

# The Dusty Trails

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## From the Presidents' Desk

It seems like we just celebrated the June graduation of our Rail Dusters and here we are already in August with new classes starting just next month. I hope all of you will help us meet the challenge of building a new 2022-2023 class. We're going to start dancing again on Wednesday, September 7, just after Labor Day.

Because of Covid and all the subsequent variants as well as knee replacements and hip replacements, the number of dancers has decreased, and we need to recruit new members. I know we can all come together with the goal of creating a vibrant and energized new class.

I would like to ask each of you to please help us with online chats by posting to Facebook, your local Patch Page and Nextdoor websites about the wonderful group of friends we have in Trail Dusters and how much fun we have. Don't worry because as we move through August, I'll send out information that can be posted so all you need to do is "copy and paste." You will also have flyers to post where you get your nails polished and your hair cut and don't forget the library bulletin boards. We also hope to post to

upcoming activities in local newspapers and pass out flyers at the outdoor concerts that take place in Woodland Hills and Calabasas. We really need volunteers.

If you have other ideas, we are open because we have a common goal here to make Trail Dusters the most successful club in our area. If you currently have friends, family members or co-workers who might be interested, please invite them to our summer party on August 21. See article on page 2 and flier on page 9.

It's necessary for us to have new members join as a couple whether two males, two females or one of each. They will all be welcome.

We need to strive to do our best if we're going to thrive and survive.

Thank you all so very much.

Jane Lief

President



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

Remember that the Trail Dusters' Board decided last year to change our membership year to September through August to correspond to the dancing year. So again, August is the month to renew your membership.

All membership dues should be postmarked by August 31, 2022, so that our insurance covers all members.

- The best way to renew is:
1. Print the renewal form (page 8) 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](mailto:Markabe@aol.com)

Ilene & Mark Abramson



Membership Chairs



Aug. Birthdays

Judith Altman	6
Sandra Sobel	16
Royce Walker	16
Winnie Davis	21
Paula Nudell	21
Ronald Cohn	25
Ruth Ann Hapner	27
Lori Hazan	28



Aug. Anniversaries



Carol & Richard Lewis	1
Marilyn & Leonard Bloom	5
Maxine & Irwin Tuckman	16
Maureen & Shelly Fried	18
Judie & Art Hirsh	25
Sandy & Jeff Cohen	26
Arlene & Mitch Zoren	26
Ilene & Mark Abramson	28

Congratulations to all of you who are celebrating a special occasion.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2022

7:30 PM

Zoom

ZOOM MEETING

Summer Party

Good News---Actually, Great news. All Trail Dusters and guests are invited to our annual summer party. **Please bring your friends who may be interested in dancing in September to meet everyone. Let them see how friendly we are and how much fun we have together.**



So, save this date, **Sunday, August 21, 2022.** We will start with dinner at 5:00 pm at **The Stand** located in the West Plaza – 966 S. Westlake Blvd. #3, Thousand Oaks, 91361  
805-277-2772 for dinner and great social chit chat.

Following dinner, we are going to **Sandy Bastain's** (Flo and Bill Tapp's daughter) **farm/home** where the party will start at 7:00 pm for dessert and more fun. The address is 2831 Los Cedros, Santa Rosa Valley 93012. The travel time from dinner to Sandy's house is about 20 minutes.

This is one of our most attended and eagerly anticipated club events of the summer. See flier on page 9.

**Please let Denise Kurtzer know if you are planning to attend dinner and the party or just the party.** Denise Kurtzer 310-717-1981 or email at [woodsey77@aol.com](mailto:woodsey77@aol.com)

ENTRANCE FEE - BRING AN ITEM TO SHARE - PLATED AND READY TO SERVE - CHEESE, CRACKERS, APPETIZERS, CUT UP FRUIT, DESSERT (FINGER FOODS THAT DO NOT NEED CUTTING) SOFT DRINKS., WINE

Please call Bill Tapp if you have any questions or email him at [wft.tapp@gmail.com](mailto:wft.tapp@gmail.com).

**Flo & Bill  
Tapp**

**Chairs**



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## Sunshine & Showers

This month has contained a mixture of events for our Trail Duster "family." Many of us were high school friends with **Stan Romaine** at Hamilton High, Class of 1958. Ultimately, **Stan** and his long-time partner, Sharon Lerner, found their way to Trail Dusters where they graduated with the Class of 2000 and continued to dance for several years. Stan was the Uncle of current Trail Duster, **Cher Bodner**. Sadly, **Stan** passed away on June 26<sup>th</sup> at their home in Rancho Mirage. The cause of death is uncertain, but we bid a fond farewell to an old friend and hope that your happy memories of your times together, **Cher**, will bring you a measure of comfort.

It is with much sadness that we report the July 26<sup>th</sup> passing of long-time Trail Duster **Hana Klinenberg**. **Hana** and her late husband **Norman** graduated with the Class of 1993 and were a dearly loved couple in our Trail Duster family until illness prevented them from dancing. **Hana** and her family were from Czechoslovakia where her father owned a large shoe factory, that is, until he was captured by the Nazis and killed. **Hana** and her mother

were taken to Theresienstadt Concentration Camp, in what is now the Czech Republic, where she was forced to pick carrots and potatoes. If, however, she dared eat anything she picked, she would be severely punished. When the Camp was finally liberated, because her father had the foresight to protect his money by sending it in the form of gold bars to relatives in England, **Hana's** mother sent her to their relatives in England, and ultimately **Hana** made her way to the United States. Several years later, she was able to bring her mother here from Czechoslovakia. Soon after, **Hana** met and married Norman, and they enjoyed a long life together. She leaves behind two sons and their families. For all of us who knew her, we will long remember this special couple as we say, may you rest in peace.

Six weeks after her fall that caused a hairline fracture to her pelvis, **Anita Higer** is happy to finally be back home and feeling lots better! No longer in pain, she will begin physical therapy shortly. **Anita**, we all hope that you will continue to improve each and every day. Your continued positive spirit is amazing!

Meanwhile, Anita's hubby, **Gary Higer**, is currently hospitalized with a stubborn infection. His condition has not changed in that he is still unable to sit up or walk and is not showing any improvement. Our prayers are with you, **Gary**, that something can be done to help you. We miss you both and hope to hear some encouraging news in the not-too-distant future.

On to the sunny side of the street, **Caren Blumfield's** son Drew and daughter-in-law Crystal are celebrating the birth of their brand-

new daughter, Zephora, who was born on the Fourth of July. Her older sister, Leadora, was born on Christmas Day while her middle sister was born on 9/11! **Caren** and her family are now blessed with six granddaughters and one grandson! They are filled with gratitude and love. And to all your family, **Caren**, we wish you years of joy and happiness.

**Adriane** and **Michael Kreisberg** are once again proud grandparents as their Canadian Israeli grandson, Akiva Pamensky has recently graduated with Honors from the Wurzweiler's School of Social Work with a Master's Degree. Akiva studied in Israel for nearly 2 years and as required, spent the last 2 months of the program in NYC. He is also an accomplished musician, writing music, playing guitar and singing. We share in your pride, **Adriane** and **Michael**, and hope that this talented young man will continue to meet with success on whatever path he chooses to follow. Warm congratulations!

May the coming month bring happiness and good health to all of you. Please remember to contact me by email (address shown below) with news of the happenings in your life so that I can get your message out to the rest of our "family."

Fondly,

**Rusty Kaman,  
Sunshine &  
Showers Chair**



[Rusty\\_k@verizon.net](mailto:Rusty_k@verizon.net)





In 1957 a small group of couples got together and discovered that square dancing was so much fun. They decided to formally start a square dance club. Little did they foresee that the Club would still be vibrant and active 65 years into the future. Well, our Club, Trail Dusters, is still going strong, even with a 2-year pandemic shutting down our activity! To celebrate this milestone, we are hosting a

### 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance

on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Wilkinson Senior Center from 7:30 – 9:30 PM. We have hired two of the best callers in the area, **Mike Seastrom** and **Ken Bower**.

We have door prizes like themed gift baskets, gift certificates, etc. Refreshments will be served. The dance level throughout the afternoon will be Plus with alternating SSD and maybe even a line dance or two – see flier page 10.

The Committee, **Shirley Brown**, **Caren Blumfield**, **Maureen Fried**, **Denise Kurtzer**, **Jane Lief**, **Jeri Sobel** planning this event, led by the ever-active **Marilyn Bloom**, has been working hard. They are ironing out all the details to ensure that our guests from the other Clubs, and you, enjoy not only the dance, the food, and the prizes but our genuine friendliness and our appreciation of your support.

**But (and this is a big but) we need your help** – the help of each member of the Club! We ask everyone to attend, whether you dance or not and show support for this important Club event, like many of you did this past Graduation Night.

Even if you no longer square dance, as a member of Trail Dusters over the years you have contributed to the ongoing success of our Club and are part of this celebration. We need to show the square dance community that our Club is still active. In the next issue of Dusty Trails, and with emails over the next two months, we will have updates, more details, and will continue to make this request.

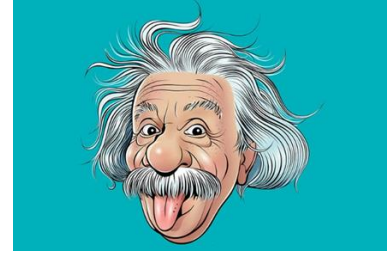
**65 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP & DANCING. JOIN US AND TWO GREAT CALLERS FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!**

**Shirley Brown**

**Publicity/Webmaster**



### On The Lighter Side



One day, Albert Einstein was on his way to a science convention for a speech.

On the way there, he tells his driver that looks a bit like him: "I'm sick of all these conferences. I always say the same things over and over!" The driver agrees: "You're right. As your driver, I attended all of them, and even though I don't know anything about science, I could give the conference in your place."

"That's a great idea!" says Einstein. "Let's switch places then!"

So, they switch clothes and as soon as they arrive, the driver dressed as Einstein goes on stage and starts giving the usual speech, while the real Einstein, dressed as the car driver, attends it.

But in the crowd, there is one scientist who wants to impress everyone and thinks of a very difficult question to ask Einstein, hoping he won't be able to respond.

So, this guy stands up and interrupts the conference by posing his very difficult question. The whole room goes silent, holding their breath, waiting for the response.

The driver looks at him, dead in the eye, and says: "Sir, your question is so easy that I'm going to let my driver explain it to you."



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CALLER PAUL WATERS FOR BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE CALLER LAB'S HALF CENTURY CLUB FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF CALLING. MANY THOUSANDS OF DANCERS HAVE RECEIVED THE BENEFIT OF HIS TALENT.



Mike Seastrom presents Paul Waters with his certificate recognizing his 50 years of calling





Jane Lief, on behalf of the Trail Dusters, presents a gift to Paul congratulating him on receiving the Half Century Club certificate





## MEET YOUR 2022 – 2023 BOARD



Front row: Flo Tapp, Ilene Abramson, Jane Lief, Maureen Fried, Joni Simon, Farryl Dickter  
 Middle row: Bill Tapp, Victor Wolfe, Mark Abramson, Denise Kurtzer, Jeri Sobel, Marilyn Bloom, Mark Simon, Marshall & Patti Goldberg  
 Back row: Sandy & Jeff Cohen, Richard Rose, Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig, Leonard Bloom, Sandra & Robert Sobel, Bill Dickter

Not pictured: Caren Blumfield, Shirley Brown, Wendy Goldzband, Rusty Kaman, Cindy Kestenbaum & Alex Strouzer, Lorraine & Sheldon Levin, Lynn & Joel Ovadia



## 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 Present  
*Sizzling Summer Sunday*  
August 21st, 2022



Start the evening by joining our FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED club members for some great food and great socializing with the added benefit of raising \$\$\$ for our Club at one of our favorite eating places –

**The Stand @5:00 PM**  
Westlake Plaza, 966 S Westlake  
Blvd., #3, Thousand Oaks, CA  
91361 805 277-2772



Then travel to, to Sandy Bastain's (Flo & Bill's daughter) farm/home at 2831 Los Cedros Circle, Santa Rosa Valley, 93012 where the party will start at 7:00 PM for dessert and more fun. The travel time from dinner to Sandy's is about 20 minutes. **HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.**

**MUNCH, MINGLE AND SCHMOOZ**

Bring friends (fully vaccinated) and potential Rail Dusters along so they can see how friendly we all are and how much fun we have being together! Bring munchies to share - dessert, appetizer, wine, fruit, or soda - your choice.



RSVP to Denise Kurtzer at 310 717-1981 or  
email at [woodsey77@aol.com](mailto:woodsey77@aol.com)

If you have any questions, please call Bill at 818 802-4684 or email at  
[wft.tapp@gmail.com](mailto:wft.tapp@gmail.com)





# ***TRAIL DUSTERS***

## ***Saturday - October 1, 2022***

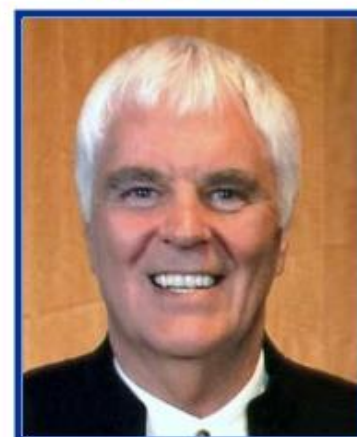
# ***65th Anniversary Dance***

*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**

**For More Information Contact: Marilyn Bloom @ [marlenbloom2@gmail.com](mailto:marlenbloom2@gmail.com)**

**Website: [www.traildusters.com](http://www.traildusters.com) – Singles and Couples Welcome**



# August 2022 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting  7:30 pm	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30	31			

