

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

"I shall participate,
I shall contribute,
and in so doing,
I will be the gainer".

Wow! What participation at our 60th Anniversary Dance on April 14th. The enthusiasm in the room was electrifying as 245 dancers stepped to a wave, do-si-doed, and promenaded to the calls of Mike Seastrom and also Mike Hogan, who came to call for us from Nebraska.

It was wonderful to see the participation of so many square dancers enjoying the benefits of square dancing. Our theme for the 60th Anniversary Dance was "Wear Green and Gold and You'll Never Grow Old".

You will never grow old if you participate in square dancing. Dancing is tremendously beneficial in keeping us young. It benefits our heart, cardiovascular system and increases our lung capacity. By participating in square dancing you can improve your memory by recalling steps, dance patterns, and making it a great mental exercise for our brains.

Square dancing is recreational and entertaining. It creates a social

life for us, while affording us the opportunity to make new friends.

Friends help us grow, make us laugh and support us as we learn. Dancing elevates our mood by raising our endorphin levels. It helps us establish our self-confidence. It improves the harmony between our mind and body, giving us a sense of well being. Square dancing is a team project, and by participating in your square you contribute to the benefit of the group as well as improving and helping yourself.

In square dancing you participate in a healthy activity and contribute to the success of your square and gain many benefits for a healthy lifestyle. You will be young forever!

See you in a square!

**Anita &
Gary Higer
Presidents**



NEXT BOARD MEETING

May 8, 2018

7:30 p.m.

Joni & Mark Simon's House



Dance - May 12, 2018

Mother's Day Picnic



May Weekend has come and gone – what to do next --- I have the answer!! Plan

to attend our next club dance on Saturday, May 12 at Wilkinson Center with Hunter Keller calling – see flier page 12.

Hunter has been around square dancing all of his life, having been dragged from dance to dance by his grandparents and parents. After the death of his grandfather – his hero – in 2002, Hunter decided that he wanted to do something that would always remind him of his grandfather. So in 2004 he started taking square dance lessons. A mere six months later he picked up a microphone and began calling. Hunter called his first festival in July of 2007 in California. To date he has called in over 35 states as well as Japan, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Belgium, Sweden, and Taiwan. Hunter will provide us with a fun, entertaining, and energetic dance you do not want to miss. Milo will be cuing our round dancers through many rhythms- Waltz, Cha Cha, and Rumba, to name a few, with his smooth delivery.

Many hands will be in the kitchen preparing and serving the food so be sure to drop by during the evening and thank them. People are needed to set up the rooms for the dance so stop by around 6:30 and offer to help.

Remember the great time that was had by all at our dance last month

– now you can experience it again. Friends, Food, Conversation & Music – a powerful combination for enjoying an evening.

Your roving reporters from Canada

Shirley & Collin Brown
Publicity Chairs



LAST MONTH'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE



Our founding club members would have been thrilled to see our incredible 60th Anniversary party – with 245 in attendance of which ninety eight (98)

were Trail Dusters – see picture page 8.

Trail Dusters are still alive and thriving after 60 years of square dancing. The night was magical in every way. It started with our Neverland Theme displayed beautifully by **Caren Blumfield**



who was responsible for all the decorations. It was great to see



"Green and Gold so they Wouldn't Grow Old"!

that most of our club were wearing

Anita Higer, Pat Kessler and Jeri



Sobel provided all the sandwiches, fruit, veggie trays, and presented them so well. A huge thank you to all our members who baked all kinds of cookies and brought them to feed our guests and members. Ice cream was also plentiful. A great thanks goes to **Joni & Mark Simon** and **Sandy & Bob Sobel** for their incredible help in the kitchen.



The raffle and white elephant sale were unbelievably successful and



well done thanks to **Farryl Dickter**.



She stored and displayed all the items. Many thanks to **Kay Mann** and the many members who contributed to the set up and also worked the cash register.

A big thank you to **Pat and Rick Kessler** who donated the Grand Prize for our raffle, and to



Judy Comroe who organized all of our volunteers.
The music was magical also. Milo



Molitoris did an outstanding job cuing to a full room.



Mike Seastrom and Mike Hogan were sensational. Who wouldn't love dancing to their duets.



The fantasy hour arrived and the winning name was drawn...



Percy Calkins & Louise Schoenneman. Congratulations!!!

It is thrilling to be part of such a creative and outstanding square dance club. **Marilyn Bloom and Pat Kessler**, our chair people, had an incredible team behind them. Their combined hard work made the evening a tremendous success. It was heart warming to see how many members from Trail Dusters and other clubs turned out to support us and have a memorable night.

HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY TO ALL OUR TRAIL DUSTERS!



60th Anniversary Committee
Jeri Sobel, Caren Blumfield, Anita Higer, Judy Comroe, Marilyn Bloom, Farryl Dickter

Visitation

Our May visitation is to the

Western Weavers

Date: Friday, May 25

Caller: Phil Farmer

Rounds: 7:30 pm

Squares: 8:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Joslyn Adult Center

1301 West Olive Ave., Burbank

Upcoming Visitations

June 23rd Saturday

Buckles & Bows

Fabulous 50's

Rounds: 7:00 pm

Squares: 7:30 - 10:00 pm

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Goebel Adult Community Center

1385 E. Janss Road,

Thousand Oaks

July 21st Saturday

Valley Trailers

Summer Hotdog Hoedown

Rounds: 7:15 pm

Squares: 8:00 - 10:30 pm

Caller: Ken Ritucci

Wilkinson Center

8956 Vanalden Ave

Northridge

Sandra & Robert Sobel

Visitation

Chairs

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List of 2018 callers – pg 10



Being An Angel
Can Be Fun –
see information
on page 16.

May Birthdays



Jeri Sobel	3
Bob Zoren	5
Vita Brett	8
Gloria Schwartz	8
Ron Lynn	8
Denise Kurtzer	11
Rick Kessler	12
Jane Lief	12
Neil Sandler	12
Iran Ausley	14
Sandy Cohen	15
Terry Karsh	15
Otis Rogers	16
Nancy Wallach	17
Stan Zwicker	17
Sandra Sabatino	18
Leonard Bloom	20
Mark Cutter	23
Wendy Goldzband	23
Joyce Smith	23
Lana Collier	24
Kay Mann	24
Jerry Seliga	24
Elise Sandler	29
Marlena Zeavy	30

May Anniversaries



Diane Jubelier-Light & Les Light	15
Ellen & Mike Sternfeld	28
Mindy & Joe Dill	29

Membership & Statistics

This month's "Statistics" topic is:
How long have we been Trail
Dusters?

The answer, based on what year
you graduated, is:

1 to 5 years	55
6 to 10 years	26

11 to 15 years	17
16 to 20 years	45
21 to 25 years	20
Over 25 years	10

West Valley:	128
East Valley:	25
Los Angeles/South Bay	10
Ontario, Canada	2

Ilene & Mark Abramson

Membership & Statistics

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markabe@aol.com



Sunshine & Showers

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to **Rosalie Rifkin** on the March passing of her beloved husband of 58 years, **Bob Rifkin**. **Rosalie** and **Bob** were graduates of the Class of 2012. Just 3 weeks before **Bob** died, he celebrated his 90th birthday with a big party attended by his entire family. **Rosalie**, we hope that the wonderful memories of that party and all those you and **Bob** made together through the years will always be with you and make you smile. May the days ahead bring brighter times for you and for your family.

Sincere condolences are extended to Rail Dusters **Bob** and **Leslie Ruiz** on the passing of **Bob's** brother, Ruben Ruiz. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, April 14th for Ruben who leaves his wife, three children and ten grandchildren. **Bob**, we wish you comfort in your memories and in the knowledge that the caring thoughts of your Trail Duster family are with you at this difficult time.

On the “sunny” side, **Jeri and Ron Sobel** are proud to share the news that their son Glen, who is normally the drummer for Alice Cooper, will be leaving next month to join the “Hollywood Vampires” for a multi-city European tour. This time, Glen will be backing Johnny Depp, Alice Cooper and Joe Perry (Aerosmith.) We share in your pride, **Jeri and Ron**, and we wish Glen safe travels and a hugely successful experience!

As we approach the summer months, this is the traditional time for graduations, weddings and such. I would be delighted to share with our club family YOUR news of children or grandchildren who are graduating and/or getting married! Won't you please take a few moments to contact me (at the e-mail address shown below,) with the details of your upcoming “sunshine?” That would be most appreciated, and will definitely be enjoyed by our fellow club members!

May all your lives be filled with sunshine!

Warmly,

Rusty Kaman



rusty_k@verizon.net

Sunshine & Showers Chair

Coordinators Corner

The class is moving steadily toward graduation. The Rail Dusters have picked up some of the Plus calls, such as “Tea Cup Chain”, with amazing speed in the first week it was taught. We were happily surprised to see how well the class learned “Load The Boat”, both the “external” and “internal” parts. Other calls such as “Relay

the Deucey” are presenting a little bit more of a challenge and we are confident that they will “get it” with repetition in the coming weeks.

As Joel Ovadia noted last year “if you have never been a class coordinator, you are missing out on the wonderful experience of bonding with new Rail Dusters in a most adventurous journey.” We would add that it has brought us a lot of pleasure watching the Rail Dusters progress towards graduation when they started out not sure of where left and right were.

Two months left to go until graduation and we marvel at their accomplishments. They had no idea the extent of commitment they would have to make. They persevered every week, in spite of their outside activities and their fear of incompetence. The Rail Dusters now have embraced a fun activity and are becoming part of a club that will enhance their lives.

You will have the opportunity to get to know some of our new class members at the Spring Weekend but we urge you to walk over and talk to them during class. They are writing and organizing their graduation skits now, and are worried about performing, just as we once were.

A big “THANK YOU” again to our angels who continue to support the Rail Dusters each class, and we appreciate your cooperation with the new process of pre-forming squares. This is something we have developed to ensure that the Rail Dusters have the best angel support possible. This process seems to reduce the chaos at the start of class. This seems to be working well, and we welcome suggestions to make it better.

Open up your calendars and save June 13th for Rail Duster

graduation. Details will be coming next month and we are betting our coordinators' salary that there will be lots of delicious comestibles for your dining enjoyment before the ceremonies begin.

Let us introduce you to more of our Rail Dusters.

RONNA BANKS



Ronna Banks moved to California from Michigan at age 8. She has been a widow for nine years and has two daughters and one grandchild.

Ronna received her AA degree from Valley College. Prior to having children, she worked for Beaumont Publishers. After having children she worked for Deluxe Finances for 10 years.

One of Ronna's daughters is a payroll accountant for the movie studios. The other daughter took over her father's business when he passed away. The business is called “A Thread Ahead and is located in San Fernando. It is a custom embroidery, screen printing, promotional products company. Ronna sometimes works in the business with her daughter.

Ronna loves to travel and has traveled to many different countries around the world. She also loves to go to the movies with her friend Rhonda Eisner who brought her into Square Dancing.



ILAN & ELLEN PAZ

Ellen was born in Kingston, New York and moved to California when she was 12 years old. She received her law degree from Southwestern law School. Ellen is a partner in her family real estate business where she occasionally puts her law degree to use.

Ilan was born in Israel & lived in Haifa area where he attended the Technion and got his electrical engineering degree. He moved to California in 1996, Ilan currently designs brake control systems for airplanes, however most of his career was spent designing navigation systems for missiles.

Ellen & Ilan were married in 1998 and have four children and ten grandchildren.

Ellen & Ilan love to dance. Not surprisingly, they met at a dance night and have been Israeli folk dancing together for 20 years.

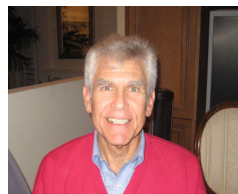
They've attended dozens of weekend dance camps, dancing from 9am to 2am (sometimes through the night). They even held weekly dance classes in their home for 10 years where Ilan taught the most complex dances.

Ellen & Ilan square dance 3-4 times a week, and recently started round dancing. When they're not dancing they are exercising (yoga, Pilates, running, gym, barworks). They even did the LA Marathon three times.

When there's time, they love to travel. Their most recent trip was a month in China.

They also love to make parties and have made at least 40 parties at home with 80-100 guests. These ranged from folk dancing to singalongs to Passover Seders to full blown Halloween and New Years parties to a two day 10th Anniversary extravaganza with 120 guests.

We are very grateful to Diane - Jubelier Light & Les Light for introducing them to our club.



Bill Dickter



Judy Comroe

Your Coordinators

You Think English Is Easy?

- * The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
- * We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.
- * I did not **object** to the **object**.
- *The insurance is **invalid** for the **invalid**.
- * They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
- *The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail.
- * I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.



SURF, SAND AND CINEMA

The anticipation is building for the 96 Rail and Trail Dusters, who will be attending our Spring Weekend. This is our biggest group in years and your wagon masters are so excited! We have been working diligently getting the centerpieces, seating, name tags, and activities completed. Our tours promise to be wonderful and we have so many people going on both tours that we are sure the Naval Base and Heritage Square docents will remember us for a long time! (If you need to change plans about any of the tours we can always accommodate you.) Please remember to bring \$3 cash to pay Jane for the Heritage Square Tour. We will all meet in the lobby and car pool to the sites.

We have attached our "Places to Go and Things to See" plus our tentative "Schedule of Events" on pages 13-15, You will also be receiving additional information and instructions regarding the Weekend before your departure. Many people like to leave early on Friday and stop at some of the venues listed on their way to the hotel and others like to stop on their way home.

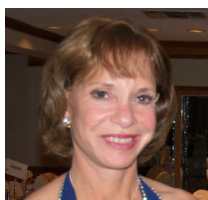
Our theme is "Sand, Surf and Cinema" and we know your Saturday night tables are diligently working on creating your "masterpiece". Some groups are even carrying their movie theme to their attire. Speaking of attire, the entire weekend is casual so don't worry about dressing up.

Rehearsals for the Weekend play are in progress and the cast will be ready to perform for you on Saturday, May 5th. We have

many games and activities planned to surprise you. We will be putting sign-up sheets in the hospitality room for people to sign up for the various activities including shopping if you would like to go together. Don't forget your maj cards and quarters. Bring your phones to take pictures at our "Photo Opp" booth.

Our new officers will be installed and we will laugh our heads off with Judith Altman at the famous Joke-Off. We will take plenty of photos and videos to show those of you who couldn't make it and we know you will all want to rush to sign up for next year! Get ready to have a great time.

Your Wagon Masters,
Caren Blumfield and Jane Lief



Kitchen Korner

Dear Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters,

We want to start by thanking all of you who filled in while your Refreshment Chairs were off traveling in March and April. The report was that everything went very smoothly in our absence; we laughingly say we never want anyone to go home hungry.

We always have a nice selection of food, thanks to the cooperation of all of our members and we're very aware that people have been incredibly generous with their donations. Thanks so much for that since dancing uses up lots of

calories and people get hungry. We also appreciate that the food is brought all ready to serve, which is very helpful.

Remember that if you are not available for your assigned week, **please arrange for someone to cover for you. Always arrive with food plated by 6:45 since we all want to be ready to dance at 7PM.**

Here's some **random food facts** you will enjoy:

Orthorexia Nervosa is an eating disorder where the sufferer is obsessed with eating "healthy" food.

The fear of cooking is known as **Mageiropophobia** and is a recognized phobia (I definitely know people who suffer from that one).

Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of peanut butter sticking to roof of your mouth.

The fear of vegetables is known as **Lachanophobia**

There are more than **7,000 varieties of apples** grown in the world, - who knew???

Till next month (our final month of 2017-18 class).

Thanks again for bringing snacks and for all of your help.



Flo & Bill Tapp



Jane Lief

Refreshment Chairs

Ways & Means

To Trail Dusters & Rail Dusters:

One of the restaurants we visit for our pre-class dinner/fundraiser is Sharkey's Woodfired Mexican Grill. Owner Marjaneh Hashemi has been a wonderful supporter of our club and gives back 20% of what we spend that night. For the last 17 years she has been a franchisee of Sharkey's restaurants. She currently owns four Sharkey's restaurants located in Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, and Westlake Village. As Trail Dusters, we should support these restaurants even when we are not dancing the night away. It is the greatest healthy choice for Mexican food in Los Angeles.

Sharkey's started in 1992 with their first restaurant located near L.A. Valley College. It was an innovative approach to Mexican food. They wanted to get away from greasy tacos in favor of fresh, organic, grilled, healthy eating. They source the best, freshest ingredients. They use meat that is preservative and antibiotic free; GMO-free fresh vegetables, organic salads and RBGH-free cheeses and sour cream.

And just look at what this coming month has in store for us:

May 2 – California Pita
May 9 – Sharkey's
May 16 – The Habit
May 23 – Corner Bakery
May 30 – Hook burger

Check your emails each week for any possible changes.

Your hosts,
Wendy Goldzband & Steve Katz



WHAT AN AMAZING 60TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE
LOOK AT ALL THE TRAIL DUSTERS AND RAIL DUSTERS WHO ATTENDED



1st row: Marilyn Bloom, Anita & Gary Higer, Jeff & Margie Hausman, Jackie Kantor, Rita Karp, Mark Abramson
 2nd row: Marlena Zeavy, Bob & Sandy Sobel, Charlene Klein, Judy & Stuart Levy, Norm & Rusty Kaman, Mindy Dill, Miriam Brauner, Linda Peck, Leon & Dorothy Stabinsky, Jill Pivnik, Jeri Sobel, Judy Comroe, Nancy Wallach, Val Simmonds, Ray Cianci Caren Blumfield, Marlene Lovett, Ilene Abramson, Flo Tapp, Ellen Sternfeld, Sandy Sabatino, Hal Gould
 3rd row: Bill Tapp, Ken & Eileen Burkenheim, Joe Dill, Joel Ovadia, Diane Jubelier Light & Les Light, Lynn Ovadia, Linda Cole, Bernie Brauner, Joyce Smith, Robert & June Grossman, Adrienne Kirman, Howard Weiner, Richard Wallach, Michael Whitman, Reuven Zeavy, Jeff & Sandy Cohen, Geraldine Schoenneman, Harriet Berman, Otis Rogers
 Bill & Farryl Dickter, Jane Lief, Shirley & Collin Brown, Percy Calkins, Kay & Don Mann, Jordan Wank
 Stage: Rick & Pat Kessler, Paul Kayne, Sherwin Silver, Steve Berman, Ilan & Ellen Paz, Maxine Tuckman, Judith Altman, Steve Rosentsweig, Irwin Tuckman, Maureen Fried, Nikki Rosentsweig, Joni & Mark Simon, Joyce Kopkin, Mike Sternfeld Paula & Jerry Seliga, Len Bloom, Phyllis Saul, Shelly Fried
 Not Pictured – Simcha Saul who took the picture, Ron Sobel, Treasurer who stayed at the desk and Wendy Goldzband & Steve Katz



Dusty Trails goes to Holland with Jerry & Paula Seliga as they ride their bikes along the canals

DUSTY TRAILS GOES TO ISRAEL



Adriane & Michael Kreisberg read their Dusty Trails at the Western Wall in Jerusalem



Flo Tapp takes her copy to the Dead Sea



Steve & Nikki Rosentsweig read Dusty Trails at the Golan Heights




Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule –2018

2ND Saturday of Month

Rounds @ 7:00 PM – First Tip @ 8:00 PM
Alternating Rounds & Tips with 1 A-1 Tip

Wilkinson Senior Center – 8956 Vanalden - Northridge

DATE	CALLER	THEME
January 13, 2018	Arlen Miller	Crazy T-Shirt Dance
February 10, 2018	Johnny Preston	Love Is In The Air
March 10, 2018	Dick Hodnefield & Andy Allemao Class Level Dance	Fabulous 50's
April 14, 2018	Mike Seastrom & Buddy Weaver "Our 60 th Anniversary Dance"	
May 12, 2018	Hunter Keller	Mother's Day Picnic
June 9, 2018	Michael Kellogg	Night At The Movies
July 14, 2018	Ken Bower	* Hawaiian Dreaming!
August 11, 2018	Pat Carnathan	* Rock & Roll Revival
September 8, 2018	Buddy Weaver	Starry Starry Nights
October 13, 2018	Tim Pepper	Great Pumpkin Ball
November 10, 2018	Rod Shuping	Veteran Appreciation
December	Dark	

** Summer Casual Attire*

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Anita & Gary Higer 818-789-9398

Classes remain Wednesday evenings at Bay Laurel Elementary,
24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas.



REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS MAY 2018

May 2

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Geraldine Rothenberg
Cindy Kestenbaum & Alex Strouzer
Beverly Rutkin
Adrianne Kirman



May 9

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Charlene Klein
Adriane Fox & Michael Kreisberg
Denise Kurtzer & Richard Rose
Lorraine & Sheldon Levin

May 16

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Jane Lief
Diane & Les Light
Marlene Lovett
Lois Michaelson & Joey Zepkin



May 23

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Lynn & Joel Ovadia
Linda Peck
Elaine Pfefferman
Jill Pivnik

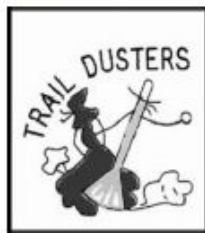
May 30

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Lainy Parlen
Otis Rogers
Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig
Janice Reiss



For more information call FloTapp (818) 422-6784–email flowille@sbcglobal.net

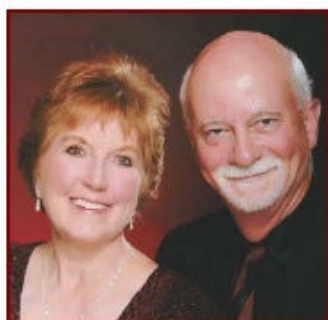


TRAIL DUSTERS

Saturday, May 12, 2018

Mother's Day Picnic

CALLER: HUNTER KELLER



Happy 
Mother's
Day



CUERS: CINDA & MILO MOLITORIS

Rounds 7:00 - 8:00 pm and between tips

Squares 8:00 – 10:00 pm - Plus Level, A-1 Tip

Wilkinson Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden Ave., Northridge

UPCOMING DANCES

JUNE 9	MICHAEL KELLOGG	NIGHT AT THE MOVIES
JULY 14	KEN BOWER	HAWAIIAN DREAMING
AUGUST 10	PAT CARNATHAN	ROCK & ROLL REVIVAL

For More Information Call Anita & Gary Higer 818 789-9398
Website: www.traildusters.com – Singles and Couples Welcome



COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT IN OXNARD

600 East Esplanade Drive
"Oxnard, 93036

MAY WEEKEND May 4 – May 6, 2018

The weekend is almost here and we need you to think about what you will need to bring. Most of the weekend is casual but Saturday night, starting with happy hour, we would like you to dress either in country club casual attire or an outfit that carries out your table theme. It can be as simple as a Hawaiian Lei or a beach hat or as snazzy as you want. Check the weather report a few days in advance so you know how to pack. Always bring a light sweater.

Every couple is also asked to bring a bottle of wine to serve in the hospitality room during the weekend. **Also bring your Trail Duster/Rail Duster name tags.** We will provide sodas, water, and munchies. Here is the schedule of events so you can plan your excursions around it. We will have sign-up sheets for tennis, bowling, shopping etc at the check-in desk and hospitality room.. Can't wait for all the fun!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday

3:00 pm	Check in and the fun begins
3:30	Hospitality room opens in suite # 135
5:30-7:15 pm	Happy Hour (games) in hospitality room
7:15 pm	Welcome in Pavillion/Arbor Banquet Room
7:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies and dinner is served
9:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Entertainment
10:00 pm- midnight	Hospitality room #135 (Games and mingling)

Saturday

8:00 – 10:00	Buffet breakfast in Pavillion/Arbor Room
	Tennis anyone (sign up sheet in hospitality room)
10:00 am	Hospitality room opens in suite 135
10:30 am	Meet in lobby for tour of Port Huneme Museum & Naval Base. (15 minute drive and carpools)

Lunch on your own

2:30 pm	Tour of Heritage Sq. (meet in lobby to carpool for 3:00 tour)
3:00 p.m.	Play rehearsal in Pavillion Banquet Room (cast members)
5:30-7:15pm	Happy hour (games) in hospitality room
7:15 pm	Dinner in Pavillion Banquet Room
8:30 pm	Evening Games with lots of laughs
9:15 pm	Play performance
10:15 pm-mid.	Hospitality room #135

Sunday

	Check out time is 12:00
8:00 -10:00 am	Buffet breakfast in Pavillion/Arbor Banquet Room
10:15 am– 12:00 pm	Installation & Joke off

Lunch following weekend for those interested (location to be announced.)

THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN OXNARD AT OUR SPRING WEEKEND - MAY 4 - 6



There are many places you can visit on your way to the Hotel because our check in doesn't start until 3pm. The following are suggestions of things to do during the day in the area, but you can be as active or restful as you like. The two tours we are offering are sure to be rewarding.

Heritage Square in Oxnard (This is our 3pm Tour)

715 S. A Street, Oxnard CA (Directions at desk). Please note that Heritage Square is open to the public for tours all day Saturday and Sunday and/or you can take a self-guided tour of the square. We have an organized tour with docents planned, but you can visit on your own if our timing doesn't fit your

schedule. Google their website, Heritage Square in Oxnard to read about the destination. Our tour will meet in our hotel lobby at 2:30pm to car pool.

Camarillo Premium Outlets: The outlet stores in Camarillo are well known. They are open from 10am-9pm. 740 Ventura Blvd. Camarillo, CA 93010

Main Street Downtown Ventura: 607 East Main Street.
Lots of antique stores, thrift stores and shopping. Places to have lunch also.

Ojai Olive Oil Ranch (10am-4pm) 1811 Ladera Rd. Ojai, CA 93023. (805)646-5964 Info@ojaioliveoil.com They give free guided tours of the olive groves, olive oil mill and tasting room. Stop on the way down or on the way home.

Carpinteria Harbor Seal Preserve and Rookery

The preserve is home to almost 100 adult seals who give birth through May 31st. Bring binoculars. Nice hiking trail. The easiest thing to do is take the 101 to Ballard Ave. exit. Turn towards the ocean and go into The Bluffs parking lot and follow the footpath that leads to down to the bluff, over the railroad tracks then along the bluff top. It is about a half a mile walk.

San Buenaventura Mission 211 E. Main St. Ventura, CA 93001

Founded on Easter Sunday, March 31, 1782. Welcomes visitors from sunrise until sunset. Known for its beautiful gardens and restored artifacts.

643 Project Space 643 N. Ventura Ave. Ventura, CA 93001

This is an alternative exhibition space to give artists opportunities to exhibit their work.

Albinger Archeological Museum 11AM-4PM

113 E Main St. Ventura 93001

Offers displays of local archaeological relics, including items from Chumash Indians and Chinese immigrants. Located next to the San Buenaventura Mission.

Carnegie Art Museum 10-5pm

424 South C Street, Oxnard CA 93030

It is dedicated to showcasing Californian artwork including paintings by famous artists from the regions. Photographer George Hurrell has a prized collection there..

Channel Islands Harbor: Unfortunately, most of the shops have closed down and the word is that they are "redoing the mall" but no one is really sure. There is the **Ventura County Maritime Museum** there if you are interested in this subject. The entry is free and the docents at the front desk are wonderful. There is a seafood restaurant and BBQ place there if you want to see it and have lunch. From here you can drive 5 minutes to the Ventura Harbor, which has lots of shops and restaurants to browse around.



The McGrath Farm at 505 North Wood Road, Camarillo, (take the Central Avenue offramp from the 101. (McGrath is just south of the freeway). It is a sustainable farm that grows organic fruits, vegetables and flowers. There is a farmers market, farm tours, visits with the farm animals and you can pick your own produce.

Downtown Oxnard and Ventura: There are a lot of interesting squares and plazas, parks and buildings to see. If you like antiques, boutiques, thrift stores or window shopping, don't miss Main Street in Ventura off of the California Exit North.

Ventura Harbor:

A delightful area of shops and restaurants to walk around and an interesting Ranger film presentation at the end of the harbor with a 22 minute film of the wildlife and plant vegetation from the Channel Islands. One of our morning walking tours will go here but you can drive on your own. Refer to the map and directions I've included. Free parking.

Mandalay Bay Hotel and Park:

A great place to rent bikes and surreys and walk around the Bay on a scenic pathway. One of our morning walks will go here but you should visit on your own if you like to walk along the beach. Minimal fee to park.

State Parks and Hiking Trails

Refer to your Oxnard guide, it describes them.

Boating, Kayaking and fishing: Check guide for information and phone numbers

Swap Meets Nearby – both in Oxnard

Vogue Indoor Swap Open Sat-Sun. 10-7pm 246 W. 6th St.
Oxnard Swap Meet at Oxnard College open Sun 8-3PM
4000 S. Rose Ave.

Tennis and Bowling Available

Bring your equipment in case you decide to play. We will post a sign up sheet Friday night for people interested in playing on Saturday. The tennis courts and bowling alley are nearby.

GOOD LUCK AND HOPE YOU HAVE SOME GREAT EXPERIENCES.

Breweries and Wineries

There are so many wineries and breweries in the area that I didn't know which ones to suggest. You can ask the front desk for recommendations or google them. Here are the 5 best Breweries I found if you want to google them.

Red Tandem Brewery: Casa Agria Specialty Ales, Posidon Brewing Company Made West Brewing Company

Manavino Cellars, 961 N Rice Ave. Oxnard, CA 93030,

Four Brix Winery and Tasting Room, Rancho Ventavo, 741 Oxnard, CA 93030,

Strey Cellars, 951 Rice Ave Oxnard, **Panaro Brothers Winery**, Day Time Plan B Wine Cellars, Labyrinth Winery, CA., **Camarillo Custom Crush Winery**, and DeLiese Cellars.

The Hertzog Winery is supposed to be excellent but unfortunately it closes for Shabbat. You can visit it on the way home Sunday.

Another suggestion I have - if you have grandchildren or love animals why not make a date to spend the day with them on Saturday at the Santa Barbara Zoo. So much to do and see and not enough time. Some of you may not even want to run around but may prefer to stay at the hotel and play maj, poker or other table games in the hospitality room. Hang around the pool and lobby.

BEING AN ANGEL ISN'T EASY BUT IT SURE CAN BE FUN!



Square Dance Angels are the wonderful people in our Club who have the desire to help new dancers. They give of their time to attend classes each week to make sure new dancers have the best possible learning experience.

There is an immense sense of satisfaction when you see a new dancer achieving a level of success to which you have contributed. Being a good angel is challenging but also a great deal of fun! Listed below are some great tips to be a Great Angel!!

- ♥ SMILE, SMILE, SMILE – Always look like you are having fun!!! Be enthusiastic and enjoy the dancing. Be friendly, courteous, and gentle. This is sometimes easier to say than to do, especially if it has been a long day.
- ♥ Make sure that every student is in a square during the teaching tip, don't wait for them to square up. Invite them to your square. During the tip keep your eye on, and be ready to help, not only the students but also the less experienced dancers in your square.
- ♥ Do not talk in a square, particularly when the caller is instructing. Even if you are not talking directly to the student, it will be a distraction.
- ♥ To gently guide someone is fine, but we accomplish nothing for the student if he or she has been pushed through an action and doesn't know what was supposed to be done to get there. As angels, simple hand gestures like pointing a direction to go or the place to be, a "come hither" hand gesture to indicate you are the person to whom the dancer is to come and eye contact are so important and much more effective than physical touching. This also teaches the new

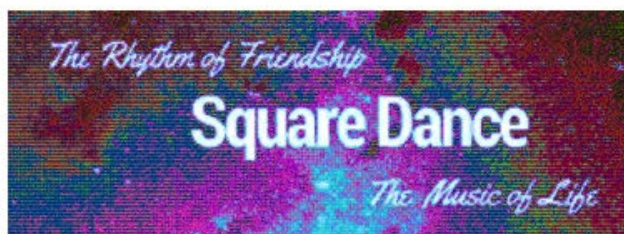
dancers to keep their heads up, eyes forward, and moving forward. Move Backwards, Turn Around or Stop are NOT calls in square dancing.

- ♥ It is not a good idea to "teach" a call during a break or to point out where the dancer went wrong on a call. The student needs time to relax and clear the mind. What if you are teaching it wrong or you are making it more confusing!
- ♥ Please no fancy dance styling. The proper Do Si Do, hand and arm holds, a quick touch to acknowledge position, and no short cuts will ensure new dancers of the proper position for the next call. Lots of time for the fun styling once they have gained their confidence.
- ♥ Square dancing is a frightening and sometimes confusing experience - even for the experienced dancers!!! Keep that in mind at all times with new students even after they graduate. Every time a mistake is made, they think they caused it. Continue to reassure them, they will gain confidence.
- ♥ Do you want to keep the new students in your club? Then dance with them, talk with them during breaks, mentor them at dances, and encourage them.

The success of our club and its ability to continue is to have a steady flow of new dancers at each level each year. The success of these dancers is dependent on you and your friendly, non-judgmental and competent assistance and encouragement.

Whether a new dancer or experienced - square dancing is, first and foremost, FUN. Let's make sure that everyone has that experience.

Shirley & Collin Brown



May 2018 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. California Pita 5:30 p m	3	4May Weekend 	5 at Marriott- Oxnard 
6 Installation & Joke Off	7	8 Board Meeting 7:30 pm Joni & Mark Simon's House	9 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Sharkey's 5:30 p m	10	11	12 Dance at Wilkinson - caller Hunter Keller cuer Milo Molitoris see pages 2 & 12
13 Mother's Day 	14	15	16 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. The Habit 5:30 p m	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Corner Bakery 5:30 p m	24	25 Visitation Western Weavers Caller: Phil Farmer See page 4	26
27	28Memorial Day 	29	30 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Hook Burger 5:30 p m			

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