

# The Dusty Trails

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## From the Presidents' Desk

It is with a sad heart that we announce Jane Lief's husband, Jerry, passed away on March 13, 2023. The funeral took place Friday, March 17, at Mt. Sinai Cemetery.

We reach out to Jane and send her our warm and loving thoughts at this difficult time from her Trail Dusters' family. For more information, see Sunshine & Showers article on page 4.

We look forward to Jane's President's Message in the next issue of the Dusty Trails.



### April Birthdays

Ken Burkenheim	2
Flo Tapp	6
Marshall Goldberg	11
Judie Hirsh	12
Collin Brown	13
Robert Grossman	13
Ronda Kalen	13
Francie Bordofsky	21
Eileen Burkenheim	26
Dale Kaufman	27

### April Anniversaries

Mimi Steinberger & Hal Rothberg	4
Lori Hazan & Terry Holtzman	12
Judy & Stephen Levy	15

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

APRIL 11, 2023

7:00 PM

Zoom

ZOOM MEETING

### Ilene & Mark Abramson

Membership  
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**A CELEBRATION OF THE SIXTIES  
 SQUARE DANCING  
 AND A  
 SNACK-BLAST FROM THE PAST!**  
 on  
**APRIL 19, 2023**  
 See flier on page 8

CAN YOU DIG IT? FAR OUT AND  
 OUT OF SIGHT!  
 SO RIGHTEOUS MAN!  
 We will all venture back into a time  
 warp of illusion,  
 fantasies and cosmic  
 consciousness, and of course,  
 FREE LOVE, PEACE, HAPPINESS  
 AND  
 YUMMY MUNCHIE SNACKS.  
 LIKE WOW!

So come on,  
 GET REAL!  
 Cuz y'all...  
 Know THE DRILL!

DON'T FREAK OUT, and  
 DON'T FLIP YOUR WIG...  
 As you peruse below,  
 About our FAR OUT gig!

- Wear your big bell bottoms,  
 Even if they've become rotten.
- Wear that old TIE-DYE shirt,  
 Rub your new jeans in the dirt!  
 ••Start sporting that "FRO",  
 And just let it grow!
- Wear those GROOVY clothes,  
 Of which nobody knows!

There are so many ideas,  
 And fashionable THREADS...  
 To wear for this evening,  
 Just read what I've said.

LOTS OF DANCING, LOVE,  
 PEACE, HAPPINESS,  
 and SNACKS  
 will be available throughout the  
 evening.

WE ARE SO OUT OF HERE!  
 BEAM ME UP, SCOTTY!  
 PEACE ☮ LOVE ♡  
 HAPPINESS 😊  
 & SNACKS !

Hugs, kisses & snacks,



Jill Sanders Avidorable Nudell

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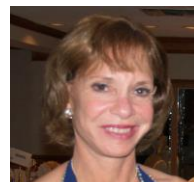
**St. Patrick's Night At Bay Laurel**

One of many Irish sayings goes,  
 "The best luck of all is the luck you  
 make for yourself." Congratulations  
 to all our Trail Dusters and Rail  
 Dusters who attended our  
 Wednesday night class at Bay  
 Laurel because you made your own  
 luck. You walked into a room filled  
 with friends dressed in green and  
 tables filled with Irish decorations  
 and yummy treats. You danced  
 and laughed and visited with friends  
 and maybe even got to make some  
 new friends during breaks or in your  
 square.

Paul had some wonderful singing  
 songs, and the room was buzzing all  
 night. Our Rail Dusters met in the  
 back room and started to organize  
 their graduation entertainment.  
 Some dancers were luckier than  
 most, they won prizes for their  
 costumes. – see page 7 to meet the  
 winners.

**Caren Blumfield**

Dance Reporter



**Coordinators Corner**

The road sign ahead says June 14 is  
 closer than you think. Yep, that's the  
 date when Rail Dusters add a "T"  
 to their badges and become full  
 fledged Trail Dusters. We are  
 planning a knock down graduation  
 and more details will be coming in  
 the next Dusty Trails.

Speaking of graduation, the Rail  
 Dusters have started working on  
 their graduation skit. They are a fun  
 loving group and we are sure that  
 their skit will be fun (lord, I hope we  
 are not jinxing them). A big thank  
 you to all those who volunteered to  
 help.

Oh yes, square dancing. The Rail  
 Dusters faithfully come to class and  
 do a great job reviewing the calls  
 taught to date. They quickly pick up  
 new calls when taught  
 and they are having so much fun in  
 class. They will add a lot of  
 enthusiasm and energy to our  
 club. You can read the biographies  
 of two of our terrific Rail Dusters,  
 the Bursteins and the Warners in  
 this newsletter. It pays to read the  
 Dusty Trails.

We want to thank the angels who  
 come out week after week to help  
 the Rail Dusters learn and practice  
 the calls. We do appreciate all your  
 patience and kindness helping them.

The Rail Dusters appreciate your  
 efforts to support them in the  
 squares so they feel wanted and  
 special. This is what makes the  
 Trail Dusters Square Dance Club  
 so special - it's our warmth and  
 friendliness!

**Laura & Oswald Burstein**



A big welcome to Laura and Oswald "Oz" Burstein. They have three sons aging from 28 years to 37 years old. Laura was born and raised in California, but Oz was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina and moved to California after his bar mitzvah.

Laura has a BA in psychology and a MBA from UCLA. Her thesis was on "The ethics of advertising in the health profession." She also spent one year in law school at Southwestern Law.

She is a business consultant and Dental office manager. I wonder if she manages Oz because he is a retired dentist.

Oz received his DDS degree from UCLA and his BA in biology and chemistry from CSUN.

Laura loves to needlepoint and read while Oz loves soccer and chess. His favorite soccer player is Lionel Messi and his favorite chess partners are his three sons and his 96 year old dad!

Both Laura and Oz loved their african safari and are avid travelers. They have been all over the world, including many 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries traveling with their sons.

A huge thank you to the Goldbergs, Nudells, Sanders and Simons for bringing them into our club.

**Cheri & Fred Warner**



Cheri and Fred Warner are our last Rail Dusters to introduce to you. Patti & Marshall Goldberg and Paula and Avi Nudell brought them into our club along with their dear friends Laura & Oz Burnstein. They can have their own square!

Cheri and Fred have been married for 40 years and have three daughters and four precious grandchildren. Cheri is a native californian and was raised in Sherman Oaks. She is a first generation american. Her 92 year old mom is a holocaust survivor from Vienna, Austria. Her dad is from Toronto, Canada. Cheri has a BA in Communications from UCLA and a MS in Communications Management from USC. She worked for Disney Studios in marketing and is currently Vice President of WMC. For the past 15 years she has been working on red carpet events for the various guilds: Art Director's Guild, Director's Guild, Make-Up Artists and Hair Stylists Guild, International Cinematographers Guild and Location Managers Guild. She hopes to retire soon and maybe then she can start "The Trail Dusters Guild."

Cheri is an artist by heart and she sculpts. She loves to dance, walks every day and plays with her 6, 4 and 1 month old grandchildren. She is enjoying learning to play Mahjong and loves square dancing. I wonder what she does in her spare time! The most exciting thing Cheri has

done is to take Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck to the White House for an anniversary event to be honored as International Ambassador for Children at the United Nations. She is obviously a big Disney fan!

Fred, on the other hand, was born in St. Louis, but moved to Los Angeles in 1952 and grew up in the Valley. He has been an attorney for 49 years and presently is in private practice. He was a deputy district attorney of Los Angeles for four years, specializing in Criminal Law Defense and Personal Injury. He has a BA in Political Science from UCLA and Law Degree JD from University of the Pacific.

Would you ever guess that this man is an accomplished classical musician? He has played the clarinet for over 66 years and has been playing eight years for the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony. For 47 years, Fred played with the Santa Monica Emeritus College Band and is a Concert Master and 1st clarinetist. He has even conducted a few times over the last 15 years.

Fred states that his favorite travels have included Petra, Jordan and Machu Picchu, Peru.

Your Coordinators,



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## Nominating Committee

The nominating committee presented the 2023-2024 Slate of Officers to the board. A motion to accept the Slate of Officers was unanimously approved. Ballots were recently mailed to the membership. If you have not received your ballot, e-mail Mark Abramson [Markabe@aol.com](mailto:Markabe@aol.com)

### Slate of Officers for 2023 – 2024 is as follows:

#### Presidents

Patti & Marshall Goldberg

#### Vice Presidents/Refreshments

Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell

#### Treasurers

Lynn & Joel Ovadia

#### Financial Treasurer

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#### Facilitator

Sandra & Robert Sobel

#### Fundraiser

Denise Kurtzer

#### Parliamentarian

Cindy Kestenbaum

## Sunshine & Showers

HAPPY SPRING to everyone! I wish I had good news to share with you here, but unfortunately, the past 2 months have been difficult ones for several members of our Trail Duster family. This news I share with you here.

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, **Leon Stabinsky**, beloved husband of **Dorothy Stabinsky**, succumbed to multiple issues that worsened over the past 3 years. **Leon** and **Dorothy** were graduates of the Class of 2016. They just missed celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. **Leon** was 88 years of age. He leaves behind 4 grandchildren; 2 in New York and 2 who live locally. They have one daughter and lost one daughter 4 years ago. **Dorothy**, from all of us in your Trail Duster family, we extend heartfelt sympathy and the sincere hope that the passage of time, the love of family and friends, and all your memories will help sustain you now – and in the future.

Another graduate from the Trail Duster Class of 2016, **Jerry Lief**, husband of our club President, **Jane Lief**, lost his battle with multiple issues including Diabetes caused by congestive heart failure on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Married for 33 years but acquainted for 40 years, each of them had 2 children and enjoyed two grandchildren together. **Jerry** was a Korean War Veteran who worked on an oil tanker in Asia and then as an ice breaker in the Arctic. Later on, **Jerry** became a pharmacist by profession, but **Jane** tells us that that he was always a Navy Patriot

and a proud American. Together, they loved to travel the world and enjoyed more than 30 cruises in his 89 years. **Jerry** was a person who loved to tell jokes and was always full of laughter. At his funeral, **Jerry** was accorded a full military tribute. In summing up her thoughts, **Jane** wishes that the Trail Dusters could have known the **Jerry** that she fell in love with so long ago. To you, **Jane**, and to your family, we hope that all your years of making wonderful memories together will bring you comfort as you go forward. Our hearts are with you.

Liver and pancreatic cancer ultimately took the life of a former Trail Duster member who managed to accomplish so much while he was active in our “family.” **Marv Natlin** passed away on March 13<sup>th</sup> after what was, thankfully, a brief illness. He and his wife, **Linda**, graduates of the Class of 2001, wrote and directed several of the plays for our Getaway Weekends. They have since maintained close ties with numerous club members. **Marv** was a man of so many interests; history, art, jewelry design, reading, photography, writing, his dogs, and he was especially devoted to his family; wife **Linda**, daughter Hillary, and their late son Robby. Theirs was a true love story, having met in 1957 when they were 15 and 17, they enjoyed 62 ½ years of marriage. To you, **Linda** and Hillary, we extend heartfelt sympathy, and we hope that the many friendships you’ve made through the years with Trail Dusters will continue to bring you comfort – now and in the days ahead.

GET WELL wishes go out to **Ronna Banks** who is recovering following emergency surgery for a total shoulder replacement after suffering a bad fall. After spending a week in

the hospital, **Ronna** was happy to be back in her own home as she continued to recover. Now she is undergoing physical therapy as she works to regain movement in her shoulder. **Ronna**, we hope that each new day finds you closer to being fully recovered!

May the upcoming holidays, Easter and Passover, be a time for healing and enjoying good health for all of you! It's time to celebrate HAPPY occasions, and I sincerely hope to hear about those occasions from

each of you as we go forward. Please email me at the address below and let me know what is happening in your life so that we can share happy occasions together!

Whatever holiday you and your family are celebrating, may it be a special

Warm regards

Rusty Kaman,  
Sunshine &  
Showers Chair



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**Ways & Means**  
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Hi Trail Dusters & Rail Dusters,

Wow, it's April ,2023 already. This is a month full of holidays starting with April Fool's Day, Saturday, April 1st. We then have Good Friday, Passover, followed by Easter Sunday.

Even with all of these holidays, nothing will interfere with our Wednesday night dinners and square dance classes. Oops - not quite true. Since April 5th is on a Wednesday and it is the first night of Passover, there will be no class that evening.

We're requesting our Angels to invite a Rail Duster to dinner. We promise them good food, good conversation, and lots of laughs. They will be doing a good deed for our club as the more people eating at these restaurants, the more money goes into our club treasury!!!

Here is the list of restaurants we'll be eating at in April.

- April 5 NO CLASS
- April 12 The Stand
- April 19 Hook Burger
- April 26 California Pita

See you soon.



**Flo & Bill  
Tapp**

**Denise  
Kurtzer &  
Richard  
Rose**



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**HOLD THE DATE**

See Flier Page 9

**Great News:** We are sponsoring our own SSD Dance for Rail Dusters and Trail Dusters. Other clubs will be invited to join us.

**When:** Sunday, May 21, 2023  
**Time:** 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
**Where:** Wilkinson Center  
 8956 Vanalden Avenue  
 Northridge CA 91324  
**Caller:** Mike Seastrom  
**Donation:** \$10.00 per person

So, mark your calendar for May 21 and join us. Everyone is welcome. Even if you haven't danced in many years, we will need your help. You

can always do the line dancing with us.

More information in the next issue of Dusty Trails and at class on Wednesdays.

If you are planning to attend the May 21 dance (we sure hope you are) please wear a white top and a black skirt or pants with the Trail Dusters colored tie.



If you do not have one of these ties and would like to purchase one, email [jerisobel@earthkink.net](mailto:jerisobel@earthkink.net). The cost is \$5.00.

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**TRAVELING WITH THE  
TRAIL DUSTERS  
TO CUBA**



Simcha & Phyllis Saul and Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig show the Dusty Trails to the statue of Cuban singer Benny More in Cienfuegos, Cuba



# St. Patrick Day Festivities Come to Bay Laurel



Avi Nudell and Jill Sanders decorate for the St. Patrick's Festivities





## St Patrick (cont'd)



## Costume Winners Are:



Renny Traub & Alan Shotsky (least amount of green) Lorraine Levin (most green hair), Sheldon Levin (best hat), Marilyn Bloom (best costume)  
Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell (presenters) Paul Waters (coolest caller)





# Celebration of the 60's SQUARE DANCING AND A SNACK-BLAST FROM THE PAST!

CAN YOU DIG IT?

## Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

We will all venture back into a time warp of illusion,  
fantasies and cosmic consciousness, and of course,

**FREE LOVE, PEACE, HAPPINESS**

- Wear your big bell bottoms,  
Even if they've become rotten.
- Wear that old TIE-DYE shirt,  
Rub your new jeans in the dirt!
- Start sporting that "FRO",  
And just let it grow!
- Wear those GROOVY clothes

### YUMMY MUNCHIE SNACKS

LOTS OF DANCING & FUN

SEE YOU THERE - DON'T BE SQUARE!.







# TRAIL DUSTERS

## Sunday - May 21, 2023

# Spring Fling



*Celebrate the arrival of Spring – after a long winter of rain – and join us for an afternoon of dance. FUN, food, & friendship.*

**MIKE SEASTROM**

## 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](mailto:farryl.ateam@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.traildusters.com](http://www.traildusters.com) – Singles and Couples Welcome

# April 2023 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 First Night of Passover  <b>NO CLASS</b>	 6	 7	8
 9 <small>SVG · JPG · DXF · EPS · PNG</small>	10	11 Board Meeting   <b>7:00 pm</b>	12 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	13	<small>shutterstock.com · 3261425899</small>	15
16	17	18	19 Hook Burger 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Calif Pita 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	27	 28	29
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