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A Night On Broadway



Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Join us on our dazzling New Year's Eve celebration as we spend a **Night on Broadway** dancing and singing to the tunes from the amazing Broadway Shows and Musicals we loved and adored.

From the moment you arrive at our Trail Dusters Broadway Gala in the Hilton Woodland Hills Hotel you will be met by our own paparazzi. They will be thrilled to welcome you to another fabulous Trail Dusters New Year's Eve extravaganza. You won't be disappointed.

Our New Year's team of dedicated party creators are planning on showing you the best of Broadway. This year we are especially pleased to tell you the beautiful theme of our New Year's event was suggested by our own **Jennifer Mantell** proving

Trail Dusters are as creative as they are fun loving.

A copy of the invitation for this event is on page 7. It has been handed out or mailed by the time you read this article. If you would like to attend and have not received an invitation, email marlenbloom2@gmail.com and let Marilyn know. Be sure to **mail your RSVP to Marilyn Bloom** as soon as possible to ensure your place at another Trail Dusters beautiful evening.

Marilyn has already received many filled out response cards and checks for many attendees. Congratulations to **Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig** for being the first to respond. See you at the Trail Dusters Broadway Theater!



Your New Year's Planners



Maureen, Marilyn, Caren, Jeri

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec. Birthdays

Simcha Saul	4
Art Hirsh	7
Patti Goldberg	13
Les Light	13
Bill Sarnoff	13
Harriet Berman	14
Lainy Parlen	15
Victor Wolfe	16
Joe Dill	17
Caren Blumfield	24
Leslie Ruiz	25
Anita Higer	26

Dec. Anniversaries



Paula & Jerry Seliga	4
Jacquelyn & Royce Walker	9
Joni & Mark Simon	19
Sandy & Ron Lynn	22
Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig	28

Check your in-boxes for a new roster, coming this month.

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LAST MONTH'S SNACK-A-THON

It's Good to Gobble



We cannot gobble up

enough goodies at our monthly snack-a-thons and this past November was no exception.

Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell and their flock of farmers and bakers strutted in the Bay Laurel barnyard with as much pomp as a parade. They were full of swagger in their waddle as they once again spread a table with the stuff legends are made of.

Old favorites and new dishes set the - Thanksgiving table ablaze in all the burnt oranges and golden yellows of this fall season. It was beautiful. No ruffled feathers here as Trail and Rail Dusters plucked all the best, including those wonderful breads by **Paul Waters**, from a colorful Fall table.

We are surely thankful for the camaraderie and creativity that Jill and Avi and their team provide each month. Happy Holidays to all! Look at the pictures on page 6 to see some colorful costumes

Read the next article to find out about the December Holiday snack-a-thon.

Event Reporters

Shelly & Maureen Fried



NOW, BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR HOLIDAY SNACK-A-THON AND SQUARE DANCING on WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18TH SAME PLACE SAME TIME See flier on page 8

- > It's that time of year again,
- > With the holidays so great...
- > Let's all join together,
- > Let's all celebrate!
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- > Wear your ugly sweaters,
- > Or dress like St Nick...
- > Or come as a dreidel,
- > And spin around so quick!
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- > Wear something festive,
- > And surprise us all...
- > Be funny, be creative,
- > And listen to the call.
- >
- > It's Christmas for 12,
- > And Hanukkah for 8...
- > Let's all dance & nosh,
- > Please don't be late!

Snack Queen Jillicious and



Snack King Avilicious

NEXT BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 2024

7:00 PM



ZOOM MEETING

Sunshine & Showers

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to **Marshall Goldberg** and his family on the passing this week of his beloved Mother, Helene Goldberg. Helene, who was 97 years "young," died suddenly while in the hospital. She leaves behind a large and loving family; her two daughters and a son, and eight grandchildren including triplet granddaughters. Marshall and Patti, may you find comfort in your many memories and peace in knowing that your friends and Trail Duster "family" are here for you.

Together with "showers," I'm happy to report that there is "sunshine" to be shared this month. Starting with **Ken Burkenheim**, Ken was struggling with breathing issues, and he didn't realize that he was actually combating fluid around his heart and lungs. Thankfully, he listened to "wifey" Eileen and headed for the hospital. Following a brief stay where he was treated and medicated, he is now back home and on the mend! Ken, may you continue to improve daily until you are again feeling "fit as a fiddle!" We're all so glad you decided to follow Eileen's advice and hope you will do so from now on! We look forward to your return to Trail Dusters activities soon!

On October 31st, **Miriam Brauner** underwent emergency lower back surgery (the same procedure she had done 8 years ago.) She came through the operation well with just one fusion and one screw. Upon waking up, she asked her Dr., "When are you going to operate?" He replied to her; "I did so 3 hours ago!" Miriam went to a rehab facility for a brief period and then decided it was time to return home. She says she has absolutely NO pain and is not taking any pain meds. She has a full-time care giver, and exercises regularly – to which she attributes her rapid recovery. She said to tell

everyone that her surgery was a "complete success" and that she is "a happy camper!" As anyone who has ever undergone back surgery knows, this is an amazingly rapid recovery, and we're all delighted to hear such a success story. May it continue Miriam, until you are completely healed and able to return to the many activities in which you normally engage!

What a pleasure it is to share with all of you such encouraging news from our Trail Dusters family, with the exception, of course, of Marshall's Mom's passing.

Hopefully, the coming months will bring more of the same upbeat messages. Meanwhile, may I wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving, wherever you celebrate. Do remember to email me with any news (Sunshine or Showers) that you would like to share with the rest of our "family," and I will contact you for the details.

I look forward to hearing from you next month. Just send me an email) and I will contact you for further details so we can share with the rest of our Trail Dusters' family.

With warm regards,

Rusty Kaman
Sunshine & Showers
Chair



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Coordinators Corner

Another week, another successful night of square dancing. Thanks to Paul's good teaching, last week our Rail Dusters all progressed nicely as they moved into some increasingly difficult steps. Our coordinators seemed to have found their groove and have been extremely helpful in

keeping everyone partnered up and dancing.

Additionally, our Special Services Mentor Chairs (Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig) have been very successful in pairing up our Rail Dusters with mentors resulting in very few squares breaking down on the floor. We hate broken-down Rail Dusters. The cost of repairs have gone thru the roof.

Last week we rounded up all of the new class and met in the backroom during a break. Caren, our very own Captain Kirk, had everyone play a 'Get to Know You' game which was really a lot of fun, and very successful. The Rail Duster's class list will be ready shortly.

Interesting fact. A regular dance will keep your mind and body active. However, square dancing has wide appeal for many adults because it helps mental and physical health by helping older people improve posture, flexibility, lift moods, and eases anxiety. Or, you can just stay home and eat gummies.

Meet your Rail Dusters

Every month we will feature some of our new Rail Dusters. Be sure to welcome them into our Square Dancing Community.

This month, let's get to know **Leslie & Robert Bergman, Marty Hecht & Miriam Faber, Robbie & Alan Jacobs**



Leslie & Robert Bergman

Leslie Bergman was born in Hollywood. She went to Hesby Street Elementary School, Mulholland Junior High, and Birmingham High School. She started college at Cal State University,

Northridge and then transferred to UCLA and graduated in 1979. She then graduated from Southwestern Law School in 1983. In 1984 Leslie went to graduate school at Boston University and graduated with an LLM (Master of Laws) in Taxation. She worked for several years at Medtronic at their Diabetes campus in Northridge helping people all over the world obtain what they needed to treat diabetes. She also spent time in the Finance Department there. Next, she began working as administrator for Beth Emunah Messianic Synagogue in Agoura Hills. August 2024 marked her 11th year continuing to run that office.

Robert was born in Santa Monica. He attended Crescent Heights Elementary School, Palms Jr. High, and Hamilton High School. (GO HAMI). He did his undergraduate work at UCLA (yeah Bruins) and then received his law degree from Southwestern. Robert is a business and real estate attorney and is still working.

Robert and Leslie met at Southwestern Law School and will celebrate their 40th anniversary next August. They have 3 grown sons, two of which are twins. None are married but their son, Andrew, has given them a "grand dog." He acquired her during grad school but works long hours so he gave her to his parents and visits often (sound familiar). Zoey goes to work every day with Robert and has a "very nice life."

This couple enjoys walking with different friends and Leslie's favorite pastimes are reading and cooking. During Covid, the kids moved back home and the Bergmans thought they were running a restaurant and hotel (sound familiar). Laura and Oz Burnstein and Patti and Marshall Goldberg (neighbors) brought this amazing couple to us.



Marty Hecht & Miriam Faber

Marty was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. He went to DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx and Hunter College, just like Marjorie Morningstar and our queen, Marilyn Bloom. He moved to LA in 1975, when he was 28 for his work territory in sales and advertising. He is currently retired but was the Art Director of sales for a printing company. Marty is divorced but is living with his significant partner, Miriam Faber. Marty loves to stay active and participates in Zumba, body Pump, senior fitness and senior softball. What a jock!

Miriam Faber is also from New York, but is from Brooklyn. She moved to Los Angeles in 1971 because of her ex husband's job. Miriam has 2 grown grandchildren, 26 and 28. She loves to play Maj and goes Line Dancing. Thank you, Judie and Art Hirsh, for bringing Marty and Miriam into our club.



Robbie & Alan Jacobs

Roberta, nickname Robbie, was born in Santa Monica. She went to Venice High School, then Santa Monica City College and graduated from UCLA. (Go Bruins). She received her elementary teaching credential from Cal State Northridge. Robbie was an instructional aide at Chaparral Elementary School in Las Virgenes. After retiring, she volunteered for School on Wheels. It is a free

tutoring and mentoring program for children K-12 who are living in shelters, motels, vehicles, and group homes. Roberta loves to read, swim, and garden.

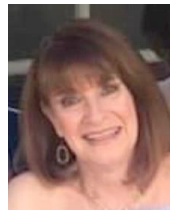
Alan was born in Whittier, CA and received a Doctor in Pharmacy Degree from USC. He is the Director of Pharmacy for Health Net and is still working from home. They were married in 1974 after being set up by friends on a blind date in 1972. After 6 months of married life, they went to live in Guam for 2 years while Alan was setting up pharmacies in the Mariannas. Robbie worked at Bank of America. They were there when Typhoon Pamela (150 mph) destroyed the Island. Thank goodness they survived! Alan loves to watch football and all sports.

Robbie and Alan have been married for 51 years. They have 2 children, Jilliana and Jeff and 2 grandchildren, Riley who is 18 and Cooper who is 15. A big thank you to Peter and Renee Maier for bringing them into the club.

Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver



Jeri Sobel



Gayle Cantrock



Alan Shotsky

Class Coordinators



Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters,

Meeting for dinners before Trail Duster Square Dance classes is fun, healthy, and supports our club. It is a great way to start your evening before class. The Trail Dusters who meet for pre-class dinners regularly are a lively group who are very friendly especially when we are eating.

Conversing and joking over a good meal is fun and healthy. Scientific health research found that socialization can help you live longer and healthier. Socialization helps increase overall mental health. So come out and join us for our pre-class dinners this December. Make it a New Year's resolution for 2025 to join your friendly Trail Dusters at a Trail Duster pre-class dinner. Bring a Rail Duster or two to join us for dinner. This is a great way to help them feel part of our dynamic square dance club.

Remember when you join us for pre-class dinners, you are not only benefitting from the good meals and the socialization but are helping our club financially because each pre-class dinner is a club fundraiser.

We wish all of you Happy Holidays at this year's end and a Happy New Year!! Remember the Roy Rogers and Dale Evans theme song, "Happy Trails" with the lyrics "Happy trails to you until we meet again." The Trail Dusters' adaptation is "Until we eat again."

The following is the calendar for our December 2024 restaurants:

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| December 4 | The Stand |
| December 11 | The Habit |
| December 18 | Sharkey's |
| December 25 | NO CLASS |

We look forward to seeing you. Dinner is at 5:30 pm. Class starts at 7:00 pm.

All the best,

Joel and Lynn
Ovadia



Ways & Means



- Dec 18 **Holiday Snack-A-Thon**
- Dec 25 **Holiday Break -No Class**
- Dec 31 **New Year's Eve -Gala Dinner/Dance**
- Jan 1 **Holiday Break - No Class**
- Jan 8 **First class of 2025**
- Jan 26 **Student Stomp**
- Mar 16 **Club SSD Dance**

On The Lighter Side

ALL ABOUT PHONES



TRAVELING WITH THE DUSTY TRAILS



THE DUSTY TRAILS GOES TRAVELING WITH LYNN & JOEL OVADIA TO THE ROMAN TEMPLE OF AUGUSTUS AND LIVIA IN VIENNE, FRANCE

THANKSGIVING SNACK-A-THON COMES TO BAY LAUREL



Thank you Avi Nudell and Jill Sanders for organizing the snacks



Join the Trail Dusters for

A Night on

BROADWAY

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Hilton Woodland Hills

6360 Canoga Ave, Woodland Hills, CA

Hors d'oeuvres & One Bar Drink per person

7:30pm-8:30pm

Dinner, Wine, Dancing

8:30pm-12:30am

Champagne Toast at Midnight

Be Sure To Wear Your Dancin' Shoes!

Evening Attire

Don't Be Late For The Performance!

Name _____ will attend

Couple \$270 Single \$135

_____ amount enclosed

Please make check payable to Trail Dusters.

Please place the names of guests you would like to sit with on the back of this card. We will make every effort to accommodate.

Choice of Entree

____Herb Chicken____ Braised Short Ribs ____ Grilled Salmon

Valet Parking or Self Parking \$15

RSVP by December 9, 2024



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Happy 
Hanukkah
 

HOLIDAY SNACK-A-THON!!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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come as a dreidel...And spin around so quick!

Wear something festive, Surprise us all

Be funny, be creative, and listen to the call.

It's Christmas for 12 and Hanukkah for 8.

Let's all dance & nosh, Please don't be late!

Come, dance, talk, laugh and of course snack! The spread is always varied, delicious and plentiful. The evening is guaranteed to be fun – the Snack-a-thons always are!

See you there

Snack Queen Jill & Snack King Avilicious

HAPPY
Holidays

December 2024 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 The Habit 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17 Board Meeting 7:00 pm 	18 Sharkey's 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	19	20	21  WINTER SOLSTICE
22	23	24	25 NO CLASS 	26 	27	28
29	30	31ew Years Eve  Happy New Year!				

