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From the Presider

As the end of our term as your Presidents nears, Marilyn and I look forward to two noteworthy celebrations. First, we look back at this past year, marveling how fast it went by and celebrate how much we accomplished in such a short time. Second, we celebrate a new beginning as Anita and Gary Higer take the helm of this amazing square dance club along with their new board, ready, willing and able to continue the momentum created by those before them. This is a wonderful time for our club.

As outgoing presidents, we were blessed by the strength and dedication our board used to support us. We are so pleased that more and more Angels are attending the monthly dances and that so many of our past Trail Dusters are coming back to classes to help the Rail Dusters.

Our present class size was looked upon with much favor in the square dance community. The fund raisers at pre-class dinners continued to be a great success, not to mention how we all got to know our Rail Dusters so much better at these events. We proved again that Trail Dusters love to come together and have a fun filled good time.

The new friendships we developed this past year, the old ones we enriched, and the new memories we made were strengthened by our incredible and supportive board. We are so very grateful for that support from all of you who helped make our second year as presidents as successful as it was. Our goal this past year was to



Build a Better Square Dance Club. We absolutely did that!

We are leaving our job as Presidents but will remain part

of the Trail Dusters. We will continue to encourage our new members to take an active role in running the club. It is not only fun, but it is very rewarding.

We are proud to have been a part of it all and hope you all know how much we are thrilled to have been with you during this great year of our club's growth.

We'll see you all in a square!

Marilyn & Len Bloom Your Presidents





SILLY SOCKS - SILLY SHOES SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017



We know that there are a lot of creative Trail Dusters – just think back to the recent May Weekend and the New Year's Eve Galas!

Therefore we can expect there will be some very entertaining and "silly" socks or shoes at **our Club dance on June 10**. Vic Ceder will be calling a fun and energetic square dance and Milo will be cueing the elegant round dancers. With these two men leading the dancing you are guaranteed to have a fun evening –see flier page 15.

This month encourage some friends to come to the dance and experience the fun! Perhaps you can meet them for dinner, dance with them, and make it a fun evening.

As Trail Dusters, we do believe that square dancing is friendship set to music and we go out of our way to live it.

So circle the date in red and come out, meet your friends, enjoy good conversations, good dancing, and of course, it would not be a Trail Duster event without great snacks! Show your support for our club.

Your roving reporters from Canada



Shirley & Collin Brown

Publicity Chairs

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KNOW YOUR JUNE 10[™] CALLER VIC CEDER

Vic Ceder will be our caller for the

upcoming June dance. Vic is yet another caller who got his start early, though he was already a teenager when he learned to dance. He and his wife, Debbie, began dancing in high school in 1975, and began dancing advanced levels in 1977.

By November, 1981, Vic began calling at the Challenge level. For those of you who have never watched challenge level dancing, you have missed a fascinating show. It takes great concentration by both the caller and the dancers.

Vic grew into a world class caller and has gone on to call all over the United States and in eight other countries. He has also called at National Square Dance Conventions in Alabama, Texas, and three here in California.

Vic manages all of this square dance work while holding down a job as a Software Systems Engineer in the Los Olivos, CA area.

Now, all of you Trail Dusters plan to attend the Wilkinson Center on June 10th, so that you may have the pleasure of dancing with Vic Ceder.



Pat Kessler Your "Caller Booker"

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CUPCAKE FESTIVAL our may dance

Cupcakes anyone? Our May



dance was a lot of fun thanks to our caller Pat Carnathan and our cuer Milo Molitoris. A big thank you to all the clubs who participated.



Ellen and Mike Sternfeld decorated our refreshment table with tons of colored cupcakes, ice cream, fruit, veggies and other munchies. Sandy and Robert

Sobel took charge of the kitchen as usual and no one went home hungry.



If we had a costume award, Marlene

Lovett would have most assuredly won with her cupcake blouse!

Don't miss our next dance, with caller Vic Ceder and be sure to wear your silly socks and/or silly shoes.



Your Dance Reporter

Caren Blumfield

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Our June visitation will be with Boots & Slippers - "Nifty 50's" Date: Saturday June 24 7:00 pm Rounds 7:30 pm Squares Caller: Buddy Weaver Where: Simi Senior Center 3900 Avenida Simi Valley Simi Valley

Upcoming Visitations

July 15 – Valley Trailers with Charlie Robertson calling. Rounds at 7:30 pm- Squares at 8:00 pm Wilkinson Sr Center - Northridge

Aug 23 (Sunday afternoon) –

Buckles & Bows Sea Breeze Callers – Buddy Weaver & Hunter Keller from 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm. Goebel Sr Center - 1385 E Janss Road inThousand Oaks

Susan & Steve Langberg

Visitation Chairs 818-889-1197



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List of 2017/2018 callers – $pg\,14$

June Birthday



Irwin Tuckman	1
June Grossman	2
Evie Ausley	3
Bill Shapiro	3
Judy Levy (Judy & Stuart)	11
Bill Dickter	12
Dick Hodnefield	16
Charlene Klein	17
Margie Hausman	21
Norm Klinenberg	23
Carol Lewis	24
Lynn Ovadia	28
Jeff Cohen	28
Doug Sobel	28

June Annniversaries



Marilyn & Myron Ross	8
Sandra & Robert Sobel	11
Pat & Rick Kessler	12
Adriane & Michael Kreisberg	14
Lynn & Joel Ovadia	14
Marlene & Bob Reifel	17
Phyllis & Simcha Saul	17
June & Robert Grossman	18
Evie & Michael Antin	19
Sandy & Dale Kaufman	21
Miriam & Bernie Brauner	23
Jeri & Ron Sobel	28

Carol & Richard Lewis

Membership & Statistics

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Sunshine & Showers

At this time of writing, our Club Presidents, Marilyn & Lenny Bloom, just returned from New York after attending the burial of Marilyn's "incredible, kind, gentle and beautiful sister." Gerry Sternshein, who died on May 19th missing her 96th birthday by just one week. Gerry, who leaves behind two daughters, three grandchildren and one areatgrandchild due to be born in November, passed away in Florida but is being buried in the family plot in New York. To you, Marilyn, and to all your family, we extend heartfelt sympathy, and we hope that your many memories of your dear sister will remain with you always.

Otis Rogers is now recovering at home following a serious auto accident that sent him to the hospital with 10 broken ribs and other injuries. Otis, we hope that every day finds you feeling better and with less pain, and we look forward to seeing you - with your usual enthusiasm - back on the dance floor in the not-too-distant future!

Steve Rosentszweig is resting and recovering at home following May 1st surgery. Steve, we hope that you will be fully recovered and able to attend club functions again the verv near future! in Meanwhile, please take care!

On the "sunny" side of the street, Sherwin Silver's senior bowling team at the Winnetka Bowl, the Funtimers, won first place for the season. Sherwin brought home a large trophy as well as a monetary award, though not quite large enough for Caren to be able to give up her substitute teaching!

Also on the bright side. Caren **Blumfield**'s daughter. Cara Blumfield Viramontes, was inducted into the L.A. City School's Hall of Fame on April 23rd. A large banquet was held at the Culver City Doubletree that was also attended by a number of famous athletes and news reporters. Fred Roggin was the MC. Cara was inducted for her softball and basketball honors earned during her high school career at El Camino and was the youngest inductee. Caren is naturally very proud of her daughter (who appears to follow in her mother's footsteps). Caren, we share in your pride and say to you and Cara.WARM CONGRATLATIONS!

Jeri and Ron Sobel again have good reason to be proud of their son Glen who has a featured role in the new movie. "Hired Gun." The film is all about musicians and 25th premiered on Mav in Hollywood to a sold out but closed crowd of artists and industry people. It is scheduled to play in local theatres beginning on June 29th. Glen, we hope your movie is a huge success and extend warm congratulations on this latest accomplishment. Jeri and Ron. celebrate this wonderful WP achievement along with you!

Finally, Rusty and Norm Kaman were honored at the LA Ronald McDonald House on April 29th at a lovely luncheon where they (we) were given the Mary Mason Award and named Volunteers of the Year. To say that we are honored to be the recipients of this prestigious award is an understatement. and we will always treasure the beautiful engraved plague that was given to us. Most of all, however, we are proud to be part of such a giving and caring organization – the Trail Dusters - and to know what a difference our combined efforts

have made to the families at the LA Ronald McDonald House!

Hopefully, there will be more sunny news to report next month. Whatever you have to share – I am ready to receive! Just send me an e-mail with your news to the address shown below, and I will be happy to inform the rest of our "family."

Warm regards, Rusty Kaman, Sunshine & Showers Chair Rusty k@verizon.net

Fondly, Rusty Kaman

Sunshine & Showers Chair

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OUR "GREAT CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE" WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The Doubletree Hotel in Orange was the "Happiest Place on Earth" May 19-21 as our Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters held our annual Spring Weekend there.

Members were greeted by



Maureen and Shelly Fried, Marilyn and Lenny Bloom, Jeri & Ron Sobel, Flo Tapp and Farryl Dickter at our welcome table where they received their "Disney" goody bags and





weekend information packets



Some of us went on a tour of Angel Stadium before checking in



and found it exciting to go behind the scenes of this incredible stadium and see where the players hang out.



At 4:00 pm we went to the hospitality room for drinks and refreshments. Everyone

thoroughly enjoyed mingling and spending time together.

















After happy hour, we proceeded to



the banquet room where we opened with a flag ceremony from





our own veterans, a song by Diane Jubilier -Light, and lots of fun games. The winners were Miriam Brauner and Alan Sacks for the littlest & biggest feet.

Mark Simon's airplane toss soared to victory. It was so much

fun watching the participants blow bubbles from a jar. Ken managed



to blow the largest bubble. And speaking about large bubbles,



Lainy Parlen blew the largest bubble gum bubble. Diane Jubelier -Light knew the most fairy tales. Simcha Saul and Sherwin Silver tied for the fastest pyramid cup stackers. Stan Zwicker found



"poltergeist" in the dictionary the fastest. Farryl Dickter peeled a



carrot the fastest, and Mike Kreisberg won for the tallest thumb. What athletes our club has! The overall winner with the most points was the California Citrus Table.

The evening concluded with a



friendship circle sung to the tune of "When You Wish Upon a Star" followed by lots of fun and food in our Presidential Suit/ Hospitality Room.

We all met for a buffet breakfast.

















The walkers and tennis players were up early. After our buffet breakfast, people took off to different venues. It was impossible to see everything. Many of us took a tour of the Crystal Cathedral, which is not to be missed. The tour was led by two excellent docents. Others went to the discount mall, downtown Disney, Museums, a Swap Meet and whatever else they fancied. Some stayed behind at our beautiful hotel and played



cards and maj or just enjoyed the beautiful grounds and pool.

We met once again for Happy Hour wearing our theme outfits "a tourist or

Disney character" and many outdid themselves.













During the evening banquets we



had a photo op booth with a





Disney background and lots of stuffed animal props. We used our own cameras and phones

to take photos and many were posted on facebook.

Prizes for best costumes were given out at our Saturday n



Saturday night banquet.







After dinner and more games we were ready to see the

spectacular play presentation.



The play promised to be entertaining and it was! The





laughing could be heard across the hotel.



















Many thanks goes to our Director



Rhonda Shapiro and our writers Caren Blumfield, Steve Berman, Steve Katz, Jack Levy and Len Bloom and our Academy Award Winning Cast - you all made the evening so enjoyable.

We finished up in the hospitality room again, and many people



stayed past the witching hour because we just didn't want the evening to end. We all met for





breakfast and then went to see the installation of officers.

The installation was amazing as



Maureen Fried presented Marilyn & Len Bloom with a plaque. Marilyn & Len Bloom, the outgoing



presidents, thanked and gifted



their board with a beautiful



engraved jar and oceans of



gratitude for a year well done.



The installing officer, **Jerry Seliga**, uninstalled the old board and then installed the 2017-2018 board.



Anita & Gary Higer, the incoming presidents, concluded the installation with their acceptance speech.



Once again Judith Altman did her



magic and we all roared with laughter at our Joke-Off as we threw socks around the room.











After checking out, a large group of us met at BJ's for lunch to close out another fabulous weekend.

A huge thank you to everyone who stepped in to help whenever anything was needed.

Your Wagonmasters

Blumfield &

Sherwin Silver

Caren



It's so hard to believe that a wonderful group of people known as Rail Dusters started their journey to learn how to square dance just 9 short months ago. Look how far you have all come, and here is graduation, just 2 weeks from now. You should be of very proud your accomplishments, just as we are very proud of you! We welcome each and every one of you with open arms to our club. Your biographies told have us something about you and we hope in the coming months and years we will get to know you even better.

On Wednesday, June 14th we will graduate 19 students. The graduation will be an unforgettable evening for you, starting with a wonderful dinner, followed bv the graduation ceremony and presentation of the class skit. We understand the class has been hard at work rehearsing and we're excited to see what they have created. Our graduation evening ends with everyone participating in some simple mainstream calls.

You, as a Rail Duster, and one guest are free. All your other guests will pay \$10 per person which includes dinner, dessert and drinks. Please invite friends and family, especially those who may be interested in joining us for classes starting September 6, 2017.

At the end of each year we are sad to see our class leave, but thrilled to see how they have advanced in their dancing skills. Remember that people learn at different rates, and we strongly recommend summer workshops. Many thanks to all the Angels who came out every Wednesday to help support and encourage our class members. We couldn't have done it without you !!!

<u>We look forward to seeing all of</u> <u>you graduation night,</u> <u>Wednesday. June 14th, 2017</u>

Here are the remaining bios from our Rail Dusters that have not appeared in the previous Dusty Trails.

Val Simmonds was born and



raised in Saskatchewan, Canada. However, she has been living for the past 28 years in Minnesota, Missouri, and

now settled in California. Val is a registered nurse, and did telephone triage for most of her career. She loved her work, educating and sometimes making life-saving decisions. She is now happily retired.

Val has one daughter, who is an acupuncturist and three "spunky" grandkids, all boys! She has traveled to various places all over the world but the most exciting was a traditional four day wedding in Delhi, India. The most amazing was a hiking trip to Bhutan, in Asia, known as the "happiest country in the world." Val and a friend decided to give the Trail Dusters a try and we are so happy they did!



Victor Wolfe Victor was born in Chicago. He attended DePaul University where he majored in business administration. He has been an accountant most of his life. Victor is a widower and has a son, daughter and a 17 year old grandchild. Victor moved to Los Angeles in 1965.

We are proud to have this Army Vietnam Veteran in our club. He was stationed in Oklahoma where he did "Radar's" job on Mash, registering in new patients. He also was an "aerovac," the person who meets the medical evacuation aircraft and takes them to the medical facilities.



Arthur Grossman is one of our Rail Dusters who is dancing with Joan Kallet, one of our returning Trail Dusters.

Art is a widower and has 5 daughters, 3 sons-in-law and 9 grandchildren. Would you believe that Art was an Air Police Marshall for five years! He is definitely a dare devil because he also worked hanging signs from a basket that was 60 feet off the ground for NASA. One of his favorite trips abroad was to China. Arthur heard about Trail Dusters from his brother, Robert Grossman, one of our past presidents and from Joan Kallet, his partner and long time active Trail Duster.

Flo Tapp & Janice Reiss

Lynn & Joel Ovadia

Class Coordinators



Kitchen Korner

Dear Members of the Nobody Goes Home Hungry Club,

Did you know: That May 15th was Chocolate Chip Day? Did you ever wonder where the chocolate chip cookie came from? Well here's the story. It all started in 1937 with a woman named Ruth Wakefied who lived in Whitman, Massachusetts. Ruth worked for the Toll House Inn. She had a wonderful recipe for cookies. One day she decided to add cut-up chunks of a Nestle semi-sweet chocolate bar to her cookie recipe. The cookies were a huge hit at the Toll House Inn.

In 1939 Ruth signed an agreement with Nestle to add her recipe to the chocolate bar's packaging. In exchange for this, Ruth received a lifetime supply of chocolate. Now, don't get me wrong, I've never met a piece of chocolate that I didn't like, but I think a royalty on every pound of chocolate chips sold might have been a better deal for Ruth. But that's just me.



Thanks so much to **Mark and Ilene Abramson** for their wonderful help in the kitchen, and to everyone who brought food for us all to enjoy.

Thanks, Joni & Mark Simon Refreshment Chairs



Once again, allow us to thank all

of you for a job well done. Those of you who have been frequenting our Wednesday evening "dinners" before class have done a wonderful job. Without you, we would not have the camaraderie as well as the donations we have received due to your dedication and generosity. Thank you again, and don't forget to keep on eating and keep on dancing.

Ways & Means

There is only one restaurant left in this year's cycle and it is: The Salad Farm on June 7th

Rhonda & Bill Shapiro Ways and Means Chairs 818-994-0751



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COME CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES - -

WELCOME THEM TO SQUARE DANCING!!



When: June 14, 2017 Where: Bay Laurel School Calabasas Time: 6:00 P.M. Cost: \$10.00 per person made out to Trail Dusters Menu: Barbeque Chicken, Pasta, Salad, Roasted Veggies and Dessert.

Mail your dinner reservation check to: Anita Higer 14348 Riverside Drive, Unit 14 Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 or bring them to class. - See flier on page 16 for more details.

Anita & Gary Higer



Richard & Carol Lewis finish reading the Dusty Trails as they cross under the Golden Gate Bridge



Rusty and Norm Kaman were honored at the Ronald McDonald house where they were given the Mary Mason Award and named Volunteers of the Year.



MAY BIRTHDAYS RECEIVED TWO CELEBRATIONS FIRST AT BAY LAUREL DANCE CLASS



Front row: Vita Brett, Jerry Seliga, Neil Sandler, Gloria Schwartz, Jeri Sobel, Sandy Sabatino, Denise Kurtzer, Terry Karsh, Elise Sandler Back row: Mark Cutter, Robert Grossman, Jane Lief, Bob Zoren, Sandy Cohen, Wendy Goldzband, Len Bloom



THEN AT THE SPRING WEEKEND AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL

Front row: Alan Sachs, Terry Karsh, Wendy Goldzband, Jeri Sobel, Jerry Seliga, Len Bloom Back row: Sandy Cohen, Jane Lief, Joyce Smith, Stan Zwicker, Ron Lynn, Jerry Nussbaum

MEET THE 2017 -2018 BOARD



Front row: Len Bloom, Marilyn Bloom, Anita Higer, Gary Higer, Joni Simon, Mark Simon 2nd row: Ken Burkenheim, Judy Comroe, Wendy Goldzband, Caren Blumfield, Jane Lief, Flo Tapp, Wendy Kestenbaum, Jeri Sobel, Ron Sobel 3rd row: Steve Katz, Bill Tapp, Bill Dickter, Dale Kaufman Not pictured: Ilene & Mark Abramson, Rusty Kaman, Shirley & Collin Brown, Sandra & Robert Sobel, Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig, Pat Kessler



WE DRESSED FOR THE SPRING WEEKEND

First row: Lorraine Levin, Farryl Dickter, Miram Brauner, Sandy Kaufman, Caren Blumfield, Jeri Sobel 2nd row: Tracey Bolton Joyce Smith, Maxine Tuckman, Harriet Berman, Judy Comroe,Linda Peck, Flo Tapp, Elaine Pfefferman, Bren Levy, Rhonda Shapiro, Sandy Lynn 3rd row: Tom Bolton, Sheldon Levin, Steve Katz, Jerry Nussbaum, Lainy Parlen, Dale Kaufman, Simcha Saul



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule – 2017/2018 2ND Saturday of Month

Rounds @ 7:00 PM – First Tip @ 8:00 PM Alternating Rounds & Tips with 1 A-1 Tip

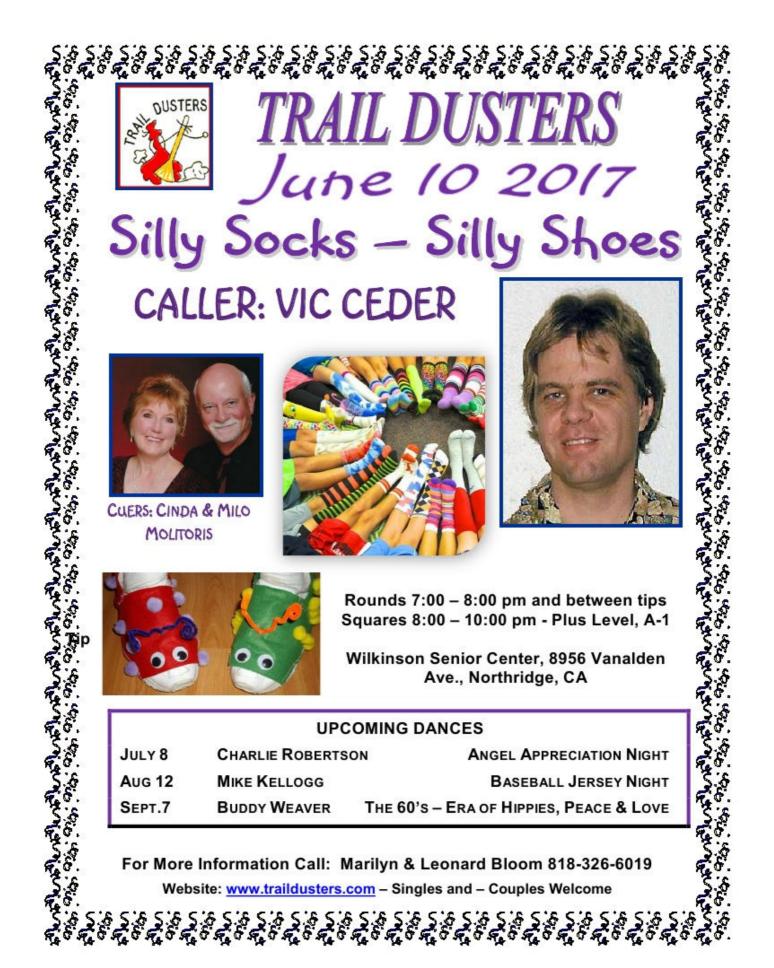
Wilkinson Senior Center – 8956 Vanalden - Northridge

DATE	CALLER	THEME			
May 13, 2017	Pat Carnathan	Cupcake Dance			
June 10, 2017	Vic Ceder	Silly Socks/Silly Shoes			
July 8, 2017	Charlie Robertson	* Angel Appreciation Night			
August 12, 2017	Mike Kellogg	* Baseball Jersey Dance			
September 9, 2017	Buddy Weaver	* The 60's- Era of Hippies, Peace & Love			
October 14, 2017	Tim Pepper	Ice Cream & Root Beer Floats Dance			
November 11, 2017	Andy Allemao	Thanksgiving in a Cup			
December	Dark				
January 13, 2018	Arlen Miller	Crazy T-Shirt Dance			
February 10, 2018	Johnny Preston	Love Is In The Air			
March 10, 2018	Dick Hodnefield & Andy Allemao Class Level Dance	Fabulous 50's			
April 14, 2018	Mike Seastrom & Buddy Weaver "Our 60 th Anniversary Dance"				
* Summer Casual Attire					

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Marilyn & Len Bloom 818-326-6019

Classes remain Wednesday evenings at Bay Laurel Elementary, 24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas.





Class of 2017 Graduation June 14, 2017 6:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Calling All Trail Dusters

Our coordinators, Lynn and Joel Ovadia, Flo Tapp, Janice Reiss, and the Board of Directors invite you to join them on June 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm to celebrate the graduation of our 2017 class. We will start the evening with a catered dinner which will include bar-b-que chicken, pasta with red sauce, roasted vegetables, salad, rolls, beverages (water, lemonade, coffee or tea) and cake for dessert.



COST: \$10.00 PER PERSON

Please RSVP with payment by May 31, 2017

It is important that you let us know that you are attending. You can pay by check, payable to Trail Dusters and either bring it to class or mail it to:

> Anita Higer 14348 Riverside Drive, Unit 14, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Contact Anita Higer at 818-789-9398 ghiger@gmail.com with any questions.

Wear Your Club Outfits We will be Square Dancing!!

list your name and the names of any guests and amount enclosed

Amount enclosed from Trail Dusters \$_____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 Board Meeting 6:00 pm Pot Luck Maureen & Shelly's House	7 Classes at Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Salad Farm 5:30 p.m.	8	9	10 Dance at Wilkinson - caller Vic Ceder cuer Milo Molitoris see pages 2 & 15
11	12	13	14 Graduation 6:00	15	16	17
18 Father's Day Happy Fathers Day	19	20	21 Happy 1st DAY	22	23	24 Visitation at Boots & Slippers - caller Buddy Weaver "Nifty 50:" see page 3
25	26	27	28	29	30	

June 2017 Trail Dusters Calendar

TRAIL DUSTERS

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