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From the Presidents' De

When Marilyn and I began our second year as presidents, we envisioned how we could build a better square dance club through the strong commitment and efforts together with you, our members. Now, as we near the end of 2016. we realize how lucky we are to be a part of such a successful and vibrant Trail Duster group. So, as presidents, we would like to give vou our "State of the Trail Dusters" end of 2016 report.

We began building this Trail Dusters year with a large and energetic class of Rail Dusters brought into the club by our active membership. Our class members are having fun, are actively participating in class functions, and are doing a fine job of learning and mastering the calls and square dance movements. Bravo to our fine class.

Our membership drive under the leadership of Carol & Richard Lewis is just about complete with almost 100% renewal.

Our charitable drive for the Ronald McDonald House, again in the capable hands of Rusty and Norm Kaman, is once again another booming success.

The New Year's Eve committee is meeting regularly to make sure that our fun and enjoyment of this year end party will be better than ever – see article page 5.

Our pre class meals, thanks to the efforts of Rhonda & Bill Shapiro, are packed with Trail and Rail Dusters – see article page 5.

Our November dance with our traditional "Thanksgiving in a Cup" created by Maureen Fried was great fun. Thanks to the excellent calling of Vic Ceder and the wonderful cueing of Milo Molitoris, the energy on the floor kept the dancers on their feet the whole evening - see article pg 3. Remember we are dark in Dec. We will be anxiously waiting to attend our first dance in 2017 on January 14 with our own teacher, Arlen Miller, calling that dance.

Our building plans continue with gusto in 2017. The Student Stomp is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th. This is a dance where our Rail Dusters will be able to show off their new square dance knowledge and skills and have a great time dancing to callers they haven't heard before.

Marilyn & Hy Katlein are now planning for the Glendale Theater



annual event, Saturday, March 25 to see "Bye, Bye, Birdie." This



will be another big event in 2017, so be sure to save this date.

Also being planned is our Spring Get Away weekend scheduled for May 19 – May 21 at the DoubleTree in Anaheim.

Join us for all these events. There will be fun and laughter for all and memories to treasure. Watch for the details as we get closer to each event.

Our year end "State of the Trail Dusters" report clearly shows how working together is what makes our club a great one. We are beginning a new year strong as ever. We are all great builders.

Thanks to all of you whose labors of love have made Trail Dusters



so successful. Marilyn and I wish you all a wonderful and enjoyable holiday season filled with an abundance of the warmth and love of the season.

We'll see you in a square.

Marilyn & Len Bloom Your Presidents

NEXT BOARD
MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2016
7:30 P.M.

FLO & BILL TAPP'S HOUSE

Fun Time Comes to our Wednesday's Classes with Halloween Costumes

Our Wednesday night class was once again filled to capacity and we had some brave Rail Dusters and Trail Dusters who showed up in costumes. Our winners received mystery wrapped gifts.



Denise Kurtzer won for "Most Original" costume in her plastic bag wrap from Bye Bye Baby. Terry Holtzman took a prize for the





Most Creative" prize for their Lancelot and

the "The



We also loved our football player, cheerleader, bikers, Carmen Miranda, and other spirited entries. Not everyone could



win a prize but we are all winners for showing up and having fun

dancing.

(see group picture on page 8)



Who knew that so many cross town rivals could be dancing together on Wednesday nights! We also snuck in a few random other colleges in the crowd. Team spirit was at a high and the refreshment table reflected the



rivalry with USC and UCLA decorations. Unfortunately, the Mighty Bruins were not destined to victory this year but we 're not worried. Next year is just around the corner!

(see group picture on page 8)

Our November Salute to the Troops



What do you get when you cross Veteran's Day with Thanksgiving? A Patriotic Turkey or a fabulous Square Dance Night! That is exactly what happened at our November 12th dance at Wilkinson with Vic Cedar calling and Milo Molitoris cueing. Vic's sense of humor was only surpassed by his creative ways of stirring the bucket.

The room was filled with happy Trail Dusters, dancers and



refreshment tables were a significant

our

tables were a sight to behold with American Flags and rustic turkeys.



The turkey centerpieces were filled with sunflowers and other appealing fall foliage.

Maureen Fried once again surpassed our expectations with her traditional "Thanksgiving in a Cup" sampler. Behind the scenes was an assembly line of volunteers filling cups with mashed



potatoes, stuffing, turkey and a cranberry sauce topping. Sandra Sobel prepared the veggies and dip. Ice cream and cookies finished up the





night. It was a wonderful evening.

Don't forget that we are dark in December because we want all of you to rest up for our fabulous New Year's Gala.

Your Dance Reporter Caren Blumfield



Our Visitation for December will be

at the Valley Trailers

Date: December 17, 2016

Time: 7:15 Rounds

8:00 Squares

Caller: Hunter Keller Cuer: Cindy Mower

Location: Wilkinson Sr Center 8956 Vanalden, Northridge

Upcoming Visitations

Jan 7, 2017 – Caller – Dick Hodnefield at the Boots & Slippers Class Level Fun Dance

Susan & Steve Langberg

Visitation Chairs 818-889-1197



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List of 2017 callers – page 10

December Birthdays

Simcha Saul	4
Janice Reiss	5
Art Hirsh	7
Milo Molitoris	g
Les Light	13
Bill Sarnoff	13
Harriet Berman	14
Joe Dill	17
Caren Blumfield	24
Anita Higer	26
Paul Kayne	27
David Strauss	29

December Anniversaries

Paula & Jerry Seliga	4
Jacquelyn & Royce Walker	9
Joni & Mark Simon	19
Sandy & Ron Lynn	22
Joyce & Ira Kopkin	28
Nikki & Steven Rosentsweig	28

Last Chance to Renew Your
Trail Duster Membership!
PLUS Brent's
Drawing Results

One Hundred Forty Six Trail
Dusters have renewed their
memberships for 2017
Have You?

If you didn't have a chance to read last month's Membership article, please take this opportunity now to send in your membership renewal. November 30 is the deadline for membership renewal!

Mail your form and your check today before it is too late!

Please fill out the form attached to this issue of the Dusty Trails on page 12 and mail it with your check. The address and instructions are on the form. If you have any questions, please call or write us. Thank You! And thank you to all our members who have already renewed!

Membership renewal means that

- You will continue to receive the Dusty Trails
- You will be invited to dance and social events
- You will be covered by our square dance insurance policy
- You will remain a Trail Duster
- You along with every other member will be included in the next club roster

Early-Bird Member Renewal Drawing Results

Congratulations to **Robert Cirillo**, and to **Ken Burkenheim** who each won a \$25 Gift Certificate to

Brent's Deli in our Member Renewal Early-Bird Drawing!

Their names were drawn at our regular Wednesday class on November 16 from among the 115 Trail



Dusters who sent in their renewals by October 30.



Robert Cirillo - one of the Winners

©A special thanks to **Rusty and Norm Kaman** for obtaining the Gift Certificates from Brent's Deli on behalf of the club, and to Brent's for sponsoring the early bird contest. Next time you visit either of Brent's Deli's locations, please mention our appreciation

for their consistent support to Trail Dusters.



Carol &
Richard
Lewis
Membership & Statistics
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Sunshine & Showers

This has been a year of ups and downs for many of our Trail Duster family members. Fortunately, we can end the year on a positive note by saying that everyone at present is on the mend and doing well.

Andy Shapiro, son of **Rhonda** and **Bill Shapiro**, was diagnosed with thyroid cancer at the young age of 32. Thankfully, Andy is doing well following his November 3rd surgery. Andy, you have a large rooting section within our clubincluding some people you don't even know! We're all wishing you a rapid and full recovery so that you can go on with your life enjoying the best of health!

It's wonderful to see **Marilyn Katlein** out and about while continuing to recover from her October 24th surgery. **Marilyn**, we hope that each new day finds you feeling stronger and closer to being completely well again – and back on the dance floor with **Hy** real soon!

One of our family members is still recovering at home. Miriam Brauner underwent back surgery on October 31st (what a way to celebrate Halloween!) This is one procedure that takes time to heal. but Miriam has been great about keeping in touch with friends via email. Hubby Bernie, who also underwent back surgery recently, tells us that Miriam is making progress. Miriam, we all look forward to seeing you back at class and club events as soon as you are ready - which we hope will be in the near future! Meanwhile, take care of yourself and know that you are missed!

Ken Burkenheim is recovering from TWO recent surgeries. On November 8th, he had parathyroid surgery, and soon after that came cataract surgery! Ken, we're wishing you a speedy recovery from both procedures so that you are able to enjoy your big travel plans early in the New Year! We look forward to seeing you back with us as soon as you are able.

On a very different note. Sherwin Silver is celebrating a special personal achievement. While he has been playing golf since the age of 14, it wasn't until recently that Sherwin FINALLY made his first hole-in-one! This 142-yard fete was accomplished at hole #3 at the Van Nuvs Executive Course! Now THAT'S what we call perseverance! The lesson here is clearly, "If at first you don't succeed. . ." Congratulations, Sherwin!

As we approach the final month of this year, it is hoped that each of you will conclude the year in good health and with only "sunshine" in your life. Please remember that I'm here to share your happenings with the rest of our Trail Duster family. Rail Dusters, this goes for you as well! You are part of our family! If you have a message to get out to our membership, please be sure to contact me at the e-mail address shown below.

Warmest wishes for your well being, Rusty Kaman

Rusty k@verizon.net (805) 241-8488

Sunshine & Showers Chair



You're Invited to the New Year's Eve "Captain's Ball"

The invites have been sent. The ballroom has been secured. RJ Stinger is working on the music.

Our illustrious New Year's Committee: Marilyn Bloom, Caren Blumfield, Maureen Fried, Anita Higer, Jeri Sobel, Sandra Sobel and all their artistic assistants: Flo



Tapp, Jane Lief, Joni Simon, Lorraine & Sheldon Levin, Nancy Wallach, and Joyce Smith have



come together to create the invites



arrange the beautiful centerpieces



and unusual place cards.

We will be cruising with our leader to the most beautiful ports in the world as we eat, dance, and feel merry on this, a most auspicious night of the year that says goodbye to 2016 and welcomes in 2017 with our usual gusto and grace. Monte Carlo, the Bahamas, Hawaii, and the Caribbean are just a few of our cruising destinations sure to bring out the thrill and exhilaration of the open seas.

As always, our hard working committee has put their whole heart into making this another wonderful evening. This year will be the best ever. At the time of this writing, we have nearly filled the room, so it is imperative that you send in your reservation and seating requests as soon as possible to attend our magnificent Trail Dusters New Year's Eve extravaganza - see pages 13 & 14. Don't hesitate and miss this wonderful event.

We'll see you on the high seas! Your New Year's Eve Committee

We know the most important question on your mind is not, "What new square dance calls am I going to learn in December," but "Where is dinner?"

We are so happy to see so many of you at our "I don't have to cook tonight" Wednesday night dinner before class. Besides having fun, gearing up to dance, and getting to know so many wonderful people, we are also making a nice bit of change for our club. If you haven't been joining us, give it a try. We can't wait to see you there

These are the restaurants for the month of December:

Dec. 7 Calif Pita Dec. 14 Salad Farm WE ARE DARK - NO CLASS ON Dec 21 & Dec 28

Rhonda & Bill Shapiro Ways and Means Chairs



FOOD DRIVE IN ITS FINAL WEEK!

TRAIL DUSTERS SUPPORT THE L.A. RONALD MC DONALD HOUSE

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES The LA Ronald McDonald House "Help Yourself Pantry" is about to look far more plentiful than it has in quite some time - THANKS to the TRAIL **DUSTERS and RAIL DUSTERS!** Since mid-October, donations have been coming in to support our club's annual Drive, this year to purchase food for the 75 families that reside at RMH at any given time. At this time of writing. we are continuing to shop for nonperishable food items that will be picked up from our home and delivered to RMH the first week in December.

We are doing our best to stretch your dollars in order to get the most we possibly can! Just today, we made a HUGE purchase at Albertson's in Newbury Park, where the original total was \$523, and the final purchase price was \$210!!! That's a 60% savings! We can tell you that because of the generosity of so many of our club members, the staff at RMH has a BIG job ahead of them as they stock the currently empty shelves of the "home away from home" for families. Your manv contributions are also making it possible for them to put away a large supply of food items in their newly prepared storeroom and used as the pantry runs out.

To all of you who participated in this year's Drive and contributed to the success of our club's efforts, you can be proud of our accomplishments! We, as your Drive Chairs, certainly feel proud and we want to express our

sincere and heartfelt thanks for working with us to reach our goal. Next month, we will report to you the final outcome of our collective efforts.

With our warmest thanks, Rusty & Norm Kaman, Food Drive Chairs

Coordinators Corner

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration and would like to let you know how thankful we are for our wonderful new Rail Dusters. We also thank all of our Angels who are coming every Wednesday to help them learn how to square dance. As you all know, it would be impossible for the class to learn without the help of our Angels and we always **need more of you**.

We would also like to mention that it would be appreciated if everyone could please be on time. The class starts promptly at 7 PM and it's a scramble for everyone to find their partners and get into a square, so if you can make an effort to get there **before 7** that would be great!

Trail Dusters, also please continue to welcome our new class members and invite them into your squares. It would be very helpful to your coordinators if you try to balance out the squares with Angels and new dancers. We are pleased with your willingness to split up and help them.

We are planning more events in the near future - on Sunday December 11th we will have our first workshop at Caren Blumfeld's house from 3 to 5 PM. Arlen has agreed to call and review and we'll be needing some Angels for this event. We hope to get lots of volunteers and dancing will be followed by dinner at Stonefire Grill.

Let us introduce you to three of our new "Rockin Rail Dusters".

Alex Strouzer is not new to our club because he spent all of last year sitting on a chair watching his



partner, Cindy
Kestenbaum,
dance as he
was recovering
from injuries.
This year he is
back and
dancing.

They have two sons, David and Michael, and a grandson. Gavin. Alex was born in London, England, moved to New York, and eventually settled in California. He has a degree in criminal justice and police science and is retired from the LA County Sheriff's Dept. as a Crime Scene Investigator. CSI is one of the most popular TV shows and it was Alex's real life. Alex also was а combat photographer in the Vietnam War, and he was in the Merchant Marines in the Mediterranean.

Alex says the most exciting thing he has done is being with Cindy and his boys and grandson. They must be a handful considering his experiences in Vietnam! A big thank you goes to **Sandy and Dale Kaufman** for bringing them into our club.



Our next Rail Duster is Elaine Parlen, but most people call her "Lainy". She has two daughters and two grandchildren. Lainy lives with a wonderful man named Jerry.

Twin grandsons are due in November, so they have probably been born by the time you read this. Elaine was born and raised in Los Angeles. She is retired now but worked for the Skirball Cultural Center as Director of Private Events for 23 years. Lainy is a perennial "matchmaker". She loves to bring couples together. If you know a single man, she has the perfect girlfriend for him! If you know a single man, send him to our club dancing!



Eleanore
"Noor"
Pekala'
was born in
Zaandam,
Holland. Her
nickname is
"Noor"
which is
short for
Eleanore in

the Netherlands. She then moved to Northridge.

Eleanore has a daughter Katy and a boyfriend John O'Rourke. She is a retired hairdressing artist but is thinking about going back to work. She considers herself a lousy vegan (I guess she cheats a little) but is a whiz at doing updo's. You men might not be interested but she also does long hair.

Eleanore heard about us from Otis because she is always looking for more floor time and wants to learn to dance the boy's part. She loves to round dance also. We all welcome her to Bay Laurel.

Each month we will introduce more of our Rail Dusters. Right

now we have in our class 3 couples, 7 single men and 12 single women.

See you in a square,

Flo Tapp & Janice Reiss





Lynn & Joel Ovadia

Class Coordinators



Dear Members of the Nobody Goes Home Hungry Club

DID YOU KNOW: There are more than 2000 varieties of cheese available worldwide and that mozzarella is the favorite and most consumed cheese. The people of Greece are the largest individual consumers of cheese. They consume an average of 60 pounds of cheese per year of which about half is feta cheese.

As always thanks to everyone who has helped us in the kitchen this month. A special thanks to **Sandra and Robert Sobel** for helping us every week last month in the kitchen. Thank you so much. It was greatly appreciated.

For all of you who brought dessert, cheese and crackers, and fruit, thank you very much. I think we can speak for all the members of Trail Dusters when we tell you it was all delicious. Also thanks for helping us set up and for the help cleaning up after dance is over. Wishing you all a very happy and merry holiday this month and

looking forward to a wonderful New Year's Eve together with all our friends.

Finally, don't forget that if you cannot bring food on the night you are assigned. please make sure you make arrangements for someone to cover for you. E-mail us and let us know what changes you have made. If you absolutely cannot find someone to cover for you. call us and we'll help you.

Thanks, Joni & Mark Simon

Refreshment Chairs



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Pre Class dinner at Calif. Pita



Will you join us at Calif. Pita on Dec. 7th? See article on page 5.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AT WEDNESDAY'S CLASS



First row: Sandy Sabatino, Lori Kazan, Terry Holtzman, Tracey & Tom Bolton, Elise & Neil Sandler, Denise Kurtzer 2nd row: Wendy Goldzband, Paula & Jerry Seliga, Alex Strouzer, Linda Marchesini, Geraldine Rothenberg, Caren Blumfield, Val Simmonds, Judie & Art Hirsh

WEARING THEIR COLLEGE FOOTBALL COLORS



Front row:Linda Peck, Rhonda Shapiro, Denise Kurtzer, Rusty Kaman, Bill Shapiro, Terry & Lori Holtzman. Bette Jo Weinstein, Eileen Pfefferman, Leon Stabinsky 2nd row: Lynn Ovadia, Carol Lewis. Bevery Rutkin, Judith Altman, Sandy Kaufman, Cindy Kestenbaum, Terry Karsh, Elise Sandler, Jeri & Ron Sobel, Mark Cutter 3rd row: Joel Ovadia, Hal Wexler, Norm Kaman, Dale Kaufman, Sherwin Silver, Alex Strouzer, Len Bloom, Joni Simon, Renny Traub, Mark Simon, Jordan Wank, Jeff Cohen Last Row: Richard Lewis, Caren Blumfield

TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



TO FIELD MUSEUM IN CHICAGO
WITH BILL & RHONDA SHAPIRO





TO GRANADA, SPAIN, WITH LYNN & JOEL OVADIA

TO POTSDAM, GERMANY, WITH NIKKI & STEVE ROSENTSWEIG



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule – 2017 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	
January 14, 2017	Arlen Miller	The Golden Globes Vote for Best Picture Award	
February 11, 2017	Johnny Preston	Affairs of the Heart	
March 11, 2017	Dick Hodnefield & Don Schadt	Wearing of the Green	
April 8, 2017	Rod Shuping	Spring Fling	
May 13, 2017	Pat Carnathan	Cupcake Dance	
June 10, 2017	Vic Ceder	Silly Socks/Silly Shoes	
July 8, 2017	Hunter Keller	* 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 Float Dance	
November 11, 2017	Andy Allemao	Thanksgiving in a Cup	
December	Dark		

* 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.



REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS DECEMBER 2016

December 7

Fruit Sandy Sabatino
Dessert Nancy Sachs

Dessert From board meeting

Cheese and Crackers Paula & Jerry Seliga



December 14

Fruit Rhonda & Bill Shapiro
Dessert Louise Schenneman
Dessert Sandra & Robert Sobel
Cheese and Crackers Dorothy Stabinsky

December 21 NO CLASS



December 28

NO CLASS





For more information call Joni & Mark Simon (818) 907-8823 or email marksimon43@gmail.com

DUSTERS

TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$50 COUPLES / \$ 25 SINGLES

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "TRAIL DUSTERS"

DUES ARE FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH DUES BY NOVEMBER 30 (OCT 30 FOR DRAWING!)

DATE		
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PLEASE MAIL FORM AND DUES TO:

CAROL AND RICHARD LEWIS 4557 LARKWOOD AVENUE WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364

ALL DUES SHOULD BE MAILED OR HANDED DIRECTLY TO THE LEWIS', MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS

(make check payable to "Trail Dusters")



Trail Dust	ers Captain's Ball
Counte \$19	5 Single \$97.50
	is ship sail without you!
	will attend
Phone	
	Braised Short Ribs of Beef ed Salmon
Payment of \$	enclosed
Please make check	ks payable to Trail Dusters
Please place names of	f guests you would like to sit with
on the l	back of this card.
We will make ever	ry effort to accomodate you.
Valet Parking	or Self Parking: \$10.00
RSVPby	December 12, 2016

Please send Response Card to:

Marilyn & Cen Bloom 11868 Moorpark Street, Unit H Studio City, CA 91604

December 2016 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Board Meeting 7:30 pm Bill & Flo Tapp's House	7 Classes at Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Calif Pita 5:30 p.m.	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Classes at Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Salad Farm 5:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Visitation Valley Trailers Caller: Hunter Keller - Pg 3
18	19	20	21 NO CLASS Winter	22	23	24 1 st Night Hanukah Happy Hanukkah
25 R	26	27	28 NO CLASS	29	30	31 New Years Eve

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