

# The Dusty Trails

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## From the Presidents' Desk

March Madness is soon to be upon us. It's that time of year once again to watch our favorite local teams on the basketball courts to see if they win enough to get them into the NCAA Championship Tournament. Will they make the Sweet Sixteen? Of course, I'm referring to UCLA and USC. I was lucky enough to attend UCLA when John Wooden was the coach, and I can still hear the roar of the crowd in Pauley Pavilion when our team played and always won. It is a glorious memory that I'll never forget. I know I'm dating myself, but at least I can still remember those times when the basketball players in my classes couldn't sit comfortably in the seats or desks because their legs were too long.

While all our alums from UCLA and USC are crossing fingers for the basketball tournament, we're continuing to twist and twirl around the dance floor almost as fast as the teams take their places on the basketball court.

Also in March, and not to be ignored, are the Ides of March. The Ides refer to the first new moon of a given month and was originally a time of New Year festivities and celebration. But thanks to Shakespeare's phrase, "beware of the Ides of March," the

phrase took on an ominous meaning as it is commonly known as the date on which Caesar was assassinated. Fortunately, I don't remember that event. In March we can celebrate the start of Daylight Savings Time, St. Patrick's Day and the First day of Spring. When the month of March slides into April, we have lots to look forward to during that month as well. Big events include the start of baseball season (if you're a fan), and Passover and Easter are celebrated.

So as we move towards spring, we'll have a spring in our steps as Paul continues to teach new calls to finish all the SSD calls (you guessed it) in March.

Make March a Marvelous Month.



Jane Lief

President





### March Birthdays

Joel Ovadia	9
Steve Besem	11
Richard Lewis	13
Ellen Sternfeld	15
Randee Samsky	18
Diane Jubelier-Light	20
Arlene Simon	26
Paula Seliga	29
Shelly Fried	31

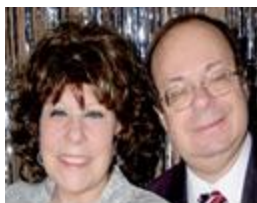


### March Anniversaries



Arline & Dave Simon	1
Lorraine & Sheldon Levin	21

**Ilene & Mark  
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### NEXT BOARD MEETING

**MARCH 14, 2023**

**7:00 PM**



**ZOOM MEETING**

## ST. PATRICKS DAY SNACK-A-THON March 15, 2023 - Bay Laurel see flier on page 10

Dia duit ("howdy" in Irish) to all you Trail Dusteros and everyone out there in Trail Duster Land! Instead of writing a discourse about St. Patrick's Day for our upcoming Snack Night Snack-A-Thon on March 15, 2023, we decided it would be best and much more interesting to explain the origins of the color GREEN...as we know it today... while depicting its relatively unknown and fascinating evolution. According to the color mixers of the world, this is definitive and absolute:

BLUE + YELLOW = GREEN

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See you there,



Don't come bare.



Wear something green,



Make sure it can be seen!

Finally, for those not wearing a speck of GREEN, please anticipate. being pinched by someone that is wearing green!

Hugs, kisses & snacks,



Jill Sanders Avidorable Nudell



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## STUDENT STOMP

Surely you all must have heard the thrilling sounds bursting from the doors of the Wilkinson Center on Sunday, January 29 of the delighted and enthusiastic square dancers attending our annual Student Stomp. It was an absolutely wonderful and long awaited dance and a truly special night.

The Student Stomp marks the half-way point of our square dance program and offers our new students the opportunity to participate in an authentic square dance. This year's Student Stomp was one of the best as so many dancers were able to return to the dance floor and kick up their heels. Students and Angels alike had the chance to dance to the talents of an outstanding group of callers. **Dale Hoppers, Dick Hodnefield, Don Schadt, and Mike Seastrom** had the room hoppin' to all the beginning calls to the delight of the dancers. Proof of their legendary talent was more than evident at this Sunday night Student Stomp. Home with Covid, our own club caller, **Paul Waters**, was sorely missed.

The success of the evening was made even more exciting by the attendance of so many of our Trail Dusters and **Rail Dusters** who did a great job of keeping up with the calls and putting their best foot forward to show off their new skills on the dance floor. **Grace & Ron Mitnick, Jaci & Jon Feldman and Kathy & Howard Wien** made their Trail Dusters angels proud as they circled-to-the-right into a very successful first-time square dance event. See pictures on page 6 & 7.

It will only get better from here.

As we increase the new calls in our weekly Wednesday night class, angels are needed more than ever. Plan to join us on the dance floor with our wonderful new class and share in the fun and excitement of square dancing.



**Maureen & Shelly Fried**

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## Love was in The Air at Bay Laurel

"Love was in the Air" Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at Bay Laurel. We celebrated Valentine's Day and Cupid even showed up (thank you Avi) to shoot arrows at all of us. It worked because we were all smiling and laughing all night when we weren't eating the yummy refreshments.

A big thanks to **Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell** for decorating and organizing everything and to all of our dancers who brought goodies. Be sure to check Jill's refreshment schedule to sign up for future dates.

The room was flooded with red dancers and prizes were given for the best costumes.

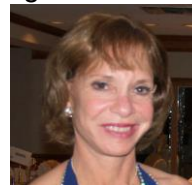


Avi Nudell (most creative & most adorable), Paul Waters (Best Baked bread on the day of Red), Steve Bordofsky (no Red threads from toes to head), Paula Brooks and Bob Sanders (most Red threads from toes to head) Cookie Stiskin (no Red threads from toes to head) – see more pictures on pages 8 & 9.

Try to join us for our next refreshment dance on Wednesday, March 15 celebrating St. Patrick's day – see article on page 2.

**Caren Blumfield**

Dance Reporter



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## Coordinators Corner

Our Rail Dusters continue to march on, er, dance on, to graduation. We can see the end of the SSD "curriculum." but we don't have that date yet. As usual, a big THANK YOU to all the Trail Dusters who come to class and angel the Rail Dusters. We appreciate your patience as we go over and over each new call.

We are thrilled that so many of our Rail Dusters joined us for the traditional Rail Dusters' brunch. The Abramsons graciously offered their home because the coordinators were not able to host the brunch. We know that our Rail Dusters will make terrific Trail Dusters. They all brought

such delicious foods to share. More importantly, they all got to know each other better and had a wonderful time (see page 5).

Their goodbyes seemed to go on forever. It seems like they took notes about how long it takes for the angels to leave after each class. We look forward to having them join our club as they will make such a wonderful addition to the Trail Dusters. Note this down on your calendars:

**Rail Dusters' graduation** will take place on **June 14th**.



We are pleased to introduce you to **Paula and Stewart Brooks**, two of our Rail

Dusters. They have three daughters and each of their daughters has three children. Do the math....nine grandchildren!

Paula was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. She taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade in public schools for many years before retiring to pursue her current career. She owns her own company called "Alef Bet by Paula" so check out her website. She designs jewelry for all ages and occasions. She also sells protective items through Amazon and many other stores. Don't take Paula to Kings for lunch or dinner because she cannot eat or touch any fish without having an awful allergic reaction. One of the most exciting things that she has ever done is to go ziplining through 13 stations. Fortunately, she survived to tell us about it.

Stewart, or Stew as he is mostly called, also was also born in Denver, Colorado and moved to Los Angeles in 1970. He has been a pediatrician in Simi Valley since 1974 and is still working. He used to think that he



couldn't sing or dance, but we have solved his latter problem. His singing may take a lot more work. One of the most exciting things he has ever done was to hike the Grand Canyon with one of his grand daughters. Those mule rides they offer must have looked pretty good to them during the hike!

We have **Jill and Bob Sanders** to thank for bringing them into our club.



Meet our new Rail Dusters, **Kathy and Howard Wien.**

They have 2 daughters and a set of twin granddaughters for whom they often babysit. Kathy and Howard are both Native Californians who have lived in Los Angeles their entire lives until they moved to Leisure Village in Camarillo in January 2022. It was there that they met Ellen and Mike Sternfeld who brought them into our club.

Kathy has a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in education. She has taught at Hancock Park Elementary School, Oakwood School and Harvard School. Howard is a lawyer and retired administrative law judge. He has a bachelor and juris doctor degree. Howard fits in perfectly with our club because of our motto "until we eat again," and his first job at 15 years old was working as a retail clerk in a delicatessen owned by his uncle at the Grand Central Market in Downtown, Los Angeles.

One of most fun things Howard has done was to act in a play at his development in Camarillo, even though he had no prior experience (perfect for his class play). He also got a huge thrill sliding down the "Seven Pools" in Hana, Maui. Another amazing thing for

Howard was finding out that **he, Bill Shapiro and Caren Blumfield** attended the same elementary school, Canfield. The three of them still remember their alma mater. Just ask them to sing this song for you.

Kathy, on the other hand, loved her climb up Mount Masada and her 3 month stay in a Kibbutz in Israel right after the Yom Kupper War. Kathy says the most exciting (and painful) thing she has ever done was giving birth to her two daughters. This wonderful couple met on a blind date set up by Howard's mother and Kathy's father. This "parent set up thing" is usually the kiss of death but this marriage has lasted for 47 years and is still going strong. Join us in welcoming them to our club.

Your Coordinators,



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## Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters & Rail Dusters,

We're very happy to report our new class continues to do very well.

Pre-class dinners also continue to do well; however, there's always room for more of you to join us. As I repeat in this article every month, this is a wonderful way to make some money for our club (of course additional money is always good). Sometimes the group is chatting so much that someone has to remind us "it's time to leave & go dancing."

We appreciate your continued support. and we hope you can join us.

And as a reminder, if anyone knows of any other restaurants that offer fundraising, please let us know. We all love a variety of eating spots.

Our dinner schedule for March is:

March 1	Sharky's
March 8	The Stand
March 15	Hook Burger
March 22	California Pita
March 29	Sharky's



**Flo & Bill Tapp**

**Denise Kurtzer  
& Richard Rose**



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**SUNSHINE & Showers article will appear in next month's issue of Dusty Trails.**



**Rusty Kaman**  
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**PLUS WORKSHOP  
STARTING FEB 27, 2023  
MONDAY NIGHTS  
CALLER ROD SHUPING  
GRANADA HILLS CHURCH  
SEE FLIER PAGE 11**

## January & February Birthdays celebrated at Bay Laurel



Robert Sobel, Maureen Fried, Ron Mitnick, Linda Cole, Jaci Feldman

## RAIL DUSTERS' BRUNCH



Front row: Mark & Eileen Abramson, Paula Brooks, Grace Mitnick, Laura Burstein  
Back row: Joel & Lynn Ovadia, Stuart Brooks, Ron Mitnick, Jane Lief, Jaci & Jon Feldman, Farryl & Bill Dickter  
Not pictured: Patti & Marshall Goldberg



## Look Who Attended the Student Stomp



Front row: Charlene Klein, Renny Traub, Terry Karsh, Linda Cole, Victor Wolfe, Jill Sanders, Margie Hausman, Marilyn Bloom, Grace & Ron Mitnick, Jeri Sobel, Kathy & Howard Wien, Ellen & Mike Sternfeld, Steve & Nikki Rosentsweig,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> row: Steve Bessem, Geraldine Rothenberg, Caren Blumfield, Mike Whitman, Maureen Fried, Jaci & Jon Feldman, Jeff Hausman, Paula Seliga,  
 On stage: Mark & Joni Simon, Joel Ovadia, Len Bloom, Shelly Fried, Jerry Seliga





## Student Stomp (cont'd)





## Valentine Comes to Bay Laurel

First, we went for dinner at The Stand



Then back to Bay Laurel to celebrate Valentines and Dance



Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell decorate for our Valentine Dance





## Valentine Dance (Cont'd)





# St. Patrick's Day Snack-A- Thon



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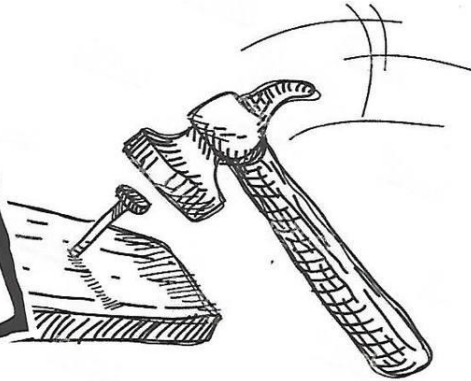
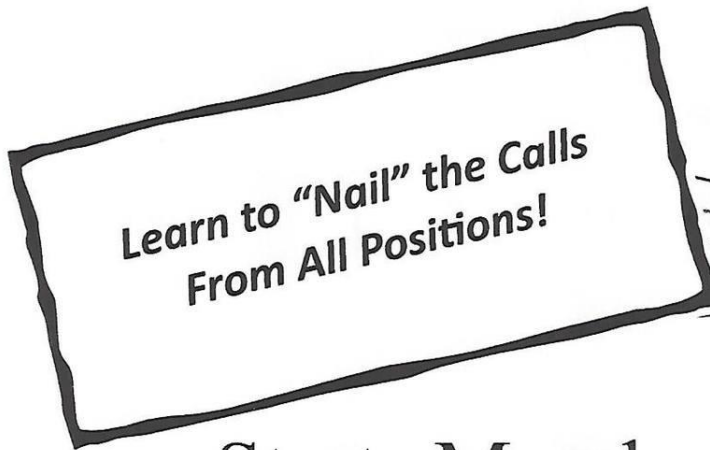




*We're Back!*

*Monday Nights with Rod Shuping*

# Plus-Level Workshop



**Starts Monday, Feb. 27**

**Ongoing Enrollment**

*(Must Know the Plus Calls)*

**7 PM to 9 PM**

**Donation: \$10/pp**

*Proof of vaccination required.*

*Bring your own water. No snacks provided.*



**Granada Hills Community Church  
11263 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills 91344**

*(Near the 118 freeway)*

**Info: Jim (818) 892-8410 or Jeanne (818) 268-1846**

## March 2023 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	9	10	11
12 	13	14 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	15 Hook Burger 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18
19	20 	21	22 Calif Pita 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	30	31	

