

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

Dear Trail Dusters,

Another year has passed. Where does the time go? Although there have been ups and downs in everyone's lives this year, there have also been wonderful things that we all can give thanks for. We are thankful for new grandchildren, wonderful vacations to all points of the compass, birthday celebrations anniversaries, and special occasions of all sorts. We all have many blessings to be thankful for at this time of year, and we should be happy for the wonderful things we have, including being part of our Trail Dusters family!

This year has also been a pretty darn good time for the Trail Dusters. We had one of the best Spring weekends ever, followed by another graduation of new Trail Dusters who have become such a great addition to our club. Of course, back in September, we hired Paul Waters to be our new caller. I think we can all agree that he has been "life changing" for the Trail Dusters. Paul has become more than just our caller. He has become a part of the Trail Duster family.

We had an opportunity this December to visit a special place that brings hope, help, kindness, and happiness to many dozens

of families who really are having a hard time, not only at this time of year, but every day of the year.

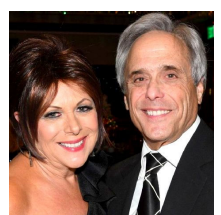
That special place is the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) in Los Angeles. You all know about the RMH because we raise money every year to help support their efforts. Our donations are very well spent and very much appreciated! We were so happy to have been given a tour of the house, to meet some of the volunteers, as well as meeting some of the children and their families. We have a greater appreciation of what RMH does for so many families every day.

Our club has many exciting things to look forward to next year. It will be great watching and helping our new dancers become outstanding square dancers. We have terrific events planned such as fun dances, the Spring Weekend, fund raising events, graduation, and many other exciting activities. We all have a lot to be grateful for.

We wish our wonderful friends in the Trail Dusters family a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

**Joni & Mark
Simon**

Presidents



DANCING IN JANUARY???

YES, WE CAN!

Wilkinson Center will be closed for the month of January while the floor is replaced and therefore our **Club dance scheduled for January 12, 2019 has been cancelled.** Do not despair, as mentioned in a Save The Dates email sent out December 13 there are 2 dances coming up in January that we are encouraging you to attend. Both are class level which will give our Rail Dusters an opportunity to gain valuable floor time as well as experience dancing to different callers. All who attend will have fun! As usual, someone before the date will arrange a meeting place for dinner after each of the dances so that the friendship, conversation and good times can continue. So look for those emails in early January.



January 13, 2019 - Trail Dusters, with other local clubs, are sponsoring a benefit **CLASS LEVEL DANCE** in the afternoon, from 2:00 – 4:00 at the Goebel Adult Center. Mike Seastrom, Dick Hodnefield, Rod Shuping and Paul Waters are confirmed callers. There is also an “experienced clothing” sale – see flier page 10. **ALL** monies received are being donated to the Salvation Army and will go directly to support the victims of the fierce and destructive fires experienced locally by so many. Although entry donation is stated to be \$5.00, and there is no obligation to donate anything beyond that amount, people may personally make a larger donation if they wish.

January 27, 2019 – Sunday afternoon 2:00 – 4:00, the Annual Student Stomp will be held in the Simi Valley Senior Center, 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley. This dance also is specifically for our new dancers and will feature a number of local callers – see flier page 11. Cost is an \$8.00 donation. We strongly encourage our Angels to come out and mentor our Rail Dusters – get them to the dance – both you and they will enjoy the afternoon.

What better way to work off those Holiday calories. We sure hope to see you in a tip!

Your roving reporters from Canada

Shirley & Collin Brown
Publicity
Chairs



List of callers - 2019 page 9

Visitation

Our January visitation is the **“Student Stomp”**
Half Way - Class Level
Date: Sunday January 27, 2019
Squares: 2:00 -4:00 PM
Goebel Center – Simi Valley
See article top of this page

Upcoming Visitation
February visitation is at
Buckles & Bows
“44th Anniversary Dance”
Saturday February 23, 2019
Caller: David Mee
Squares: 7:00 – 10:00 PM
Goebel Center

Lynn & Joel
Ovadia
Visitation Chairs



Jan. Birthdays



Kathy Cirillo	1
Sandy Kaufman	2
Mike Sternfeld	3
Arthur Grossman	6
Gayle Hodnefield	4
Maxine Tuckman	8
Norm Kaman	9
Hal Rothberg	9
Howard Weiner	9
Bren Levy	10
Judy Comroe	11
Marilyn Katlein	12
Robert Cirillo	13
Linda Cole	16
Lois Michaelson	18
Jack Levy	21
Dianne Yakerson	22
Lorraine Levin	25
Cinda Molitoris	28
Rusty Kaman	30
Maureen Fried	31
Jill Pivnik	31

Jan. Anniversaries

Marilyn & Stan Zwicker	18
Dorothy & Leon Stabinsky	19
Flo & Bill Tapp	23
Evie & Iran Ausley	27

Membership

As of this publication, we have 180 members in Trail Dusters, including a few who promised that “the check is in the mail.” This includes 59 couples, 44 women, and 18 men.

If you still have not renewed, please email Mark Abramson at markabe@aol.com. If you are one of those who promised, please mail check to me or to Jeri Sobel.

Ilene & Mark
Abramson
**Membership
Chairs**



Sunshine & Showers

It appears there is little news to report this month, or else everyone is so busy shopping and partying, they haven't had time to notify me of the special events in their lives. I hope that you are blessed with "Sunshine" and will share the details with me in the coming month!

On the road to recovery at the moment after undergoing back surgery is **Rhonda Shapiro**. Rhonda, please be assured that all of us are holding good thoughts for you and hoping that your healing process will go well. May the day come soon when you can say, "I have no pain anymore!" Until that time, enjoy the loving care from hubby Bill, and may each new day find you much improved. We look forward to seeing you back with us as soon as you are able!

To all our Rail Duster and Trail Duster family, may you enjoy a safe and happy Holiday, and may the New Year bring health, happiness, and peace to each of you and your loved ones. I shall look forward to hearing any news you have to share, Sunshine and Showers, in the weeks to come.

Warm wishes to all,
Rusty Kaman
rusty_k@verizon.net

Sunshine & Showers
Chair



**NEXT BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019**

7:30 P.M.

**CAREN &
SHERWIN'S HOUSE**



A NIGHT ON THE NILE & GLITTERING NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

The New Year's Eve workers are busy gluing and glittering in preparation for our gala event.



**Miriam, Lori, Jeri, Marilyn, Sandy
Maureen, Phyllis, Jane take a break
from gluing & glittering**

Coordinators Corner

By the time you receive this article, Christmas is past and New Year's Eve is arriving.

We are initiating (as per request of our Presidents Mark & Joni) a mentoring program to help the Class adjust to our wonderful club. More details will be available after the 1st of the year as Mark & I contemplate just how this will work.

Last Wednesday we all had fun learning the call "Zoom" and getting acquainted with each others butts! Thanks to our wonderful caller who has brought back smiles on the faces of some of our "Angels."

I would like to introduce to you to two of our Class members.



**Barbara
Weisbrod
Solomon**

Barbara was married to Alvin (now deceased) and has two daughters and five grandchildren. She is from Coney Island in Brooklyn, N.Y. and moved to California in 1969. Barbara attended Brooklyn College and has been a Real Estate Broker for 39 years and is currently semi-retired. Barbara appeared on the Geraldo Rivera TV show in 1991 and Phil Donahue in the early 90's which featured a famous surgeon's best procedures and she was one of the clients with great results.

Barbara & her late husband decided to have a grand double wedding with his former wife and boy friend because when he married her in 1941 and went into service in WWII they couldn't afford a wedding and he wanted to

make it up to her. He wanted her to feel that they would always be an important part of their lives. The event was covered by Star Magazine. Ask her about it – it's a wonderful story!

Barbara was brought into Trail Dusters by **Jane Lief** and **Judith Altman**. I'm sure she'll make an valuable Trail Duster! Welcome aboard!



Michele Minsky
Michele hails from Los Angeles (a native - imagine that!) She is married to Harold (Hal).

They have three children, Jennifer, Danielle and Jeremy. She is a retired Special Education Assistant from LAUSD. Michele loves to play mahjong - she'll fit right in! Welcome Michele! She has been brought in by **Flo Porter** and **Marilyn Bloom**.

Best wishes to all for the healthy and happy New Year!



Jill Pivnik



Mark Cutter

Class Coordinators

CAMP TRAIL DUSTERS 2019



Can you guess our new theme?

Our Spring Weekend is scheduled for **May 31, June 1 & 2**. We are going back to the Marriott Courtyard in Oxnard. **New Tours! New Adventures!** Look for details in future issues

SWEETHEARTS 2019

A Square D is an umbrella organization of square dance clubs in Southern California with a non-profit status and provides member clubs with liability insurance at a competitive rate, provides leadership and direction to member clubs, and works to promote the benefits of square dancing both social and physical. Each year they host the Sweetheart Ball giving all clubs the opportunity to recognize outstanding members who have contributed time and effort to the ongoing success and growth of their Club.



We congratulate our sweethearts for 2019, **Flo & Bill Tapp**. Flo & Bill have been active members since 2003 and since joining the Club they have demonstrated a commitment not only to square dancing but to all Club activities. They have been Ways & Means Chairs for two years, finding new ways to earn more money for our club, hence ensuring our continued financial stability. As Class Coordinators they worked tirelessly to make sure that our new students felt welcome, held brunches to introduce the class to each other, arranged for the makeup of squares during the classes and organized workshops to ensure their success. They are currently serving their second year as Refreshment Chairs and along with

the rest of the team, arrange for goodies at class on Wednesdays.

Flo & Bill have also steadfastly supported all social events. Without being asked, they step forward and get done what needs doing – Flo working hard to organize and set up and Bill as a photographer providing professional quality photos to remember these events. Flo & Bill are definitely the sweethearts of the Trail Dusters Club.

Please join us, February 10, 2019 at the dance to celebrate and honor our sweetheart couple - see fliers pages 12 & 13 . The cost is \$10 for the ribbon in advance and \$12 at the door. See Marilyn Bloom for your ribbons.

RMH WISH LIST DRIVE . . . ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY!



As the 2018 Annual Wish List Drive for the LA Ronald McDonald House draws to a close, we are thrilled to report that, once again, Rail and Trail Dusters have answered the call for help and reached out to fulfill some of the most needed items for the House!



With a total of **just over \$3,900 collected**, our club was able to purchase a big ice

machine, 17 mini refrigerators, and 4 small, light weight vacuum cleaners.



Additionally, we turned over 70 boxes of breakfast bars – an item that we're told is needed daily as parents grab them before dashing off to the nearby hospitals to be with their children. The RMH staff and the residents are beyond thrilled with these recent acquisitions and have expressed sincere appreciation to our club for all that we have done to make life easier at the L.A. Ronald McDonald House.

As your Drive Chairpersons, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who has contributed to the success of this year's Drive. We truly appreciate your participation and your willingness to help the many families whose children's lives are on the line. We can all be proud of our accomplishments!

Most sincerely,
Rusty & Norm Kaman
Wish List Drive Chairs

Kitchen Korner

Dear Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters,

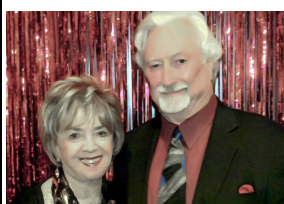
We've come to the end of 2018 and our new class continues to do a great job learning to square dance. I'm happy to report that our kitchen continues to provide wonderful snacks to all of our dancers. We thank our leadership, **Denise and Richard** again, as well as **Sandy and Bob**, and all of the other weekly volunteers who provide delicious food. More and more I notice people stopping by to help with set-up as well as clean-up. That is a really big help. **Another reminder - when you are requested to bring snacks, present them plated and ready to serve. Arrive by 6:30 and plan to spend**

some time after class to help with clean-up.

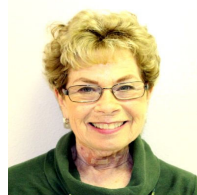
Here's some interesting facts you may have wondered about, the history of **Pink's Hot Dog Stand**. Pink's was founded by Paul & Betty Pink in 1939 as a pushcart near the corner of Melrose & LaBrea. People could buy a chili dog made with Betty's own chili recipe accompanied by mustard, onions on a bun for 10 cents. The family did great, outgrew the pushcart after several years, and built the current building in 1946 at 709 La Brea. It has named many newer items after Hollywood celebrities. There are many signed celebrity photographs hanging on walls inside. There's the Martha Stewart, the Rosie O'Donnell Long Island Dog, Huell Howser and the Ozzy Spicey Dog. Also they have added hamburgers and a few desserts. There's always a long line waiting, This is part of it's attractions. They also opened at Planet Hollywood on the Las Vegas strip in 2009 and Universal City Walk in 2010.

Happy, healthy New Year everyone !!!

Your Refreshment Chairs



Flo & Bill Tapp



Judy Comroe



Denise Kurtzer & Richard Rose

Ways & Means

We're having a great December with two new restaurants we've tried. The first one was "The Stand" in Calabasas and we had a great turnout. The staff there even surprised us all with a sample dessert. The next new place was Mod Pizza in Woodland Hills with wonderful pizza and salads. It's always nice to experience new places with old friends and it's a pleasure to see the number of attendees at the dinners growing.

We thank those of you who are supporting our Wednesday pre-class dinners. This is a fun and wonderful way to support our club. You have all created a warm and inviting feeling of friendship and we are all very grateful.

As your Ways and Means Chairperson, I am always looking for new venues so please share your ideas with me. I'm also pursuing other ways in which to raise money for the Club, so I welcome all suggestions.

Here's the schedule for January, 2019.

January 2	No Class.
January 9	Calif Pita
January 16	Corner Bakery
January 23	The Stand
January 30	Hook Burger

Check your emails each week for addresses just in case there are any changes.



Your hostess,
Jane Lief

Ways & Means Chairperson
Lief.jane@gmail.com

WE VISITED RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



Norm Kaman, Mark Simon, Rusty Kaman, Joni Simon, Rick & Pat Kessler

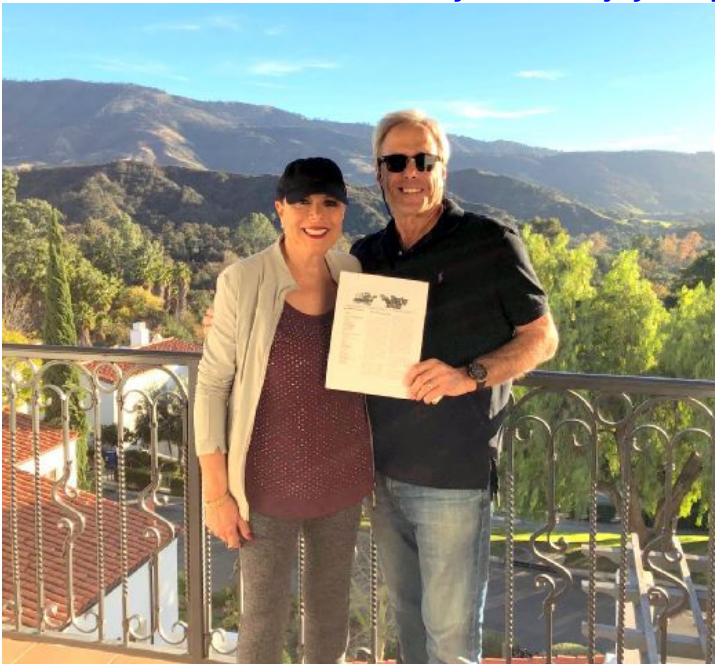
DUSTY TRAILS GOES TO THE FEDERATION LUNCHEON ALONG WITH



Anita Higer, Sandy & Bob Sobel, Marilyn Bloom, Mark & Joni Simon, Lynn Ovadia, Flo Tapp, Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig

TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS

The Dusty Trails enjoyed spending time in both Ojai and Oahu



Joni & Mark Simon celebrate their 47th Anniversary in Ojai



Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig and Lynn & Joel Ovadia visit Pearl Harbor

WE TOOK THE DUSTY TRAILS TO BUELLTON FOR A WEEK END AND FINISHED READING THE WHOLE ISSUE



Front row: Jerry Seliga, Jacquelyn Walker, Sandy Kaufman, Cindy Kestenbaum, Marilyn Bloom, Bill Tapp
2nd row: Marlena & Reuven Zeavy, Paula Seliga, Flo Tapp, Marilyn Zwicker, Harriet Berman, Rhonda & Bill Shapiro, Judy Stiebel, Lynn Ovadia
Back row: Alex Strouzer, Stan Zwicker, Dale Kaufman, Royce Walker, Len Bloom, Arnold Stiebel, Steve Berman, Joel Ovadia



REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS JANUARY 2019

January 2

NO CLASS

January 9

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Nancy Sachs
Elise & Neil Sandler
Phyllis & Simcha Saul
Paula & Jerry Seliga



January 16

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Geraldine Rothenberg
Joni & Mark Simon
Joyce Smith
Jeri & Ron Sobel



January 23

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Sandy & Bob Sobel
Dorothy & Leon Stabinsky
Sharyn Starr
Gayle Stern

January 30

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Ellen & Mike Sternfield
Flo & Bill Tapp
Maxine & Irwin Tuckman
Nancy & Richard Wallach



wiseGEEK

For more information call Judy Comroe (818) 932—9929- email judycomroe@socal.rr.com



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule - 2019

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 12, 2019	CANCELLED	WILKINSON CLOSED FOR THE MONTH
January 13, 2019 Sunday Afternoon 2:00 - 4:30 pm Goebel Center - T.O.	Paul Waters Mike Seastrom Dick Hodnefield Rod Shuping	Class Level Dance Fundraiser to Support Fire Victims
January 27, 2019 Sunday Afternoon 2:00 - 4:00 pm Simi Valley Center, S. V.	Arlen Miller Dale Hoppers Dick Hodnefield Mike Seastrom	Paul Waters Rod Shuping Student Stomp Class Level Dance
February 9, 2019	Johnny Preston	Cupid's Ball
March 9, 2019	Dick Hodnefield & Andy Allemao Class Level Dance	Angel Appreciation Night
April 13, 2019	Mike Seastrom	Cupcake Night
May 11, 2019	Mike Kellogg	Strawberry Fair
June 8, 2019	TBD	*Crazy Hat Dance
July 13, 2019	Ken Bower	* Watermelon Crawl
August 10, 2019	Pat Carnathan	* Pool Party
September 14, 2019	Buddy Weaver	Pearls & Black Tie Parade

*** Summer Casual Attire***

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Joni & Mark Simon 323-333-4947



**SALVATION ARMY
FUNDRAISER
SUPPORT FIRE VICTIMS**

BUCKLES & BOWS

BOOTS & SLIPPERS

HAPPY SQUARES

TRAIL DUSTERS

**WELCOME ALL STUDENTS & ANGELS
CLASS LEVEL SQUARE DANCE
AND CLOTHING SALE**

CALLERS: MIKE SEASTROM

DICK HODNEFIELD

ROD SHUPING

PAUL WATERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

CLOTHING SALE STARTS 1:30

DANCE 2:00 – 4:00 PM

ENTRY DONATION \$5.00

**ALL PROCEEDS INCLUDING CLOTHING SALES
WILL BE DONATED. IN ADDITION BUCKLES & BOWS
WILL MATCH YOUR \$5.00 ENTRY DONATION**

GOEBEL ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER

1385 E. Janss Road Thousand Oaks

Information:

Bill & Nancy (805) 497-8398

Mike & Lorraine (805) 491-2556

Visit Us @ <http://www.bucklesandbows.org/>

11/2018 1020

Information: **Linda Kaplan**
805.231.6171


FUN LEVEL * CLASS LEVEL

Everyone is invited! Class Members * Angels * Couples * Singles

STUDENT STOMP

Solo  Corner

Callers:
Arlen Miller
Dale Hoppers
Dick Hodnefield

Callers: 
Mike Seastrom
Paul Waters
Rod Shuping



Sunday, January 27, 2019

2:00pm-4:30pm

Donation \$8.00

New Location →

Simi Valley Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi
Simi Valley, CA 93063

**NEW
LOCATION!**

Sponsored by Valley Trailers - Boots and Slippers - Buckles and Bows -
Farmers & Charmers - Happy Squares - Lads N' Lassies - Sierra Hillbillies -
Trail Dusters - Western Weavers

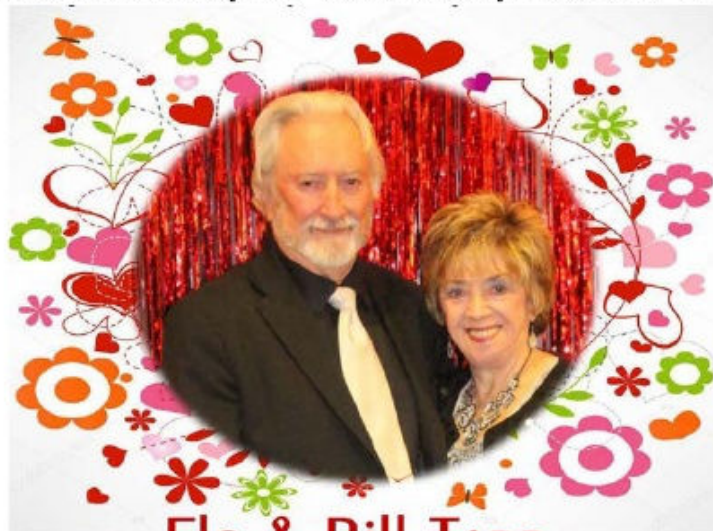
SWEETHEART BALL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019 1:30 – 4:30

HAWTHORNE MEMORIAL CENTER

3901 W EL SEGUNDO BLVD. HAWTHORNE CA

PLEASE JOIN US HONORING AND CELEBRATING OUR 2019 SWEETHEARTS!



Flo & Bill Tapp

SINCE JOINING 15 YEARS AGO, FLO & BILL HAVE PROVED TO BE INVALUABLE MEMBERS. THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN READY TO HELP IN WHATEVER CAPACITY NEEDED – EVEN BEFORE BEING ASKED AS WELL AS HOLDING THE BOARD POSITIONS OF WAYS & MEANS, REFRESHMENTS, AND CLASS COORDINATORS. OUR SOCIAL EVENTS ARE SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF FLO'S HARD WORK AND BILL'S PROFESSIONAL QUALITY PHOTOS! THEIR POSITIVE AND UPEAT ATTITUDE IS A GREAT ASSET TO THE CLUB IN GENERAL.

Tickets \$10.00 pre-sale or \$12.00 at the door – to purchase presale tickets please see Marilyn Bloom or email marlenbloom@sbcglobal.net

Associated Square Dancers 56TH ANNUAL SWEETHEART BALL

CELEBRATE AND HONOR THE STARS WHOSE EXTRA EFFORTS
KEEP OUR CLUBS AND ASSOCIATION VIBRANT AND GROWING.
THEY ARE THE HEART & SOUL OF SQUARE DANCING

Sunday, February 10, 2019

1:30—4:30 pm

Plus Level Dance with A-1 tip

pre-rounds 1:30-2:00 squares w/rounds 2:00 - 4:30pm



MIKE SIKORSKY
JUDY KELLER



\$10 pre-sale



\$12 at the door

HAWTHORNE MEMORIAL CENTER

3901 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, CA

See your Club Delegate for Ribbons

More Information: Diane 323-939-1478 di6@earthlink.net



January 2019 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	31 New Years Eve 	1 New Year's Day 	2 NO CLASS	3	4	5
6	7	8 Board Meeting 7:30 pm Caren & Sherwin's House	9 Calif Pita 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	10	11	12
13 Fundraising Dance to support Fire Victims Class Level Dance See pages 2 & 10	14	15	16 Corner Bakery 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	24	25	26
27 Student Stomp – Half Way Dance 2:00-4:30 PM Class Level Dance See pages 2 & 11	28	29	30 Hook Burger 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	31		

TRAIL DUSTERS

Anita & Gary Higer
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