

The Dusty Trails

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July 2024 - A Note From Your Presidents

Hello Friends!

Summer's peaking, vacation time is nearly over, and wonderfully it's now time to start dancing again with the Trail Dusters (TD) club! The famous Beatles' song inspires us—it's time for all of us to "Come Together" as **Wednesday TD class nites are BAAACK beginning Wednesday, September 11!**

So, it's time to send in your membership form & dues, if you haven't done that yet, and plan to join your Trail Dusters' friends at **Bay Laurel Elementary School on Wednesdays 7-9 pm** and dance, learn, mingle, laugh and have fun! See membership form on page 10.

Please bring your friends to the Club on any and all of the **3 first Wednesday dates September 11, September 17, and September 24.** They can join us right from the beginning, see what we do, try it out, inevitably become part of the best Club ever! See flier page 11.

We head into what promises to be an exciting, fun-filled 2024-2025 TD year starting with fun classes on Wed. evenings and progressing to dances, new friendships and social events.

We Trail Dusters...Trail Blazers... will really again **have tantalizing terrific, tremendous times, TOGETHER!**

Can't wait to see you!!!



Marshall & Patti Goldberg, Presidents



Sept. Birthdays

Howard Weiner	1
Marilyn Zwicker	3
Rhonda Eisner	10
Avi Nudell	11
Robert Ruiz	12
Miriam Brauner	13
Marlene Lovett	13
Stephen Levy	14
Adrienne Kreisberg	14
Ronna Banks	15
Ilene Abramson	17
Fred Warner	18
Reuven Zeavy	19
Beverly Rutkin	26

Sept. Anniversaries



Marlena & Reuven Zeavy
Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver
Marilyn & Hy Katlein

From Your Membership Chairs

TRAIL DUSTERS, IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. GRADUATES, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO BECOME MEMBERS

Trail Dusters members are the best ever because they pay their dues on time and participate in our fun activities. Currently we have 153 members eager to square up.

As membership chairs, our job includes receiving all dues, keeping track of who are the members, creating the roster, and sending birthday and anniversary greetings each month in the Dusty Trails.

Dues are being collected in August and September. Your dues help pay the rent and caller fees for weekly classes and for our dances. Members receive the "Dusty Trails" monthly newsletter that will keep you informed of all of our activities. You will get a roster to keep in touch with your square dance friends.

The best way to renew or become members is:

1. Print Renewal Form on page 10 and fill out the required information. Please print legibly!

2. Make out a check to Trail Dusters for \$40 for single membership, \$80 for couple. Same as last year and the year before!

**3. Mail the form and the check to:
Ilene and Mark Abramson
4425 Estrondo Drive
Encino, CA 91436**

Mark will be available at classes during the month of September with blank forms.

Please note that the form asks for birthday and anniversary month and date. This is used only to send best wishes in the Dusty Trails. Please do NOT include the year.

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

Thank you for your support and cooperation, and don't forget to tell your friends to join our class on September 11 – see flier page 11.

Ilene and Mark Abramson
Membership & Statistics
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818-501-3109



Sunshine & Showers

Hello again, Everyone. This past month, a longtime member of our Trail Duster "family" was taken from our midst. Because Jane Lief was a very close friend of **Flo Tapp** and knew her perhaps better than most people did, I prevailed upon Jane to share some thoughts and specifics with all of us here. For this, Jane, I thank you sincerely.

Flo Tapp passed away on July 11th following a lengthy illness. Hubby Bill was beside her after having lovingly cared for her for many months. Her family, in addition to Bill, included a son and daughter, four grandchildren, and a great grandson. She was born in New York and came to L.A. in her early twenties. Flo worked at the Wellness Center in Santa Monica, a

support organization for cancer patients and survivors. Because of her own past health issues, she understood the fears and needs of the patients. While working at the Wellness Center, Flo also attended Cal State Northridge and earned her degree there while also tending to the needs of her family. She was a person who always found time to accomplish huge tasks and earned many honors for her charity work. Flo was a person who made friends easily and was only a phone call away if something needed to be done. She and Bill were graduates of the Class of 2003 and served for many years as Ways & Means Chairs for Trail Dusters and were valuable Board members. To you, Bill, and all your family, we extend sincere condolences and wish you brighter tomorrows.

It was a difficult week for **Kay and Don Mann**. Kay's younger brother, Harry Schaeffer, passed away at this home in Jerusalem after battling MS for many years. He leaves behind his wife and 3 grown children. Kay, we want to express sorrow for your loss and hope that the many memories you and your brother made together through the years will serve to bring you a measure of comfort – now and in the days to come.

At the same time, Kay and Don had to say farewell to their beloved Yellow Lab, Cassie, who for many years, brought them immeasurable love, laughter and devotion. We will miss her greetings at the front door and the affection she showed to everyone who entered.

Happily, there is "Sunshine" to report. **Marilyn and Hy Katlein** flew to a beautiful beach in Avalon, New Jersey for the marriage of their son, Jeffrey Katlein, to the love of his life, Kelly Hughes, on July 5th 2024. Kelly's family, who lives in New Jersey, greeted the Katleins warmly, and now two families have become one. Following their honeymoon in

Punta Cana (in the Dominican Republic,) the newlyweds are making their home in Tarzana. To all the Katlein family, warmest wishes for many years of health and happiness.

More happiness to report in this issue. **Jon and Jaci Feldman**, Class of 2023, welcomed their new granddaughter, Aubrey Sippel-Feldman, born on July 11th to proud dads, Elan and Evan, and even prouder 4-year-old twin siblings, Spencer and Ember. Congratulations to the entire family!

Get well wishes are extended to **Eileen Burkenheim** who is now recovering at home from foot surgery. Hubby Ken tells us that it was a painful procedure, and Eileen is currently using a walker to avoid any weight bearing for a while. Eileen is looking forward to getting the bandages off in 6 weeks although a full recovery could take up to one year. Eileen, we wish you lots of patience and look forward to hearing that you've made a full recovery!

Maureen Fried has expressed heartfelt appreciation to the many Trail Duster friends who have called, brought food and supported her and **Shelly** following both their recent surgeries. She and Shelly are now doing well in the healing process and are looking forward to returning to Trail Duster activities. To you both, we send best wishes for your continued and rapid recovery.

Here's hoping the upcoming month will include lots of happiness and "sunshine" in each of your lives. Please be sure to email me (Rusty_k@verizon.net) with news of the happenings in your life so that I can share with our Trail Duster "family."



Fondly,
Rusty Kaman,
Sunshine & Showers Chair

All About Mentors

Hi everybody. It's Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig.

Our Board Position this year is Mentor Coordinators. Once classes have been going for a while, we will be working with the Class Coordinators Coordinators, when possible, pairing up experienced Trail Dusters with new Rail Dusters.

- If you choose to be a Mentor, your responsibilities will include:**
- Welcoming the Rail Dusters to class**
- Dancing in their square**
- Encouraging them to attend class and checking on them when they are not in class**
- Helping them to continue to feel welcome, comfortable, and successful**

If you are willing and able to be a mentor, you will work with us and the Rail Duster coordinators to help them as needed. Please let us know! It is a fun and rewarding experience.

Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig



rosentsweig@hotmail.com

What a Great Summer Party

"Aloha" from Cheri and Fred's lush estate, where our Trail Dusters Summer Party kicked off. A huge thank you to this incredible couple who offered to share their home with all of us.

We didn't need to book a flight and there wasn't a beach nearby, but there were wonderful "Hawaiian Decorations" everywhere. All of us were taken back, yet pleasantly surprised, when two sharks (played

by Alan and Avi) quite unexpectedly swam to the party. Never before in the history of Trail Dusters have two REAL sharks appeared. EVERYONE enjoyed this and had their picture taken with the handsome square-dancing sharks (pictures page 9).

A thank you goes out to all of you Trail Dusters who were able to attend and bring such delicious edibles and friends. Finally, a big thank you to Caren Blumfield, Patti Goldberg, Cheri & Fred Warner, Renee & Dean Kibbler, Laura Burstein, Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell for organizing such a successful event, and to everyone else who helped!

Square dancing is fun! No, really...it is! Just ask the sharks!

The best part of the evening was seeing 87 of our Trail Dusters friends again and meeting 36 new people who are going to join us on September 11th. We are hoping to get another large class, so keep recruiting new dancers throughout August and most of September. See flier page 11. Get ready to dance and frolic and laugh again on Wednesday nights and help our new dancers discover the joy of our Trail Dusters Square Dance Club.

ALOHA!



Jill Sanders



Caren Blumfield

NEXT BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

7:00 PM



ZOOM MEETING

Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters,

We look forward to returning to Trail Dusters Square Dancing on September 11, 2024, after an exciting summer with the Olympics, political conventions, hopefully good vacations, and a lot of heat!!!

Not only are we ready to start our weekly Wednesday square dancing classes with a new group of Rail Dusters, but we need to stay nourished and hydrated with good healthy food and drink before we start dancing.

In addition to good nourishment, our pre-class dinners at a variety of restaurants prearranged in advance, allows us to socialize, share stories, laugh, and enjoy each other's company. After all, Trail Dusters are very friendly, especially when we are eating! **If you are bringing in a new Rail Duster, ask him/her/them to join us.**

Let me add, that you not only benefit from the good meals and the socialization, but the club benefits also, as these are fundraisers. The club gets a percentage back of the money we spend. We have chosen restaurants which provide a variety of nutritious food and can accommodate large groups such as ours.

The following is the list of restaurants for September 2024:

- September 11 The Stand
- September 18 Sharkey's
- September 25 The Habit

We excitedly look forward to seeing all of you! Dinner is at 5:30 pm and class starts at 7:00 pm

Joel and Lynn
Ovadia
Ways & Means



Spread the Word

Fellow Trail Dusters,
Have you run out of friends to ask to join Square Dancing? Or are all our friends already square dancing? Well, you can still spread the word! Print copies of the flier on page 11 and then hand them out to your hairdresser, barber, plumber, etc. Also pin one up on public bulletins boards in the library, your church, synagogue or local super market. Help us to recruit new members.

Save the Date

Sunday, October 13, 2024

for our fun fall festival

SSD DANCE

with 2 plus tips held at

Wilkinson Center in

Northridge from 2:00 - 4:30

The caller is Mike Seastrom.

We will then go to Sharkeys

for dinner after the dance.

See flier on page 12 for more

information.



- Aug 1 - Sept 30 - Membership Renewal
- Sept 11 - Weekly Classes Start
- Sept 18 - Second Introductory Class
- Sept 25 - Final Introductory Class
- Oct 2 - No Class - Rosh Hashanah
- Oct. 13 - Fall Festival SSD Dance
- Nov. 27 - No Class - Thanksgiving
- Dec 31 - New Year's Eve -Gala
Dinner/Dance

On The Lighter Side

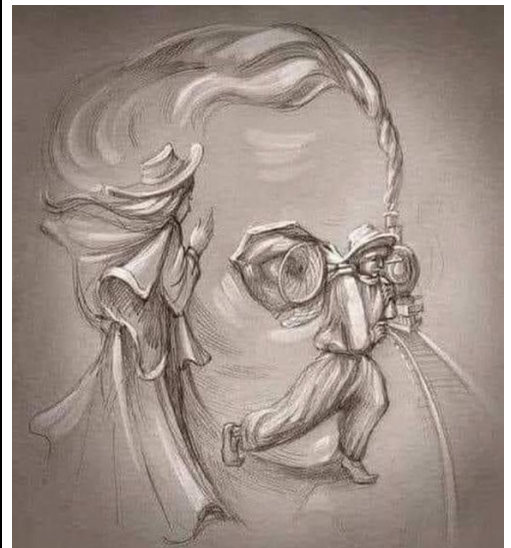
**Magician:"Go ahead,
pick a card, any card."**

So I took his Visa.

At a girl's college hostel, dates were permitted only on Saturday nights.

One young man showed up on a Tuesday evening, explaining to an older woman in the lobby of the dorm that it was imperative he see a certain young lady immediately.

"I want to surprise her. You see, I'm her brother."
"Oh, she'll be surprised all right," said the woman. "But think of how surprised I am! I'm her mother!"



The more u look the more
u see

THE DUSTY TRAILS GOES TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



Carol & Richard Lewis celebrate their 54th anniversary aboard the Royal Caribbean cruise with their family



Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig & Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver and, of course, the Dusty Trails enjoy the music of John Carpenter



Collin & Shirley Brown in the Smoky Mountains



Lynn & Joel Ovadia in Kirkwall, Scotland



Jerry & Paula Seliga in St. Ignace, Michigan



Paula Seliga and Caren Blumfield take the Dusty Trails for a bike ride - Paula takes another bike ride with husband Jerry Seliga and Dean & Renee Kibbler



TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS (CONT'D)



Steve & Nikki Rosentsweig take the Dusty Trails to Monterey Pacific Grove

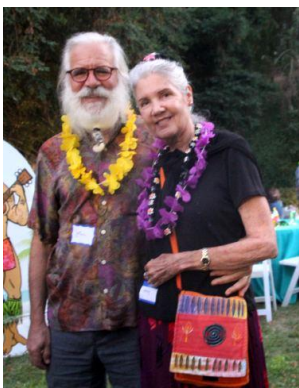


Paula & Jerry Seliga- Mackinac Island in Michigan in front of the Grand Hotel

OUR EXCITING SUMMER PARTY
FIRST WE WENT TO "URBAN PLATES" FOR DINNER



AND THEN TO THE SUMMER PARTY



THE SUMMER PARTY CONTINUES





HERE COME THE SHARKS



Thank you for attending



TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH DUES BY SEPTEMBER 30 (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) _____

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND DUES TO:

ILENE AND MARK ABRAMSON
4425 ESTRONDO DRIVE
ENCINO CA 91436

(make check payable to "Trail Dusters")



TRAIL DUSTERS

Modern Square Dancing Classes

NEW MOVES * NEW MUSIC *** NEW FRIENDS**



If you can walk, you can square dance. Easy to learn, you need to learn only the steps, the leader will guide you thru the choreography of each dance all the while you will have **FUN!**

Weekly Wednesdays starting September 11,
2024 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

3 Introductory classes Sept. 11, 18, & 25

Your first evening is FREE. Thereafter \$7.00 weekly

Bay Laurel Elementary School
24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas 91302

Come for one evening and see who we are and what we do– it's free – what do you have to lose? In fact, you may have a lot to gain!

For More Information Email Patti Goldberg
patti@glassgoldberg.com

Website: www.traildusters.com



****Fun, Friendship, & Fitness****



TRAIL DUSTERS

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Grab your pumpkin spice latte and a cozy sweater because fall has arrived. While it's time to say farewell to relaxing beach days and hot weather, autumn brings adventure and excitement all its own. Join us as we celebrate Fall and all it brings!



CALLER: MIKE SEASTROM

SSD WITH 2 PLUS TIPS AND LINE DANCING

2:00 – 4:30 PM – \$12.00 PER PERSON

Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge

★★PLEASE WEAR CLUB DRESS CODE – WHITE TOP AND BLACK PANTS/SKIRTS WITH THE CLUB TIE!★★

***** DINNER AFTER THE DANCE *****

Plan to join us for dinner AFTER the dance at



Sharky's

18426 Nordhoff St, Northridge, CA 91325

If you are planning on joining us for dinner, Please RSVP via email to




Joel Ovadia at Jovadia407@gmail.com

For More Information Contact: Farryl Dickter @ farryl.ateam@gmail.com.

Website: www.traildusters.com – Singles and Couples Welcome



September 2024 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	11 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Sharkey's 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	19	20	21
22 Autumn Equinox 	23	24	25 The Habit 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	26	27	28
29	30					

