

# The Dusty Trails

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### Parliamentarians

Mark Cutter

### Caller Coordinator/Contracts

Pat Kessler and Farryl Dickter

### Dance Reporter

Caren Blumfield

### Maintenance

Sandra & Robert Sobel

## Joni & Mark's Retirement Letter

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### "THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD"

The Beatles sang it. They made it a hit song. But the Trail Dusters lived it over the last two years. It's definitely been a long and winding road for all of us. But, because of the effort, cooperation, hard work, and generosity of our club, the Trail Dusters weathered all the challenges, and ended up with a very successful and enjoyable two years.

Here's a quick review of some of the more important events we can't forget. Right out the starting box, in the summer of 2018, we were left without a caller. We were lucky enough to find Paul Waters to sign on as our new caller. He has been a tremendous addition to our club.

We couldn't be more fortunate to have Paul as part of our FAMILY. We also had to endure what many of us thought would be Armageddon, the Woolsey Fire. Many of us, our family, and people we knew, had to evacuate their homes. We were all terrified of what might happen and how far the fire would go. We had to cancel our dances.

We changed things up and decided to have a Hoedown fundraiser for Ronald McDonald house. This was something never done before, and it was a big gamble. Many were very skeptical and said it would never work. We ended up raising a record breaking \$10,000 for RMH.

In addition, we created a mentor system to help the new dancers learn to dance. We had two class level dances with Paul Waters and Mike Seastrom with record breaking attendance. We had two of the most amazing New Year's Eve parties.

There were many more ups and downs on our long and winding road. But nothing hit us harder than the Corona Virus. This really was Armageddon. We had to make the decision, that nobody would have ever predicted, to completely shut down all Trail Duster activities indefinitely. We are still shut down without an end in sight.

What a ride. But again, we made it through because of the efforts of all the TRAIL DUSTER FAMILY. There is one segment of the Trail Duster Family that I need to give a very special thanks. I am talking about **our board of directors**. They have been with us for the last

two years, and they are the unsung heroes of our club. It literally takes a "Village" to run this club. At the club's last board meeting, on June 9<sup>th</sup>, we installed a new board of directors to be led by your new presidents, Nikki and Steve Rosentsweig.

However, I would like to quickly acknowledge the people who were part of our board of directors for two years and, were so helpful and loyal to our club. Their hard work, creative ideas, cooperation, and friendship will always be greatly appreciated.

**Jeri & Ron Sobel – our Treasurers** - They collect the Club's money, pay our bills, as well as many other important things they unselfishly do for the club.

**Dale Kaufman our Financial Treasurer** - Dale keeps the books for the club and generates our financials each month. His business acumen and support has been so appreciated.

**Ilene & Mark Abramson our Directors of Membership** - This is a highly detailed job, and there is no one who could do it better than Ilene and Mark. They have been great.

**Rusty Kaman – our Director of Sunshine and Showers** - Rusty keeps us up to date about what's happening with Trail Dusters.

**Randee Samsky, Mark Cutter, Roy Okada, Lynn & Joel Ovadia, our Class Coordinators**- This is the hardest job in the entire club. These coordinators were among the best we've ever had. They managed the Rail Dusters expertly and helped create lasting friendship among the new members.

**Marilyn & Lenny Bloom our Editors** - The fantastic *Dusty Trails* that comes out every month is due to the hard work of these people. They do a great job. Don't get me started on all the "millions" of other things Marilyn does for our club. I could write a book.

**Shirley & Collin Brown our Publicity and Webmasters** - We owe so much to Shirley. She always helps us, and makes us look good over and over again all the way from Canada.

**Bill Dickter our ASQD Rep** - Bill attended - ASquareD meetings every month and kept us up to date with what was happening in the square dance community.

**Wendy Goldzband our Secretary** Wendy keeps meticulous minutes of our board meetings. She also provides very intelligent ideas and suggestions at our board meetings.

**Denise Kutzer, Richard Rose, Cindy Kestenbaum, Paula & Al Masters our Directors of the Kitchen** - These are the wonderful people that made sure we were fed each Wednesday night. They are now helping to make sure we have "virtual" snacks at our Virtual Dances.

**Jane Lief and Flo Tapp - Ways & Means Directors** - Jane and Flo are what is known in the business world as the "Rain Makers." They organize the restaurants that feed us on Wednesday nights before our dances. These restaurants pay us for our patronage.

**Pat Kessler & Farryl Dickter - Caller Coordinators**- Pat and Farryl make sure that we have callers available for our Saturday Club Dances.

**Judy Comroe - Parliamentarian**- Judy kept an eye on me when I

didn't know the difference from a motion, a second to a motion, or an abstention.

**Anita & Gary Higer our Directors of Special Services** - Anita and Gary handled our insurance, our relationship with Bay Laurel Elementary School, and the City of Los Angeles regarding Wilkinson Senior Center.

**Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver and Paula & Al Masters our Wagon Masters** - Caren plans and organizes the Spring weekends. She is a genius at this job and creates the most fantastic events. This year Sherwin, Paula & Al Masters helped out as well. Last year's weekend was spectacular. Unfortunately, this year's weekend was cancelled.

**Sandy & Bob Sobel our Directors of the Kitchen for our Saturday Club Dances** - Sandy and Bob make sure that everyone at our Saturday dances get fed. But, also, they are the unsung heroes of our club. It would be impossible for me to enumerate all the things they do for our club. Trail Dusters would be in trouble without them.

I left **Nikki and Steve Rosentswieg, our clubs Vice Presidents**, to mention last. They were very supportive and helpful to us. We always had them to bounce ideas off. They always supported us with all our endeavors.

Our club is very fortunate to have Nikki and Steve as our new presidents. Even though Trail Dusters is temporarily not active, they have a very difficult task ahead of them. They must find creative ways to make sure our club stays together as a family and is ready to resume all our activities when the time comes. This will not

be an easy job. So, PLEASE, give them all the support, hard work, cooperation, generosity, and help that you all gave to us for the last two years.

We love the Trail Dusters. We worked very hard to do our best for the club. We are anxious for the day when we are all together again to dance, hug, snack and enjoy each other.

Love,  
Joni & Mark



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## From the Presidents' Desk

Joni and Mark Simon have done an amazing job as presidents for boldly and successfully guiding us through an amazing and challenging two years. They are a hard act to follow.

We are certainly taking the helm at a strange time. There are no live dances, no live classes, and we have all the numerous other restrictions that come with surviving the COVID crisis.

What is important is that we retain our identity, our camaraderie, and positive spirit that has always been part of the Trail Dusters. We anxiously await the time that we will again be comfortable to physically be together again.

We thank our dedicated caller, Paul Waters, and our energetic line dance teacher Caren Blumfield, for working with Joni and Mark to create our online zoom dance.

We look forward to working with Paul, our Board and all our

members to help us revise and improve this fun zoom activity.

As we go through the year, please feel free to bring to us any ideas you have for the Club. As we say at the end of every class, Thaaaaaaaannnnnnk, You

Nikki & Steve  
Rosentsweig

Presidents



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## July Birthdays



Elaine Pfefferman	1
Hy Katlein	3
Steven Katz	4
Al Masters	4
Joni Simon	4
Roy Okada	4
Nikki Rosentsweig	7
David Simon	9
Bernie Brauner	11
Percy Calkins	11
Barbara Kelner	11
Diane Townsend	12
Mark Abramson	13
Terry Holtzman	13
Louise Schoenneman	16
Sheldon Levin	18
Judy Levy (Judy & Stephen)	18
Shirley Brown	20
Gayle Stern	20
Sherwin Silver	26
Nancy Sachs	27

## July Anniversaries

Anita & Gary Higer	1
Gloria & Marc Schwartz	1
Mindy & Al Brown	11
Paula & Avi Nudell	11
Sandy & Bill Sarnoff	16
Margie & Jeff Hausman	21
Harriet & Steve Berman	26

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

If anybody has any roster changes since the February 2020 roster. This includes new e-mails, phone numbers, addresses, or names.

Please send any changes to  
[markabe@aol.com](mailto:markabe@aol.com)

Ilene & Mark  
Abramson  
Membership  
Chairs



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## Sunshine & Showers

While this year's current conditions make Fourth of July celebrations a lot different from those we've known in the past, I'm delighted that, for many of our Trail Duster "family" members, sunshine and happiness still reign.

On July 1st, **Joni and Mark Simon** will become "Has Beens" (as our club past Presidents are affectionately known) and **Nikki and Steve Rosentsweig** will assume leadership as our incoming Presidents. We extend a very grateful THANK YOU to **Joni and Mark** for all they have done for our club during their two-year term – including taking on responsibilities that have never before been encountered by any previous Presidents. Trail Dusters are extremely fortunate to have yet another tremendously qualified couple willing to take the helm. **Nikki and Steve**, we all extend our best wishes as you go forward.

As **Joni and Mark** leave the Presidency, they are already busy

in their role as grandparents, this time as they welcome a brand new grandson! Born on June 18<sup>th</sup> to their son Steve and daughter-in-law Andrea, baby Luke Simon makes the third grandchild for **Joni** and **Mark** who are already blessed with two wonderful granddaughters. CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to all the **Simon** family!

**Rhonda Eisner** has been perfecting her nanny skills – singing Mother Goose songs and reading to her new granddaughter, Zoe Margolis, born to her daughter Rachel and son-in-law Jacob on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Little Zoe, who arrived on her “big” brother’s second birthday, is presently quarantined with her family and staying safe in Northridge. **Rhonda**, here’s wishing you much happiness with both your grandchildren. It appears you are going to be a great nanny!

Still more happiness and sunshine to share; the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of **Sandy** and **Dale Kaufman**! These Southern California natives met at CSUN from where they are both graduates. They have three sons and two daughters-in-law, and are further blessed with three grandchildren (two grandsons and a granddaughter.) **Sandy** and **Dale**, may you continue to celebrate for many more healthy and happy years together!

There is more “sunshine” to report from **Adriane** and **Mike Kreisberg**. Their Israeli granddaughter, Merav Blum, is graduating from Sapir College in Sderat (the city that receives rockets from Gaza,) in July with honors. Merav and her husband Gabe are moving to Jerusalem where she will begin a new job training to be a head hunter in the high tech industry. You have good reason to be proud, **Adriane** and

**Mike**, and we’re happy for you and your family.

**Jeri** and **Ron Sobel** are very excited to see their (drummer) son Glen’s photo on the cover of the Paris celebrated music magazine, *Batteur*. The magazine is sold in France, Belgium and other neighboring countries. CONGRATULATIONS to Glen on yet another major accomplishment, and to you, **Jeri** and **Ron**!

How refreshing it is to be able to share so much happy news, especially at the present time! May I remind you that I am always available to accept your news, be it “sunshine” or “showers.” Simply e-mail me at the address below and I will contact you for further details to share with our club family.

Meanwhile, may you stay well and safe.

Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine & Showers  
Chair  
Rusty\_k@verizon.net



## TRAIL DUSTERS MAKE HISTORY FIRST EVER ZOOM DANCE

That’s right, if you joined us on Wednesday June 24 (nearly 100 people did) you participated in our first zoom dance – see pictures of some of the attendees on pages 6 & 7. Our own **Paul Waters** called to phantom squares and **Caren Blumfield** led us in the Electric Slide, our first ever zoom line dance.

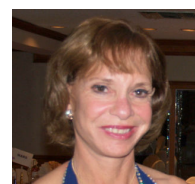
More to come because every month until the Pandemic leaves and we feel safe to resume our dancing at Bay Laurel and

Wilkinson, Paul will call to our squares and Caren will teach more line dances. Our first dance was done using two couples per square to make the first zoom easy and fun. We didn’t even see anyone breaking down so don’t admit it if you did! In between tips, we all zoomed and socialized. We didn’t even need masks and we didn’t gain a single pound from all of the virtual snacks that some of our dancers provided. It was so wonderful to see everyone again even though we had to scroll to three different screens because we had so many participants.

Join us next month as we provide an improved and even more exciting dance. We plan to have themes from now on and we will send out all the necessary information well in advance so you can prepare. We may even have chat rooms to go into to socialize with less people so we can share our Covid adventures. The future looks bright for our Club. Covid may have put a wrinkle in our usual schedule but in true Trail Duster fashion, we have found a way around our crisis and a solution to keep us all in touch. We are “zooming” into the future!

**Caren Blumfield**

Dance Reporter



**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**JULY 14, 2020**

**7:30 P.M.**

**ZOOM MEETING**



**Next Virtual Square Dance  
Wed., July 15, 7:00 pm**



## On The Lighter Side

New monthly budget: Gas \$0  
Entertainment \$0 Clothes \$0  
Groceries \$2,799.

Breaking News: Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended. Not so much to stop COVID-19, but to stop eating.

When this quarantine is over, let's not tell some people.

I stepped on my scale this morning. It said: "Please practice social distancing. Only one person at a time on scale."

Not to brag, but I haven't been late to anything in over 6 weeks.

It may take a village to raise a child but I swear it's going to take a vineyard to home school one.

You know those car commercials where there's only one vehicle on the road - doesn't seem so unrealistic these days ...

They can open things up next month, I'm staying in until August to see what happens to y'all first.

Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money.

Home school, day 60: I'm trying to figure out how I can get this kid transferred out of my class.

Okay, the schools are closed. So, do we drop the kids off at the teacher's house or what?

For the second part of this quarantine do we have to stay with the same family or will they relocate us? Asking for myself...

Coronavirus has turned us all into dogs. We wander around the house looking for food. We get told "No" if we get too close to strangers and we get really excited about going for walks and car rides.

The dumbest thing I've ever bought was a 2020 planner.

I was in a long line at 7:45 am today at the grocery store that opened at 8:00 for seniors *only*. A young man came from the parking lot and tried to cut in at the front of the line, but an old lady beat him back into the parking lot with her cane. He returned and tried to cut in again but an old man punched him in the gut, then kicked him to the ground and rolled him away. As he approached the line for the 3rd time he said, "If you don't let me unlock the door, you'll never get in there."



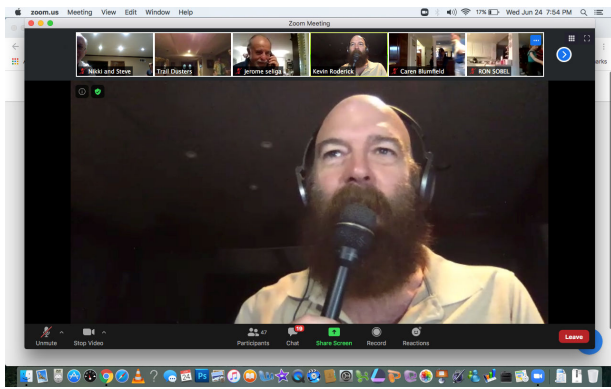
Anyone else's car getting 3 weeks to the gallon at the moment ?

If you wear your jeans 5 days in a row, they become all baggy and it looks like you're losing weight. Follow me for more quarantine life pro tips.

## Stages of Quarantine



Just saw 3 people jogging outside & it inspired me to get up & close the blinds.



Paul Waters leading our virtual square dance

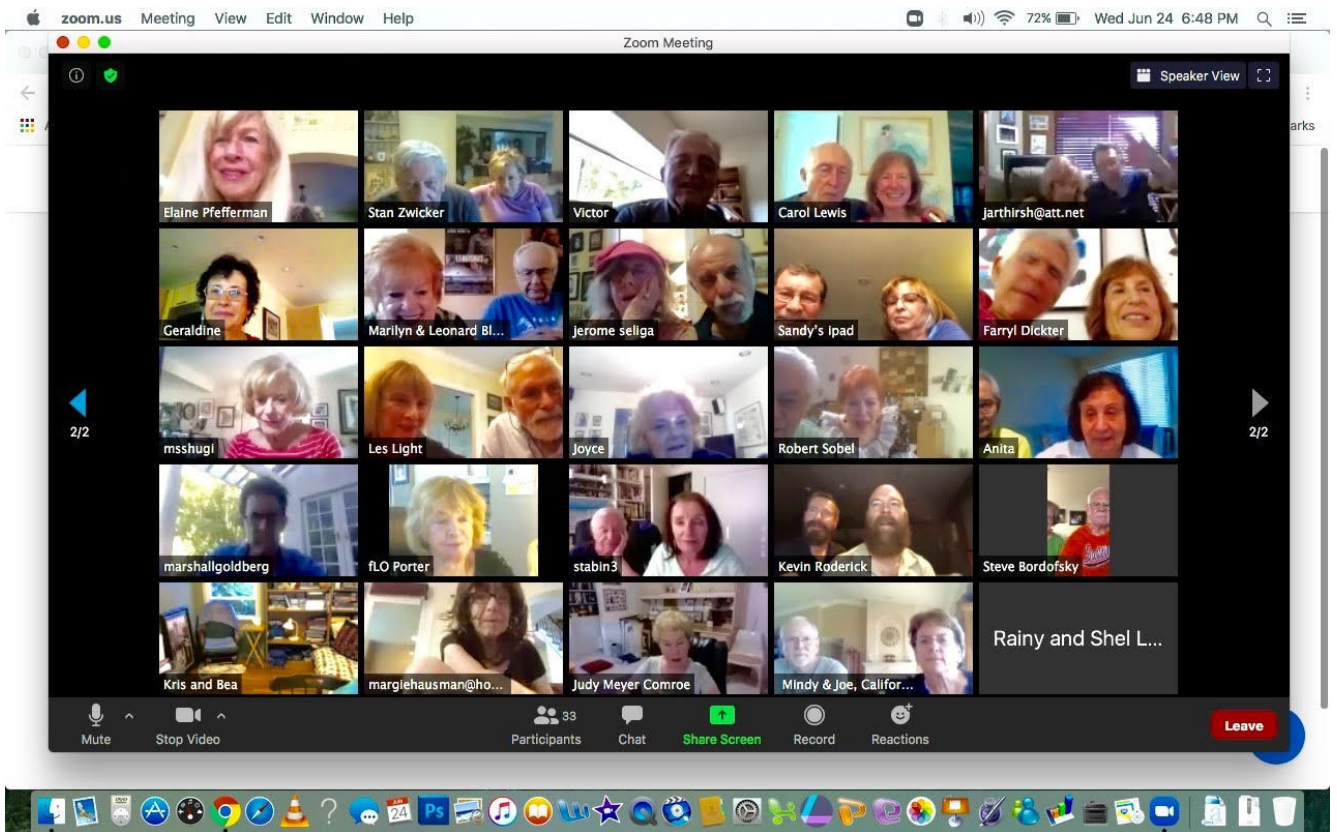


Caren Blumfield leading the line dance

## LOOK WHO CAME TO OUR VIRTUAL SQUARE DANCE








## MORE ATTENDEES



## July 2020 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Zoom Board Meeting 7:30 pm	15 Zoom Virtual Square Dancing 7:00 pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

TRAIL DUSTERS

