

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

Dear Trail Dusters,

On March 11th we sent out an email to everyone that we had cancelled our Wednesday class on March 11th due to the Coronavirus. That was over six weeks ago. What a horrific and difficult six weeks it has been. We have all been living through a global pandemic that not even Steven Spielberg's amazing imagination could have envisioned.

Most of us have been sheltered in our homes for most, if not all, of that time. We have not heard that any of us have become ill with the virus. For this we are all very thankful.

When we informed you that we were cancelling our Wednesday night classes, we said we would reevaluate the situation after Passover and Easter. We thought maybe we could start dancing again on Wednesday, April 22nd. Well, that day has come and gone. We are sure it will come as no surprise to anyone this did not happen. First of all, Bay Laurel Elementary School is closed for the rest of the school year. It is doubtful if any of us would have been willing to have started dancing again at that time.

Also, our Simi Valley Theater fund raiser was cancelled, our Saturday night club dances have been cancelled, the Spring Weekend in the desert has been cancelled, and there will be no graduation this year. Not only do we miss each other terribly, but we have missed out on all the wonderful and fun events that we all look forward to.

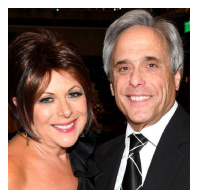
However, let's keep an eye on September, and see if things improve to the point where we can start fresh again with a new year and a new class. If not, we can always start dancing in November, or January, or whenever it is safe. But, we WILL BE TOGETHER very soon!

Stay safe, and stay well. Let's continue to stay in touch. Keep sending those funny emails and videos. Let's keep using Zoom to chat with each other, and to celebrate birthdays and important milestones. We miss you all and pray that our lives will quickly get back to normal, and that we can all be together again very soon.

Stay safe, and stay well.

**Joni & Mark
Simon**

Presidents



May Birthdays



Sunshine & Showers

Jeri Sobel	3
Bob Zoren	5
Vita Brett	8
Gloria Schwartz	8
Ron Lynn	8
Denise Kurtzer	11
Rick Kessler	12
Jane Lief	12
Neil Sandler	12
Iran Ausley	14
Sandy Cohen	15
Terry Karsh	15
Otis Rogers	16
Gayle Cantrock	17
Nancy Wallach	17
Stan Zwicker	17
Sandra Sabatino	18
Leonard Bloom	20
Mark Cutter	23
Wendy Goldzband	23
Joyce Smith	23
Lana Collier	24
Kay Mann	24
Jerry Seliga	24
Elise Sandler	29
Marlena Zeavy	30

I'm hoping to hear that all of you are managing to stay well and safe in spite of present conditions.

Meanwhile, it is with much sadness that I let you know that our Trail Duster "family" has lost one of our long-time members this week. **Bob Reifel** passed away on April 14th (just one month after his 80th birthday) following a long and courageous battle with heart issues in addition to Leukemia and other problems.

Bob and **Marlene** were graduates of the Class of 1991 and enjoyed dancing for many years – until health issues prevented them from continuing.

The **Reifels** met at Hamilton High School when they were just 15 and 17 years of age, and they became a "couple" from their first date. They would have celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary this June. **Marlene** shared that **Bob** was "the love of her life," and will always hold dear their song title, "I Will Always Love You." **Bob** was laid to rest on April 19th at Mount Sinai in Hollywood Hills, but because of the current circumstances, the service was limited to the immediate family.

Marlene, please be assured that our hearts are with you at this difficult time, even though we cannot physically be with you. May all your beautiful memories bring you a measure of comfort now and in the days to come.

Here is some happy news from a proud Grandma. **Judith Altman** has shared that her granddaughter, Delaney McGinty, has decided to accept her

Invitation to attend Purdue University's School of Engineering. Meanwhile, Delaney's sister, Bridey McGinty, is due to graduate from Indiana University in May. Warm congratulations, **Judith**, on your granddaughters' successes! You have reason to be proud!

How wonderful it would be if, at the time of my next writing, we would finally be able to gather together again and enjoy the company of our friends and loved ones!

Until that time, may each of you remain healthy and safe, and may "sunshine" grace all of your lives. Please remember to contact me, at the e-mail address shown below, if you have any news to share; new grandchildren, engagements, graduations (maybe?) or other happenings that you'd like our Rail Duster/Trail Duster family to know about.

I hope to hear from you!

Warm virtual hugs for now.

Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine & Showers Chair

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May Anniversaries



Diane Jubelier-Light & Les Light	15
Ellen & Mike Sternfeld	28
Mindy & Joe Dill	29

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

Ilene & Mark Abramson
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TIPS USING LEMONS



Add ½ cup lemon juice to the wash cycle to brighten your white clothes.

Disinfect a chopping block by running a slice of lemon over the surface.

Use a lemon half to clean the lime scale off a sink or faucet by rubbing over the lime spot.

**Time Travel
(Let's Go Back, NOT Forward)**



Do you know that it is easy to go back in time??? You can revisit the good times, the times you shared with friends and remember the music, the laughter and the food!

Simply go to your computer (oops you are already there since you are reading this newsletter!) then click on the link below. If the link is not active, simply copy the link and then paste it in the URL space and hit enter.

<http://www.traildusters.com/photo-albums.html>

Now you can visit any one of the many great Spring Weekends or New Year's Eve Galas since 2012!!! Browse through the photos, and remember who you were with, what you wore, what the creative theme was and how much fun you had. And remember, we WILL all gather again for New Year's Eve Galas, Spring Weekends and club classes and dances.

Many of you may have already visited this page in the past but do so again this month – **2019 NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA photos have been posted!**

Stay safe and stay healthy till we all meet in a square again – or as Collin says, "by the snack table."

Your roving reporters from Canada,

Shirley & Collin Brown



Nominating Committee

The nominating committee presented a Slate of Officers to the board and the following Slate of Officers was approved. Ballots were recently mailed to the membership. If you have not received your ballot, e-mail Mark Abramson markabe@aol.com

Slate of Officers for 2020 – 2021 is as follows:

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SQUARE DANCE POP QUIZ

by Paul Waters

(answers by email next Wed)

- 1) On the call, "Circle Left," which direction is the circle turning?
 - a) Counter-clockwise
 - b) Clockwise
 - c) West
 - d) All of the above

- 2) When you swing someone, they are no longer your corner, they become your _____

- 3) From a squared set, when the Heads Square Thru 4, who is everybody facing at the completion of that call?
 - a) The opposite dancer
 - b) The caller
 - c) The corner
 - d) The right-hand dancer

- 4) From a squared set, when the Sides Lead Right and Circle to a Line, where is everyone's partner?
 - a) On everyone's right
 - b) On everyone's left
 - c) Right next to them
 - d) None of the above

- 5) When the Heads Lead Right and Circle to a Line, where is the man's corner?
 - a) Always on his left
 - b) Directly in front of him
 - c) Either on his left or directly in front of him
 - d) None of the above

- 6) On the call, "Scoot Back" what is the first thing the in-facing dancer should do?
 - a) Panic
 - b) Make eye contact with the in-facing dancer in the same foursome
 - c) Turn the corner by the left
 - d) Trade with the adjacent dancer

May 2020 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 	11	12	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day 	26	27	28	29	30
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