

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

We have officially turned over a new Lief (I mean leaf) with our first in-person board meeting on July 13.

A big thank you to Maureen and Shelly Fried on once again opening their home as they have for the last seven years, for our first board meeting of the dancing calendar year. They are very gracious hosts and we are so grateful to have them as part of our club. There was no anxiety or stress among us as psychologists are warning when after a year of lock- up we return to socializing. They advise us to take a gradual approach to ease back into socializing again and what better way than greeting our Trail Duster friends and family.

It is wonderful to be with friends once again after we all adapted to a new reality of isolation. We're starting to go through another transition of going out in public and we're starting to adapt to sharing time face to face with those we have missed so very much. It was unanimous at our meeting that we can't wait to get back together for some fun and special times.

As I mentioned in the last Dusty Trails, mark your calendars for Sunday, August 22, 2021 for our **Summer Welcome Back Party**. It

will be held outdoors at the Tarzana Community & Cultural Center located at 19130 Ventura Blvd, Tarzana. It's on the corner of Vanalden Ave. and Ventura which is between the freeway offramps of Tampa and Reseda. It is a beautiful garden space where we can social distance among flowers and trees and even a koi pond. The time is 7:00 p.m. but we will meet at The Stand Restaurant at 17000 Ventura Blvd., in Encino at 5:15 p.m. It's just west of Balboa Blvd on the south side of the street. Parking is in the back. As in past years, all members are asked to BRING FRIENDS who might want to dance with us in September, but only those who have been vaccinated. Along with potential future Trail Dusters, you'll be asked to bring a munchie along with you. Your choices include dessert, appetizers, wine, soda, fruit...or anything that tickles your fancy. See flier on page 6.

Also mark your calendars for our MYSTERY DANCE which is being organized by Paul, our wonderful and enthusiastic caller. It's set for Saturday, November 13, and will include an MTA art tour and then a little dancing at some secret locations. Of course, as always, we will be eating. The locations will be a surprise which Paul is keeping under his vest.

Once again I want to thank all the members of last year's board and especially Nikki and Steve for working so hard to keep our group together.

Stay cool and safe until we meet again.

Jane Lief
President



Aug. Birthdays



Judith Altman	6
Sandra Sobel	16
Royce Walker	16
Winnie Davis	21
Paula Nudell	21
Ronald Cohn	25
Ruth Ann Hapner	27
Lori Hazan	28
Michele Minsky	28

Aug. Anniversaries



Carol & Richard Lewis	1
Marilyn & Leonard Bloom	5
Iris & Thom Smotrich	15
Maxine & Irwin Tuckman	16
Maureen & Shelly Fried	18
Gayle & Dick Hodnefield	20
Judie & Art Hirsh	25
Sandy & Jeff Cohen	26
Arlene & Mitch Zoren	26
Ilene & Mark Abramson	28

Congratulations to all of you who are celebrating a special occasion.

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND STATISTICS CHAIRS.

The Trail Dusters' Board has decided to change our **membership year** from January through December to **September through August**. This means the membership year corresponds to the dancing year. So August is the month to renew your membership through August 2022.

All membership dues should be postmarked by August 31, 2021, so that our insurance covers all members.

The best way to renew is:

1. Print the renewal form on page 7 and fill out the required information. Please print legibly!
2. **Make out a check to Trail Dusters for \$40 for single membership, \$80 for a couple.**
3. Mail the form and the check to:

Ilene & Mark Abramson
4425 Estronda Drive
Encino, CA 91436

If you have any further questions, please call or email Mark Abramson

Ilene & Mark Abramson

Membership Chairs

Markabe@aol.com



PROOF OF VACCINATION

Your board is taking everyone's health very seriously and with that in mind all Trail Dusters' activities will require that every attendee be vaccinated.

To make the process of verification as easy as possible, you will only need to **show us one time** that your vaccinations are complete.

Bob Sobel is organizing this project and **Jeri Sobel** has graciously agreed to record this information for us. We know how efficient she is. Therefore please send a copy of your proof of vaccination by Aug 16 (Photo or Scan) to Jeri at her email: Jerisobel@earthlink.net You may also mail the proof to her address @ 23678 Ingomar Street West Hills, CA 91304.

We do not want to hold up the entrance to any of our events so please send in your vaccination card NO LATER THAN August 16.

Sunshine & Showers

GET WELL wishes go out to **JUDY COMROE** who is recuperating from a total knee replacement done on July 12th. Now out of the hospital, she is receiving physical and occupational therapy at the Jewish Home in Reseda. While this is a difficult recovery, **Judy**, in her typical fashion, is upbeat and chipper, and says that every day is better than the day before. **Judy**, we all wish you a speedy and full recovery so that, before long, you will be able to return to doing the many things that give you pleasure! Judy is receiving calls on her cell phone, and if you wish to send her a card/note, please send it to her home address as she is not sure how long she will be at the Jewish Home. Her son Michael is bringing her mail to her.

FLO and **BILL TAPP** are thrilled to announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Sarah Sollway, to Shlomo Muller. The wedding was held on June 7th at the Ridgewood Golf & Country Club in Lakewood New Jersey where the newlyweds are making their home. Sarah has been working as a Personal Assistant for 3 years and will soon be starting a job as an interior decorator. Shlomo has been employed as an Account Specialist in a Fulfillment Center. The young couple met and courted during the Pandemic with lots of Facetime meetings. Warm congratulations to **Flo** and **Bill** and to all your family. May the newlyweds enjoy a long and happy life together!

Excitement is running high for the family of **Kay** and **Don Mann** whose granddaughter Mara Mann, daughter of David and Eileen, prepares for her August 13th wedding to Ed Brachtls. The wedding will take place at the Lodge at Malibu Lake in Agoura Hills. Mara has already secured a 2nd grade teaching position outside Dallas, Texas, while she finishes her Master's Degree in Education. Meanwhile, Ed will continue studying to become a Reverend. Here's wishing this ambitious couple success and every happiness as we say, CONGRATULATIONS to the entire **Mann** family!

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to **Caryl Weston** on the June 21st passing of her beloved husband **Murray Weston**. **Caryl** and **Murray** were graduates of the Class of '94 and held the position of Presidents as well as numerous other positions in Trail Dusters. **Murray** died of a rare autoimmune disease and blood disorder, leaving behind **Caryl**, their two children and five grandchildren. To all the **Weston** family, our thoughts are with you and we wish you brighter tomorrows.

Whether it is sunshine or showers, we want to hear from you so that your news can be shared by the members of our Trail Duster Family. Please send your information to me at the email address shown below. Wishing each of you health, happiness and safe keeping.

Sincerely,
Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine &
Showers Chair



Rusty_k@verizon.net

Know Your Board Member



**Ilene &
Mark
Abramson**

Ilene's Story:

Anyone who knows me knows that I am a joiner. I belong to many organizations including Jr League, National Charity League, Caltech Women's Club and Hadassah. But my favorite club of all is Trail Dusters! I love Trail Dusters because of the wonderful people I have met, many of whom have gone to my schools and grown up in my neighborhoods.

My family has lived in Los Angeles since 1906. I went to Wilshire Crest Elementary School, John Burroughs Jr. High, Fairfax High School and graduated from Palisades High. I received my BA and MSLS from USC. When I was young I wrote a column for the Santa Monica Evening Outlook's weekly newspapers. For seven and a half

years I interviewed celebrities, reviewed plays and concerts, and attended the Academy Awards twice, the Golden Globes four times, and I even got to go to the 1976 Republican Convention as a member of the Press.

And then I met Mark and the excitement began! We got married 44 years ago and have two children, Liz and Danny (both married with two daughters each). The kids never went to the same schools (Curtis and Marlborough; Mirman and Milken) so I had twice as many bake sales, fundraisers, and parent meetings to attend. On my 23rd birthday. I started work at Los Angeles Public Library where I eventually became Director of Children's Services. It was a position that brought me full circle to hobnobbing with movie stars and authors.

Retirement, however, has been a gift because now I have the time to play with my "besties" from Trail Dusters.

Mark's Story:

My family has also been here since the 1930's, and my father graduated from UCLA and took me to Bruin games as a child. This has left me in a distinctly mixed marriage, but I have managed to root for USC on all but one fall Saturday.

I lived in the South Bay as a child, went to South Torrance High and have a B.S. in mathematics from Caltech and a Masters from the UCLA Engineering Executive Program.

Having two children, and often working both fulltime for the County of Los Angeles and part-time teaching computer science, left little time for clubs. Cutting back on teaching when I started meeting my grandchildren opened up spare time, and fully retiring four years ago even more. I am a Mason, and serve as

Chaplain to my lodge. More recently, we have been taking classes from Calabasas Savvy Seniors and UCLA extension, and I have an obsessive-compulsive habit of solving the New York Times crossword puzzles online.

Ilene took me to a square dance lesson, and I immediately realized this was not only a physical activity even a poor athlete like me could enjoy, but the steps were actually interesting as mathematical objects. We have made so many new friends by being members of the Trail Dusters. We joined the board and have served as Refreshments Chair, Secretaries, and are currently serving our 4th year as Membership Chairs.

Ilene & Mark Abramson

Lexophile

To write with a broken pencil is . . . pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes . . . take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar . . . got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles . . . U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes . . . was on shaky ground.

A dentist and a manicurist married... they fought tooth and nail.

You are stuck with your debt if . . . you can't budge it.

A hard boiled egg is . . . hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping center . . . you've seen a mall.

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was . . . resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? . . . He's all right now.

A bicycle can't stand alone; . . . it is two tired.

When a clock is hungry . . . it goes back four seconds

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine . . . was fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory . . . which was never developed.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, . . . she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture: . . . a jab well done.

So.....you've been eating hotdogs and McChickens all your life, but don't want the vaccine, because, " you don't know what's in it"?

We all know mirrors don't lie...

I'm just grateful that they don't laugh.

We are not aging, we are ripening to perfection.

DOVE CHOCOLATE TASTE WAY BETTER THAN THEIR SOAP.

We should train all Amazon delivery drivers to give the vaccine. The whole population would be immunised by Saturday. Thursday if you've got Prime.



PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS RECEIVE THEIR PLAQUES AND “HAS BEEN” BADGES



Joni & Mark Simon July 2018 – June 2020



Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig July 2020 – June 2021

MEET THE JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022 BOARD



Front row: Farryl Dickter, Denise Kurtzer, Lorraine Levin, Ilene & Mark Abramson, Joni Simon, Jane Lief, Nikki Rosentsweig, Robert & Sandra Sobel, Flo Tapp, Marilyn Bloom, Jeri Sobel

Back row: Bill Dickter, Richard Rose, Sheldon Levin, Caren Blumfield, Mark Simon, Steve Rosentsweig, Bill Tapp, Len Bloom

Not Pictured: Shirley Brown, Wendy Goldzband., Rusty Kaman, Cindy Kestenbaum & Alex Strouzer, Lynn & Joel Ovadia Victor Wolfe

Our Summer Party Returns!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND



Start the evening by joining our FULLY VACCINATED club members for some great food and great socializing with the added benefit of raising \$\$\$ for our Club at one of our favorite eating places –

The Stand!

17000 VENTURA BLVD, ENCINO



Then travel to Tarzana Community & Cultural Center at 19130 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, California 91356, where the party will start at **7:00 PM**



The evening will be held under the stars and among the towering pine trees with lots of room to social distance. We can gather around the koi pond, rose garden, children's garden or secret garden. It's a lovely setting to meet our Trail Dusters' family and friends after so many months.

Bring friends (fully vaccinated) along and also your munchies to share
- dessert, appetizer, wine, fruit, or soda - your choice.

FINALLY – MUNCH, MINGLE & VISIT

**PROOF OF VACCINATION MUST BE PROVIDED,
PREFERABLY BEFORE THE EVENT**



TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$80 COUPLES / \$40 SINGLES
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "TRAIL DUSTERS"

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH DUES BY AUGUST 31 (EARLIER PREFERRED!)

PLEASE PRINT

DATE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME(S) _____

☐ Information in the roster is correct – no changes

☐ PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING ☐ CORRECTION ☐ ADDITION ☐ DELETION

Enter Only The Information To Be Changed, Added or Deleted (Since Last Published Roster)

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone (hers) _____

Cell Phone (his) _____

E-Mail Address (hers) _____

(his) _____

☐ Everybody please fill out the info below

Birthday (Month & Day)

Hers _____ His _____


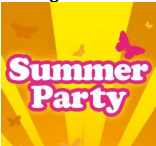
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (MONTH & DAY) _____

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ILENE AND MARK ABRAMSON
4425 ESTRONDO DRIVE
ENCINO CA 91436

(make check payable to "Trail Dusters")

August 2021 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Zoom Board Meeting  7:30 pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	16 8	19	20	21
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