

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

We did some research on why people should square dance and found the following: A night of square dancing can equal a 3 to 5 mile walk, reducing your risk of heart disease and increasing your blood circulation. It provides mental stimulation, keeping your mind active. It releases tension and helps with relaxation. It tones and shapes muscles. It could add 10 years to your life, gives you inexpensive entertainment and is just plain fun.

There is yet another even more important reason for being a Trail Duster. It is the real glue that holds us together. It is the amazing, caring, friendly, active people that are members of our club.

Trail Dusters truly make great friends! So, stay involved, come to our Virtual Dances on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We anxiously await our return to dancing, which we hope comes in September or January.

**Nikki and
Steve
Rosentsweig**

Presidents



**CELEBRATING
MOTHER'S
DAY**

Our May Virtual Dance will be held on Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 pm. As usual, the Zoom meeting will open at 6:30 pm for a short socializing session and then right into square dancing with Paul Waters and line dancing with Caren Blumfield. What square dance moves will Paul put us through? What new line dance will Caren attempt to teach us? (Some of us need more than 1 lesson from a great teacher to actually learn)! Who will I meet and talk with in the break-out rooms? And let us not forget the excellent hosting job done by our Presidents, Nikki & Steve.

In May we would like to hear from you - **WHAT MAKES MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL FOR YOU!** Make a sign with your thoughts on this theme and be prepared to show it on your screen for all to see and to discuss in the breakout rooms during the meeting.

An interesting side bar. May 19th is National Devil Food Cake Day – so

bake a cake and join us for an hour of friendship and laughs.

Another interesting side bar: In order to honor the Jewish communities' continued achievements, May was declared the Jewish American Heritage Month by former president George W. Bush in 2006. From contributing important scientific discoveries to raising the flag for the abused and neglected, Jewish people have had a huge role to play in where America stands today on the world stage.



See you at our dance!!!



From your roving reporter in Canada

Shirley Brown

Last Month's Virtual Club Dance



Our zoom in April was an "Academy Success" and we had a lot of entries. Many of us nominated our favorite movie of the year and held up signs with their names.

If you haven't seen any of the nominated movies yet, get busy with your popcorn and drinks and enjoy them in the comfort of your TV rooms. To see the movies nominated, look at the pictures on page 5. After much deliberation, the film that won the Trail Dusters Oscar

was "Penguin Bloom." I wonder who chose the winning film?

A few of us dressed up for the occasion, dusting off our New Year's Eve attire that had been taking up room in our closets. Paul Waters



was wonderful as usual, and called our two tips with cherry blossoms swaying behind

him. Caren had us doing the Electric Slide to "Elvira" and the most popular requested dance, "The Hand Jive." Of course the evening would not be the same without Nikki & Steve's jokes.

Prepare for the YMCA next month. It is always wonderful to catch up with each other in our break out rooms and group zooms before and after the official dance. Don't miss out, put our Wednesday dances on your calendars and join us on the third Wednesday of every month.

Caren Blumfield
Dance Reporter



May Birthdays

- Jeri Sobel 3
- Bob Zoren 5
- Vita Brett 8
- Gloria Schwartz 8
- Ron Lynn 8
- Denise Kurtzer 11
- Rick Kessler 12
- Jane Lief 12
- Neil Sandler 12
- Iran Ausley 14
- Sandy Cohen 15
- Terry Karsh 15

- Otis Rogers 16
- Gayle Cantrock 17
- Nancy Wallach 17
- Stan Zwicker 17
- Sandra Sabatino 18
- Leonard Bloom 20
- Mark Cutter 23
- Wendy Goldzband 23
- Joyce Smith 23
- Lana Collier 24
- Kay Mann 24
- Jerry Seliga 24
- Elise Sandler 29
- Marlena Zeavy 30

May Anniversaries

- Diane Jubelier-Light & Les Light 15
- Ellen & Mike Sternfeld 28
- Mindy & Joe Dill 29

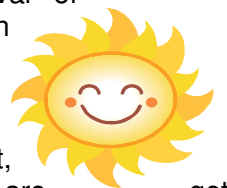
Ilene & Mark Abramson Membership Chairs



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Sunshine & Showers

As with the arrival of Spring, the month of April has, thankfully, brought mostly sunshine. First, however, there are get well wishes for a few of our "Family" members. **Lori Hazan** is recovering from double cataract surgery and says she can now see distance more clearly – though she is "not there yet." **Lori**, we hope you will soon be singing, "I Can See Clearly Now." very soon! Meanwhile, **Terry Holtzman** is experiencing a far more difficult and lengthier recovery following his total knee replacement. **Terry**, we hope that each day will find you seeing improvement so that,



before too long, you will be back on the dance floor!

GET WELL SOON wishes are extended to **Harriet Berman** who spent a few weeks in the hospital after her blood sugar dropped to a dangerously low level. Now she is recovering at a retirement facility where she is looking forward to getting stronger. Meanwhile, she would enjoy hearing from friends – either with calls on her cell phone or cards/notes sent to her home address (21900 Marylee, #251, Woodland Hills 91367) where Steve is still living. We hope the two of you will be able to be together soon under the same roof and feeling MUCH improved!

Elise Sandler finally “flew the coop” and is out of the hospital! She is back at home with Neil where she is able to breathe much more easily and feels a lot better! Welcome home, **Elise!** We’re so happy to hear the good news!

Congratulations to **Wendy Goldzband** who is now a first time Grandmother! Her daughter Stephany, who resides in Vermont, gave birth to a son on March 25th whom they have named Lucas Sherman Wheadon. **Wendy** and **Steve Katz** are very proud grandparents, and I can tell them from first-hand experience, there is no greater joy! Wishing you and all your family years of pride and happiness!

Flo and **Bill Tapp** are thrilled to announce the recent engagement and forthcoming wedding of **Flo’s** granddaughter Sarah to Shlomo Muller. The young couple met through friends. Their courtship started 6 months ago through Zoom and Facetime and continued until February when Shlomo came from New Jersey to L.A. Recently, he made a surprise visit to Orlando to

meet the family where they were celebrating Passover. The couple have just become engaged and have set June 7th as their wedding date in Lakewood where they plan to reside after they are married. Sarah is presently a personal assistant for a family while Shlomo is an account specialist and does sales and customer service in a fulfillment center, To Sarah and Shlomo, to **Flo** and **Bill** and both your families, our very best wishes for a long a happy marriage!

Lynn and **Joel Ovdia** are pleased to announce that their daughter Julie Ovdia married David Seeman on Saturday, April 17th at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica. The happy couple had a small wedding limited just to their family after having delayed their wedding for one year due to the Covid Pandemic. **Lynn** and **Joel** are overjoyed, and we, your “Second family,” are thrilled for you! May Julie and David enjoy a long a beautiful life together as Mr. and Mrs.

Ellen and Mike Sternfeld join the group of proud grandparents this month – with three graduates in their family in May and June! Grandson Jacob will be graduating from Crespi High School in Encino while their twin granddaughters Madi and Ally will graduate from Edgemont High School in Scarsdale, New York. Jacob will be going on to attend Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, where he will major in Business Administration/Marketing. Madi will attend McGill University in Montreal, Canada, majoring in Psychology. Ally will attend Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) in Savannah, Georgia, majoring in Interior Design. At home will be two very proud grandparents celebrating the accomplishments of their grandchildren! A hearty CONGRATULATIONS to **Ellen** and **Mike** and all of your family!

Thanks to **Shirley** and **Collin Brown** for sharing this news with us; CONGRATULATIONS are due to **Mike Seastrom**, one of our favorite callers, on recently receiving the Gold Card Award from CALLERLAB. This award, given by his peers, recognizes the hard work and commitment **Mike** has given to the square dance community. **Mike’s** efforts include, but are not limited to, mentoring callers, actively and enthusiastically promoting square dancing, and working to make CALLERLAB a more valuable and successful leadership organization. There is no one more worthy of this recognition than **Mike Seastrom**. Congratulations, **Mike**, for a job well done!

CALLERLAB is an international organization of square dance callers whose mission is “to foster the art of square dance calling and improve caller skills.” This is achieved by providing guidance and education, maintaining standardized lists and definitions, and generally promoting the square dance activity.

What a pleasure it is to have so much news to share in this month’s column. Hopefully, many of you will contact me (at the e-mail shown below) with more news to include in the June Newsletter! I look forward to hearing from you! Meanwhile, please stay well and safe, and heartfelt thanks to those who have taken the time to share this month!

With warm regards,
Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine & Showers Chair
Rusty_k@verizon.net

Know Your Board Member



Wendy Goldzband

I was asked to write a column for the Dusty Trails to let you know who I am, what I do on the Trail Duster's Board and why I am on the Board.

The "why" is the easiest to answer – I love the people. Steve Katz and I have been members of Trail Duster's only a few years, since 2016, compared to some other long time members who have been involved with the club for decades. We immediately met so many wonderful people and got very close to our graduating class, The Dancing Scene of 2016. It took a while to catch-on to square dancing and learning the calls but the advanced dancers were very patient. Why did we join? Bill and Farryl Dicker were presidents that year. We were casual acquaintances. They cajoled us into "trying it out." Not only did we love the square dancing but we became much closer friends with Bill and Farryl.

How did I end up on the Board of Directors? That again is simple to answer—Marilyn Bloom. Need I say more. A word to the wise—If Marilyn Bloom asks you out for lunch it won't be because she wants to try the newest restaurant in town! But all kidding aside, serving on the Board is a great way to get closer to other members and serve the organization at the same time. I love being part of the Trail Dusters family.

My first job on the Board was Parliamentarian. The purpose of the Parliamentarian is to make sure Board members are not speaking out of turn, not speaking over one another, and that the meetings are

conforming to Robert's Rules of Order. I am currently serving as Board Secretary for the second time and will continue to be secretary for the 2021-2022 term. My job is writing the minutes for each meeting so there is a record of what was said and what decisions were made.

Who am I? I am a native Angelino (Los Angeles resident). I grew up in the Hollywood Hills and attended Fairfax High School. I graduated from UC Davis in 1975 and then returned to Los Angeles. I have worked as a consultant in recycling and waste management since the early 1990's and started my own business in sustainability in 2008. I am still working full-time. My hobbies are skiing and bicycling.

I have two daughters, both married. One lives in Washington, DC and the other in Burlington, Vermont. The one living in Vermont made me a grandmother a few weeks ago to a little boy. Right now I am writing this article from Vermont and gazing at the cutest little baby boy ever!



Cheers!
Wendy

SLATE OF OFFICERS

The 2021-2022 Slate of Officers was presented to the board. A motion to accept the Slate of Officers was unanimously approved. Ballots were recently mailed to the membership. Many thanks to all of you who returned your ballots to Mark Abramson markabe@aol.com

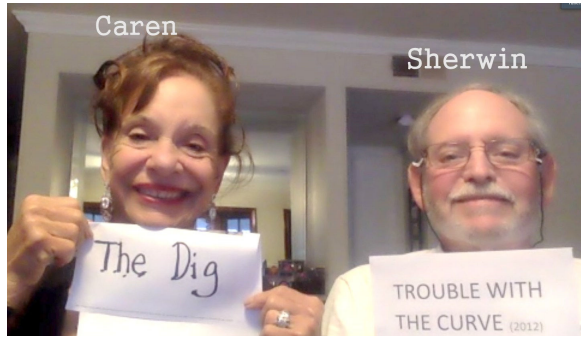
Slate of Officers for 2021 – 2022 is as follows:

- President**
Jane Lief
- Vice Presidents**
Will that be you?
- Treasurers**
Sandra & Robert Sobel
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Victor Wolfe
- Secretary**
Wendy Goldzband
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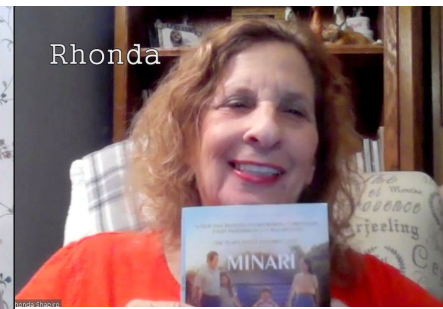


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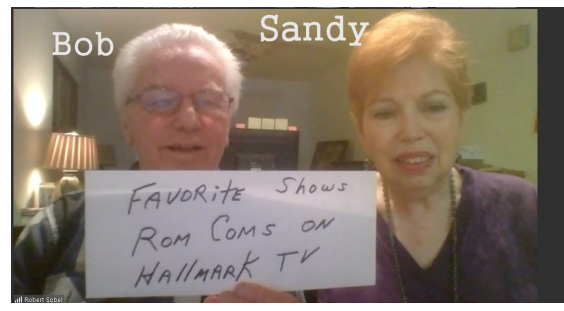
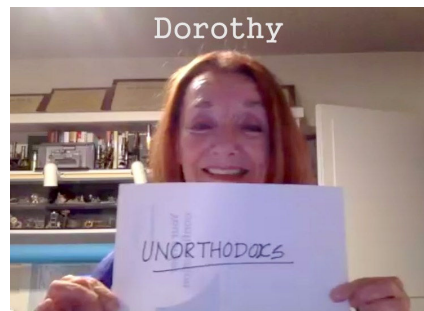
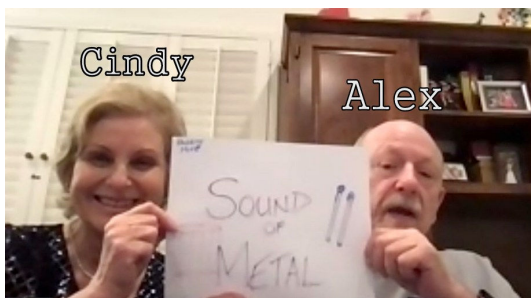
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MOVIES NOMINATED



FILM THAT WON THE TRAIL DUSTERS OSCAR PENGUIN BLOOM



May 2021 Trail Dusters Calendar

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9 	10	11 Zoom Board Meeting  7:30 pm	12	13	14	15 Armed Forces Day 
16	17	18	19 Club Zoom Dance 7:00 PM Opens at 6:30 Celebrating Mother's Day	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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