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TRAIL DUSTERS DANCE ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 13



Get your dancing shoes on and be ready for our first club dance this year! We are having a Fall Festival Dance SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th from 2:00 pm 4:30 pm at Wilkinson Senior Center in Northridge. This will be at the SSD level, so anyone who has graduated from Wednesday class is eligible and can join the fun. Mike Seastrom is the caller, and as many of you know Mike is an easy, smooth caller that guarantees an afternoon of fun. See flier on page 7.

Many of the newer Trail Dusters may be reluctant to go. Remember how tense you experienced dancers were when attending your first dances. As I said, this dance will be at the SSD level and we strongly urge our more experienced dancers to mentor our newer dancers. Invite them to go with you and make them feel at ease by ensuring that they get on the floor and in a square. **Let's make this the best dance of the year!**

Don't be square-JOIN our squares, and support our club. Looking forward to seeing you there!

After the dance, everyone will convene at Sharkey's in Northridge to eat, to laugh, and to talk about the afternoon's adventure.



Farryl Dickter
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Oct. Birthdays

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

Oct. Anniversaries



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

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**HALLOWEEN AGAIN?
OH YES IT IS!**

Our next Snack-a-thon,
Will soon arrive...
Yes, this is the truth...
It ain't no jive!

No BOO Y'ALL! Halloween is almost here...yea for trick or treats. Once again, this is THE perfect opportunity to square dance in your favorite costume...and perhaps even as your favorite action figure, or even...imagine this...as your favorite square dancer or worst case just in Halloween colors. See flier page 8.

We will be celebrating Halloween 2024 on:

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 16TH
7:00 PM**

This year's festivities will include an amazing array of DANCING AND SNACKS! Yes, I did say SNACKS!

So come dressed in a costume, Homemade or store bought.

Be imaginative and creative.
No excuses for diddly squat!



Snack Queen
Jillicious and



Snack King
Avilicious

Sunshine & Showers

Following an auto accident, **Lenny Bloom** is now recovering in what **Marilyn** describes as an "excellent rehab." **Len** sustained two broken wrists and two broken ribs. The good news is that no surgery is required. While both arms are in casts from his knuckles to the middle of his forearms, **Len** does have some mobility and is able to pick up things. Further, the pain in his rib cage is finally subsiding. One amazing outcome from all of this is that the man who is sharing **Lenny's** room is a gentleman with whom **Marilyn** worked at the Jewish Home! **Marilyn** describes dinner hour in their room as "party time," and each person brings something to share (like dessert!) This is certainly making the situation more pleasant – for both patients! **Lenny's** casts are due to be removed in 4 to 6 weeks, so he will remain at the facility at least until that time. **Marilyn** says that the BEST part is knowing that **Len** IS going to get better! Be assured, **Len and Marilyn**, that all your Trail Duster "family" is sending healing thoughts and best wishes for your rapid & full recovery!

I am happy to report that **Joyce Smith** is slowly but surely recovering from a long bout with respiratory issues. **Joyce**, we hope to hear that, very soon, you will be ready to engage in the activities that give you the most pleasure (including square dancing)!

WELCOME HOME to **Nancy Sachs** who recently spent a month at a rehab facility following a fall at LAX that resulted in a fractured hip and a fractured shoulder. Since undergoing surgery, **Nancy** has been recuperating there until just 2 weeks ago. She reports that her hip is healing well but her shoulder is taking longer as it heals in a sling. **Nancy**, we hope to hear that before long, you will be "good as new" and fully healed – and back on the dance floor!

Kay and Don Mann are eagerly anticipating being able to tout their new name; that of "GREAT GRANDPARENTS!" The baby is due on March 31st. This will be the first child of their granddaughter, Mara, who resides near Dallas, Texas. Happy anticipating, **Kay and Don**, and please be sure to keep us updated!

Proud grandparents, **Marilyn and Stan Zwicker** recently celebrated the June graduation of their granddaughter Shannon from Fairfax High School with Honors. Now she will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she plans to study Photo Journalism and Travel Management. Here's wishing Shannon the best of luck in all her endeavors, and to you, **Stan and Marilyn**, what a wonderful reason you have for taking more trips to Hawaii!

I'm delighted to share with you recent Trail Duster graduate **Renee Kibbler's** happy news! On Saturday, September 28th, her daughter Nicole will wed her beau of nearly 4 years, Nick Mancuso. The wedding will take

place at the Walnut Grove in Moorpark. The young couple met at work where both are in the television industry; Nick is a cameraman and Nicole is a Production Manager. Here's wishing the bride and groom a lifetime of happiness, and to you, **Renee**, warm congratulations in your new role as "Mother-in-law."

Hopefully, all of you are enjoying lots of "Sunshine" in your lives. I would love to share your news – if you will allow me to. Just send me an email (Rusty_k@Verizon.net) and I will contact you for further details so we can share with the rest of our Trail Duster "family."

For those of you who will be celebrating the New Year, may it be a sweet year, one of good health, a year filled with all that brings you happiness.

Fondly,
Rusty Kaman,
Sunshine & Showers
Chair



Coordinators Corner

A big welcome to all new Rail Dusters.

We had a very successful first two weeks of dancing thanks to the 23 people who joined us to see what we're all about. We're coming up on the third and last class to welcome new people to join our ranks. I've sat in on both of the Rail Duster meetings in the back room and, so far, I can tell you that the new incoming class is ready to add a lot of genuine positive energy and vibes to the Trail Dusters.

All Rail Dusters should know that there are people here to support you and to help in any way we can to secure your success. Whatever you

need, or questions you have, feel free to ask any of our Class Coordinators. We stand ready to help you enjoy your time, have fun, and make new friends. Oh, and to Square Dance too. I almost forgot that!

ALSO; A Big shout out to Denise Kurtzer and Grace Mitnick for coordinating our September Snack-A-Thon.

Caren Blumfield
Sherwin Silver



Jeri Sobel



Gayle Cantrock



Alan Shotsky

Class Coordinators



NEXT BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2024

7:00 PM



ZOOM MEETING

CITY OF HOPE- PINK RIBBON DANCE



Every fall across Southern CA for the past 25 years, a number of square dance clubs have hosted a Pink Ribbon Dance with 100% of all money received going to City of Hope, Breast Cancer Research.

The flyer on page 9 is very hard to read so I will recap. The callers, Rod Shuping, Don Schact, & Bill Gipson have donated their time and skill. Valley Trailers Square Dance Club has covered the cost of rental at Wilkinson Center. Other area Clubs, including ours, have donated baskets for which tickets will be sold. Admission is \$15.00, and an additional donation by checks, made payable to City Of Hope, will be accepted.

The dance format 2:00–4:30 pm is alternating tips of SSD, Plus, Rounds and at least 1 A-1 tip.

Shirley Brown
Publicity &
Webmaster



Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters,

What a great start for this year, 2024-2025, with twenty-four of you showing up at The Stand before our first Trail Dusters class! Let's keep the momentum going by coming to our pre-class dinners weekly. Our restaurants provide many healthy

food choices. A good meal before class will help you feel at your best during class.

Nourishment is one good reason why pre-class dinners are so important. Equally important is seeing and getting reacquainted with your Trail Dusters friends. It is such a great time to share your experiences and your stories, to kibitz and laugh. Remember, Trail Dusters are very friendly especially when we are eating. Socialization is one of the factors which extend our lives!

Remember, when you attend our pre-class dinners you are also helping our club as these are fundraisers for our club. Part of the money you spend is returned to our club. This is a win-win-win!!! You eat good, healthy food, the restaurant gets your business and the Trail Duster Club receives a portion of the money you spend to purchase the food.

So, Trail Dusters, please continue to attend our pre-class dinners and bring a new Trail Duster. We can't think of a better way to meet new members than over a good meal!

The following is the calendar for our October restaurants:

October 9	The Stand
October 16	Sharkey's
October 23	The Habit
October 30	Baja Fresh

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

Joel and Lynn
Ovadia
Ways & Means



Oct 2 - No Class - Rosh Hashanah

Oct 6 - City of Hope Pink Ribbon Dance

Oct 16 - Halloween Snack-A-Thon

Oct. 13 - Fall Festival SSD Dance

Nov. 27 - No Class - Thanksgiving

Dec 31 - New Year's Eve -Gala Dinner/Dance

On The Lighter Side



**My mind still thinks I'm 25.
My body thinks my mind is an idiot.**

Sayings

1. My goal for 2024 was to lose just 10 pounds ... only 15 to go.
2. Ate salad for dinner ... mostly croutons and tomatoes ... really just one big, round crouton covered with tomato sauce ... and cheese. Okay, FINE. It was a pizza ... I ate a pizza! Sue me!!!
3. I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
4. I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-days of diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.
5. A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
6. Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk through 9 feet of shag carpet to change the TV channel.
7. Senility has been a smooth transition for me.
8. Remember back when we were kids, and every time it was below zero outside, they closed school? Me neither.
9. I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.
10. I love being over 75; I learn something new every day and forget 5 other things.
11. A thief broke into my house last night and started searching for money. I got up and searched with him.
12. I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day

THE DUSTY TRAILS GOES TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



Carol and Richard Lewis brought their Dusty Trails underwater to the Blue Lagoon in Iceland while the steam from the volcano that erupted 48 hours earlier floats above their heads



Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig Show the Dusty Trails Sitka, Alaska



Shirley & Collin Brown took the Dusty Trails to the Cliffs of Moher, Ireland



While Lynn & Joel Ovadia took their Dusty Trails to Lake Tahoe

THE SECOND DAY OF CLASS AT BAY LAUREL



Thank you Denise Kurtzer and Grace Mitnick for organizing the snacks





TRAIL DUSTERS

Sunday, October 13, 2024

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



CALLER: MIKE SEASTROM

SSD WITH 2 PLUS TIPS

2:00 – 4:30 PM – \$12.00 PER PERSON

WILKINSON CENTER, 8956 VAN ALDEN, NORTHRIDGE

WEAR CLUB DRESS CODE – WHITE TOP AND BLACK PANTS/SKIRTS WITH THE CLUB TIE!

Email Farryl Dickter @ farryl.ateam.com of your intention to attend the dance– We want to be sure to have enough refreshments!!



*** DINNER AFTER THE DANCE ***
Plan to join us for dinner AFTER the dance at

Sharky's

18426 Nordhoff St, Northridge, CA 91325

If you are planning on joining us for dinner, Please RSVP via email to Joel Ovadia at Jovadia407@gmail.com

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

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





Halloween Snack-a-thon *October 16*

**GOBLINS, GHOULS, WITCHES, FAIRIES
AND OTHERS WILL ALL GATHER**

**SPIDER COOKIES, SPOOKY BOO
BROWNIES,
ZOMBIE SOUP, OR SKELTON PIE
COME IN SCARY ATTIRE, IF YOU DARE
THEN GIVE THE TREATS A TRY!**



*All Treats - no tricks
Or be prepared for
maybe a few!*

SNACK QUEEN JILL & SNACK KING AVILIDORABLE

25th Annual Breast Cancer Benefit Square Dance



Sunday October 6, 2024 1:30 - 4:30 pm
Wilkinson Center 8956 Vanalden Ave - Northridge



Presented by:
Pink Ribbon Square Dancers of California

Sponsored by:
Valley Trailers Square Dance Club - Northridge



Callers: Rod Shuping
Don Schadt
Bill Gipson

Cuers: Cindy Mower

Donation: \$15.00
See your Rep for Ribbotis
Includes Pink Ribbon
Dangle

25th Breast Cancer Goal
3 Breast Cancer Dances
\$25,000
HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

We all have friends, relatives, neighbors, square dancers or have heard of someone who is dealing with or has survived Cancer.

Help us help them with the research money raised at this benefit dance!

This Benefit Square Dance is dedicated to those people and the ones that we have lost.
100% of all monies collected goes to City of Hope towards Breast Cancer research. (Women's Care)

Thank you Valley Trailers Square Dance Club for donating the hall
We are grateful to the Callers, Cuers, Staff, Food Committees, and all who have volunteered their time and talents for the success of this dance and for Breast Cancer Research.





For Information: Jerry Ferguson 951 895-3806 or email jerfer04@yahoo.com

Pre Rounds: 1:30 - 2:00pm / Squares: 2:00 - 4:30pm

Alternating Lines or Rosals between tips

SSD - Pros and All tip

October 2024 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	2	1	2 NO CLASS Rosh Hashanah Eve	3  Rosh Hashanah	4	5
6	7	8 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	9 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	10	11	12
13 SSD Dance 	14 	15	15 Sharkey's 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 The Habit 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Baja Fresh 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	31 