

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

As of this writing the biggest event in North America is fast approaching.

You might think it is the solar eclipse and you might be right except that there is a phenomenon equal to the solar eclipse and that is called **the new Trail Duster beginning class starting September 6th.**

Just as the eclipse has a beginning place, a viewing point in Oregon, and traverses on a predictable path, our own new class has a beginning at Bay Laurel School in Calabasas.

The path takes us through classes on Wednesdays from September through June. We are excited to see old friends and meet new people.

For the moment, dancing eclipses whatever is on our minds as we listen to the square dance caller and move to the words and music. The Trail Dusters have excelled in making dancing enjoyable.

We are over the moon for our pre-class dinners which allow angels and class members to get to know one another.

New graduates are starting a second phase as angels are passing on their dancing knowledge. We have new graduates serving on our board, and they are viewing how illuminating it is to attend board meetings.

In closing, finding enjoyment in all phases of square dancing will take you on a delightful path to mental and physical heights.

Time to square up with the Trail Dusters!



**Anita &
Gary Higer
Presidents**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

7:30 P.M.

JONI AND MARK SIMON'S
HOUSE



LAST MONTH WAS A TEAM JERSEY DANCE

Our August 12th dance was another winning weekend for the Dodgers and it was a "HOME RUN" night for the Trail Dusters. Mike Kellogg called an amazing dance (great music and a wonderful voice).



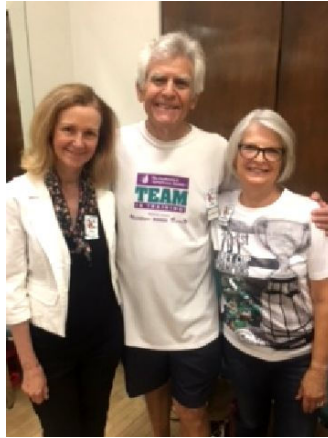
A big thank you goes to **Pat Kessler** for taking charge of our kitchen. She brought her "home made" famous

chocolate chip cookies and brownies. There was plenty of ice cream, veggies, cheese and crackers and other munchies. but no Dodger Dogs or peanuts! **Anita and Gary Higer**, our new presidents, presided over things and helped in the kitchen as usual.



The room was filled with dancers wearing Jerseys and hats from their favorite teams.

A big thank you to all of our guests who attended and to all of our club members who joined in the fun.



Your
Dance
Reporter



Caren Blumfield

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NEXT MONTH'S SEPTEMBER 9TH DANCE IS



There
has
never
been a
decade

quite like the sixties; the diversity, conflicts, hope, anger, the music, the dance crazes and change – big and fast change! The 60s was a decade of change both political and social – space, science and civil liberties. A decade to remember and to celebrate and that is what Trail Dusters will be doing on Saturday, September 9th at Wilkinson Center at our monthly dance with **Buddy Weaver** as our caller – see flier page 11.

Peace, Love & Flower Power

Buddy Weaver started calling in 1977 while still in school, living in Honolulu and is a third generation square dance caller. Buddy currently lives in San Diego with his family and has two very

accomplished daughters, Kini who just completed her doctorate from UCSF and Mele who recently graduated from Pepperdine cum laude. Buddy is not only a world class caller, but also a renowned expert coach on the art of calling, a square dance music producer of Blue Star and Hi Hat Music (the largest Square Dance Music Company in the world) and has over 300 vocal recordings since 1981.

Do not be alarmed by all of this. Buddy will call a relaxed and fun dance giving us an evening of great entertainment that you do not want to miss. To round out the evening (pun intended) Milo will cue the round dancers on the floor with his smooth delivery, interesting music, and variety of dances – waltz, tango, 2-step, bolero and more - from phase II to VI.

The Kitchen Brigade will once again march into the kitchen and then out again with excellent and varied nibbles for the dancers (club members and guests alike). Be sure to stop by and thank them at some point in the evening.

Circle the date in red and plan to attend – not only for a fun evening of food and friendship – but also to support the Club and the Board which works so hard on your behalf.

Your roving reporters from Canada

**Shirley &
Collin Brown**

**Publicity
Chairs**



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List of 2017/2018 callers – pg 9

Visitation

Our September visitation will be with Valley Trailers.

Date: September 16

Caller – Mike Sikorsky

Rounds - 7:30 pm

Squares - 8:00 pm

Wilkinson Center

8956 Vanalden Ave, Northridge

Upcoming Visitations

October 28: with Boots and Slippers. Caller is Darren Gallina. Rounds at 7:00 pm- Squares at 7:30 pm at Simi Valley Center in Simi Valley

November 18: with Valley Trailers
“63rd Anniversary Dance”

Rounds at 7:15 pm with Cindy Mower. Squares at 8:00 pm with Mike Seastrom & Hunter Keller at Wilkinson Multipurpose Center

Sandra & Robert Sobel
 Visitation
 Chairs
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Sept Birthday

Marilyn Zwicker	3
Sandy Sarnoff	4
Iris Smotrich	7
Eleanor Pekala	8
Susan Langberg	9
Marilyn Ross	9
Rhonda Eisner	10
Gary Higer	13
Miriam Brauner	13
Marlene Lovett	13
Stephen Levy	14
Mindy Brown	14
Adriane Fox-Kreisberg	14
Ilene Abramson	17
Joey Zepkin	17
Toba Sobel	18

Reuven Zeavy	19
Arnie Karp	24
Beverly Rutkin	26

Sept Anniversaries

Hana & Norman Klinenberg	3
Marlena & Reuven Zeavy	3
Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver	4
Marilyn & Hy Katlein	7

All members should have received their August roster by now. If you have any corrections or additions, please contact Mark.

Ilene & Mark Abramson



Membership & Statistics

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Subject Line: **TD Roster**

Recruitment

Let's continue to get out there and convince a whole new group of potential dancers what a great time awaits them in our new Rail Duster class beginning Wednesday, September 6th - see flier page 12 for more details.

Don't wait another minute to tell your friends. Get out there and spread the word: Square Dancing is new and different and is a wonderful way to meet new friends, get great exercise, and join a superb group of young minded people.

If you know any potential dancers just email Marilyn Bloom
marlenbloom@sbcglobal.net their names in the following format

Name of Dancer
Phone
Email
Your Name

With your help, we can have another large class in September.

Caren
 Blumfield



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Coordinators Corner

Uncle Sam and the DWP

The Trail Dusters introductory square dances start Wednesday September 6 and Uncle Sam does **not** need you. But your coordinators, Judy and Bill, do. If past experience holds true this September, we are expecting a large number of guests at our introductory classes and most of them are walking into a new situation perhaps with some trepidation of soul and spirit.

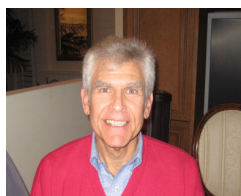
Remember your first class and the feelings you had? We want our prospective students to feel comfortable and get that warm fuzzy feeling that Trail Dusters is a fun place to be. So we are asking YOU, Trail Dusters, to meet and greet guests at the front door and escort them to the back of the auditorium. We will be there at a table in the back to greet the newcomers, get their contact info and sign them in. Rhonda Shapiro has volunteered to man another table at the back where the guests will get badges. Who wants to volunteer to help Rhonda? Don't all volunteer at once because we need you to pair up with the new dancers once they get their

badges. When we have our guests partnered up, we will give Arlen the high sign to get started, and the fun begins on the dance floor!

Thank you for your attention in reading our coordinators column. Whoa! Almost forgot to explain the DWP.

We all have seen the large number of new students who come without a dance partner, sometimes one or two guys but usually a whole bunch of gals. In past classes, coordinators have asked our guys to pair up with a single gal and angel her through the class. A big THANK YOU to all the guys who helped out in the past and we will be relying on you to help with the Class of 2018. This year, with the challenge of pairing up women students with angels, we are inviting our gals who don't have regular dance partners to help out. You got it, we need the Trail Dusters DWP, Dancers Without Partners, to learn the "beau" part and angel the single women students. A tip 'o the hat to Caren, Margie and others who have taken on the **boy's** role and provided angel support to the girl students. Interested? Contact Judy or Bill and let's talk.

Looking forward to seeing you at the introductory classes, September 6, 13 and 27 (we are dark on the 20th) and the following classes all the way through to graduation.



Bill Dickter



Judy Comroe

Your Coordinators

Kitchen Korner

Dear Trail Duster Dancers and Snackers,

No one has ever left a Wednesday night square dance hungry thanks to the wonderful participation of all the members in our dance club.

As your new refreshment chairpersons, we want to thank **Joni and Mark Simon** for the wonderful job they did each week setting up the tables with all of our goodies, our ice cold water and delicious coffee. They were absolutely remarkable and they made sure we all had enough sustenance to twirl, roll away and promenade throughout the evenings. **Phyllis Saul** was a tremendous partner to the Simons by making sure that food assignments for the month were sent out with each Dusty Trails and that everyone dancing also participated in the food delivery. She was incredibly organized and this was greatly appreciated. Thank you all so very much for your dedication that provided us all with the extras that came along with the joy of dancing.

At one time or another we all help by working in the kitchen, help out by bringing "treats" for everybody and, of course, we all eat. Therefore, we're all members of the snack brigade and we all uphold the Trail Dusters' reputation for having good food at our dance classes.

We are the new Chairs of Refreshments, and we look forward to working with all of you and thank you in advance for your help in the kitchen.

Many of you will receive calls to let you know that you have kitchen duty with us for the next 4 weeks. Others of you will receive calls to remind you that you are

responsible for bringing treats (Fruit or Cheese and Crackers or Dessert) for the week's class.

If you are not available for an assigned week, there is no punishment. BUT, you must arrange to have someone switch with you and let us know about the change.

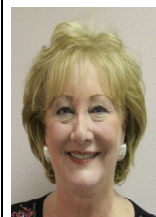
Dancing starts at 7:00 pm, and We All Love To Dance! To make sure that we all get a chance to dance the first tip, all kitchen helpers and the people bringing treats need to arrive no later than 6:45pm so that we can get all the food, coffee and water organized and placed out on the tables in time for dancing.

IF YOU ARE BRINGING TREATS

(see flier page 10): Please put your treats on a plate or bowl before you arrive so that you can immediately put the food on the table for serving. If this is not possible, don't just drop it off in the kitchen. **PLEASE**, come into the kitchen and prepare your food for serving (cut your cake or pie and put the slices on plates, put your cheese and crackers or your fruit on a platter or in a bowl) and put your food out on the tables to be served. This will speed up the kitchen so we can all dance the first tip.

Again, thank you in advance for all your help in the kitchen and for bringing refreshments for everyone.

Flo & Bill Tapp



Jane Lief



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Ways & Means

OMG, look at the calendar! It's late August and we're in the home stretch of Summer. While there are plenty of sun and fun-filled days left, we all know what follows: More fun square dancing! And eating. And socializing. Did I mention eating? And it all starts in September.

That's right, September marks the beginning of the new Trail Dusters season. We'll be greeting a new, hopefully large, class of Rail Dusters on September 6th for our first evening of instruction and dancing. And eating!

Have you picked up on the eating theme yet? After all, what goes better with pre-dance socializing than food? Prior to each scheduled class, we'll meet for a pre-dance dinner at 5:30 pm at a "fine-dining" establishment. Our first dinner rendezvous will be September 6th, at Sharkey's Woodfire Mexican Grill, located at 6219 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills 91367. We hope you can join us for the start of great year of dancing fun.

The schedule for September is as follows:

September 6th - Sharkey's
September 13th - Hook Burger
September 27th - California Pita

Check your emails each week for addresses and in case of any changes



Your hostesses---
Wendy Goldzband & Steve Katz

Oops..... We Did it Again!

Just when you thought we couldn't top last year's end of summer get-together, Trail Dusters did it again making this year's Sizzling Summer Sunday a night we will never forget.

As soon as you entered the Salad Farm it was abundantly evident



that the evening was going to be something amazing. Once again,



we nearly filled the restaurant-with 44 Trail Dusters eagerly feasting on the delicious salads created by



the accommodating staff. There were many new faces who must have been warmed by the sheer



number and friendliness of our

square dance family. But this was just the beginning.



After dinner we were off to the home of Tracey Wolfson, daughter



of Jane Lief, in a beautiful community known to many of us as Candy Cane Lane. Tracey



graciously opened her sumptuous yard to host more than one



hundred Trail Dusters and guests who mingled and spent time



together catching up with one



another's summer adventures and



chatting away with our newest square dance hopefuls. Our



presidents, Anita and Gary, must



have ordered the weather because



the night was perfect and beautiful.



Of course, need we mention the plethora of perfectly prepared pies,



pastries, and platters of cheeses, chips and crackers to insure Trail Dusters didn't have empty hands while smiling for all the pictures



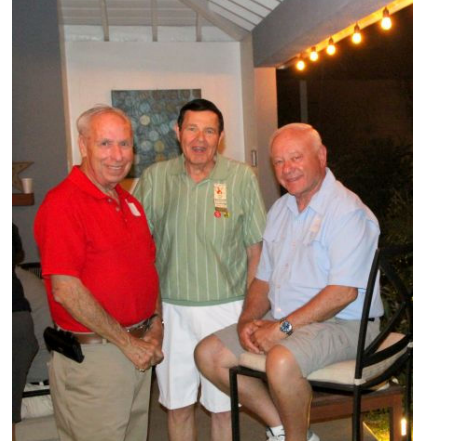
being taken by **Lenny Bloom** and **Simcha Saul**. Thanks boys; you did a great job as we see here in this newsletter.



Thank you Tracey for providing us with the most wonderful setting, and to **Jane Lief, Anita Higer** and **Caren Blumfield** who worked so



hard to set up such a beautiful



party, and to all the wonderful Trail Dusters who were so very



generous, as usual, with their



sumptuous foods. It really takes a





village to create these events and



we have a most wonderful village family. What a fine way to begin



our new year of fun and fitness in our new square dance classes and



exciting club dances and visitations. It's going to be a great year.



**Maureen
& Shelly
Fried**

Special
Events
Chairs

The Dusty Trails Goes to Rexford, Idaho With Carol & Richard Lewis to Watch a Total Eclipse.



Carol & Richard.Lewis read the Dusty Trails in the light,



and continued to read the Dusty Trails in the dark as the total eclipse occurs. That issue must have been very exciting.

**HOLD THE DATE FOR THE 2018
SPRING WEEKEND. WE ARE
GOING TO OXNARD – MAY 4-6**

See website <http://traildusters.com/>
for pictures of previous fun spring
weekends – go to Photo Albums

Why Square Dancing Is Good for the Body and Mind

Modern square dancing is an intellectually stimulating, physically invigorating, health enhancing, socially engaging activity.. Here is why:

It is a world-wide community comprised of millions of dancers all sharing the love of the dance and having fun. And it is universal the world over. This feat is accomplished by having one square dance language, English, and one set of standardized choreography.

Adding to the joy of dancing is the fact that it is good for you. The list below is some of the health benefits of dancing.

- Improve posture and balance
- Reduce stress and tension
- Build confidence and skill
- Opportunities to meet people
- Dancing can burn off as many calories as walking or riding a bike
- An evening of square dancing could equal three to five miles of walking and burn 300 - 800 calories
- As a bonus, you can't think about the day's worries when you are listening for, and responding to calls

With all its twisting, moving, and turning, square dancing provides more than the daily dose of heart and bone healthy physical activity. Remembering all the calls from "do-si-do" to "allemande" keeps the mind sharp.

All the quick changes of direction loosen and tones up the muscles. In square dancing, when you are not moving, you are clapping hands and tapping your feet, which all contribute to a long term fitness.

Dusty Trails Goes On A Vacation



to Montenegro with Miriam & Bernie Brauner and Steve & Nikki Rosentsweig



to the Prague Castle in front of the St. Vitus's Cathedral with Joni & Mark Simon



bicycle riding in Burbank with Paula Seliga and Caren Blumfield



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule – 2017/2018

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
September 9, 2017	Buddy Weaver	* The 60's- Era of Hippies, Peace & Love
October 14, 2017	Tim Pepper	Ice Cream & Root Beer Floats Dance
November 11, 2017	Andy Allemao	Thanksgiving in a Cup
December	Dark	
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 10, 2018	Pat Carnathan	* Rock & Roll Revival

** 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 SEPTEMBER 2017

September 6

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese and Crackers

Jane Lief
Anita & Gary Higer
Dessert from Summer Party
Flo & Bill Tapp



September 13

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese and Crackers

Miriam & Bernie Brauner
Judy & Art Hirsh
Lainy Parlen
Farryl & Bill Dickter

September 20

Dark



September 27

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese and Crackers

Sandy & Bob Sobel
Linda Cole
Nancy Sachs
Maxine & Irwin Tuckman



wiseGEEK



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Flo Tapp (818) 422-6784 -email flowille@sbcglobal.net



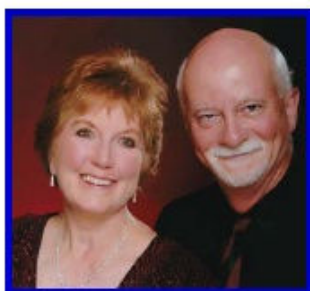
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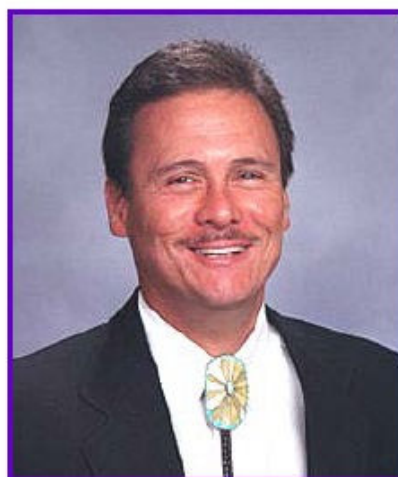
Peace, Love & Flower Power

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Buddy Weaver



Milo & Cinda Molitoris



Rounds 7:00 – 8:00 pm and between tips
Squares 8:00 – 10:00pm Plus Level, A-1 Tip
Wilkinson Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden Ave., Northridge, CA

••Casual attire Or your best 60's look!••

UPCOMING DANCES

OCTOBER 14
NOVEMBER 12
DECEMBER 9

Tim Pepper
Andy Allemao
DARK

Ice Cream & Root Beer Floats Dance
Thanksgiving in a Cup!

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



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Wednesdays

Sept. 6, 13, & 27, 2017

(Dark Sept 20th)

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Your first class is FREE

Thereafter \$7.00 each week

Bay Laurel Elementary School
24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas 91302










So, do you think THAT YOU CAN'T DANCE??
WE THINK YOU ARE MISTAKEN AND CAN PROVE IT!
JOIN US FOR THE FUN AND FRIENDSHIP.

For More Information Call:

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

September 2017 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4 	5	6 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Sharkey's 5:30 p m	7	8	9 Dance at Wilkinson caller Buddy Weaver cuer Milo Molitoris see pages 2 & 11
10 	11 	12 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Joni & Mark Simon's House	13 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Hook Burger 5:30 p m	14	15	16 Visitation at Valley Trailers caller - Mike Sikorsky - page 3
17	18	19	20 Rosh Hashonah begins at Sundown 	21 	22 	23
24	25	26	27 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Calif Pita 5:30 p m	28	29	30 

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