

The Dusty Trails

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May Weekend Has Finally Arrived

Anticipation is building and excitement is growing as May 31st is rapidly approaching! Questions are coming fast and furious! As one of the wagon masters, my job is to organize a great weekend of things to do, places to go, and entertainment to enjoy...and let's not forget meals and snacks!

Attached are 3 documents that will answer any burning questions you may have (see pages 7 – 9):

1. Helpful Tips
2. Schedule of Events
3. Tours you need to sign up for

3:00 pm is the check in time for the Courtyard by Marriott Oxnard
 600 East Esplanade Drive
 Oxnard, CA 93036
 Hospitality room opens at 5:30 pm

The weekend will once again be a great experience - lots of fun, food and friendship!

Caren Blumfield & Phyllis Saul
 Wagon Masters



Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Birthdays



Irwin Tuckman	1
June Grossman	2
Bill Shapiro	3
Judy Levy	11
Bill Dickter	12
Charlene Klein	17
Margie Hausman	21
Carol Lewis	24
Michael Whitman	27
Lynn Ovadia	28
Jeff Cohen	28

June Anniversaries



Sandra & Robert Sobel	11
Ronda & Steve Kalan	14
Adriane & Michael Kreisberg	14
Lynn & Joel Ovadia	14
Phyllis & Simcha Saul	17
June & Robert Grossman	18
Sandy & Dale Kaufman	21
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**RAIL DUSTERS GRADUATION AND
SNACK-A-THON - JUNE 12, 2024
THERE WILL ALSO BE A SILENT
AUCTION - SEE FLIER PAGE 10**

HOWDY Y'ALL!

The Rail Dusters Graduation is just around the corner. So, here's an early congratulations to the Rail Dusters Graduation Class of 2024!

RAIL DUSTERS, please don't forget to wear black pants, white shirts, and your Trail Dusters ties.

TRAIL DUSTERS, if you would like to "join" the Rail Dusters, you too can wear black pants with white shirts OR even visa-versa for a dazzling fashion twist. Don't forget your snazzy Trail Dusters ties! Wear whatever you desire, but whatever you do, please come dressed.

And let's not forget our annual Graduation Snack-A-Thon! THE Snack-A-Thon of all Snack-A-Thons is right around the "corner" once again. So make sure you come ready to snack! Also come ready to view and bid on our many silent auction items. All proceeds go to benefit the Ronald McDonald Charities.

As always, we're looking forward to the 2024 Trail Dusters Graduation and snacking with y'all! And remember, no double dipping.



Snack Queen Jillicious

Snack
King
Avilicious



**Our veterans
were honored at
last months
Snack-a-Thon
with a sea of red,
white, and blue.**



That's what we saw at Bay Laurel as our Trail Dusters saluted our Veterans. No doubt about it, the spirit of love filled the air as everyone donned their patriotic finery.

To add to this exciting event, Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell called up our veterans for a group picture – see page 4. While Avi called their names and branch of service, Jill placed a lei around their neck. What a beautiful tribute to our Veterans.

Special thanks go to Paula Brooks, Farryl Dickter, Jaci Feldman, Terry Karsh, Adriane Kreisberg, Nikki Rosentsweig, Jill Sanders, Alan Shotsky, and Sandra Sobel who brought the delicious snacks.

Coordinators Corner

Do you realize in a couple weeks our class will graduate! We have 27 Rail Dusters who will be walking down the aisle and we will be glowing like proud parents. We are excited to introduce them to you again.

The class has been diligently working on their entertainment for their graduation and we have been banned from watching so we will be as surprised as you are. About half the class is coming to the weekend so you will get a chance to get to know each of them better.

Don't forget to wear your club outfits of white and black and your ties to graduation. Looking forward to seeing you all there and hopefully at some of the workshops we hope to take our class to over the summer to practice.

**Caren Blumfield
& Sherwin Silver**



Jeri Sobel

Class Coordinators

Sunshine & Showers

Sending continued get well wishes to **Steve Levy** who says he is healing well after taking a fall a few weeks ago that resulted in a fractured pelvis. At the time of his accident, **Steve** and his wife **Judy** were just 10 days away from moving from their Woodland Hills home to their new place in Northridge. Thankfully, no surgery was needed, but **Steve** spent time in a wheelchair. In spite of this, he and **Judy** still managed to finish packing and get moved in, and **Steve** has now graduated to a walker. To you both, we send warm wishes for your health and happiness at your new address for a long time to come!

Fred Warner is currently wearing a boot on his right foot after injuring his Achilles Tendon (although he has no idea how this happened!) **Fred**, may the month pass quickly so that you can soon return to the dance floor and all the other activities that you enjoy. Wishing you rapid healing!

Maureen Fried is currently singing, "I Can See Clearly Now" following her cataract surgery – which she terms "A walk in the park!" In fact, it was so successful that she has already scheduled surgery for her other eye in a few weeks! **Maureen**, we wish you another equally successful surgery and hope that you will be fully healed in no time!

This upcoming Fourth of July Weekend will be extra special for **Marilyn** and **Hy Katlein** as they travel to the Avalon Hotel in New

Ways & Means

Jersey for the wedding of their son Jeffrey to Keely Hughes. The ceremony will take place on the beach followed by a reception inside the hotel. (Hy will also be celebrating his birthday!) As the entire **Katlein** family gathers for the celebration, your Trail Duster "family" extends CONGRATULATIONS and wishes everyone much happiness.

The past 6 months have brought much "sunshine" to **Adriane** and **Michael Kreisberg**; two new great-granddaughters! Ayala was born in Ohio, and Roni was born in Jerusalem. **Adriane** also has a grandson who is currently serving in the IDF as a "lone soldier." This means he has no parents living in Israel at the present time. **Adriane** asks for our thoughts and prayers for his safety. Additionally, **Adriane** has an Israeli grandson, Aviv Blum, who is living in New York and is about to graduate from The New School with Honors. He is a jazz musician, currently in Bern, Switzerland, where he is playing in a jazz festival. **Adriane**, it appears Aviv is well on his way to enjoying a very successful career! May you continue to enjoy the successes of all your children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren!

Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to share the events in your lives. I hope you will all continue to reach out to me with your news so that I can pass it on to our Trail Duster "family." Please email me at Rusty_k@verizon.net. Now that winter is over, I'm hoping that you will be blessed with "sunshine" in your lives, and I look forward to receiving your news.

Warm regards,

Rusty Kaman,
Rusty_k@verizon.net
**Sunshine &
Showers Chair**



I'd like to start by thanking those of you who have supported our Wednesday Pre-class dinners. I hope that you all feel welcome and have a warm feeling of friendship at our gatherings. It's great to see you enjoying your conversations where you continue to share good laughs and good times. We even learn from our world travelers the best places to visit and the best ships on which to sail.

The year is winding down and this will be our last full month of dinners with Sharkey's on June 5 (it will be our last "ole" for burritos, tacos and Mexican salads for the year) Then we go to Stand on June 12 which seems to be the most popular restaurant with our group.

My year as Ways and Means Chair is coming to an end and I'm grateful to Lynn and Joel Ovadia as they get ready for the upcoming year to plan our Wednesday meals and to continue with the donations made by the restaurants.

Please remember to continue to support our club each week.

It's wonderful to see friends again and we hope you will join us soon.

June 5 Sharkey's
June 12 The Stand

So...see you at dinner and then in a square.

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GRADUATION INFORMATION

JUNE 12, 2024



Please join many of the Trail Dusters who will be going to "The Stand" in Calabasas at 5:00 pm for dinner before graduation – see flier page 10.

Graduation, which will take place at Bay Laurel Elementary School in Calabasas (same place where we have our classes) starts at 6:45 pm. However, doors will open at 6:00 pm so you will have time to bid on the silent auction fundraiser for Ronald McDonald Charities before the program starts. There will be a wide variety of items; so bring your check book and be ready to bid on some incredible offers.

Refreshments will be served.

For those who are helping with graduation, please arrive at 5:00 pm.

More details will be found in the program that will be placed on all the attendees' seats.

TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



Adriane & Michael Kreisberg take their Dusty Trails to Tahiti

MAY AND JUNE BIRTHDAYS



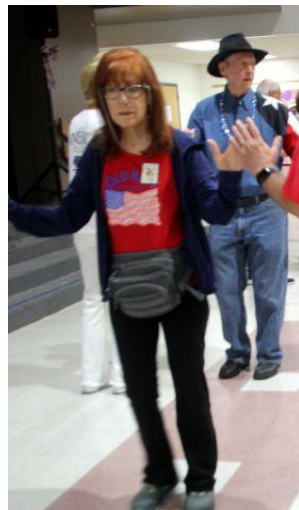
Front row: Jeri Sobel, Lynn Ovadia, Bill Shapiro, Sandy Sabatino, Irwin Tuckman, Fariba Tabibian, Margie Hausman, Terry Karsh, Renee Kibbler, Wendy Goldzband Back row: Eddie Borden, Jane Lief, Susan Britton, Bob Zoren, Sandy Cohen, Jeff Cohen, Jerry Seliga, Leonard Bloom

Which 2 people 's birthday fell on the day this picture was taken? See page 11 for answer



Front row: David Britton, Akex Strouzer, Victor Wolfe, Robert Sobel, Bill Dickter, Mike Kreisberg, Leonard Bloom
Back row: Jeff Cohen, Al Kornblatt, Dale Kaufman, Jay Mulein, Alan Shotsky, Simcha Saul, Reuven Zeavy

A Sea of Red, White & Blue to Honor Our Veterans



And the Dancing Continues



SPRING WEEKEND - MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 2024

Miscellaneous Tips

Upon registration you will receive a "goodie bag" where you will find 2 copies of a paper that says to write 2 fake and 1 true fact about yourself. Pick something no one would be able to guess about yourself and make up 2 facts. Pin the paper to your front and **wear it to Happy Hour on Friday night**. Walk around and try to guess which fact is true on people's cards.

What do I wear? Do I have to dress up? The answer is NO, you don't have to dress up, but Friday night's theme is a "**Sock Hop**" so you can dress up if you would like. Jeans, rolled up T-shirt sleeves, poodle skirts, pony tails, anything or nothing - related to Sock Hop that is but certainly wear something!! Friday night: Your seating cards will be outside the Banquet room door to find out which table you are at.



Saturday night you will know because of your table assignments for your centerpieces. On Saturday night your group can decide on your dress or you can be an individual. The theme is "**The Prom**" so people may want to dress up. Your corsages and boutonnieres will be awaiting you.

Sunday, Joke-Off: We traditionally throw socks at the people telling jokes if we don't like the joke. So, save your old socks and roll them into balls and bring them along. Also, find a joke and bring it to tell. Jeff Cohen, our Joke Master this year, has a prize for everyone who tells a joke. He says it will definitely make your life run much smoother.

Short List of What to Bring:

- Bottle of wine for Hospitality Nook
- Mahjong cards(if you play)
- Socks for joke off
- Name badges

Be sure to take a picture of the schedule to refer to doing the weekend so you don't miss anything. Sign up for the tours in advance.

Sign- up sheets for other activities and to car pool will be on the table at the back of the room

Courtyard by Marriott, 600 East Esplanade Drive, Oxnard 93036

MAY WEEKEND – MAY 31-JUNE 2, 2024



The weekend is almost here and we need you to think about what you will need to bring. The entire weekend is casual but we do have a few themes you may want to dress for if you would like. Friday night's theme is a **Sock Hop** and Saturday night is "**The Prom.**" Discuss Saturday night dress with your table. Check the weather report a few days in advance so you know how to pack. Oxnard can get cold so always bring a sweater.



Please remember to bring your Trail Duster/Rail Duster name badges and every couple is also asked to bring a bottle of wine to serve in the hospitality room during the weekend. Our hospitality room will provide sodas, water, and munchies throughout the day and into the evening.

Here is the schedule of events so you can plan your excursions around it. We will have sign-up sheets for events at the check-in desk and hospitality room so you can car pool together. Once again, Ron Lynn has volunteered to teach a ukulele class., so bring one from home. If you have one but don't plan on joining his class, please bring yours so someone else can borrow it to play. Also, Paula Seliga will be teaching a class in "using your I Phone", something most of us can use. Can't wait for all the fun!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday

12:00 pm	Meet for lunch at Sharky's or Panda Express
1:00 pm	Tour of DW Drums in Oxnard
3:00 pm	Check in
3:00 pm	Hospitality room opens in suite #135
4:00 pm	I Phone lessons by Paula Seliga in Conference room
5:30-7:00pm	Happy Hour (games) in hospitality room (bring paper with your 1 truth and 2 lies)
7:15 pm	Welcome to the Santa Monica Banquet Room
7:30 pm	Opening ceremonies and dinner is served
9:00 pm	Entertainment
10:00 pm	Hospitality Room #135 (Games and mingling)

Saturday

8:00 am	Walkers (meet in lobby)
8:00-10:00	Buffet breakfast in Santa Monica Banquet Room
10:00 am	Hospitality suite opens in suite #135
11:00 am	Meet in lobby for Ventura Harbor Boat Tour

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

2:00 pm	Tour of Heritage Homes
3:00 pm	Play rehearsal in Vantana Banquet Room (cast members)
4:00 pm	Ukelele in the Conference Room
5:30-7:15pm	Happy Hour (games) in Hospitality room
7:00 pm	Set up Centerpieces in Santa Monica Banquet Room
7:15 pm	Dinner in Santa Monica Banquet Room
8:30 pm	Table performances – that is NOT table dancing!
9:15 pm	Play performance in Vantana Room
10:15-Midnight	Hospitality Room #135

Sunday	
8:00-10:00 am	Buffet breakfast in Santa Monica Room
10:15am-noon	Joke off in Vantana Room
12:00 pm	Lunch for anyone who wants to join us at the Lazy Dog Café.

SPRING WEEKEND - MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 2024

Sign Up For Tours

We are excited to be starting our weekend off on Friday afternoon with a fabulous tour of the **DW Drum Shop in Oxnard**. It is one of the biggest drum manufacturers in the world and supplies many stars with their custom drum. Jeri Sobel's son Glenn, the drummer for Alice Cooper, gets all his drums from here and he has so kindly arranged a private tour for our Club. As an added bonus, Glenn will be performing for us at their studio and the local news will be photographing and interviewing us for a promotional story. The tour will last about 2 hours and is 8 minutes away from our hotel so we will arrive back at the hotel afterwards at check-in time. For those of you who would like to meet for lunch before the tour, there is a Sharky's and Panda Express in Oxnard behind the shopping center. Meet at noon. **Sharky's and Panda Express 2121 Rose Ave. Oxnard**. The drum studio is just down the street. Or you can skip lunch and meet at **DW Drums, 3450 Lunar Ct. Oxnard**

Heritage Square: This is a tour with a docent we can take at 2:00pm on Saturday. You can also take the tour on your own at any time but it is always more enjoyable to have a docent. The fee is \$5 per person. Look up the info about Heritage Square on your "Things to do and see in Oxnard". The tour takes about an hour.

Ventura Harbor Boat Tour. This is a 45- minute narrated tour of the harbor on Saturday morning. We pay one price for the boat tour and the boat holds 24 people. If we get 24 people to sign up, the cost will be \$15 per person. If less people sign up the cost will go up. We have to pay in advance to we need your RSVP, ASAP. The tour is at 11:30 am so we will meet in the lobby at 10:30 to car pool over and then find a place to eat lunch afterwards.

We need to have your RSVPs for all of these tours in advance so they can arrange docents for us. **Please RSVP to Caren1224@hotmail.com or 818-216 2990 As Soon As Possible.** We get a discount for the boat tour if we pay cash so bring cash for the tour.

Friday: 1:00PM: Drum Tour: FREE # of People: _____

Names _____

Names: _____

Saturday: 2:00pm: Heritage Square Tour \$5.00 # of people: _____

Names _____

Names: _____

Saturday: 11:30am Harbor Boat Tour \$15 per person if we get 24 people

Names _____

Names _____



Class Graduation & Silent Auction June 12, 2024

CALLING ALL TRAIL DUSTERS & RAIL DUSTERS

Our coordinators, Caren Blumfield, Sherwin Silver, & Jeri Sobel and the Board of Directors invite you to join them on June 12, 2024 to celebrate the class of 2024 and welcome them into our Club and our activity – square dancing. We are ready to celebrate their accomplishments along with them.



Our community fund raising again this year is a Silent Auction for the Ronald MacDonald Charities Los Angeles. There will be a wide variety of items; be ready to bid on some incredible offers. You may choose to not participate in the Silent Auction but simply to make a direct donation. Silent auction purchasers and direct donors will receive a thank you note from Ronald McDonal House CharitiesLA.

Bring your check book and be prepared to write one payable to RMHCLA (charge cards or cash will not be accepted).

Doors will open at 6:00 to view and bid on the items
Graduation will start at 6:45 promptly.



But first – join us for dinner at 5:00 at
THE STAND

23683 CALABASAS RD. CALABASAS

20% of your food purchase will support TRAIL DUSTERS CLUB

Please RSVP your intention to join us at The Stand AND/OR your intention to attend the Graduation & dance via email to Jane Lief by June 7, 2024
@ liefjane@gmail.com

We want to have enough desserts!

June 2024 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Annual Trail Dusters Spring Weekend See pages 3&4
2 Joke Off - then the Annual Trail Dusters Spring Weekend ends	3	4	5 Sharkey's 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	6	7	8
9	10	11 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	12 The Stand 5:00 pm Bay Laurel - 6:00 to view auction 6:45 Graduation	13	14 	15
16 	17	18	19	20	21 	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Sandy Cohen and Terry Karsh