

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

*"Remember the yesterday,
That seems so far away.
The hopes and dreams,
Wanting so many things.
Now in fall, so much time has
passed,
Holding on is where I am at last.*

It was a beautiful evening in Calabasas on the first day of Fall. A warm breeze swept across the grass field of Bay Laurel Elementary and carried the sounds of music to everyone's ears. There were 62 friends who gathered in squares to dance to the calls of our esteemed caller, Paul. It was a wonderful evening seeing one another after such a long respite from dancing. This class saw the beginning of Social Square Dancing where new members will begin learning in a different way while keeping the experienced dancers engaged and having fun. There was also a line dance and Angel Tip so Paul really mixed things up for us. See pages 5-8.

Of course, as promised, we danced outside and everyone attending had been fully vaccinated, wore masks and had their hands sanitized between tips. We danced on the lunch court after tables were moved and there was plenty of room for all. There is still room for more squares

and we're hoping those who couldn't make it on September 22 will join us for future dances.

Before the dance there was dinner at The Stand in Calabasas. Our future dining locations offer outside dining so always safety first.

Some special thanks to those who made our first dance class a success: **Joni & Mark Simon** for making the arrangements with the school district that enabled us to have such a successful night. **Jeri Sobel** and **Sandy & Bob Sobel** for gathering all the vaccination records of our members and guests. **Mark Abramson** for collecting dues from our members. **Marilyn Bloom** for helping out at the front table and keeping the entry line to a minimum.

Remember please that we're still looking for a class coordinator to ensure that everyone has a partner to promenade, spin and circle together.

It's wonderful to know that "WE'RE BACK" and our future with all our safeguards will BE GREAT. Stay safe and see you in a square.

Jane Lief

President



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
Helene & Hendon Harris	18
Rhonda & Bill Shapiro	30

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND STATISTICS CHAIRS.

As of September 25, we have received dues from 121 members. If you have not renewed, please send your check for your membership dues to us as soon as possible.

The best way to renew is:

1. Print the renewal form on page 4 and fill out the required information. Please print legibly!
2. Make out a check to Trail Dusters for **\$40 for single membership, \$80 for a couple.**
3. Mail the form and the check to:

Ilene & Mark Abramson
4425 Estronda Drive
Encino, CA 91436

If you have any further questions, please call or email Mark Abramson.

Ilene & Mark Abramson

Membership Chairs



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Know Your Board Member



Jeri & Ron Sobel

Jeri Sobel:
Born in Hollywood, CA, and raised in the hills of Burbank, I was drawn to music and the performing arts at an early age. I studied ballet and acting for many years and appeared in countless dance productions and plays throughout Southern California. In fact, I never left dance. I can still be found at the ballet barre several mornings a week.

At 13 yrs old I discovered I had an ear for foreign languages and therefore took up Spanish, French and Italian in high school. I majored in foreign languages at USC where I attended on a scholarship. When I graduated I was able to land a job as a translator for international banking in downtown Los Angeles. Years later, I was asked to be a translator for the 1984 Olympic Games held here in Los Angeles.

In 1969, an exciting energetic dashing upbeat guy burst into my life

and swept me off my feet. After dating for six weeks, Ron and I were having dinner one night at Juniors Deli in West LA when he leaned over the kosher pickles and asked me to marry him. I said yes and we got married four months later...so my mother could have enough time to make the wedding gown. Fast forward, we were eventually blessed with a baby boy who we named Glen and who has made us so proud ever since with all his accolades as a world class drummer. Drum Magazine recently named him one of the "60 best drummers in the world." He is the light of my life and brings me joy every day.

Ron Sobel
Born in San Francisco, Ron came to Los Angeles when he was 10 yrs old. After graduating Hamilton High he enlisted in the US Army Reserves where he served for 8 yrs. He also graduated USC having majored in business and food distribution. While there he joined the USC rowing team and became the coxswain. He was the guy with the big megaphone who shouts out the orders to his crew (any surprise here?).

After college he became top salesman for Marcal Paper Products selling cheap paper straws and plastic wrap that stuck to everything but the food it was supposed to cover...a testament to a great salesman. He drove up and down the coast and all over town calling on customers. Ron was "Google Maps" before it ever existed. He eventually acquired his fathers little tag business and expanded it to become his own Office Depot. No Trail Duster event ever wanted for name badges, folders, push pins, envelopes, staples, etc. He was generous with everyone and everything. No one promoted our club more than Ron...whoever he ran into and wherever he went he pitched our club like no one else and managed to sell it to many. During

the pitch he never failed to mention that our son, Glen Sobel, is a rock star and the drummer for Alice Cooper. This he unabashedly told the world. Every 4th of July meant that he would be at Warner Park in Woodland Hills early in the day with his tarps where he would reserve a nice shady spot for the Trail Dusters.

Lastly, who could talk about Ron without mentioning his stamps? He was the consummate "philatelist" who belonged to several stamp clubs and participated in countless stamp shows over the years. They dubbed him "honorary postmaster" at the West Hills Post Office where he could be found 6 days a week helping people mail their packages. He was a community activist as well, serving on the West Hills Neighborhood Council, the local Chamber of Commerce and his homeowners board.

Our Trail Dusters Club has brought a special kind of joy never expected once we retired. One day our insurance agent invited us to a BBQ at his home where we met lots of "older" people who were playing a weird card game called Hand & Foot. We were told that they would become our best friends once we joined the Trail Dusters Square Dance Club. I looked at Ron and said "no way." But he had other ideas. He convinced me to go to the first class and the rest was history. We joined the board in 1998 and held many board positions. We were class coordinators three times, historians, quartermasters, visitation chairs and treasurers for seven years. I was also co-chair of our New Years Gala for many years.

We always told others that the best thing we ever did was join the Trail Dusters Square Dance Club. In a nutshell, joining the club was like an unexpected gift bestowed upon us, a gift that keeps on giving. The friendships we've made over the

years enriched our life beyond our wildest dreams. I look forward to many more wonderful times ahead with all of you.

Jeri Sobel

EATING BEFORE DANCING

We are scheduling your favorite restaurants to meet before class - and raise funds for our club. We will meet at 5:30 PM for dinner and then get to Bay Laurel by 7:00 PM.

- 10/06 Sharkeys
- 10/13 Old New York Deli
- 10/20 Hook Burger
- 10/27 Watch your email - we will let you know

Sunshine & Showers

As most of you know, our square dance community has recently lost a longtime caller, and Trail Dusters have lost our former teacher/caller, **Arlen Miller**. Arlen passed away on August 29th following years of progressive health challenges. He called for many clubs in the San Fernando Valley for over 30 years. He will be missed and we say, rest in peace, **Arlen**.

A trip to Florida last month to visit her granddaughter turned disappointing for **Marilyn Ross** after she fell and suffered a broken kneecap. Her granddaughter accompanied her back home where she is now recuperating while in a sling for 3 months. Marilyn, we're so sorry to learn of your accident, and we hope that you will ultimately enjoy a complete recovery and go on to do all the things that bring you pleasure. (During her "down time," Marilyn would appreciate notes and calls from her friends.)

Thankfully, **Gary Higer** is now out of the hospital and back in a rehab center where he is receiving physical

therapy for issues related to a degenerative spine that prevent him from walking. He is working hard to walk again. Meanwhile, Gary, please be assured that the "rooting section" of your Trail Duster Family is sending healing thoughts and prayers that you will accomplish this fete very soon!

It sure would be a welcome change to be able to report some "Sunshine" next month! Any new grandchildren to boast about? Engagements? Weddings? Please contact me by email (shown below) with your news and I will be delighted to spread the word! Meanwhile, please stay healthy and safe!

Warm wishes for everyone's well-being,

Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine & Showers Chair
Rusty_k@verizon.net




- DANCING IS BACK!!!**
- * Masks are required - masks and gloves will be available in a limited supply.
 - * Bring your own hand sanitizer and drinks, please initial your water bottle before bringing it to class.
 - * If you have not already done so, please bring proof of full vaccination and membership dues of \$40 each.
 - * Bring a sweater or jacket as we are dancing outside on the left side of the school where we usually celebrate graduation.
 - * **Wear your name tag.**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 12,
2021

ZOOM MEETING



7:30 PM



TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$80 COUPLES / \$40 SINGLES
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "TRAIL DUSTERS"

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH DUES BY AUGUST 31 (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
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(make check payable to "Trail Dusters")

We Are Dancing – Photos by Leonard Bloom

First we Eat



Then We Register



Then We Socialize



Now Let's Dance



Trail Dusters Promise and Deliver Safe Dancing



More Dancing



Line Dancing



October 2021 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Sharkeys 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day 	12 Zoom Board Meeting  7:30 pm	13 Old New York Deli 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Hook Burger 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 TBD 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	28	29	30
31 Halloween 						

