

# The Dusty Trails

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## From the Presidents' Desk

It's summertime and the living is easy (or it should be). The square dancing year came to an end as we held our last Wednesday class on June 1st and our graduation on June 8th. In addition to "living easy" in the summer, it's also time to start recruiting new members for the fall classes which will begin before we know it.

We need new dancers so please be thinking about who we can invite and how we can recruit. The board has some ideas, but we really need to hear from our membership so we can be as creative as possible. We're brainstorming on exactly how to keep everyone happily dancing in squares, from our potential new Rail Dusters to our recent graduates to our experienced dancers.

You know that old saying, "you can't please everyone all the time?" That's just not true with our club because we are determined to keep smiles on the faces of all those who dance with us whether they are beginners or experienced dancers.

I want to thank all the board members for their diligent and dedicated work this past year, and believe me there have been challenges with our stopping and

starting classes due to Covid. Workshops are coming in the month of July sponsored by other clubs, and you will hear more about them as you are encouraged to participate. The workshops will help us strengthen our skills since we had several months away from the dance floor.

As some of us approach middle age or are seeing it in the rearview mirror, do any of these thoughts strike a chord with anyone?

"Sorry, I forgot what I was going to say."

"Shoot, did I already take my vitamins today?"

"Wait, why did I just come into this room?"

We can stay sharp with exercise, smiles, laughter, and good friends ... all of which you can have with Trail Dusters at our Wednesday classes and our upcoming October 2 anniversary dance.

Be well,

**Jane Lief**

**President**



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## July Birthdays



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

## July Anniversaries

Anita & Gary Higer	1
Gloria & Marc Schwartz	1
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.



**Ilene & Mark Abramson**

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## Coordinators Corner

The Trail Dusters Square Dance Club showed its resilience to bounce back after a two year hiatus caused by Covid with this year's graduation. There was a feeling of excitement as we watched our new graduates go through the graduation ceremony led by coordinators **Alex Strauser, Cindy Kestenbaum**, and myself, **Joel Ovadia**. Many thanks to **Caren Blumfield** and **Sherwin Silver** for decorating the stage.

We congratulate our six graduates who stayed with the program interrupted with delays and a long break due to Covid, **Eileen Burkenheim, Jennifer Mantell, Earl Metter, Jill and Bob Sanders, and Cookie Stiskin**. During the graduation ceremony we introduced each graduate, read their interesting biographies, and presented them with their well-earned diplomas. We thanked our caller Paul Waters for his fine instruction and a special thanks to our President **Jane Lief** for her leadership during these challenging times – see pictures pages 5-10.

After the graduation ceremony we took a break for the club members and our guests to enjoy the graduation cake and refreshments on the side patio. We thank **Denise Kurtzer, Richard Rose, and Sheldon & Lorraine Levin** for setting up these delicious desserts and refreshments. We also thank **Flo and Bill Tapp** for arranging the pre-graduation dinner at "The Stand."

After the break we returned to the hall where we enjoyed the musical, lyrical, comical "Swing Thru in 2022" class presentation starring The De-Railed Dusters. The mood was up;

everyone was having fun. The class thanked their talented lyricist, **Avi Nudel**, a.k.a. Allemande Avidorable Avi for writing their song lyrics. They also thanked **Alan Shotsky** for the props and **Bob Zoren** for joining the cast. The class presented **Marilyn Bloom** with a special badge thanking her for moving them around in squares to make them even better dancers.

When the play ended, everyone was having such a good time. They quickly put away the chairs and cleared the dance floor. We finished the evening square dancing to the melodies sung by our caller Paul.

We thank our videographer and photographer, Simcha Saul, and our photographers, Steve Rosentsweig, and Shelly Fried for capturing the images of this memorable event. If you want a DVD (video and photos) of the 2022 Trail Dusters Graduation, please call Simcha or Phyllis Saul at 818-707-1266. Cost: \$2.00 per DVD.

**Please encourage all your friends to join us in September when we start our new class in the Fall.**



Lynn & Joel Ovadia



Cindy Kestenbaum & Alex Strouzer

**Class Coordinators**

## Sunshine & Showers

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to **Jennifer Mantell** who is recovering nicely from recent surgery to clear a pocket in her throat. **Jennifer**, we hope you are soon able to eat and enjoy all the foods you like the most without any discomfort!

GET WELL SOON is the message going out to **Anita Higer** who lost her balance while getting out of her car on an incline and fell backwards. Despite her severe pain, she managed to get back into her car and drive home where neighbors helped her and ultimately called the paramedics. Following numerous x-rays and tests, Anita learned that she had sustained mini fractures in her pelvis that will take 8-12 weeks to heal! Although she remains hospitalized until she is able to walk on her own, she continues her usual positive and upbeat attitude and is truly a role model to everyone! **Anita**, we're all sending love and healing thoughts and hope that you will soon be able to return home to continue the healing process.

This has been a month for many graduations, and the following proud grandparents in our Trail Duster "family" are sharing their news and delight. **Judi and Art Hirsh** are proud of their oldest grandson, Richard Rosen, who has recently graduated from Palisades Charter High School. He will attend Colgate University, a liberal arts college in Hamilton, New York, in the fall. Congratulations and best wishes to all the **Hirsh** family!

**Pat and Rick Kessler** are delighted to announce that their youngest granddaughter, Summer Lynn

Kessler, has just graduated from Cal State University at Channel Islands with a major in communications. Summer plans to become involved in event planning.

On the same day of summer's graduation, **Pat and Rick** were celebrating the high school graduation of their oldest GREAT GRANDSON, Benjamin Michael Bogart, in Fredericksburg, Virginia! The **Kesslers** shared the excitement with Ben and all the Virginia family via Face Time. They've promised to do their best to attend IN PERSON Ben's college graduation in 4 years! **Pat and Rick** have had great fun watching these young people grow up and look forward to sharing their futures. To all the **Kessler** family, we express CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes for the futures of all your "Grands!"

**Lorraine and Sheldon Levin** are proud to announce two graduations in their family! Their granddaughter Camryn has graduated from UCSD with honors and won several awards. At the same time, the **Levins'** grandson Zachary just graduated from UCLA summa cum laude. You clearly have lots to celebrate, and we extend hearty CONGRATULATIONS to your entire family!

Two of **Nancy Wallach's** four granddaughters are celebrating graduations this month. Nancy's oldest granddaughter, Allison, graduated last year from Tulane University and continued her studies to earn her Master's Degree this year in Business. She graduated with Honors and made the Dean's List! Currently she is studying to pass her CPA Review. This is clearly one ambitious young lady! At the same time, Allison's younger sister, Amy, just graduated from

Milken High School and got early acceptance to the University of Arizona in Tucson. Both Allison and Amy are the children of **Nancy's** daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Andy Geller. **Nancy**, we hope your grandchildren will continue to make your family proud, and we wish both girls most successful and happy futures!

Another reason for happiness . . . A NEW HOME for **Ellen and Mike Sternfeld**! For the past year, they have been residing at Camarillo Village, learning their way around, making lots of new friends, and partaking in numerous activities offered therein. Realizing this was the "perfect fit" for them, this week, the **Sternfelds** purchased a place of their own at the Village. Their new address is: **1326 Village 1, Camarillo, CA 93012**. Congratulations, **Ellen and Mike**. May you enjoy many years of good health, fun and happiness in your new home!

Thank you to all of the above who have taken the time to share their happy news! If others of you have children or grandchildren who recently graduated, we'd love to hear from you in next month's newsletter. Remember, whether it is "sunshine" or "showers" that have come your way, I'm here to help you spread your news. Just e-mail me at the address below and I will then contact you!

Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine &  
Showers Chair



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## SUMMER WORKSHOPS - THE ANSWER TO YOUR DANCING BLUES



Are you a little disappointed that our Wednesday evenings of dance and friendship are on a hiatus for the summer?? Are you feeling a little let-down?

Well, I have the remedy for you – Summer Workshops!

Luckily, the square dance club in Thousand Oaks, **Buckles and Bows**, is offering workshops from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. each Tuesday evening in July and August. Workshops are a fun way to continue to improve dancing skills over the summer months so that in September you will not need to review. The format is simple – **Mike Seastrom** will be calling and will select one or two calls that you have already been taught and review and practice only them. This reinforces your execution of the call and increases your confidence on the dance floor! SSD (the calls everyone knows!) workshops start at 7:00 PM and Plus workshops start at 8:00 PM.

The price of admission is \$5.00 per person. Proof of Covid vaccinations is required or a negative Covid test result 24 to 48 hours prior to the class. Dress casually – but no sandals and remember to wear your Club badge. Bringing your own water

is recommended but water fountains are working in the building.

The workshops will be at the Goebel Center, located at 1385 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks. Take the Janss Exit on the 23 Freeway, turn right onto Janss and the center will be located on your left almost immediately.

Now for the fun and friendship part – let's plan to meet first for dinner! If you are interested in attending the workshop, please call Bill Dickter – 310-926-8034 or email him at [bradzdad@gmail.com](mailto:bradzdad@gmail.com)

**Shirley Brown**

**Publicity/Webmaster**



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### On The Lighter Side

Answers of a brilliant student who obtained 0% I would have given him 100%

**Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die?**

**\* His last battle**

**Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?**

**\* At the bottom of the page**

**Q3. River Ravi flows in which state?**

**\* Liquid**

**Q4. What is the main reason for failure?**

**\* Exams**

**Q5. What can you never eat for breakfast?**

**\* Lunch & dinner**

**Q6. What looks like half an apple?**

**\* The other half**

**Q7. How can a man go eight days without sleeping?**

**\* No problem, he sleeps at night.**

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**I just got a job at an ice making factory, it's a really cool place**

**Here's a fun fact about bees , most of them are actually allergic to pollen .**

**When exposed to pollen they develop hives .**



**I went to a jeweler who talks extremely loud. He made my earring.**

## Traveling With the Trail Dusters



Paula & Jerry Seliga bring the Dusty Trails to the Skamania Lodge as they visit their grandkids

## Meet Our Newest Trail Dusters



Bob & Jill Sanders. Eileen Burkenheim, Earl Metter, Jennifer Mantell, Cookie Stiskin



## MANY TRAIL DUSTERS WORE THEIR CLUB OUTFITS TO GRADUATION



Front row: Jerry & Paula Seliga, Rhonda Shapiro, Jeri Sobel, Steve Bordofsky, Patti & Marshall Goldberg  
 Second row: Bill Shapiro, Sandy Sobel, Caren Blumfield, Judith Altman, Lynn Ovadia, Margie Hausman  
 Back row: Les & Diane Light, Joel Ovadia, Renny Traub, Bill & Farryl Dickter

## MEET SOME OF YOUR PAST PRESIDENTS



Front row: Jeff & Margie Hausman, Marilyn Bloom, Maureen Fried, Judy Comroe, Lynn Ovadia, Steve & Nikki Rosentsweig, Shelly Fried, Rhonda Shapiro, Jerry & Paula Seliga, Caren Blumfield, Anita Higher  
 Back row: Farryl Dickter, Mark & Joni Simon, Joel Ovadia, Sherwin Silver, Bill Dickter, Arlene & Mitch Zoren



# GRADUATION





## GRADUATION (CONT'D)





## Intermission






## AND NOW THE PLAY





## July 2022 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Board Meeting Pot Luck 5:30 PM Maureen & Shelly Fried	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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