

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

While scouting out the holidays in April, we decided to ignore April Fool's day and instead focus on National Superhero Day. It is a day that honors all heroes, whether they are real or fictional.

Heroes are those people we look up to, those who inspire us. They are our role models for values and kindness. For Marvel Comic fans, Superheroes are Superman, Spiderman, Wonder Woman, Batman and others. But in real life, our Superheroes are those who do good for others. Anyone can be a Superhero by performing good deeds. This month we take time to celebrate the superheroes among the Trail Dusters and Superheroes in the world that have impacted our lives for the better.

We still don't know when we will be dancing again. When we know more, you will know more. Whether you dance or not, please join us for our monthly virtual dances. Your presence at our activity promotes camaraderie and brings pleasure to all.

Nikki and Steve Rosentsweig



Presidents



We are so excited to announce that our next **Virtual Dance on Wednesday, April 21** will be hosting the 2021 Oscars!! That's right folks - and even more exciting is that each one of us are asked to nominate the movie that we have watched during this pandemic as the worthy recipient of the Trail Dusters Oscar!

Comedy, Romance, Action, Drama, Sci-Fi, Adventure, or Documentary, what category is your favorite movie of 2021? Will any movie be nominated more than once? The closer the date, the more the excitement will build! Consider dressing for Oscar Night – get out your best tiara, black tie, pearls, etc.

In order to nominate your movie, make a sign that you can show during the Zoom with the name of the movie and one word to describe the genre so that when Marilyn takes a screen shot, we can read your nomination. We are sure that these nominations will generate a lot of discussion during the break-out rooms, so put your thinking caps on

now and submit a great nomination. Be prepared to defend your choice!

Paul Waters is our Star entertainer and will dazzle us with his choreography. Caren is his Co-star and will lead us once again in line dances. Nikki and Steve will host the evening. Let's hope that they hire new writers with better jokes!!!

Join us for a fun filled and entertaining evening that is guaranteed to be not as long as Hollywood's Oscar Nights! See you there!!!

From your roving reporter from Canada,

Shirley Brown



**Last Month's Virtual Club
St Patrick's Day Dance**

To quote an Irish proverb, "A good friend is like a Four Leaf clover... hard to find and lucky to have."



Well, we must have all found a Four Leaf clover because we have such wonderful friends through our Trail Dusters Club.

It is so much fun for Paul and me to see your faces on our zoom screens and to be able to share a small moment of dance time together. We love the before and after visiting time and the break-out rooms which give us a chance to catch up with each other's lives.

Many of us shared in the spirit of the day and dressed up in green, sporting hats and necklaces appropriate for the night – see pictures on page 5 - 6. Paul led off with a fun square dance set and then I taught an Irish Jig. We danced the Electric Slide and finished up with another fun calling sequence. The only thing missing (besides the snacks) was the Irish Cream in our coffees, but I'm hoping some of you joined Sherwin with a shot of Irish Whiskey.

We have no idea when we will be able to dance together in person. Until then, "MY YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS AND YOUR BLESSING BE MORE AND NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS COME THROUGH THE DOOR" (at Bay Laurel).

**Caren Blumfield
Dance Reporter**



April Birthdays



- Ken Burkenheim 2
- Flo Tapp 6
- Hendon Harris 10
- Marshall Goldberg 11
- Judie Hirsh 12
- Collin Brown 13
- Robert Grossman 13
- Francie Bordofsky 21
- Arlen Miller 23
- Stuart Levy 26
- Eileen Burkenheim 26
- Dale Kaufman 27
- Al Brown 28

April Anniversaries

- Mimi Steinberger & Hal Rothberg 4
- Judy & Stephen Levy 15

**Ilene & Mark
Abramson
Membership
Chairs**



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Sunshine & Showers

This month's report contains news of "family" members who are recovering from illnesses or surgery, so let's put our prayers and healing thoughts together for each of them.

While **Elise** and **Neil Sandler** have thankfully overcome their battle with the Covid 19 Virus, during which time **Elise** spent 35 days in the hospital, she is now back in the hospital – this time confronting pneumonia and other issues. **Elise**, please know that our prayers are with you for a full and rapid recovery. May each and every day find you feeling much improved! We look forward to hearing encouraging news soon!

Marilyn Katlein is currently on the road to recovery following rotator cuff (shoulder) surgery. Her practice of telling jokes to the nurses upon entering the hospital appears to have paid off because she says the nursing care she received was outstanding! We know that everyone enjoys being around a person with a positive attitude, so your lesson here, **Marilyn**, is well taken! With a top notch nurse caring for her at home – hubby **Hy** (a former NYC Paramedic,) **Marilyn** is clearly in good hands. We all wish you a speedy recovery and hope your pain level decreases by the hour!

Lenny Bloom is at home and improving every day following gall bladder surgery. His procedure was to have taken a mere 45 minutes, but instead, it lasted 3 ½ hours! Thankfully, everything turned out well, and “nurse” **Marilyn** is providing lots of TLC during **Lenny’s** recovery. **Len**, know that we’re all thinking about you and wishing you a rapid return to good health and all the activities you enjoy very soon!

May the days and months ahead bring sunshine and good health to each member of our “Second Family” so that my next column can include news of happy events! Please be sure to contact me at the email address shown below with such happenings as engagements, weddings, graduations, and more. I look forward to receiving your messages!



Fondly,
Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine &
Showers Chair
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Know Your Board Member



Denise Kurtzer & Richard Rose

Hello to all my fellow Trail Dusters!

I joined Trail Dusters with my significant other Richard Rose with the Dancing Scene 2016 class. We were recruited by Richard’s cousin, longtime Trail Duster, Lana Collier, who was trying to recruit Richard and his late wife for about 13 years or so. A few years after Richard and I began dating, the subject was

brought up again. At first when it was mentioned, I admit, I thought that it sounded kind of “hick” but decided to give it a try....and am glad we did!! We’re so grateful to have found Square Dancing and our Trail Dusters family, and we couldn’t have been luckier to have had such a wonderful class that has continued to thrive as our monthly Sunday Amigos Friendship Group.

I grew up in North Hollywood, which in those days was known as “just a town North of Hollywood”. I attended UCLA, beginning as a Math major but switched majors after my 1st Calculus class (I could not see when, how or why I would ever use it let alone ever see it again in my lifetime!!). After graduating with a BA in Psychology, I went on to grad school and received an MA in Speech/Language Pathology. I have been working in the field for the past 40 years-the first 12 years working with children in LAUSD, followed by and currently working with adult Neuro-rehab patients in Home Health, clinic and private settings.

I’m a nature lover and have always enjoyed hiking, camping and scenic photography (as well as skiing in my younger days). I also love travelling, having been to Israel and most European countries several times, as well as Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Japan. The more scenic the trip, the better!

When not outdoors/travelling I enjoy cooking (experimenting “a la cuisine”), gardening, decorating, dining in new places, going to plays, and attending classes. I’m always doing some sort of volunteer work and have been doing so since childhood, usually ending up on a board for at least one or two (or more) organizations each year whether it be for a Synagogue, Social and/or Fundraising organization, etc. I am currently one of your Trail Duster Refreshment

Chairs, and on dance nights can be found in the back of the room arranging the food tables (prior to covid) and decorating the tables for various holidays throughout the year.

Richard grew up in Pacoima & Sherman Oaks and even lived a couple of years in Mexico in between while his father went to school there. Richard received his degree in Business Administration from CSUN and has had an Industrial & Rubber Supply Company for the past 40 years following a 6yr period as an Auditor for the Franchise Tax Board. Richard also loves to travel and looks forward to experiencing many more travel adventures when safe to do so.

Richard’s late wife Sharon and I were friends from our LAUSD days, having met in the early 90s. Over the years we would double date or go out in large groups, such as to plays or the Hollywood Bowl, however I never really knew Richard until speaking to him on the phone one day after Sharon passed away. During the conversation we found out that we had several mutual acquaintances. For example, one of my neighbors in my condo happened to also be a business neighbor of Richard and his father about 30 years prior. This was one of the coincidences that began a friendship which grew to where we are today.

Trail Dusters is so much more than a Square Dance Club. I truly hope that we will soon be able to meet in person again instead of via zoom. Hats off to Paul Waters for keeping our Square Dancing alive during covid despite our not being able to provide him with weekly chocolate desserts!!!

Philosophical Questions on Life

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?

EVER WONDER... Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery?"

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavoring, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

On The Lighter Side

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

I don't understand how I can remember every word of a song from 1964, but I can't remember why I walked into the kitchen?

Does anyone know how long toilet paper will last if you freeze it?

Apparently, it's only appropriate to say "Look at you! You got so big!" to children. Adults tend to get offended.

Struggling to get your wife's attention?

Just sit down and look comfortable.



Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.

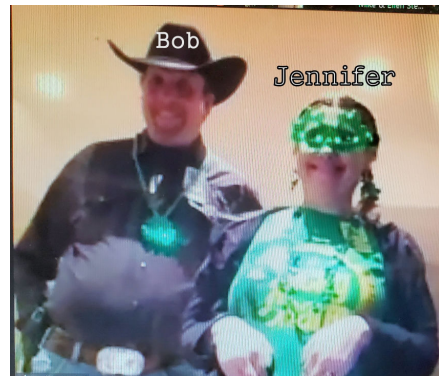
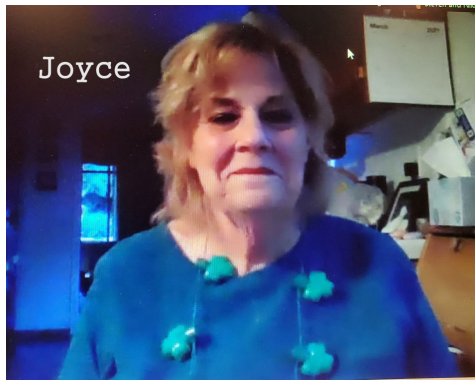
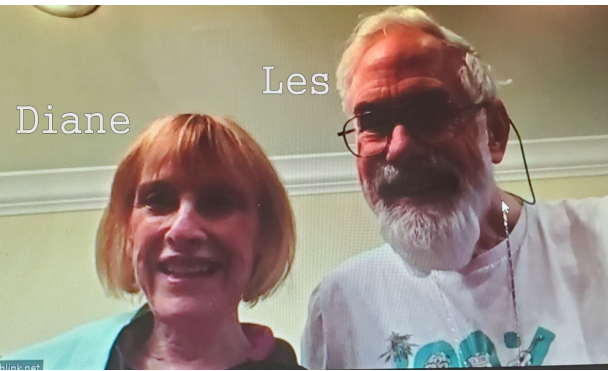
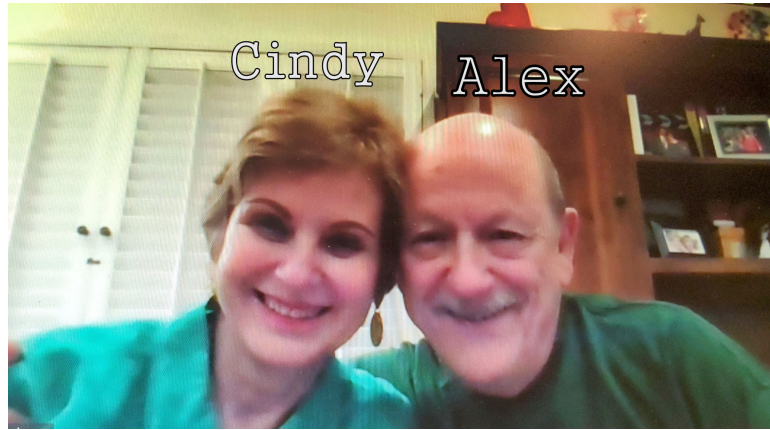
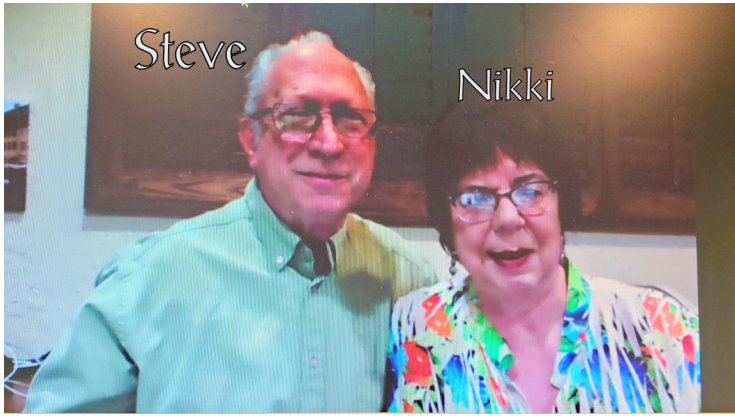
Why you shouldn't wait until retirement to start traveling



OUR AMAZING PATRICK DAY ZOOM PARTY



PATRICK ZOOM PARTY CONTINUED



April 2021 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 	2 Good Friday 	3
4 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Zoom Board Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15 Taxes not due until May 17	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

