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From the Presidents' Desk

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." Albert Einstein

January is named after Janus-the Roman god with two faces, one looking onwards and the other looking backwards. One face looks back to the year departed and one looks forward to the new year ahead.

New Years have always been a time of new hope and new possibilities. As Trail Dusters we can look back at the past year and reflect on the club's activities as they continue into the future. We have our new class of Rail Dusters that began back in September 2017 and will continue until June of 2018. These new dancers are practicing the calls learned last year and are learning new calls this year. They are our hope to insure the future of square dancing.

We have begun planning our April 14th Anniversary Dance where we expect to have many squares as our callers are Mike Seastrom and Buddy Weaver. These two callers are the best and will provide an evening of terrific entertainment. We delight in the longevity and

future of our club as we celebrate our 60th anniversary.

Now get ready for our May Weekend. The hotel has been chosen and plans for a weekend of ultimate entertainment are under way. Make a resolution to sign up for this exciting event.

As always our Wednesday Dinner and class continue into the new year. These activities remain constant, are fun, and reduce stress in our lives. Thank you all for your continuing participation and support in our wonderful square dance club.

We wish you a healthy and joyous new year.



Anita & Gary Higer Presidents

NEXT BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2018

7:30 p.m.

Jane Lief's House





We have the cure for the Holiday Is Over Blues! Come to our Club Dance on **Saturday**, **January 13** with our own Arlen Miller. Arlen is an accomplished caller teaching for several clubs in the area from the Basic level to A-2 and calling dances in surrounding states.

This is not a class level dance, but Plus level, and Arlen will entertain us with fun tips full of energy. See flier page 10.

The round dancers are looking forward to following the smooth cues that Milo continues to deliver each dance.

Every month we mention the nibbles and have we ever mislead you? No we have not, and this month will be no exception. Remember to drop by the kitchen and say a big "Thank You" to your fellow club members who are working hard.

Put the date on your calendar, circle it in red and plan to attend. Not only it is an evening of fun with friends, but also you are supporting our club caller and our Board Members who work so diligently.

Your roving reporters from Canada

Shirley & Collin Brown

Publicity Chairs



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Our January visitation is "STUDENT STOMP" HALF WAY - CLASS LEVEL

Class Members – Angels – Couples - Singles

Sponsored by 9 local Square Dance Clubs with 8 Callers

Date: January 28
Callers: See flier page 12
Squares: 2:00 – 4:30 pm
Wilkinson Multipurpose Room
8956 Vanalden Northridge

Upcoming Visitations

February 24th Saturday Buckles & Bows Dance 43rd ANNIV. "MARDI GRAS"

Rounds: 7:00 pm Squares: 7:30 pm Caller: David Mee

Cuers: Gus & Lynn De Fore Goebel Adult Community Center 1385 East Janss Road, Th.Oaks

March 4th Sunday
The Sierra Hillbillies
Green Eggs & Ham Dance

Rounds: 2:00 pm

Squares: 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Caller: Mike Sikorsky SCV Senior Center

22900 Market St., Santa Clarita

Sandra & Robert Sobel Visitation Chairs 818-999-2642



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HOLD THE DATE FOR THE **2018**SPRING WEEKEND. WE ARE
GOING TO OXNARD – **MAY 4-6**

See website http://traildusters.com/ for pictures of previous fun spring weekends – go to Photo Albums

January Birthdays



Kathy Cirillo	1
Sandy Kaufman	2
Mike Sternfeld	3
Gayle Hodnefield	4
Arthur Grossman	6
Maxine Tuckman	8
Tracey Bolton	9
Norm Kaman	9
Hal Rothberg	9
Howard Weiner	9
Bren Levy	10
Judy Comroe	11
Marilyn Katlein	12
Robert Cirillo	13
Linda Cole	16
Marlene Kane	17
Lois Michaelson	18
Jack Levy	21
Dianne Yakerson	22
Lorraine Levin	25
Cinda Firstenburg	28
Rusty Kaman	30
Maureen Fried	31
Jill Pivnik	31

Jan. Anniversaries



Marilyn & Stan Zwicker 18
Flo & Bill Tap 23
Evie & Iran Auslev 27

Congratulations to all who are celebrating a special occasion

Membership & Statistica

As of publication, we have 179 members in our club, including a few who promised that "the check is in the mail."

This includes 60 couples, 40 women, and 19 men.

If you have still not renewed, please email Mark Abramson at markabe@aol.com or send your renewal to me – see flier page 9.

Ilene and Mark Abramson 4425 Estrondo Drive Encino, CA 91436

Ilene & Mark Abramson

Membership & Statistics Email:

markabe@aol.com

Subject Line: Membership

As we bid farewell to 2017, we also said farewell to longtime Trail Duster Arnold (Arnie) Karp. Arnie passed away on December 6th and was buried on December 8th. Arnie and his wife, Rita, were married for 60 years and graduated from Trail Dusters with the Class of '91. Together they went on to angel for many years. To you, Rita, and all your family, we extend our sincere condolences. We hope that your memories of your life together AND your many memories as Trail Dusters, will remain with you always.

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to **Joni Simon** and **Terry Karsh** and their families on the December 12th passing of their 97 ½ year old Father, Paul Woods. **Terry** shared that their Father will be lovingly remembered as a "wonderful, amazing Dad who was always

supportive of his family and always welcomed everyone into their home." She and her two sisters are grateful for the time they had with him. To you both, **Joni** and **Terry**, we hope that your Father's long life with you included wonderful memories that will comfort you now and in the future.

Happily, there was some sunshine in the month of December. Ilene and Mark Abramson welcomed their 4th granddaughter, Audrey Paige Abramson, born to their son Daniel and daughter-in-law Andrea in mid-December. The Abramsons added that on December 16th, the four girls lit the Chanukah Menorah together! To you, Ilene and Mark, may this newest addition and her siblings always be a source of pride and joy to you and all your family. Warm CONGRATULATIONS and many years of happiness and babysitting!

As we now welcome the New Year, may it be filled with good health, happiness, prosperity and peace for each and every one of you. Please do remember to contact me (at the e-mail address below) with any news that you wish to share with our Trail Duster family. Whether it be a happy occasion or one marked by showers, we want to be there for each other, and it is my job to get the word out, so please let me know of your news!

Warmest wishes for a wonderful 2018,

Rusty Kaman, <u>rusty k@verizon.net</u> Sunshine & Showers Chair



SAVE THE DATE: THIS IS IT!

You are invited to the "Student Stomp," Sunday January 28, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. As usual, this event will be held at the Wilkinson Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden Ave., Northridge.

The Student Stomp is the annual dance for square dance students who have been taught half of the Square Dance Calls for the year. The Student Stomp is supported by the Associated Square Dancers (A Square D), which is an association of 9 square dance clubs in a district that includes the SF Valley, the Simi Valley and the Santa Barbara/Ventura area. A Square D works to promote square dancing in our communities and supports our clubs to succeed and grow.

The Student Stomp is not just for our terrific Rail Dusters, but for all the students in the A Square D district.

Everyone is invited: Class Members, Angels, Couples and Singles. The donation is \$8.00 per person. There will, of course, be refreshments.

The callers will be eight of the best available, including our own Arlen Miller.

This will be a fun Sunday you won't want to miss!

See flyer on page 12.

See you there. Joni & Mark Simon



Coordinators Corner

We hope that everyone has had a healthy and happy holiday season.

Our Rail Dusters class is holding strong with 21 members, 4 couples, 7 women and 6 men. They continue to be very enthusiastic and committed to learning to dance. We continually hear them tell us what a welcoming and friendly group Trail Dusters is.

It's now January, which means we're into the Plus portion of classes. We so appreciate our members, who have dedicated every Wednesday evening to support us as Angels. During the holidays, many of you were traveling, had family obligations, or were ill. This meant that we had increased difficulty balancing each square with at least two strong angel couples.

Starting in January, Arlen will be teaching the most complicated calls and our Rail Dusters will need more help then ever. In addition to coming to Wednesday class, we are encouraging the Rail Dusters to join us at the Boots and Slippers Black Light Dance on Saturday. January 6th and the annual Student Stomp on Sunday, January 28th - flier page 12. So if you haven't been dancing lately. please come on out on Wednesday nights and join us at the two dances to meet our terrific class members.

Bill Dickter





Judy Comroe
Your Coordinators

Kitchen Korner

Dear Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters.

Happy New Year everybody and here we are ready to start dancing and **eating** in 2018.

Our "kitchen" continues to run very smoothly, thanks to both our monthly and weekly helpers. We couldn't do it without everyone's wonderful participation. Remember, if you are providing the weekly snacks, arrive by 6:45 to help with the set-up and be prepared to stay for a few minutes to help with the clean up. Always bring your **food plated** and ready to serve, including any serving pieces if you need them. Also, if you are unable to provide refreshments the week assigned. find a replacement and let us know.



We want to thank Sandy & Jeff Cohen for the December special help they gave us.

Here's a little fun information about 1 of America's top foods <u>-</u> PIZZA

The first pizzeria opened in Naples Italy in 1830.

America's favorite pizza topping is Pepperoni.

93% of all Americans have eaten pizza in the last month.

#1 Pizza Day is Super Bowl, and the other 4 top pizza days are New Years Eve, Halloween, New Years Day and night before Thanksgiving. October is National Pizza Month. Happy, healthy New Year everybody!

Flo & Bill Tapp





Jane Lief

Refreshment Chairs flowille@sbcglobal.net jane.lief@gmail.com

MY MEMORABLE VISIT TO THE LA RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

by Elise Sandler

Neil and I had an amazing day at the Ronald McDonald House! The place consists of two buildings planned to help families be near or with their children who are receiving treatment for critical ailments and even transplants – mainly at nearby Children's Hospital and Shriner's Hospital.

The apartments are arranged so that sofas and tables outside the doors of each two apartments allow families from all over the globe to meet and share their experiences. The kitchens are built to encourage people to meet and talk while they are preparing their meals for themselves. Regarding cost, families are only asked to pay \$25 a day IF they can afford to do so, or else to pay what they can. No one is turned away for lack of payment. Telephones in the lobbies are available to the

families, and if they speak a foreign language, a translator comes on the line and translates what is being said.



The transplant patients are given apartments in a special transplant wing that have kitchenettes so the children who must be kept in isolation can



still be with their parents all the time. Our docent, Amy, has a full time job during the week but, for 20 years.

she has come to volunteer at RMH wherever needed on weekends. She showed us where the Trail Duster Square Dance Club was mentioned on the walls in several rooms. Our club also made possible a children's library that has books in various languages which the children are allowed to take home with them. We visited several playrooms with toys and crafts



geared to various age groups. RMH even had some movie

studios come and paint backdrops to make each playroom a happy place for children to spend time.



Car filled and items are ready for pick-up (see thank you letter page 13).



Rusty & Norm Kaman,

Wish List Drive Chairpersons

2174 Ladycliff Circle Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

ways & Mean.

Greetings Trail Dusters, Rail Dusters and Dancer-Wannabees:

Have you recovered from the Holidays? As we write this we're heading into the final stretch of our annual fiesta-rama. Chanukah & Christmas are behind us - love them Latkes & Gingerbread cookies. New Year's Eve - food AND drink - still lies ahead! Filled with mixed feelings of anticipation at the coming culinary delights and dread at the consequences of overindulgence - pass the Pepto and avoid the scale - we're not sure what to expect. Stay strong, we're Trail Dusters! We've never met a challenge, a Call or a Meal, we couldn't master.

Once the Holidays are truly 'behind' us - again, don't look at that scale! - we'll be ready for the new year's classes. And what better way to prepare for each class than by joining your fellow Dusters at a pre-class repast of dining and socializing? Our first gathering of the year takes place at 5:30 pm, Wednesday, January 3rd at the Salad Farm, 5780 Canoga Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Remember, your attendance at these gatherings doesn't just put food in your tummy but also money in the club kitty. We hope to see vou all there.

The schedule for the coming weeks follows:

January 3 – The Salad Farm January 10 - Hook Burger January 17 - Sharkey's January 24 – Corner Bakery

January 31 – The Habit Check your emails each week for

Your hosts. Wendy Goldzband & Steve Katz



SISTER ACT IS ALMOST SOLD OUT

A FUNdraiser event scheduled for Saturday February 17, 2018.

THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING TO SIMI VALLEY CULTURAL **CENTER TO SEE**



There are 2 seats left. Call Marilyn Katlein if you are interested - see flier page 11

WE VISITED RONALD MC DONALD HOUSE



Gary & Anita Higer, Rusty & Norm Kaman, Elise & Neil Sandler

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Front row: Leslie Ruiz, Linda Kort, Anita Higer
Back row: Lainy Parlen, Harriet Berman, Les Light, Diane Light (no birthday, just helping to hold the cake), Paul Kayne



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule – 2017/2018 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 13, 2018	Arlen Miller	Crazy T-Shirt Dance
February 10, 2018	Johnny Preston	Love Is In The Air
March 10, 2018	Dick Hodnefield & Andy Allemao Class Level Dance	Fabulous 50's
April 14, 2018	Mike Seastrom & Buddy Weaver "Our 60 th Anniversary Dance"	
May 12, 2018	Hunter Keller	Mother's Day Picnic
June 9, 2018	Michael Kellogg	Night At The Movies
July 14, 2018	Ken Bower	* Hawaiian Dreaming!
August 11, 2018	Pat Carnathan	* Rock & Roll Revival
September 8, 2018	Buddy Weaver	TBD
October 13, 2018	Tim Pepper	TBD
November 10, 2019	Andy Allemao	TBD
December	Dark	

* Summer Casual Attire

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Anita & Gary Higer 818-789-9398

Classes remain Wednesday evenings at Bay Laurel Elementary, 24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas.



REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS JANUARY 2018

January 3

Fruit Lynn & Joel Ovadia Dessert Janice Reiss Otis Rogers Dessert

Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig Cheese and Crackers



January 10

Fruit Geraldine Rothenberg Sandra Sabatino Dessert Dessert Nancy Sachs

Cheese and Crackers Phyllis & Simcha Saul

January 17

Fruit Paula & Jerry Seliga Dessert Rhonda & Bill Shapiro Louise Schoenneman Dessert Cheese and Crackers Joni & Mark Simon

January 24

Fruit Jeri & Ron Sobel Joyce Smith Dessert Dessert Sandy & Bob Sobel

Cheese and Crackers Tova & Doug Sobel



January 31

Fruit Ellen & Mike Sternfeld Dessert Maxine & Irwin Tuckman Jordan Wank Dessert

Cheese and Crackers Marlena & Reuven Zeavy





For more information call Jane Lief (818) 881-8300- email lief.jane@gmail.com Flo Tapp (818) 422-6784 -email flowille@sbcglobal.net

DUSTERS

TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$50 COUPLES / \$ 25 SINGLES
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "TRAIL DUSTERS"

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH DUES BY NOVEMBER 30 (EARLIER PREFERRED!)

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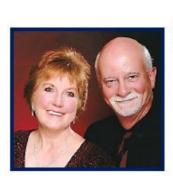
ILENE AND MARK ABRAMSON 4425 ESTRONDO DRIVE ENCINO CA 91436

(make check payable to "Trail Dusters")



TRAIL DUSTERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018 CRAZY T-SHIRT DANCE CALLER - ARLEN MILLER







CUERS: CINDA & MILO MOLITORIS

Rounds 7:00 – 8:00 pm and between tips Squares 8:00 – 10:00 pm - Plus Level, A-1 Tip Wilkinson Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden Ave., Northridge, CA

UPCOMING DANCES

FEBRUARY 10, 2018

JOHNNY PRESTON

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

MARCH 10, 2018

DICK HODNEFIELD & ANDY ALLEMAO

FABULOUS 50'S - CLASS LEVEL

APRIL 14, 2018

BUDDY WEAVER & MIKE SEASTROM

60[™] ANNIVERSARY DANCE

For More Information Call: Anita and Gary Higer 818 789-9398

Website: www.traildusters.com - Singles and Couples Welcome



JOIN US FOR ANOTHER "FUNdraising" EVENING

The event is open to family and friends – the more the merrier!

This year we are going to the Simi Valley Cultural Center SATURDAY EVENING, February 17, 2018 - 8 P.M.
Simi Valley Cultural Center is located at

3050 East Los Angeles Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065



SISTER ACT is a feel-good musical comedy smash hit based on the 1992 film that has audiences ready to rejoice! Featuring original music by Tony- and eight-time Oscar winner AlanMenken. Filled with powerful gospel music, outrageous dancing, and equally outrageous costumes.

Tickets are \$24 PER PERSON

To reserve your seats, please complete and mail by February 1 to:

MARILYN AND HY KATLEIN 5901 FAIRHAVEN AVENUE

WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91367 PHONE: 818 704-1968 E MAIL: <u>HKATLEIN@AOL.COM</u> or give it to them at class on Wednesdays

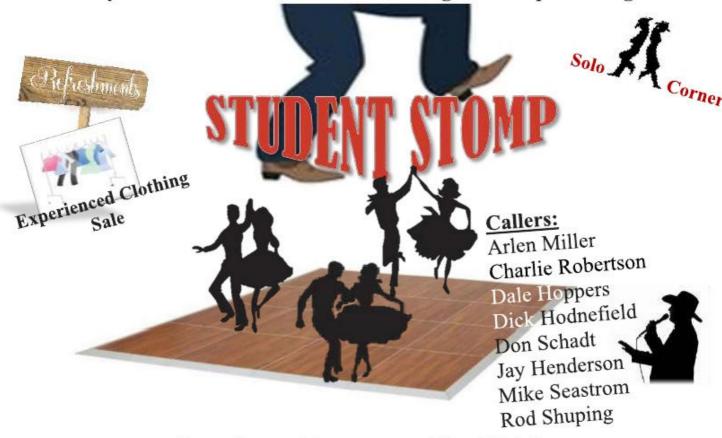
NAME	
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NUMBER OF TICKETS	@ \$24.00EACH TOTAL \$
PAYMENT METHOD: CASH	CHECK #
DINNER: YES NO	
PLEASE MAKE	YOUR CHECK OUT TO TRAIL DUSTERS

Information: Linda Kaplan

805.231.6171

FUN LEVEL * CLASS LEVEL

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



Sunday, January 28, 2018

2:00pm-4:30pm Donation \$8.00

Wilkinson Center 8956 Vanalden Ave Northridge, CA 91324

Farmers & Charmers – Happy Squares - Lads N' Lassies - Sierra Hillbillies Trail Dusters - Western Weavers



Rusty and Norm Kaman 2174 Ladycliff Circle Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Dear Trail Dusters.

Thank you for your incredible donation of essential items – specifically over 75 sheets sets, 150 sets of bath and hand towels, as well as plenty of food items for the pantry. Because of your generosity, families will now have clean, untattered bed sheets, fresh towels, and plenty of meal and snack options that every family deserves to have in their "home."

The Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House is a "Home Away from Home" for more than 2,100 families every year. For more than 35 years, the House has provided more than 30,000 families with a place to stay, a shoulder to cry on, and when necessary the financial support that they have needed to make it through a very uncertain time.

Our House has 75 rooms and we are at full occupancy with a long waiting list. Currently, more than 70% of our families cannot even afford the \$25 per night to stay at our House. And our program struggles to keep up with such a high volume of children and families that use our rooms each night. But thanks to your help, we can now rest assured they will all sleep well and have enough food to get them through a very difficult time.

We hope that you will continue to support our mission to provide comfort, care, and relief to families with critically ill children so they can continue to focus on what is most important – healing their sick child.

Gratefully,

Cortney DeLotto

Development Manager

Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House

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January 2018 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		2	3 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Salad Farm 5:30 p m	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Jane Leif's House	10 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Hook Burger 5:30 p m	11	12	13 Dance at Wilkinson caller Arlen Miller cuer Milo Molitoris see pages 2 & 10
14	15	16	17 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Shakey's 5:30 p m	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Corner Bakery 5:30 p m	25	26	27
28 Student Stomp	29	30	31 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. The Habit 5:30 p m			

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