff Hausman	21
Harriet & Steve Berman	26

Carol & Richard Lewis

Membership & Statistics

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Recruitment

Once again, our new Trail Dusters showed us all how much fun it is to be a square dancer in our club.

No time to relax just yet!

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 6 - see flier page 12 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.

Just email Marilyn Bloom marlenbloom@sbcglobal.net the names of your potential dancers in the following format or just bring them 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 13 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.

Maureen & Shelly Fried



Special Events Chairs

Sunshine & Showers

We begin with sincere CONGRATULATIONS and a warm WELCOME to our new graduates of the Class of 2017! As members of the Trail Duster "Family," we hope that each of you will continue to attend and enjoy the Wednesday night classes AND our monthly Club dances in addition to participating in our many Club activities.

Miriam and Bernie Brauner are thrilled to share their happiness over the June 4th marriage of their son Jacob to his fiancée, Negin. The wedding took place at Saddleback Ranch in Malibu. After a honeymoon in Bora Bora, the newlyweds will make their home in Los Angeles – much to **Miriam and Bernie's** delight! To all the **Brauner** family, we say

congratulations and our very best wishes!

Nikki and Steve Rosentszweig are very proud of their granddaughter, Rachel Hemmelder, who recently graduated from Cal State University, Channel Islands, Suma Cum Laude. Rachel majored in Business and ultimately hopes to own her own business. Here's wishing you, Rachel, a successful future that will see your dream become a reality! And to you, **Nikki and Steve**, may your grandchildren continue to be a source of pride and joy!

For some of our Trail Duster family members, June brought some challenges that were not quite so sunny. **Sandy Sobel** is recovering from a fall that resulted in a broken bone in her right foot. Now, for a total of 6 weeks, **Sandy** is hobbling around in a boot. **Sandy**, we hope to hear that you are improving daily and coming close to being completely healed! We're not accustomed to seeing you sitting on the sidelines and look forward to seeing you "back in action!"

While attending a play at CSUN, **Lynn Ovardia** tumbled down some steps when her knee buckled and she hit her forehead. Still, she managed to fly to Hawaii on May 14th where she then received medical attention for fractures on her 1st and 2nd vertebrae, very close to her spinal cord. **Lynn** is now wearing a brace 24/7 and faces a lengthy healing period, possibly 3 to 6 months. **Lynn**, we all hope that your healing will go well and that you will be able to resume the activities that you enjoy in the not-too-distant future! We all wish you well!

Bill Dickter is presently wearing a brace as he recovers from what he terms "an over-used knee." **Bill**,

we hope that it won't be too long before you can again comfortably enjoy the many sports in which you love to engage; bicycling, skiing and of course dancing (just to name a few.) We all send healing thoughts your way!

One of our Club's great friends and supporters, and a gentleman who often comes to angel on Wednesday nights, is **Ricky Campos**. We have learned that **Ricky** is presently on crutches after suffering torn tendons and ligaments while exercising. He hopes to return in September – and we certainly hope that he will! If you would like to call or text **Ricky** to wish him well, his number is: (818) 631-5247.

Hopefully, all of you who are currently experiencing illness or injury will be faring MUCH better by my next reporting. May the sun shine (but perhaps not quite as hot as it has done recently!) upon all of you. Please remember that you can reach me using the e-mail shown below to share any sunshine or showers with our fellow Trail Duster members. I look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards,
Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine & Showers Chair



NEXT BOARD MEETING
JULY 11, 2017
7:30 P.M.
NEW AND OLD
BOARD
FLO & BILL TAPP'S HOUSE

Coordinators Corner

What an absolutely amazing year we just finished, thanks to a cast of thousands. We welcome with open arms the class of 2016-17 Rail Dusters, Our June 14th graduation

evening was pretty close to perfect in every way. A great big thank you to **Anita and Gary Higer** who again took care of all of the food arrangements and worked endlessly with a group of volunteers in the kitchen all night.



Our delicious dinner of chicken,



pasta, steamed vegetables, salad



and rolls were served, promptly at



6:00 pm. Dinner also included cut



up watermelon, cakes, and



assorted drinks.



Then at 7:00 pm we were seated inside and the processional



Ceremony began.



This was followed by the biography



introductions of our graduates and



presentation of diplomas. ***This years class motto is Join the Scene in 2017***

The class then presented their



super creative show, which we all thoroughly enjoyed !!! We have yet another group of very talented new Trail Dusters.



After the play Arlen did his usual dancing routine of having us



include our guests in a square



dance demo. It was difficult to leave such an enjoyable evening.

Another great big thank you - to **Marilyn & Len Bloom** for being such wonderful presidents - and all of the help and support they gave us all year.

Please encourage all of your friends to come join us in Sept as we launch a new season.

FloTapp & Janice Reiss

Lynn & Joel Ovadia



WELCOME NEW TRAIL DUSTER GRADUATES!

Welcome to our 18 new members who just graduated in June! A warm Trail Duster welcome to:

Tracey & Tom Bolton, Vita Brett, Rhonda Eisner, Arthur Grossman, Adrienne Kirman, Linda Marchesini, Lainy Parlen, Eleanor Pekala, Beverly Rutkin, Elise & Neil Sandler, Gloria and Marc Schwartz, Val Simmonds, Alex Strouzer, Michael Whitman, and Victor Wolfe.

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.

How many members are there now in the Trail Dusters Square Dance Club? Our official roster now contains 196 members. If all of us came to the next club dance, we would form almost 25 squares. That is a wonderful objective for us to strive for! It is this writer's opinion that this total makes Trail Dusters one of the largest square dance clubs in the state, if not the country. If someone knows of a larger club, let us know!

We have been happy and privileged to serve as your Membership and Statistics chairpersons. Our term of office is up as of June 30. You can look forward to the excellent service that you will receive when **Ilene and Mark Abramson** take over the membership job starting July 1. Good luck and Best Wishes to the Abramsons!

Carol & Richard Lewis
Membership/Statistics Chairs

SILLY SOCKS SILLY SHOES



Traveling With The Trail Dusters



Paula & Jerry Seliga biking under the Banyan Tree in Maui

MEET OUR NEWEST TRAIL DUSTERS



Front row: Marc & Gloria Schwartz, Victor Wolfe, Tracey Bolton, Linda Marchesini, Lainy Parlen, Rhonda Eisner, Val Simmonds
2nd row: Lynn Ovadia (Coordinator) , Tom Bolton, Arthur Grossman, Vita Brett, Beverly Rutkin, Elise & Neil Sanders, Flo Tapp (Coordinator)
3rd row: Joel Ovadia (Coordinator) Alex Strouzer, Mike Whitman, Eleanor Pekala



Arlen, the first night of Rail Dusters Class.



Arlen, on graduation night.



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

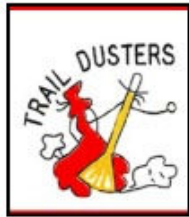
DATE	CALLER	THEME
May 13, 2017	Pat Carnathan	Cupcake Dance
June 10, 2017	Vic Ceder	Silly Socks/Silly Shoes
July 8, 2017	Charlie Robertson	* Angel Appreciation Night
August 12, 2017	Mike Kellogg	* Baseball Jersey Dance
September 9, 2017	Buddy Weaver	* The 60's- Era of Hippies, Peace & Love
October 14,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

*** 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.



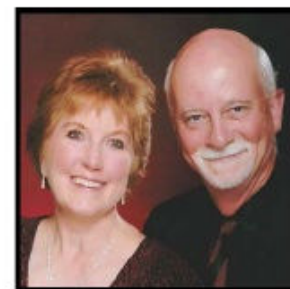
TRAIL DUSTERS ***Saturday, July 8, 2017***

ANGEL APPRECIATION NIGHT

Join us as we celebrate and thank our dancers who came to class every week and supported our new dancers!



CALLER: CHARLIE ROBERTSON



**CUER: MILO & CINDA
MOLITORIS**



***Rounds 7:00 - 8:00 pm & between tips
Squares 8:00 - 10:00pm - Plus Level Dance, A-1 Tip
Wilkinson Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden,
Northridge,***



UPCOMING DANCES

**August 12
September 9
October 14**

**Mike Kellogg
Buddy Weaver
Tim Pepper**

*** Baseball Jersey Dance *
* The 60's- Era of Hippies, Peace & Love*
Ice Cream & Root Beer Floats Dance**

*** SUMMER ATTIRE ****

For More Information Call: **Marilyn & Len Bloom (818) 326-6019**
or **Anita & Gary Higer (818) 789-9398**

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



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(Dark Sept 20th)

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JOIN US FOR THE FUN AND FRIENDSHIP.**

For More Information Call:

Marilyn Bloom - 818-326-6019 - marlenbloom@sbcglobal.net

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

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

July 2017 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 	5	6	7	8 Dance at Wilkinson caller Charlie Robertson cuer Milo Molitoris see pages 2 & 11
9	10	11 Board Meeting 7:30 PM New & Old Board Flo & Bill Tapp's House	12	13	14	15 Visitation at Valley Trailers – caller Charlie Robertson see page 3
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