



The Dusty Trails

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Briefs From the Board

I was amazed when I became president and looked out at the board. I wondered--how could we possibly need all of these people on the board? I soon found out the many intricacies of running the square dance club and came to respect how much each and every member contributed to make the club function so well.

At this point, I have become the Caller Coordinator, again, a position I could never have imagined and now wonder how we could not have this position. I inherited this job from a beloved past member, Pat Kessler, who unfortunately is no longer with us. As Caller Coordinator, it is my job to locate the caller for club dances. I have a long list of callers, but we have our favorites. I have to figure out how to fit our schedule into their busy schedules, negotiate the price that we will pay them, send out contracts and, the most difficult part, trying to get the signed contracts back from these very busy people! I also help arrange what type of dance it will be, participate in the decision for a theme, and coordinate the flyers

and advertisement of the dances arranged.

As it turns out, our first dance of this year will be **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th from 2-4:30 at Wilkinson Center in Northridge**. This will be at the SSD level with two plus tips and, of course, some line dancing which we all love. That means all of those who graduated last June are encouraged to come, along with all other Trail Dusters, as this will be our first dance of the new year! The callers are Mike Seastrom, our own Paul Waters, & Janienne Alexander. Even if you haven't danced in many years, we will need your help. You can always do the line dancing with us. See flier on page 12.

So now you, too, realize, how could we *not* have this position! Hoping to see you in a square...at our first dance this November 12th. So please mark your calendars!

Farryl Dickter

Caller Coordinator



Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays



Rosalie Rifkin	1
Howard Wien	2
Steve Bordofsky	4
Sandy Lynn	5
Jeff Hausman	18
Richard Rose	23
Geraldine Rothenberg	23
Bill Tapp	28
Renny Traub	30

October Anniversaries

Leslie & Robert Ruiz	4
Shirley & Collin Brown	15
Cheri & Fred Warner	17
Rhonda & Bill Shapiro	30

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

From Your Membership Chairs

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

The best way to renew or become a member is:

1. Print Renewal Form (page 11) 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. Same as last year and the year before!

3. Mail the form and the check to:

**Ilene and Mark Abramson
4425 Estrondo Drive
Encino, CA 91436**

Mark will be available at classes during the month of September with blank forms.

Please note that the form asks for birthday and anniversary month and date. This is used only to send best wishes in the Dusty Trails. Please do NOT include the year. That would be TMI for us.

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

Thank you for your support and cooperation, and don't forget to tell your friends to join our fantastic Trail Dusters Club.

Ilene and Mark Abramson
Membership & Statistics



markabe@aol.com
818-501-3109

Coordinators Corner

If the success of our Summer Party was any indication of what was to come for our new classes, then we "hit the jackpot." We had an amazing start for students at the first three classes and they all seemed to be enjoying themselves. We had over 10 squares and 21 new dancers the first week, 6 new dancers the second week, and a whopping 21 more new dancers on week 3. We now have 12 squares.

The successful start for these students is coming about because of all the terrific angels we have. A big "Thaaank You" to all of you who are coming every week to share in the fun and help out. Our goal is to have

no more than two students per square so we can provide strong angel support.

Our caller, Paul Waters, is adding so many singing calls this year and moving us along faster. If you arrive on time at 7:00 pm, you can join us line dancing. So don't forget to bring your water, your laughter, your friendship, and your help to welcome our new Rail Duster class of 2024.

This is going to be an exciting year!



Caren & Sherwin



Jeri Sobel

Class Coordinators

NEXT BOARD MEETING

**OCTOBER 10,
2023**

7:00 PM



Sunshine & Showers

It is with much sadness that I report the passing of a dearly loved Trail Duster, **Myron Ross**. On August 27 Myron lost his struggle with congestive heart failure and COPD. He told Marilyn, his wife of 27 years, that he was tired of battling health issues and was ready to go. He said he was going exactly the way he wanted. He was 90 years of age. Myron was an army veteran who served in the Korean war. He will be

remembered as a kind, gentle, and generous human being who always wore a smile. He leaves behind his wife, two children and two grandchildren. Marilyn, we extend heartfelt sympathy to you and all your family and wish you brighter days ahead.

A truly dedicated member of the square dance community and a member of our own Trail Duster family has left us. On August 25, **Lee Goldman**, beloved husband of Lois passed away shortly after suffering a massive stroke. As graduates of the Class of '97, Lee and Lois went on to become advanced dancers at the challenge level. To this day Lois speaks of the huge circle of Trail Dusters' friends, who in addition to advancing their dancing skills, traveled the world together. In addition to Lois, Lee leaves behind two children and two grandchildren. To you, Lois, we extend our sincere sympathy and the hope that the memories of your years together, especially on the dance floor, will bring a measure of comfort to you, now and in the days to come.

Thankfully there is a ray of sunshine to report in this article and in the life of Marilyn Ross and her family as they anticipate the upcoming wedding of her 29-year-old grandson. He is employed by DWP while his bride to be is an RN in a hospital in Simi Valley. Following their wedding, the couple will honeymoon in Belize and then make their home in Simi Valley. Congratulations and best wishes to all your family.

Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine & Showers Chair

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An amazing time was had by all at our Trail Dusters Sizzling Summer Party this year as expected.

Although we had to cancel our first scheduled evening due to rain, our rescheduled evening turned out to be perfect in every way imaginable. And on top of everything else wonderful, we had approximately 10 new and potential Rail Dusters attend the party! 👍

All of us were taken back, yet pleasantly surprised, when two, yes two, unicorns (played by Woodstock and Avilicious) quite unexpectedly galloped into the party, prancing and neighing. Never before in the history of Trail Dusters have two REAL and single horned unicorns appeared. EVERYONE enjoyed this once in a lifetime "horn grabbing unicorn opportunity," and EVERYONE, and I do mean EVERYONE, had their picture taken with the handsome square dancing steeds(pages 7 & 8)!

A big thank you goes out to all of you Trail Dusters who were able to attend and bring such delicious edibles!

Finally, a big thank you to Sandy for once again opening up her beautiful home to us, and to Jill, Caren, Patti, Flo, and Avilicious for organizing such a successful event, and to everyone else who helped! Square dancing is fun! No, really...it is! Just ask the unicorns!



Snack Queen Jillsey



Snack King Avilicious



**Nov. 12 -
Club SSD/Plus Dance**

**Nov. 22
Thanksgiving – No Class**

**Dec 20 & 27 -
Holiday Break - No Class**

**Dec. 31 -
New Year's Eve Gala**

Ways & Means

We've had a great beginning with many new Rail Dusters and having lots of people attending our pre-class dinners. Of course, there's always room for more. It's such a great way to get acquainted with your fellow dancers. There is lots of conversation, people enjoying good food together, having fun, laughter and making money for our club.

The following is the calendar for October restaurants:

Oct. 4 Sharkey's

Oct. 11 The Habit

Oct. 18 The Stand

Oct. 25 Cal Pita

If anyone has any other suggestions please let us know.



**Flo & Bill Tapp
818-422-6784**

**Jane Lief
818-881-8300**



TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



Maureen & Shelly Fried take the Dusty Trails to Canterbury and then to Molly Malone in Dublin- -while Caren & Sherwin read theirs in Branson, MO



Carol & Richard Lewis show the Dusty Trails Dracula's Castle in Transylvania



Shirley Brown shows the Dusty Trails to the people while at the Fisherman's Bastion in Budapest



Mark & Joni Simon take the Dusty Trails to Maui

SUMMER PARTY
FIRST WE WENT TO "THE STAND" FOR DINNER



And then to the Summer Party



Meet the Committee



Marshall & Patti Goldberg, Avi Nudell, Jill Sanders, Sherwin Silver, Caren Blumfield, Jeri Sobel





Here Come the Unicorns



More Unicorns



Classes Begin Again at Bay Laurel



Thank you Denise Kurtzer and Grace & Ron Mitnick for arranging for the refreshments



More Dancing at Bay Laurel





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
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(make check payable to "Trail Dusters")



TRAIL DUSTERS

Sunday - November 12, 2023

Grab your pumpkin spice latte and a cozy sweater because fall has arrived. While it's time to say farewell to relaxing beach days and hot weather, autumn brings adventure and excitement all its own. Join us as we celebrate Fall and all it brings!



3 CALLERS!!

MIKE SEASTROM

PAUL WATERS, & JANIENNE ALEXANDER

SSD WITH 2 PLUS TIPS AND LINE DANCING

2:00 – 4:30 PM – \$10.00 PER PERSON
Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge

★★LIGHT REFRESHMENTS★★

All mandated protocols required will be followed.

For More Information Contact: Farryl Dickter @ farryl.ateam@gmail.com

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



October 2023 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	11 The Habit 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 California Pita 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween 				

