

The Dusty Trails

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Briefs From the Board

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURERS

Money is the life blood of all square dance clubs as it is in any club or business. Sadly, we have heard of several other square dance clubs which have folded because of a lack of money or a lack of membership or both. Our club is on a solid footing because it is well managed and funded properly. Our excellent accounting members know how to anticipate expenses and how to offset them. This year our club has the good fortune of having a large class which is helping immensely. When Lynn and I accepted the job of club treasurers, we naively thought that we would collect the donations at the door of our classes and dances and deposit the funds in the club bank account. Well, we were in for a big surprise! The job entails much more.

The following are the duties of the club treasurers:

First, have the treasurers box well supplied with extra cash, bank deposit slips, extra sign-in badges, paper clips, rubber bands, pens, markers, the bank stamp, band aids, and more.

Second, the bank book must be kept current with the latest entries to show a current balance.

Third, the treasurers must arrive 30 to 45 minutes before each class to set up the eight pages of sign-in sheets for members, Rail Dusters, and guests and be ready to collect the admission donation from all who enter - except Paul our caller.

Fourth, greet and welcome the members, Rail Dusters and guests and collect the correct amount of money from each and make the correct amount of change. Ask them to please sign-in. The treasurers can shine here by saying each person's name and greet each person warmly as they walk up to the desk by the door to pay. The members, the Rail Dusters and guests can shine here by signing the sign-in sheets by your name. **Please, sign your name each week for insurance coverage and for our attendance records!**

Fifth, balance the collected money with the number of attending members at each class on a summary sheet and total the cash collected. We have to pay our caller Paul. Reimburse members who spend money for the club and present receipts, collect restaurant checks from the Ways and Means chair.

Sixth, At home we prepare the deposit slips for all the attendance donation cash collected, for the restaurant checks received, and for any other funds received in class. We enter the collected funds in the checkbook carefully noting where the funds came from and derive a running total. We scan all the sign in

sheets, the money summary sheet and the restaurant checks and file the scanned data into the correct monthly category. We print next week's sign-in sheets and the summary sheet in preparation for the next class. One of us goes to the bank and makes the deposits. We scan the bank deposit receipt and file it in the correct computer file.

Seventh, at the beginning of each month, we email all the computer files for the previous month for money collected and expended to our Financial Treasurer, Dale Kaufman. Dale and Victor Wolf, who are accountants, make the monthly club financial reports for our monthly club board meetings.

In addition to all the above, the treasurer is responsible for adjusting the thermostats during class. The treasurers are also responsible for closing all the doors to Bay Laurel's multipurpose room and turning off all the lights after the classes are done.

We have to thank Bob Sobel for teaching us what the treasurer does and for updating and maintaining the club sign-in sheets. Yes, the treasurer's job is a substantial amount of work, but Lynn and I are enjoying greeting all of you every week. We have a great club, and we take a position on our club's board every year, to help keep it that way. We hope you will do the same!

Best regards to all,

Lynn & Joel
Ovadia

Treasurers



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays



Jennifer Mantell	1
Ken Burkenheim	2
Oswald Burstein	4
Flo Tapp	6
Marshall Goldberg	11
Judie Hirsh	12
Collin Brown	13
Robert Grossman	13
Ronda Kalan	13
Paula Brooks	16
Stewart Brooks	17
Francie Bordofsky	21
Eileen Burkenheim	26
Dale Kaufman	27

April Anniversaries



Mimi Steinberger & Hal Rothberg	4
Judy & Stephen Levy	15

**Ilene and Mark
Abramson**



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IRISH EYES WERE SURELY SMILIN' AT LAST MONTH ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

The Luck o' the Irish was ever present at March's holiday Snack-a-thon where the tables were replete with all that is green. It was an incredible spread of amazing and delicious treats served to celebrate the month of March and the Trail Dusters nod to St. Patrick's Day.

Once again, Paul Waters dazzled us with a new array of breads, begging dancers to sample them all, each one bursting with flavors. The cheese charcuterie was beautiful and all the homemade cookies, especially the candy kisses topped peanut butter cookies, were beyond delicious. Of course, no snack table is complete without a plate of Rice Krispies Squares. It was all wonderful.

Many thanks to Maxine Tuckman, Farryl Dickter, Diana Gordon, Merry Mulein, Jerianne Keane, Diane Jubelier Light, Gayle Cantrock, Renee Kibbler, Ronda Kalan for supplying the delicious refreshments.

Of absolute delight is Avi Nudell's truly happy and fun personality. He is focused on everyone having a good time and spreads his cheer throughout the room. He and Jill Sanders and their team of contributors are providing a fun evening, one we look forward to every month. It doesn't get much better than that.

Your
Event reporters

**Shelly &
Maureen Fried**



**April 24, 2024
TRAIL DUSTERS SPRING FLING,
PASSOVER & EASTER
and
SNACKIN' -A-THON!**

This is a time to celebrate and to "hook-up" with your special corner and partner, and twirl and spin! Yep it's that time of year again for a SPRING FLING!

A SPRING FLING IS A THING,
THAT YOU DO IN THE SPRING...
FOR FUN, SNACKS, & DANCE,
AND TO DO YOUR OWN THING!

SHOW OFF YOUR FANCY DUDS,
IN THE SPRING COLORS GALORE...
AND YES, THERE WILL BE SNACKS,
LIKE NEVER EVER BEFORE!

Spring Fling is a time where in lots of folks celebrate Easter and Passover. You can dress as an Easter Bunny, Easter Egg, Moses, Jews wandering in the desert, or even the mean Pharaoh.

OR, just wear spring colors.



Snack Queen Jill



Snack King Avilidorable



April 2 - **LGBT** Center Tour & Dinner

April 2 - **TINSEL TOWN DANCE**

April 3 - No Class - Spring Break

May 31 - Jun 2 - **May Weekend Sock Hop/ Senior Prom**

Jun 12 - *Graduation*

Coordinators Corner

Last week was another amazing party night and our Rail Dusters were out in full force with John Carpenter leading the floor, all in orange, representing Northern Ireland. Paul had a few of his Club dancers joining us and that was fun. Marsha Saylor was the lucky Rail Duster who was the only woman in a square with seven men. It should be fun dancing with Paul's Club on April 2 and one of you could be the only man in a square with seven women!

Jeri, Sherwin and I feel so lucky to be coordinators for such a great group of 27 dancers. They continue to amaze us and we appreciate all of our Angels who have taken the time to support them and invite them to dinners and events outside of Wednesday nights.

We recently had our Rail Dusters traditional brunch at Jeri Sobel's house and it was a blast. (see photos on page 6). Besides eating, we got a chance to learn a few things about each other. Thanks to all of you for your delicious contributions and your friendships.

We are still trying to balance out squares. If we ask to move you around don't take it personally. Sometimes we have too many dancers in one square who need help and too many strong dancers in another square who can help. Friends like to dance with their friends, but it becomes frustrating when the square keeps breaking down. On the flip side, sometimes we don't have enough people to move around so you have to make the best of it.

The class is starting to write and organize their entertainment for graduation, and many are joining us at the May weekend so you will get to

know each other much better – see flier page 9. Please continue to introduce yourselves. We appreciate all that you do to make our job easier.

Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver



Jeri Sobel

Class Coordinators

Meet The Rail Dusters

JACKIE ERSHOFF



Jackie's maiden name was Cooperman so friends used to call her "Coop". She is a 3rd generation Los Angelina, went to Birmingham High School and San Diego State. She met her husband Dan, who doesn't square dance, through mutual friends. They all decided to go see the hypnotist, Pat Collins, at her show on Sunset Blvd. They have been married for 44 years so the hypnosis must have worked great!

Jackie worked for the State Compensation Insurance Fund but has spent the last 20 years in property management. She also worked seasonal employment for the IRS but I'm sure she never went after any of you. Dan worked in the healthcare field at Kaiser and for various major pharmaceutical companies doing statistical analysis.

They have a son who is an anesthesiologist at UCLA and a daughter who works in development for Geffen Academy at UCLA. (Go Bruins!) They have 3 grandsons, a 3 1/2 year old from their son and a 2 year and 6 month old from their daughter.

Jackie has been playing mahjong for years with Farryl Dickter and finally decided to try our square dancing after much encouragement from the Dickters. She also decided to start playing pickleball with them and reconnected with Lisa Lawrence, a friend from high school, on the courts. They decided, after much kidding around, to try square dancing as a couple so they left their husbands behind. They have become superb Rail Dusters, and we are so grateful to Farryl and Bill for encouraging them to dance with us.

Jackie and Dan love traveling but she considers her "trip of a lifetime" to be to Africa. They went on a "Gorilla Trek in Uganda and came face to face with a Silverback Gorilla and his troop. He brushed by her and reached out and socked her in the stomach sending her to the ground. She survived and will never forget how amazing it all was. They aren't traveling much anymore, but she is busy playing pickleball, canasta, mahjong, zumba and square dancing. She finds it exhilarating to listen to the music and dance and meet new friends. We are so lucky to have her in our Club.

Marilyn and Matthew Baumueller



Matthew and Marilyn Baumueller have a unique history with the Trail Dusters. Marilyn originally saw a flier for Trail Duster square dance classes in 1991 and they enrolled. They graduated from classes with Dick Hodnefield in 1992. Other commitments took them away from square dancing in 1994 and after 30 years they just recently started

classes again with the Buckles and Bows in Thousand Oaks. Unfortunately, after a fall in November Marilyn fractured her wrist and upper femur which put a 10 week hold on square dancing again.

Matthew was born in Germany and in 1984 moved to California where he studied mathematics and financial planning. For over 30 years he has been investing in Real Estate and, with his son, he is still actively managing a wide range of properties. Marilyn is a "Valley Girl" and went to Calahan Street Elementary, Patrick Henry Junior High and Granada Hills High School. Marilyn was a yoga teacher for many years, and she had a children's performing group (singing & dancing) that performed in different locations. She is now retired. Matthew and Marilyn met at Arthur Murray's Ballroom dancing and have been married for 37 years.

They have three children, Rachel and her family live in Camarillo, Jessica and her children live in Encinitas and Daniel lives in Westlake Village, After living in Northridge and Chatsworth, they moved to Newbury Park about 10 years ago.

They decided to re-join our club because of their dear friends for over 20 years, Sherry & Michael Raber. A big thanks to the Rabers because Marilyn and Matthew are wonderful dancers and could be Angels. Their muscle memory is coming back very quickly and we are very lucky to have them in our squares.

Besides square dancing, they enjoy time with family, ballroom dancing, traveling, and gardening fruits and vegetables.

May Weekend Has Returned

(see flier on page 9)

Did you know that Oxnard was named for the Oxnard brothers who began an agricultural community in 1903 by operating a sugar beet factory in what is Oxnard today? I had no idea, but I do know that when we go there for our weekend, we won't be eating beets but will be laughing and touring and having a great time.

So, get your reservations in by April 15th or sooner. Your Wagon masters have a lot to do to accommodate everyone and make reservations. From the moment you arrive on Friday, you will be busy. The hospitality room will be open for noshing, poker and mahjong or just visiting.

The banquet and opening activities will be followed by live entertainment and more fun in the hospitality room. After a hearty breakfast on Saturday morning, we will be off to events and tours or whatever you choose to do. Then back to the hotel where we will have classes in using your iPhone or playing a ukelele.

Start saving your old socks for the joke-off on Sunday. Our joke-off leader this year will be Jeff Cohen. He certainly will make a great target!

Your wagon masters,

Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver
Phyllis & Simcha Saul



Sunshine & Showers

Happy Spring, Everyone! I've been hoping you would be sending me some "Sunshine" this month, but instead, I have two cases of knee replacements to report. (At least, surgery is over and both patients are on the mend!)

Ellen Sternfeld says she is recovering well following her January surgery. She is becoming stronger and more independent, thanks in large part to her devoted husband, Mike, who is a "wonderful nurse!" (No surprise!) **Ellen**, may each new day bring you closer to a full recovery so that soon, you will be back on the dance floor as well as doing all the things you most enjoy!

Also on the mend is **Judith Altman** who is making progress as she heals from a total knee replacement. This is, as both girls know (as do all of you who have experienced this procedure) in a lengthy healing process that takes time, patience, and perseverance. **Judith**, may the time pass quickly for you so that soon you will be back to enjoying all your pre-surgery activities!

I would like to encourage ALL of you, Rail Dusters & Trail Dusters to email me with information about what is happening with you and your families; special birthdays and anniversaries, travels to faraway places, graduations, weddings grandchildren engagements, etc.

At the same time, we'd like to know if there have been passings in your family or serious illnesses (we hope not!) so that our Trail Dusters "family" can reach out and support you wherever possible.

My email address is shown below for your convenience. Wishing you and your loved ones lots of "Sunshine."

Warm regards,

Rusty Kaman,
Rusty_k@verizon.net
Sunshine & Showers Chair



Ways & Means

Spring has finally arrived with a few sunny skies after so much rain. Is this when we say, "Rain, rain, go away and come again another day?" We also add that we needed rain and hopefully no more drought conditions.

April is a month packed with holidays. Some will be recovering from the Easter feasts on March 31. Soon ahead we have Passover, Earth Day, and our usual Wednesdays classes.

We would like to encourage our Trail Dusters to be special angels and give a Rail Duster a call to invite them to one of our Wednesday before class dinners. It's fun to get to know each other better and to hear about recent travels, special events and of course.....children and grandchildren.

The restaurants for April are:

- April 3 No Class
- April 10 The Habit
- April 17 Baja Fresh
- April 24 The Stand

So....see you at dinner and then in a square.

JaneLief



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Nominating Committee

The nominating committee presented the 2024-2025 Slate of Officers to the board. A motion to accept the Slate of Officers was unanimously approved. Ballots were recently mailed to the membership. If you have not received your ballot, e-mail Mark Abramson Markabe@aol.com

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Training Facilitators

Paula & Stewart Brooks

Event Reporters

Maureen & Shelly Fried

Ways & Means

Lynn & Joel Ovadia

ASquared Delegate

Bill Dickter

Caller Coordinator

Farryl Dickter

Special Services- Bay Laurel

Joni & Mark Simon

Special Services - Wilkinson

Jane Lief

Fundraiser

Denise Kurtzer

Parliamentarian

Jeri Sobel

RAIL DUSTERS WHO ATTENDED BRUNCH



Front row: Charles Mond, Meryl Russo, Fariba Tabibian, Marsha Saylor, Susan Britton - Back row: Katherine Dorfman, John Carpenter, Michael Russo, Lisa Lawrence. Jackie Ershoff, Amos Tabibian, Debbie & Eddie Borden, David Britton
Not pictured: Michael Mulein



St. Patrick Day Festivities Come to Bay Laurel



Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell arrange for St. Patrick Day Treats





TRAIL DUSTERS ANNUAL SPRING WEEKEND MAY 31 – JUNE 2, 2024

A STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE



COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
600 EAST ESPLANADE
DRIVE, OXNARD, CA
93036



COST:
Double: \$760.00 Single: \$560.00

Deposit of \$260.00 due April 15 – Final Payment of \$500 or \$300.00 due May 1

Price includes: your room, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, Happy Hours in our Hospitality Suite, and entertainment Friday evening - no extra charge for the games, dancing, joke-off, shows or the fabulous and fun time you will have! Tours for an extra cost will be announced soon.

Send payment and info below to:
Marilyn Bloom 11868 Moorpark St. Unit H Studio City CA 91604

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: TRAIL DUSTERS

Questions: Caren Blumfield, caren1224@hotmail.com or 818 216-2990
or Phyllis Saul, Phyllissaul116@gmail.com or 818-389-1244

Bed Choice: _____ 1 King OR _____ 2 Queens

MEAL CHOICES:

FRIDAY NIGHT:
 _____ Chicken Marsala
 _____ Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce
 _____ Pasta Primavera with Alfredo Sauce

SATURDAY NIGHT:
 _____ Chicken Picatta
 _____ Tri Tip with Tomato Mushroom Bordelaise Sauce
 _____ Vegetable Lasagna

Your Name: _____ Amt Enclosed: \$ _____



**LOS
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VIP Tour of Los Angeles LGBT Center Dinner & Dance with Tinseltown Squares

Tuesday, April 2

4:00 to 4:30 — Arrival & Check In
Senior Services Front Desk

4:30 to 5:30 — Presentation & Walking Tour

5:30 to 6:30 — Dinner
Courtesy of the LGBT Center

6:30 to 9:00 — Dancing
with Tinseltown Squares, \$10 Admission

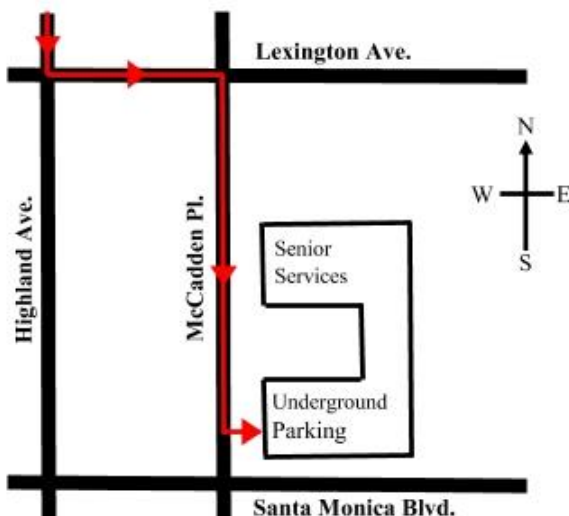
A uniquely Los Angeles institution, the Los Angeles LGBT Center is a one-of-a-kind public service agency. The only one like it in the world. Founded in 1969 by local gay activists. The Center has grown to become a \$180,000,000 agency with nearly 800 employees and ten locations situated throughout the greater Los Angeles area.

We'll be visiting the Anita May Rosenstein Campus where the Center conducts its cultural programs. Also situated at this location is Senior Housing and an LGBTQ+ homeless youth facility.

Then on April 2, a VIP tour, dinner, and dancing . . . especially for us.

FRIENDS WELCOME!

1118 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90038



RSVP Required by March 27

Sign up at the Wednesday dance, or

Email: Grace.Mitnick@gmail.com

April 2024 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Tinsel Town See flier- page 10	3 NO CLASS	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	10 The Habit 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Baja Fresh in Calabasas 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	18	19	20
21	22 1 st Night of Passover 	23 1 st Day of Passover 	24 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel snack-a-thon page 3 7:00 pm	25	26	27
28	29	30				30

