

# The Dusty Trails

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## From the Presidents' Desk

### FALL IS HERE...

Mother Nature hasn't been kind to us with all the floods, fires, hurricanes and excessive heat, but we survived another summer. We welcome this beautiful fall weather and the start of the holiday season with Halloween around the corner. We can buy pumpkins this month and watch the newspaper ads for the best deals on turkeys.

My hubby and I are celebrating our wedding anniversary this month and in lieu of a gift for each other, I suggested we write down some of our best memories from the last 33 years. They include passing under the San Francisco Bay Bridge on a cruise ship, sailing past the Statue of Liberty in all her glory at night on the way out of the harbor, a helicopter ride landing on a glacier in Alaska, and visiting the beaches in Normandy, France.

These memories started the wheels turning in my head about wonderful moments with Trail Dusters. Meeting new friends after my work retirement is definitely at the top of the list and having fun with them while learning to dance. I could never have dreamed I would meet such a wonderful and amazing group of people.

Another memory which is ongoing is how much the members care about Trail Dusters. Everyone works so well together as a team to accomplish wonderful memories for all. That leads me to our October 1st Anniversary Dance and the hard working committee that put this together. A BIG thank you to **Marilyn Bloom** as the chairperson and her committee of **Caren Blumfield, Jeri Sobel, Bob and Sandy Sobel, Denise Kurtzer, Maureen Fried and me**. Thank you also to the volunteers who gave their time that evening to ensure everything ran smoothly, and under Marilyn's guidance, the evening was perfection.

We have a wonderful new class of Rail Dusters who will soon understand the strengths of our club both on the dance floor and through the friendships we make.

My wish for everyone is to make new and wonderful memories this month as we approach Thanksgiving and the time of the year when we are grateful for our lives well lived.

Jane Lief

President



# Visitation

The month of November gives the Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters an opportunity to practice what they learned in class plus dancing to the calls of another caller.

The first dance that we will be visiting is an SSD and Class Level dance. We are encouraging the Rail Dusters and Angels to visit the **Sierra Hillbillies** and enjoy dancing to the calls of **Mike Kellogg**. You will know all the calls so do attend and have fun – see flier page 10.

Date: Sunday, November 6, 2022  
Time: 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
Location: Valencia United Methodist Church  
25718 McBean Parkway  
Santa Clarita  
Cost: \$10 per person

The next dance we are recommending is for more experienced dancers. It will be a plus level dance, and the caller is **Mike Seastrom**. The **Valley Trailers** are celebrating their 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and we should attend to support them as they supported us – see flier page 11.

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2022  
Time: Pre-rounds 6:15 – 7:30 pm  
Plus Level 7:30 – 10:00 pm  
Location: Wilkinson Center  
8956 Vanalden Ave Northridge  
Cost: \$10 per person

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2022

7:30 PM



ZOOM MEETING



## Nov Birthdays



Steven Rosentsweig	1
Alex Strouzer	1
Alan Shotsky	2
Steve Berman	3
Rita Karp	6
Phyllis Saul	6
Farryl Dickter	22
Marilyn Bloom	23
Jacquelyn Walker	24
Arlene Zoren	24
Myron Ross	30

## Nov. Anniversaries

Francie & Steve Bordofsky	16
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**Ilene & Mark Abramson**



**Membership Chairs**

[Markabe@aol.com](mailto:Markabe@aol.com)

## Anniversary Dance Recap

Richie Valli and the Four Seasons (and our president Jane Lief) summed up our 65th Anniversary Dance perfectly, "Oh What a Night." From the moment you walked into the room, you could feel the vibes, starting with all the sign-in stations (thank you **Bob Sobel**). Everyone was given a raffle ticket to win one of our incredible baskets (thank you **Maureen Fried & Denise Kurtzer**). Trail Dusters were given scarfs in our club material (thank you **Maureen Fried & Jeri Sobel**). Greeters were at every entrance welcoming our guests. The stage

area was adorned with two huge lighted pillars and Trail Duster signs (thank you **Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver**).

The highlight of our dance were our callers, **Ken Bower** and **Mike Seastrom**. Who wouldn't love dancing to their melodic voices and duets? We even had guest caller appearances by **Dick Hodenfeld** and our very own caller, **Paul Waters**.

Our tips alternated between SSD tips and plus tips. If you were lucky enough to take a break, you could feast on our gorgeous anniversary cake, cheese and crackers, veggie trays and nut mix, coffee and water to satisfy your thirst (thank you **Sandy Sobel, Jeri Sobel**) & **Jane Lief**).

Near the end of the dance, we held our raffle, and we had 3 winners from 3 different clubs. Diane and Les Light were Trail Dusters winners, Mark Spector was the Boots and Slippers winner. Jennifer was the winner from Buckles and Bows.



As all our dancers reluctantly left at the end of the night, they were given a small token of thanks for attending our dance, a bag of chocolate candies with the attached message, "Thank you for making our 65th Anniversary Dance so much sweeter."

What more can one say other than our attendance was huge, and

everyone had a wonderful time. We couldn't have done it without the large turnout of Trail Dusters and guests. A special thanks to all our volunteers who were either greeters, who signed in the attendees, or helped with the set-up. All of you played such a large part in making sure this dance ran smoothly.

A special thanks to our Chairwoman **Marilyn Bloom** who made sure all our "T's and I's" were crossed and dotted. It truly was a memorable time and a night we will always remember!

Caren Blumfield

Dance Reporter



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## Coordinators Corner

Your coordinators, Bill Dickter and Joel Ovadia, are coordinating with each other almost every day. We love it. Oh, you want to know about our Rail Dusters, do you? As of this writing we have 20 Rail Dusters, eight couples and four singles. We're very optimistic that all of these Rail Dusters will complete the SSD course. The Rail Dusters are an enthusiastic group and they are doing very well at learning the calls. They are smiling and laughing too.

We are busy supporting the Rail Dusters so their excellent progress continues. Joel, as in his previous coordinator "jobs," sends out an e-mail to the students after each class. His expertly written messages go into detail about what calls were taught and where to view videos and the like on the internet.

Bill, as in his previous coordinator "jobs," sends out e-mails with encouraging words, upcoming things the students should know and stuff like that.

Speaking of "stuff like that," we are planning a Rail Dusters visitation. Yes, a visitation to the Sierra Hillbillies SSD-level dance on November 6. Mike Kellogg is calling and our caller, Paul Waters, has been in contact with Mike to ensure that he will be calling SSD calls that our Rail Dusters have learned. **Hey, you Trail Dusters, come to the dance and support our Rail Dusters.** A dance flier is included on page 10.

Now that you are planning to come to the dance to support our students as they step into their first real square dance, that would be great! A big Thank You! But, we need you at class each week because we are unable to form squares that only have one student or class couple.

It is really tough for those students who only have two angel couples in their square. A third angel couple would go a long way to help the Rail Dusters as they learn new and more complicated calls. **Hey, all you Trail Dusters, come to class and support our Rail Dusters.**

Stay tuned for the next edition of the Dusty Trails to read about the Rail Dusters success at the November 6th dance.

Your Coordinators



Bill Dickter



Lynn & Joel Ovadia



## Sunshine & Showers

A bright star went out this week when our Trail Dusters "family" lost a long-time and beloved member. **Pat Kessler** passed away on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Eisenhower Hospital in Rancho Mirage. She and hubby, **Rick Kessler**, met while attending Beverly Hills High School and were married for 62 years. **Pat** was a 1990 graduate Summa Cum Laude from Mount Saint Mary's University, where she earned her B.A. with a major in English and a minor in Psychology. Parents to four (now adult) children, they resided in Westlake Village until about two years ago when they moved to the desert. Joining Trail Dusters in September, 1993 and graduating with the Class of '94, **Pat**, together with **Rick**, held numerous leadership positions in our club— including that of Presidents. **Pat** was known for her straightforward, no-nonsense advice as she helped guide our club through countless activities over the years. Her greatest roles, however, were those of wife, mother, and adoring grandmother in addition to caring for (and spoiling) a long stream of dogs who were like her "babies." She never ceased to give of her time, effort and wisdom.

In addition to countless friends, **Pat** leaves behind husband **Rick**, their four children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. **Rick**, our hearts go out to you at this difficult time. Be assured that your loss is also the loss of every member of our Trail Dusters "family." **Pat** will be forever missed and always lovingly remembered.

Heartfelt condolences go out to **Wendy Goldzband** on the passing of her 94-year-old Mother, Mimi Andelson. **Wendy** tells us that her



mom had a storybook marriage for 69 years. Born in N.Y., she moved to Los Angeles in 1947. Her greatest passion was travelling. Her destinations took her to the Amazon, Antarctica, to Berlin (the very day the Wall came down), and to Paris on numerous occasions. Her last trip to Paris was at the age of 90 when she was accompanied by **Wendy** and her daughter. What wonderful memories you must have made on that trip together, **Wendy!** May you remember ALL the memories you made with your mother through the years, and may they bring you comfort, now and always.

Warmest wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to **Judie Hirsh** who fell and fractured her pelvis on October 12<sup>th</sup> while walking her dog. Thankfully, **Judie's** injury does not require surgery. However, about 6 weeks are needed for the healing process. **Judie** is currently recuperating at a convalescent hospital where she is getting physical therapy and other treatment. Because she is experiencing a lot of pain, she is NOT able to welcome visitors currently. However, phone calls and notes are welcomed. **Judie**, may each new day find you feeling less pain and closer to being fully recovered!

This month, my reporting covers an abundance of "showers," so it's time for the sun to shine! Please contact me at the email address below to share the happy events in your life! Of course, if there are showers, don't hesitate to share those as well.

THIS GOES FOR RAIL DUSTERS AS WELL!

We want to know what is happening in our "family," so please remember to contact me with your news.

Warmly,  
**Rusty Kaman,**  
**Sunshine & Showers Chair**



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**Ways & Means**

Hi to all Rail Dusters and Trail Dusters,

We're so happy to report that our numbers attending pre-class dinners are increasing - and we're all having a really good time. Also, we'd like to report that we have a nice showing of the new students, (otherwise known as Rail Dusters). This is such a great way to get to know your fellow dance partners - also we need to eat and we're raising money for our club at the same time.

The restaurants we go to are so nice to us and so happy to see us. The line-up for November is as follows!!!

- Nov. 2 Sharkey's
- Nov. 9 Hookburger
- Nov. 16 The Stand
- Nov. 23 No Class
- Nov 30 Calif. Pita

**Ways & Means Chairs**



Denise & Richard

Flo & Bill Tapp



**On The Lighter Side**



Walking through Chinatown, a tourist is fascinated with all the Chinese restaurants, shops, signs and banners. He turns a corner and sees a building with the sign, "Hans Olaffsen's Laundry." "Hans Olaffsen?", he muses. "How the heck does that fit in here?"

So he walks into the shop and sees an old Chinese gentleman behind the counter.

The tourist asks, "How did this place get a name like "Hans Olaffsen's Laundry?" The old man answers, "Is name of owner."

The tourist asks, "Well, who and where is the owner?"

"Me, is right here," replies the old man.

"You? How did you ever get a name like Hans Olaffsen?"

"Is simple," says the old man. "Many, many years ago when come to this country, was stand in line at Documentation Center. Man in front was big blonde Swede. Lady look at him and go, "What your name?" He say, "Hans Olaffsen." Then she look at me and go, 'What your name?'"

"I say, Sem Ting."





## DUSTY TRAILS TRAVEL WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS

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to Barcelona, Spain with Cookie & Hal Stiskin

to Times Square with Nikki & Steve /to Harbor Acadia National Park with Rosentsweigs & Seligas



Nikki & Steve and Paula & Jerry show the Dusty Trails the skyline of New York as well as viewing Peggy's Cove In Nova Scotia



While in Boston the Blooms sent Jerry, Paula, Nikki & Steve this bus for touring

Dusty Trails loved seeing the largest violin in Sydney, Canada





## SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Front row: Avi Nudell, Abe Hoffman, Earl Metter, Rueven Zeavy  
Back row: Fred Warner, Bob Sanders, Howard Wien, Alan Shotsky

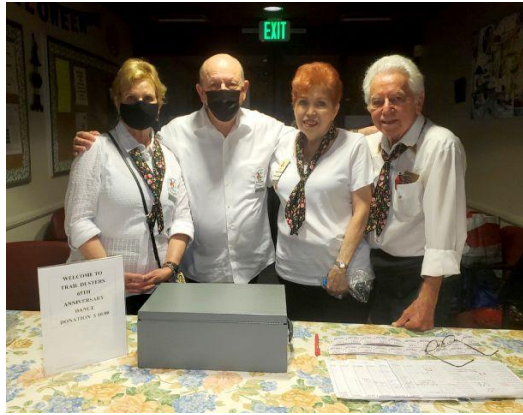
## LOOK WHO ATTENDED THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE



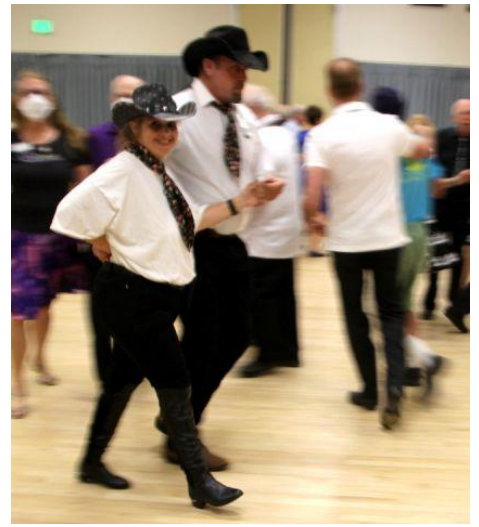
Front: Jeff & Margie Hausman, Jeri Sobel, Paul Waters, Judith Altman, Richard & Carol Lewis, Sandy Sabitino :  
2<sup>nd</sup> Joel & Lynn Ovadia, Alex Strouzer & Cindy Kestenbaum, Gayle Cantrock, Paula & Avi Nudell, Flo & Bill Tapp, Diane & Les Light, Richard Rose, Denise Kurtzer,  
Jeff & Sandy Cohen, Michael Whitman, Joyce Smith, Ellen & Mike Sternfeld, Caren Blumfield, Judie & Art Hirsh, Judy Comroe, Ilene & Mark Abramson,  
Mindy Dill, Terry Karsh & Renny Traub, Joni Simon, Bob Zoren, Jennifer Mantell, Marlene Lovett, Bill & Rhonda Shapiro, Jill Pivik, Linda Cole,  
Harriett Berman, Franci & Steve Bordofsky, Charlene Klein **On Stage:** Alan Shotsky, Randee Samsky, Patti & Marshall Goldberg, Sandy & Bob Sobel,  
Paul Kayne, Sherwin Silver, Joe Dill, Mark Simon, Steve Berman, Shirley Brown. Marilyn & Len Bloom, Jane Lief



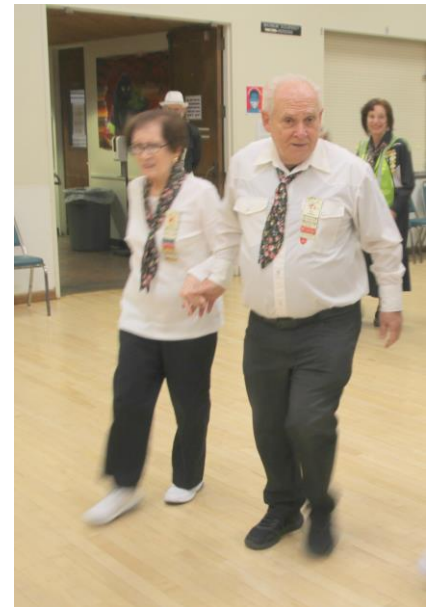
## OUR INCREDIBLE 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DANCE















Bring a  
friend!

Casual dress  
Always  
welcome



The Sierra Hillbillies Square &  
Round Dance Club presents:



# Honoring All Who Served



**November 6, 2022**  
**2-4:30 pm**



**SSD Squares with**  
**Michael Kellogg**  
**2-4:30pm**

**Proof of  
Vaccination  
Required**

**LOCATION:** Valencia United Methodist Church,  
25718 McBean Pkwy., Santa Clarita, CA  
**Info:** Call 661-262-9525, [hillbillies.pres@gmail.com](mailto:hillbillies.pres@gmail.com)  
**Visit us at** [www.sierrahillbillies.org](http://www.sierrahillbillies.org) & find us on Facebook





# Valley Trailers Square Dance Club

## Nov. 19, 2022



*Caller: Mike Seastrom Cuer: Cindy Mower*

(Pre-rounds 6:45 PM to 7:30 PM & Between Tips)

Plus Level - Squares 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM

Advanced Tip at 10:00 PM

Donation \$10.00 p.p.

Wilkinson Center – 8956 Vanalden Avenue - Northridge, CA

**PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED**

**MASKS May be Required**

**If Mandated by LA Parks & Recreation**

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Information: (818) 994-6895 or (805) 231-6171

Website: [www.valleytrailers.org](http://www.valleytrailers.org)



# November 2022 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Sharkey's 5:15 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	3	4	5
6 SSD & Class Level Dance. Caller – Mike Kellogg 2:00 pm -4:30 pm See pages 2 & 10.	7	8 Board Meeting  7:30 pm	9 Hookburger 5:15 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	10	11 Veteran's Day  Happy Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16 The Stand 5:15 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	17	18	19 Plus Level Dance . Caller – Mike Seastrom 7:30 – 10:00 pm See pages 2 & 11
20	21	22	23 NO CLASS	24 	25	26
27	28	20	30 Calif. Pita 5:15 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p m			

