

# The Dusty Trails

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## Briefs From the Board

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FUNDRAISER

Since I became involved with Trail Dusters in 2015, there have been many opportunities for fundraising for both our club as well as for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

I have been involved in many fundraising events going all the way back to my teen years (over a half a century ago)! So, when the opportunity arose to run a silent auction fundraising event for Trail Dusters to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities, I jumped at the chance, especially since I love collecting and running silent auctions.

People either love or hate the act of fundraising. I happen to love it. My motto being, "If you don't ask, you don't get!" I find it extremely rewarding to be able to help charities and organizations. I meet many wonderful people along the way and hear their touching stories of how an organization or club has made a difference in their life. Seeing the smiles on vendor's faces when they donate gives me "warm fuzzies." Most important, Trail Dusters are doing such a good deed raising money for this worthwhile charity.

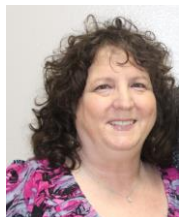
Running the Silent Auction Fundraiser takes a lot of time and

effort, but is so worth it. Collecting donations involves hundreds of phone calls and emails and many driving trips to collect donations. After running silent auctions for many years, I've developed a system, each year changing something along the way to make the project more efficient.

After collecting the donations, I create color coded bid sheets, categorizing each donation. I also decide whether to pair the donations, decide on starting bids, and bidding increments. I then mount the bid sheets to boards and coordinate with Bob Sobel to make a bidding spread sheet to use for the auction.

Beyond conducting the Ronald McDonald House Charities fundraising event, I am always looking for new opportunities to be ready when our club has a need for a fundraising event. It could be an organized event in a restaurant or attending a play. Regardless of what the event is, it brings people together to have a great time! So, if anyone has any ideas for any events, and/or would like to participate in a fundraising event, please do let me know!

See you soon,  
Denise Kurtzer,  
Fundraising Chair



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Nov. Birthdays

- Steven Rosentsweig 1
- Alex Strouser 1
- Alan Shotsky 2
- Steve Berman 3
- Rita Karp 6
- Phyllis Saul 6
- Farryl Dickter 22
- Paul Waters 22
- Marilyn Bloom 23
- Jacquelyn Walker 24
- Arlene Zoren 24

## Nov. Anniversaries



- Francie & Steve Bordofsky 16

## From Your Membership Chairs

I want to give a big Trail Duster **THANK YOU** to all of you who have renewed your membership. As of October 24, we have 165 members.

Check your in-boxes for a new roster, coming this month

**Ilene and Mark Abramson**  
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## THANKSGIVING SNACKATHON Nov 20, 2024

Thank you one and all for making our HALLOWEEN SNACKATHON such a success! The dancing was stupendous, the costumes were amazing, and of course, the snacks were scrumptious! We can't imagine anyone having gone home hungry.

Now, back by popular demand, please join us for our

## THANKSGIVING SNACKATHON on WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20TH



Come dressed as a turkey, a Pilgrim, the Mayflower...or just come dressed in your favorite fall colors -see flier page 10.

And yes, there will be plenty of snacks to eat, so come hungry and ready to dance!



Snack Queen  
Jillicious and



Snack King  
Avilicious

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## Sunshine & Showers

There is no Sunshine or Showers to report for this issue of the Dusty Trails. I look forward to hearing from you next month. Just send me an email ([Rusty\\_k@Verizon.net](mailto:Rusty_k@Verizon.net)) and I will contact you for further details so we can share with the rest of our Trail Dusters' family.

**Rusty Kaman**



## Coordinators Corner

I'm happy to report that we are very fortunate to have the present class of Rail Dusters join the Trail Dusters. We look forward to getting to know each of them better throughout the coming weeks. They all seem to have caught onto the rhythm of our squares very nicely. I can easily say that they certainly made their presence known last week in participating in our Halloween Costume Extravaganza – see pictures on page 8 & 9.

They even won a few prizes. Shout out to Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell for putting together another wonderful snack table for all to enjoy.

Our crack team of coordinators will begin to rearrange dancers in our squares in order to help strengthen the dancing. Neither Trail Dusters or Rail Dusters should take this personally.

Additionally, Steve and Nikki Rosentsweig will be asking our Trail Dusters to pair up and become mentors to the new couples, and invite them into their squares. These actions will go a long way in helping everyone enjoy and follow Paul's calling throughout the night.

If interested, or needed, our Rail Dusters can brush up on any of the calls on 'Taminations' or Video 'Square Dance Lessons'.

We will be completing our Rail Duster's roster very soon. On Wednesday, October 30, Steve Rosentsweig and Marilyn Bloom will be taking their pictures to add to the roster. In that way we can all start recognizing each other.

Interesting fact: Square Dancing can lengthen your life by 2.3 years! We appreciate all of your patience and support of our new class members.

**Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver**



Jeri Sobel



Gayle Cantrock



Alan Shotsky  
Class Coordinators

**TRAIL DUSTERS DANCE THAT WAS HELD ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 13**



Our Fall Festival Dance on October 13th was a huge success with 35 Trail Dusters joining in the fun and a total turn-out of 69 participants! Mike Seastrom, as always, was very upbeat and played fabulous music while making the calls easy for all to follow. When Trail Dusters had a miss-step, he very smoothly went over the calls and made sure everyone felt successful! We danced at the SSD level with 2 plus tips and some line dancing as well – see pictures on pages 6 & 7.

It takes a village to put on a dance and there are dozens of people to thank for their participation. First and foremost, a giant thank you to **Robert and Sandra Sobel** who arrive first and leave last, while handling all the money and sign-ins at the door.

**Caren Blumfield**, in her usual talented way, decorated with all things fall, including some adorable straw men on the stage.

**Jeri Sobel** and **Jane Lief** brought chips and dips, **Carol and Richard Lewis** brought luscious fruit platters, **Joel and Lynn Ovadia** prepared a healthy veggie plate, while **Jaci and Jon Feldman** brought plentiful cheese and crackers. To add to the feast, we had yummy cookies baked by **Grace Mitnik, Geraldine Rothenberg and Maxine Tuckman**, while **Farryl** and **Bill** made sure to bring apple pie. Besides all of these wonderful contributions, additional members, including **Terry Karsh and Renny Traub** along with **Mindy and Joe Dill**, showed up to help set up. A giant Thaaaaaank YOU to all these members who joined in to make the event plentiful.

Trail Dusters, as usual, had plenty to eat, but still met afterwards at Sharkey's in Northridge to eat and schmooze some more.

We are looking forward to our next fun dance in the spring, which will be March 16th, again at Wilkinson in Northridge. We hope those who missed this dance won't miss out again and will save the date to join the fun next time.


**Farryl Dickter**  
Caller Coordinator  
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**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

**7:00 PM**



**ZOOM MEETING**

# Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters,

Meeting for dinner before our square dance class is a great way to start the evening. Social Square Dancing is fun and great exercise. However, to engage in this activity, we need to be well nourished.

Twenty-six Trail Dusters ate at The Stand in Calabasas last week. What a great turnout! Let's keep the momentum going every week! If you like a particular restaurant or many of the restaurants, tell and invite your Trail Dusters friends the next time we eat there. If you are bringing a Rail Duster into our club, invite them to join us for dinner. Trail Dusters are friendly especially when we are eating. Socializing is fun and keeps us connected.

What is ideal about our pre-class dinners is everyone's benefits. Our club members eat nourishing meals. The restaurants make more money from a greater attendance. Our club also benefits because the pre-class dinners are fundraisers. We call this a "win-win-win!"

We recently learned that The Stand and The Habit have our fundraisers all day long. So, if you cannot make it for dinner, but eat at the restaurant for lunch for example, mention that you are a Trail Duster, and our club will receive a percentage of what you spent on your meal.

**Remember whenever you attend one of our pre-class dinners, always tell the person taking your order that you are from the Trail Dusters.**

The following is the calendar for our November 2024 restaurants:

November 6	Calif Pita
November 13	The Stand
November 20	The Habit
November 27	NO CLASS

We look forward to seeing you.  
Dinner is at 5:30 pm. Class starts at 7:00 pm.



**Joel and Lynn Ovadia**  
Ways & Means



Nov 13 Thanksgiving Snack-A-Thon  
 Nov. 27 No Class - Thanksgiving  
 Dec 18 Holiday Snack-a-Thon  
 Dec 25 Holiday Break -No Class  
 Dec 30 Holiday Break - No Class  
 Dec 31 New Year's Eve -Gala Dinner/Dance  
 Jan 6 Class Starts

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## On The Lighter Side

**Teacher: Give me a sentence which includes the words, Defence, Defeat, Detail.**

**Charlie: When a horse jumps over defence, defeat go first and then detail.**

## CARTOON HEADLINES



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## YOU THINK ENGLISH IS EASY?

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.

- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow
- 17) The wind was too strong for me to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Front row: Sherry Raber, Miriam Farber, Geraldine Rothenberg  
Back row: Debbie Borden, Katherine Dorfman & John Carpenter, Bob Sanders, Renny Traub, Wesley Witherspoon



THE DUSTY TRAILS GOES TRAVELING WITH NIKKI & STEVE  
ROSENTSWEIG TO THE EMPRESS HOTEL IN  
VICTORIA, CANADA

# LOOK WHO ATTENDED THE OCTOBER 13 DANCE



1<sup>st</sup> row: Mindy Dill, Robert & Sandra Sobel, Jerry & Paula Seliga, Irwin & Maxine Tuckman, Otis Rogers, Linda Cole, Judie Hirsh, Margie Hausman, Grace & Ron Mitnick, Art Hirsh, Carol Lewis, Marlene Lovett  
Middle section: Geraldine Rothenberg, Jaci Feldman, Marilyn Baumuelier, Caren Blumfield, Jeri Sobel  
Back row: Joe Dill, Katherine Dorfman & John Carpenter, Joel Ovadia, Jon Feldman, Steve Besem, Farryl & Bill Dickter, Matthew Baumuelier, Terry Karsh, Renny Traub, Jeff Hausman, Richard Lewis, Francie & Steve Bordofsky, Sherwin Silver  
Not pictured: Jane Lief





Thank you for attending

# HALLOWEEN COMES TO BAY LAUREL



Thank you Avi Nudell and Jill Sanders for organizing the snacks







YMCA



Circle of costumes

SO MANY PEOPLE WORE COSTUMES





**Back By Popular Demand**



# Thanksgiving Snack-A-Thon



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024**



Although the theme is a little more serious than last month – the evening will still be fun!



The Thanksgiving feast will be abundant.  
To be enjoyed by all who gather.  
Frowns and scowls may be redundant,  
Laughter and friends are all that matter.



Don't be a turkey –Come dressed as a turkey,  
Or a Pilgrim, a pie, the Mayflower  
...or in your favorite colors of fall  
Come one – Come ALL!!



And yes, there will be plenty of snacks to eat, so come hungry and ready to dance!



**Snack Queen Jill & Snack King Avilicious**



## November 2024 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	2				1	2
3 Set clocks back 	4		6 Calif Pita 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	7	8	9
10	11 Veteran's Day 	12 Board Meeting 7:00 pm 	13 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 The Habit 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 NO CLASS	28 	29	30