

The Dusty Trails

Marilyn and Len Bloom, Editors marlenbloom2@gmail.com www.traildusters.com Oct. 2022

Club Officers 2022-2023

President

Jane Lief
lief.jane@gmail.com

Treasurers

Sandra & Robert Sobel

Financial Treasurer

Victor Wolfe

Membership/Statistics

Ilene & Mark Abramson
markabe@aol.com

Sunshine & Showers

Rusty Kaman
rusty_k@verizon.net

Class Coordinators

Bill Dickter
Lynn & Joel Ovadia

Editors

Marilyn & Len Bloom

Secretary

Sandy Cohen

Publicity/Webmaster

Shirley Brown

Ways & Means

Flo & Bill Tapp
Denise Kurtzer & Richard Rose

Special Services – Bay Laurel

Joni & Mark Simon

Special Services - Wilkinson

Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig

Caller Coordinator

Farryl Dickter

Dance Reporter

Caren Blumfield

Parliamentarian

Wendy Goldzband

New Member Outreach

Patti & Marshall Goldberg

Communications

Lorraine & Sheldon Levin

Special Events

Mauureen & Shelly Fried

Health & Safety

Cindy Kestenbaum & Alex Strouzer

A Square D Delegate

Bill Dickter

Corresponding Secretary

Jeri Sobel

From the Presidents' Desk

As we move into October, we have hopefully left that terrible heat wave behind us. On our first evening of dancing, the daytime temperature read 105 degrees, but we had a wonderful surprise as we entered the room at Bay Laurel. The temperature was wonderfully cool because a brand new air conditioner had been installed over the summer and it kept us all cool as cucumbers.

As the evening progressed, things just kept getting better and better as our friends started arriving for our first class. Along with them were new friends who will hopefully become Rail Dusters. Paul started us off with a line dance. Then Trail Dusters and our guests formed a big circle that took up most of the floor space in the room. A few simple calls were taught and then we formed our squares.

We had SEVEN squares. It was a terrific turnout and there were smiles galore as new calls were taught at a fast pace and dancing was so much fun. On our second week of classes, we had more guests and from both weeks there were 22 new people. Hopefully everyone will be back for future weeks.

This dancing year is starting out to be wonderful and we have more activities planned throughout the year as we hopefully see Covid and its variants in the rearview mirror. Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday night, October 1, to celebrate Trail Dusters' 65th year of dancing and friendships at Wilkinson Senior Center – see flier on page 8. We're also looking forward to returning to our annual New Year's Eve dinner dance at the Woodland Hills Hilton after a two-year break due to health restrictions.

There is so much to be grateful for as we move into October and then head into the holiday season.

Stay safe and see you soon at our Wednesday night classes.

Jane Lief

President



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

The deadline for renewing your membership is quickly approaching. As of September 19, we have received checks from 77 members.

All membership dues should be postmarked by September 30, 2022, in order to receive insurance coverage for all. So, if you have not renewed, here is the best way to do so:

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

Ilene and Mark Abramson
4425 Estrondo Drive
Encino, CA 91436

If you have any further questions, please email
Mark Abramson
Markabe@aol.com

Ilene &
Mark
Abramson



Membership Chairs

65th Anniversary Dance

Celebrating Friendship & Dancing

What further can be said to convince you that our Club wants you - no, needs you - to attend this very special evening on October 1st. From dining together at Sharkey's before our dance (which is optional) to the dance itself, this is going to be an evening filled with fun, prizes, food and friends.



We need ALL Trail Dusters to attend, even if you no longer dance. You could extend a welcome to the dancers from surrounding clubs and also celebrate the one thing that brought you into the club - new friendships and social events. It is not often that two such outstanding callers, Ken Bower & Mike Seastrom, are at the same dance on the same night. We are lucky to be able to have them both available on the same evening. The dance level will be alternating Plus and SSD (Social Square Dancing), a very easy Basic/Mainstream program for the dancers who maybe have not been dancing for a time or who graduated last June. There are no Rounds but maybe a line dance or two!

Wilkinson Senior Centre
8956 Vanalden, Northridge
October 1, 2022 - 7:30-9:30 PM

BREAKING NEWS

**DRESS CODE -WE ASK THAT ALL
TRAIL DUSTERS WEAR BLACK &
WHITE – BLACK PANTS OR SKIRT AND
WHITE SHIRTS OR TOP**

DINNER BEFORE THE DANCE:



Sharky's

18426 Nordhoff
St, Northridge

We will be meeting at 5:15 and then onto the dance at 7:30.

PLEASE RSVP quickly to Denise Kurtzer at (310) 717-1981 or email woodsey77@aol.com, and indicate if you are planning on joining us for dinner and dance – or for the dance only. Accurate numbers are needed for the restaurant especially.

**NEW, EXPERIENCED, OR RETIRED,
DANCERS– ALL ARE WELCOME! JOIN
US FOR A GRAND EVENING.**

Shirley Brown

Publicity/Webmaster





Oct. Birthdays



| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Steve Bordofsky | 4 |
| Sandy Lynn | 5 |
| Pat Kessler | 16 |
| Jeff Hausman | 18 |
| Richard Rose | 23 |
| Geraldine Rothenberg | 23 |
| Bill Tapp | 28 |
| Renny Traub | 30 |

Oct. Anniversaries



| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Leslie & Robert Ruiz | 4 |
| Shirley & Collin Brown | 15 |
| Rhonda & Bill Shapiro | 30 |

WEDNESDAY CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

The weather had been unbelievably hot all week and our expectations for a new class turnout seemed dismal. However, just like a rainbow on a rainy day, we were amazed at the crowd that turned up to dance at Bay Laurel. We had 14 new dancers!

The second week was even better! We had seven squares and a few of us were waiting on the sidelines to get into a square. The room was buzzing like in the "good old days." Paul started off the evening with line dancing and then arranged our squares. We now have 22 new Rail Dusters who need your help. With so many new dancers, we can use all the Angels we can get.

Our caller, Paul Waters, is adding so many singing calls this year and moving us along faster, so don't forget to wear comfortable shoes. This is going to be such an exciting year!

Caren Blumfield

Dance Reporter



Coordinators Corner

We had an amazing start for students at the first two classes. They seemed to be enjoying themselves and they did very well. As of September 14, we have a total of 8 couples and 6 singles for a total of, wait a second while I count my fingers, toes and ears, 22 prospective Rail Dusters!

The successful start for these students came about because we had a group of terrific angels. A big Thaaaank YOU. You know who you are so give yourselves a pat on the back.

Your coordinators, Bill Dickter and Joel Ovadia, are confident that these students can become successful dancers. And we need YOUR help. Our goal is to have no more than two students per square (or one couple) so we can provide strong angel support. That means we need additional angels. So, C'mon out, join the fun, and help us welcome 22 new Trail Dusters this coming June.

Your Coordinators



Bill Dickter



Lynn & Joel Ovadia

Sunshine & Showers

I am thrilled to report that **Pat Kessler** is now "DOING GREAT" (her words!) and feeling stronger by the day. She recently underwent surgery for the removal of a blood clot on her heart and a heart ablation. **Pat**, may you continue to improve and to enjoy good health ~ together with all the activities that bring you pleasure!

Farryl and Bill Dickter have become "INLAWS!" On September 11th, their son Brad married Erin Beltran, so that day will now have a new meaning, one of JOY, for their families! Brad and Erin met at a roof-top party 4 years ago, and this past April, they became engaged. They share a passion for all things outdoors, especially skiing, paddleboarding, camping and hiking. Like **Bill**, Brad and Erin share a love of dogs, so they include their dog in all sports – even skiing and

paddleboarding! (Fortunately, their dog loves these sports as much as they do.) The newlyweds recently bought a home in a suburb of Salt Lake City, just 8 minutes from their beloved Snowbird Resort. Brad is Director of Learning and Development for a start-up called "Updater," while Erin is a Success Coach for a community college. To **Farryl and Bill** and all your family, we say CONGRATULATIONS and very best wishes for now and for the years to come.

I would love to hear from all of you who have happiness to share – as well as those who need some extra well wishes in the case of illness or passings. Trail Dusters are like a 2nd family; we care about each other and want to reach out, whether it is to celebrate together or perhaps to lend a helping hand. Please contact me at the email address below and I will be in touch with you for details.

To all who are celebrating the New Year, may it be healthy, happy and peaceful New Year for you and for your loved ones. L'Shana Tova!

Warmly,

Rusty Kaman,
Sunshine & Showers Chair



Ways & Means

Hi all,

We are so very happy to report that our pre-class dinners have been increasing in attendance each week. This is such a great way to make new friends, fill our tummies before class and make some money

for our club. Wow, such a deal - everyone always has such a good time eating dinner together. And then immediately following we get to move around, exercise, and dance, all helpful in working off some of those calories.

I'm giving you some information about one of the restaurants we frequent, California Pita. They specialize in the wonderful flavors of Mediterranean foods. The portions here are large, choices include Gyros, Steak Kabobs, lots of vegetarian dishes - great home baked Pita as well.

Scheduled for the month of October are the following restaurants:

Oct. 5 No Class
Oct. 12 The Stand
Oct. 19 Sharkey's
Oct. 26 Calif. Pita

Ways & Means Chairs



Flo & Bill Tapp



Denise & Richard

NEXT BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2022

7:30 PM



ZOOM MEETING

On The Lighter Side

APHORISM

An Aphorism is a statement of truth or opinion expressed in a concise and witty manner.

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

Money talks ... but all mine ever says is good-bye.

You're not fat; you're just easier to see.

Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch!

I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

Brain Study

I've seen this with the letters out of order, but this is the first time I've seen it with numbers.

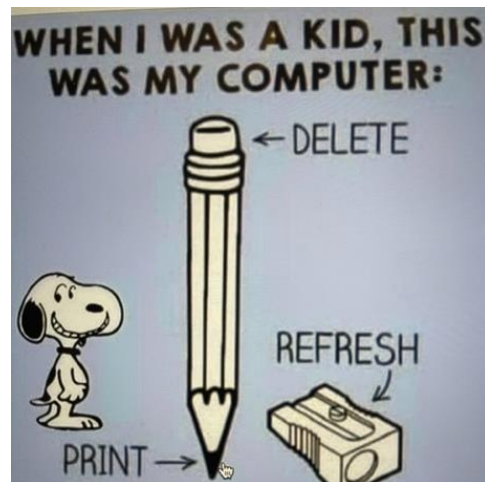
F1gur471v3ly 5p34k1ng?

Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this you have a strong mind:

7H15 M3554G3 53RV35 7O PR0V3
H0W 0UR M1ND5 C4N D0
4M4Z1NG7H1NG5! 1MPR3551V3
7H1NG5!
1N 7H3 B3G1NN1NG 17 W45
H4RD BU7 N0W, 0N 7H15 L1N3
Y0UR M1ND 1S R34D1NG 17
4U70M471C4LLY W17H 0U7 3V3N
7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17, B3 PROUD!
ONLY C3R741N P30PL3 C4N R3AD
7H15.

PL3453 F0RW4RD 1F U C4N R34D
7H15.

I painted the Mownalisa



TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



Three generations of the Lewises Family at the Western Wall



Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig read Dusty Trails in Skagway, Alaska, while Lynn & Joel Ovadia do the same in front of Buckingham Palace

WE ARE DANCING AGAIN AT BAY LAUREL





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

Saturday - October 1, 2022

65th Anniversary Dance

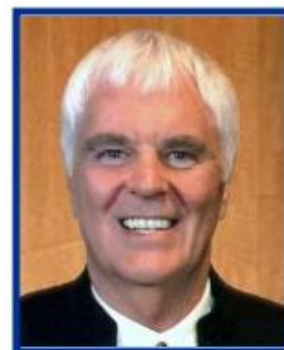
WE ARE CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP & DANCING.

JOIN US AND 2 GREAT CALLERS FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!

**MIKE
SEASTROM**



**KEN
BOWER**



7:30 – 9:30 PM – \$10.00 PER PERSON

**Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge
Alternating Plus & SSD Tips with an Advance Tip**

DOOR PRIZES ★★LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ★★DOOR PRIZES!!

PROOF OF VACINATION REQUIRED

All mandated protocols required will be followed

***** DINNER BEFORE THE DANCE *****



**Please plan to join us for dinner before the dance at
Sharky's**

18426 Nordhoff St, Northridge, CA 91325

We will be meeting at 5:15 and then onto the dance at 7:30. PLEASE RSVP to Denise Kurtzer at 310 717-1981 or email woodsey77@aol.com, and indicate if you are planning on joining us for dinner and dance– or for our dance only.

October 2022 Trail Dusters Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---|---|---|-------|-----|---|
| | | | | | | 1 Anniversary Dance pgs 2 & 8  |
| 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 Yom Kippur  | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 Board Meeting  7:30 pm | 12 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Calif. Pita 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 Halloween  | | | | | |

