

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

*"It is not how much we give but
how much love we put into giving."
Mother Theresa*

We all know how great it is to receive gifts. However, the joy of getting is short-lived. Our lives are richer when we share, and that great inner joy comes from helping others better their lives. Giving provides an intrinsic reward that's far more valuable than the gift.

Gift giving to the people we love and care about provides an opportunity to look beyond our own world and see the bigger picture. The act of giving raises your self-esteem and brings happiness. True giving comes from the heart when you expect no reciprocation. Gift giving to the people you love and care about does not have to carry an expensive price tag.

Just spending time with someone can make that person feel special and your caring will make them feel important. Trail Dusters are involved in spending their time in giving with love. They give their time to working in food banks and requisitioning items for food banks. They also pack and send packages to our troops who fight to keep us safe.

You can find Trail Dusters working on projects in their communities and serving on community boards. Trail Dusters volunteer in schools and tutor children. One of our members visits hospitals and convalescent homes with his dog and brings cheer to those who reside in the facilities. One family in Trail Dusters devotes time to train dogs to assist the blind. Raising money to buy sheet sets and fill the pantry of the Ronald Mc Donald house has been a major objective for our club to show their love of giving to the children and families that are in need of Children's Hospital services. This year we have far exceeded the projected amount due to the generosity of the Trail Dusters and the Rail Dusters.

So, as you can see, there are many ways to give with love. Giving of ourselves with love is in keeping with the spirit of the holiday season.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year



**Anita &
Gary Higer
Presidents**

LOOKING BACK AT OUR
NOVEMBER 11TH CLUB DANCE
WERE WE HONORED ALL THE
VETERANS

How apropos that our November dance fell on Veteran's Day so it was only appropriate to dedicate our dance to "Our Troops." Anita Higer recognized all the branches of our military by having our audience, who had served, come up to the stage as their branches were called – see picture page 7. You could hear the applause all the way to the Northridge Mall!

A big thank you to our kitchen staff, led by **Joni and Mark Simon**



with help from **Ilene & Mark Abramson**. A special thank you to Carol and Richard Lewis who came just to help even though they weren't able to dance.



Andy Allemeo was wonderful calling and Milo was his usual



great self cuing the round dancers. As we looked out at the



crowd, we saw many dancers in military attire and red, white and



blue. Even our treasurers, Jeri and Ron Sobel, were dressed for Veteran's Day. It was a fun time for all.

Looking forward to our New Year's party and our January dance.

Your Dance Reporter



Caren Blumfield caren1224@hotmail.com

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Friends Helping Friends

On Saturday, November 18th, **22 Trail Dusters** turned out to help the **Valley Trailers** celebrate their **63rd Anniversary** at Wilkinson Center – see picture on page 7. It was a gala affair with Mike Seastrom and Hunter Keller calling a great set of dance steps for fabulous square dancing and Cindy Mower calling the rounds.

It was a full house where everyone got into the swing of things early and had a great time dancing. There was great food and wonderful company on the dance floor to reopen some of the friendships that we have made over the years.

This wasn't only a visitation. It was a celebration of the good times we have had dancing, snacking, and making friends with others in the square dancing community. If you missed it, you missed some great fun dancing, so come on out next time, and join in with the dancing and laughs.



Len Bloom

Visitation

Our December visitation is with Western Weavers for their Benefit Dance-Canned goods for the Burbank Temporary Aid Center
Date: December 8
Caller : Joe Scarlatella
Rounds: 7:30 pm
Squares: 8:00 pm
Joslyn Adult Center
1301 W. Olive Ave in Burbank

Upcoming Visitations

January 28, 2018 Sunday
“STUDENT STOMP”
HALF WAY - CLASS LEVEL
Class Members – Angels –
Couples - Singles
 Sponsored by 9 local Square
 Dance Clubs with 8 Callers
 Squares: 2:00 – 4:40 pm
 Wilkinson Multipurpose Room
 8956 Vanalden Northridge

February 24th Saturday
Buckles & Bows Dance
43rd ANNIV “MARDI GRAS”
 Rounds: 7:00 pm
 Squares: 7:30 pm
 Caller: David Mee
 Cuers:: Gus & Lynn De Fore
 Goebel Adult Community Center
 1385 East Janss Road, Th.Oaks

**Sandra &
 Robert Sobel**
 Visitation
 Chairs
 818-999-2642



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December Birthdays



- Simcha Saul 4
- Janice Reiss 5
- Art Hirsh 7
- Milo Molitoris 9
- Les Light 13
- Bill Sarnoff 13
- Harriet Berman 14
- Lainy Parlen 15
- Victor Wolfe 16
- Joe Dill 17
- Caren Blumfield 24
- Anita Higer 26
- Paul Kayne 27
- David Strauss 29

Dec. Anniversaries

- Paula & Jerry Seliga 4
- Jacquelyn & Royce Walker 9
- Joni & Mark Simon 19
- Tracey & Tom Bolton 21
- Sandy & Ron Lynn 22
- Joyce & Ira Kopkin 28
- Nikki & Steven Rosentsweig 28

Congratulations to all who are celebrating a special occasion

Membership

The winners of the “early renewers” gift certificates from Brent’s were...(drum roll here)....
Dale Kaufman (certificate picked



up by Sandy Kaufman and



Mark Simon.

As of publication, we have had 152 out of 196 current members renew.

If you have still not renewed, please do so NOW!

Print the renewal form on page 11 and fill out the required information. Please print legibly! Make out a check to *Trail Dusters* for \$25 for single membership, \$50 for couples.

Mail the form and the check to:

Ilene and Mark Abramson
 4425 Estrondo Drive
 Encino, CA 91436

All current members must renew to maintain membership. This includes our newest Trail Dusters who graduated in June and paid half-year dues that cover the period from July through December 2017.

We are looking forward to receiving your membership renewals. If you have any further questions, please call or email Mark Abramson.

Ilene & Mark Abramson



Membership & Statistics

Email:
markabe@aol.com

Subject Line: Membership
818-501-3109

NEXT BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Flo & Bill Tapp's House



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

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

Sunshine & Showers

As the summer sun has finally simmered down in the past month giving way to cooler days, the sunshine in the lives of several Trail Dusters has also shone less brightly. Heartfelt condolences are extended to **Larry Hapner** (and **Ruth Ann**) on the November 14th passing of his brother, Barry Hapner. The funeral took place in St. Louis, Missouri on November 16th, but unfortunately, **Larry** was unable to attend due to his own scheduled surgery that day. **Larry**, to you and to your entire family, we hope that the days ahead will be brighter for all of you.

Other members of our Trail Duster family have also been "under the weather," but thankfully, they are now on the mend. Our own club teacher and caller, **Arlen Miller**, has been taking it easy following a bad fall in his bathroom and sustaining two cracked ribs. Please take care, **Arlen**, and we look forward to having you back with us as soon as your pain subsides and you are feeling better!

Larry Hapner is now on the mend following some health issues and undergoing prostate surgery on November 16th. **Larry**, we hope that each day finds you feeling better and being closer to a complete recovery! We look forward to seeing you back with our family!

Continued well wishes go out to **Lynn Ovadia** who is slowly recovering from recent surgery on her neck. **Lynn**, we all hope that each new day finds you in less pain and with more ability to get around a little more. It will be lovely to see you with us again when you are at least able to visit.

To each of you who might be dealing with a medical issue, may

you enjoy a return to good health in the near future. And to every Rail and Trail Duster in our family, may you enjoy only sunshine in the weeks and months to come! I shall look forward to hearing from you when you have happy (or not so happy) events in your lives to share with the rest of our club family. You can contact me at the e-mail address below.

Rusty Kaman,



rusty_k@verizon.net
Sunshine & Showers Chair



Though it's been said often, it's hard to believe another year is nearing an end.

Once again the Trail Dusters are refusing to let a year go by without one more grand farewell on its last moments. This year's New Years Eve Gala will be like no other. Of course there will be the wildly anticipated beautiful ballroom replete with the decorations that will grab your breath and delight your eyes.

The dinner and entertainment will be over-the-top delicious, delightful, and no doubt provide social media with enviable shots of an event many people in cyberspace will regret having missed. But the venerable New years Eve Committee will showcase yet one more spectacular surprise that will seal

the evening and go down in Trail Duster history.

But, alas, more that 125 of you will have to wait and see what we've created to make this evening again...unforgettable.

So now is the time to shake out your tuxedos, fluff up your gowns, spruce yourselves up like never before and make your way to Neverland on December 31st. You'll sail through a fun and fantastic last night of 2017 where you'll be wined and dined and where, for at least one glorious evening you will never grow up!



Marilyn Bloom, Jeri Sobel, Anita Higer, Maureen Fried, Caren Blumfield
New Year's Eve Committee

Coordinators Corner

Your class coordinators are delighted to report that our classes have been progressing quite well. At the present time, we have 24 Rail Dusters. Two of our single ladies decided not to continue and two wives are sitting out this year due to back problems. We now have 5 couples, 6 men and 8 women.

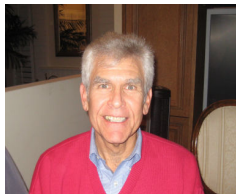
Last month, we invited our class members to join us for a "getting to know you" pot-luck brunch on November 12, at the Comroe home.

Our presidents, Anita and Gary, as well as the majority of the class were able to attend and had a wonderful time. We enjoyed food that ranged from delectable Cuban appetizers to tasty casseroles to yummy desserts.

Best of all, the weather was perfect, which allowed us to sit out on the patio and introduce ourselves to each other and for the class to find out more about what Trail Dusters has to offer.

As always, we are very grateful to our Angels. We particularly appreciate those of you who have been acting as partners for our single Rail Dusters. We realize that at times, you have conflicts that interfere with this responsibility so we will be sending out a list of our dancing pairs a few days before class. That way, if we are aware of angel or class absences, we will be able to make adjustments before class starts.

Bill Dickter



Judy Comroe

Your Coordinators

Kitchen Korner

Dear Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters,

Wow, time is flying by - we have now passed Thanksgiving and on to the "holiday" season. We all agree, and are so pleased to report that our Rail Dusters class is doing very, very well. Our new "kitchen" situation is working just fine, thanks to Jane Lief's wonderful organizational skills. Also thanks to those who have generously been supplying us with the snacks each week. You have been very cooperative, so "YEAH TEAM !!!" Arrive at 6:45 to help us with the set-up so we can all dance at 7PM. Please continue to bring your **snacks plated** and ready to put on our food table, **complete with any serving pieces** you may require.

Remember that if you are not available for your assigned week to bring the refreshments find a replacement (see food list on page 10) and let us know. **Everyone gets a turn :-)**

The month of November we had wonderful help with set-up and clean up from **Rainee and Sheldon Levin** so great big **THANK YOU !!!**



Here's some delicious **fun facts about chocolate** that you probably didn't know. It takes almost a full year for a cocoa tree to produce enough pods to make 10 Hershey bars. Hershey's co. **makes 70 million kisses every day**, and enough annually to make a

300,000 mile-long line of kisses. The largest chocolate bar ever weighed **12,770 pounds**.

Happy, healthy New Year everybody!

Flo & Bill Tapp



Jane Lief



Refreshment Chairs
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WISH LIST DRIVE 2017 BREAKS ALL RECORDS!

We could not feel more proud to be part of the Trail Duster/Rail Duster Family! Each year, our club members are asked to put their efforts together and reach out to assist someone in need in our community. For the past several years, we have lent our support to the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House, raising money for countless toys, supplies for their two large kitchens – including 220 place settings of dishes, and all the other necessities that go into a kitchen, and food for the pantries in each of the two Houses that comprise RMH.

Last year, our club raised \$3,005 that all went for food to fill those pantries. That was the largest amount ever donated by our members for such a Drive. This year, because of the generosity of so many of you, we attained a new goal – one we had never imagined possible. As of this time of writing, **our club has raised \$4,147!!!** You opened your hearts – and

your checkbooks, and you gave graciously and generously, and because of this, our club is supplying 75 sets of queen size linens (retail value \$7,500 plus tax,) to RMH, 150 bath towels and hand towels, and loads of food for the two pantries!

We will shortly be turning over merchandise with a retail value of approximately \$9,000! This surpasses all of our previous successes, and we are positively thrilled to think about the difference our club is making at RMH! To each and every one of you who has supported our efforts and contributed to this year's huge success, we thank you with all of our hearts. Our only dilemma now is... can we achieve this kind of success again next year?



Rusty & Norm Kaman,

Wish List Drive Chairpersons

2174 Ladycliff Circle
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Ways & Means

Greetings Trail Dusters, Rail Dusters and Dancer-Wannabees

Did you all have a great Thanksgiving? We sure did! We're writing this while recovering from a food-induced semi-coma; turkey, sweet potatoes (or is it yams, I can never figure this one out), mashed potatoes, gravy – I still dream I'm drowning in gravy – cranberries, veggies, stuffing, and more turkey. This was just this first pass at the buffet! A dozen different desserts: pies, brownies, The Dessert With No Name but always accompanied

by ice cream! Does this sound like I'm complaining? On the contrary, I thought I'd died and gone to heaven!

Some of you may be feeling let down now that Thanksgiving has passed, but fear not, there's hope and it doesn't require waiting till Christmas.

That's right, this coming Wednesday is the start of our December square dance classes and pre-class dinners. All the food and fun of a Thanksgiving family gathering without having to listen to your crazy Uncle Izzie's rants about politics! Please join us at 5:30 pm, this Wednesday, December 6th, for a post-turkey gathering at **The Habit, 22651 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, 91364**. We hope to see you all there.

We'll meet for a pre-class dinner at 5:30 pm. The schedule for November is as follows:

- December 6 The Habit
- December 13 Sharkey's
- December 20 Corner Bakery
- December 27 No Class

Check your emails each week for any possible changes.

Your hosts,
Wendy Goldzband & Steve Katz





Pull bananas apart and put them in a bowl. If you leave them connected at the stem they will ripen faster and go brown quicker.

LOOK WHAT IS COMING UP!

A FUNdraiser event
scheduled for Saturday
February 17, 2018.
THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING TO
SIMI VALLEY CULTURAL
CENTER TO SEE



Tickets are only \$24.00 each and the seats are reserved. So send your check to Marilyn & Hy Katlein or see them at class on Wednesdays. When they receive your check you will be able to pick the seats you want.

See flier on page 13 for more detail.

Traveling With the Trail Dusters



Marlena & Reuven Zeavy take their Dusty Trails to Quebec.

WE HONOR OUR VETERANS



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LOOK WHO CAME TO VISITATION TO HELP VALLEY TRAILERS CELEBRATE THEIR 63RD ANNIVERSARY



Front row: Anita & Gary Higer

Back row: Mindy Dill, Val Simmonds Joe Dill, Gloria Schwartz, Adrienne Kirman, Marc Schwartz, Judy & Stuart Levy, Susan & Steve Langberg, Bill & Farryl Dickter, Jeri & Ron Sobel, Marilyn & Len Bloom, Joyce Kopkin, Paul Kayne, Dorothy & Leon Stabinsky

TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



Phyllis Saul, Shelly & Maureen Fried, Simcha Saul, Nikki & Steve Rosensweig travel to India. I'm sure they were reading the Dusty Trails while Camelback riding.

ATTENDING THE APPRECIATION LUNCH AT PARKS & RECREATION



Jane Lief, Anita Higer, Judy Comroe, Flo Tapp, Ron Sobel, Pat Kessler, Jeri Sobel, Cindy Kestenbaum



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

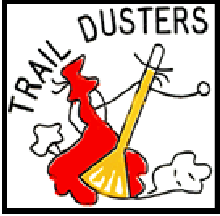
DATE	CALLER	THEME
November 11, 2017	Andy Allemao	Veterans - We Honor and Thank You!
December	Dark	
January 13, 2018	Arlen Miller	Crazy T-Shirt Dance
February 10, 2018	Johnny Preston	Love Is In The Air
March 10, 2018	Dick Hodnefield & Andy Allemao Class Level Dance	Fabulous 50's
April 14, 2018	Mike Seastrom & 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
September 8, 2018	Buddy Weaver	TBD
October 13, 2018	Tim Pepper	TBD

** 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 NOVEMBER 2017

December 6

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese and Crackers

Al & Mindy Brown
Francie & Steve Bordofsky
Maureen & Shelly Fried
Joyce Glantz



December 13

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese and Crackers

Diane Jubelier Light & Les Light
Judy & Stuart Levy
Marlene Lovett
Joyce Kopkin



December 20

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese and Crackers

Adriane Fox Kreisberg & Michael Kreisberg
Lois Michaelson & Joey Zepkin
Elaine Pfefferman
Jill Pivnik

December 27

No Class



wiseGEEK

For more information call Jane Lief (818) 881-8300- email lief.jane@gmail.com
Flo Tapp (818) 422-6784 -email flowille@sbcglobal.net



TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$50 COUPLES / \$ 25 SINGLES
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "TRAIL DUSTERS"

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH DUES BY NOVEMBER 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")



Join The Trail Dusters for
An Evening in Neverland*
 Sunday, December 31, 2017

Hors d'oevres & one bar drink per person 8-9 pm
 Dinner, Wine, and Dancing 9pm-1am
 Champagne Toast at Midnight

***Where We'll Never Grow Up**

Hilton
Woodland Hills

6360 Canoga Ave.
 Woodland Hills 91367

Black Tie Optional

Trail Dusters New Years Eve
An Evening in Neverland*

Couple \$198 Single \$99

_____ will attend

Your Phone _____

Herb Chicken _____ Braised Short Ribs of Beef _____

Grilled Salmon _____

Payment of \$ _____ enclosed

Please make checks payable to Trail Dusters


Please place names of guests you would like to sit with
 on the back of this card.

We will make every effort to accomodate.

Valet Parking or Self Parking: \$10.00

RSVP by December 12, 2017

with **Peter Pan**





JOIN US FOR ANOTHER "FUNdraising" EVENING

The event is open to family and friends – the more the merrier!

*This year we are going to the Simi Valley Cultural Center
SATURDAY EVENING, February 17, 2018 - 8 P.M.*

**Simi Valley Cultural Center is located at
3050 East Los Angeles Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065**



SISTER ACT is a feel-good musical comedy smash hit based on the 1992 film that has audiences ready to rejoice! Featuring original music by Tony- and eight-time Oscar winner Alan Menken. Filled with powerful gospel music, outrageous dancing, and equally outrageous costumes.

Tickets are \$24 PER PERSON

To reserve your seats, please complete and mail by February 1 to:

**MARILYN AND HY KATLEIN
5901 FAIRHAVEN AVENUE
WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91367 PHONE: 818 704-1968 E MAIL: HKATLEIN@AOL.COM
or give it to them at class on Wednesdays**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE # _____ CELL _____

E MAIL ADDRESS _____





NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ @ \$24.00 EACH TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD : CASH _____ CHECK # _____

DINNER: YES _____ NO _____

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO TRAIL DUSTERS

December 2017 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. The Habit 5:30 p m	7	8 Visitation with Western Weavers Caller: Joe Scarletella see page 2	9
10	11	12 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Flo & Bill Tapps House	13 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Sharkey's 5:30 p m	14	15	16
17	18	19 Light candle #8  HANUKKAH	20 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Corner Bakery 5:30 p m	21 	22	23
24	25 	26	27 NO CLASS	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve 						

TRAIL DUSTERS

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Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

