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From the Presidents' Desk

"When you practice gratefulness, there is a sense of respect toward others." Dalai Lama

The holiday season brings us closer to people. Sometimes that closeness reminds us of how much we love each other. Sometimes it reminds us that we drive each other crazy as family often does.

Thanksgiving, in particular, calls us to see people with the deepest appreciation for the gifts they've given us. Some gifts are more immediately obvious than othersthe type that come with praise, affection and genuine esteem.

There is no denying that certain relationships are more challenging than others, but through each we have an opportunity to grow and to help others do the same. Feeling grateful or appreciative of someone or something in your life actually attracts more of the things that you appreciate and value in your life.

Gratitude is a virtue that helps us remember the obligations and responsibilities we owe others in return for the gifts we have received. Trail Dusters are grateful for the angels that come

out on Wednesday to help our new dancers. We are grateful for our coordinators, **Judy Comroe and Bill Dickter**, for their tireless efforts in organizing our new class of Rail Dusters, and for the faithful attendance of the Rail Dusters who come out each week for dinner and dancing.

We want to express our gratitude to our Board of Directors for their service to Trail Dusters. These Board Members have "stepped up to the plate" and have volunteered to help guide our Square Dance Club over a "safe" trail. And to our caller Arlen Miller - we appreciate and thank you for helping us learn to square dance.

We all have much to be grateful for and may your Thanksgiving bring you health and happiness.

Time to square up with the Trail Dusters!



Anita & Gary Higer Presidents

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OUR NEXT CLUB DANCE IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11[™]

VETERANS We Honor You!

At this dance, Andy Allemao will be calling the tips. Although Andy is one of the youngest callers around, with much talent and enthusiasm. Andy is club caller for three clubs in the San Diego area and teaches/calls from Beginners to Advance 2. He is well known for teaching and calling Hexagon squares. Calling a tip of hexagons at a dance results in the dancers participating, laughing a great deal, and having a lot of fun.

Andy's energy on stage is high. You can almost get tired just watching him. Milo will be cueing the round dancers and will prove a good counter point to the energy of the square dancers as the round dancers circle the dance floor with style and grace – see page 11.



Most importantly, at this dance we will ask the Veterans to step forward in

order to give them recognition for their service to our country and to thank them.

Once again the members of the club will provide great snacks for your noshing enjoyment. So mark your calendars and come – dance a little, eat a little, talk a little and say a big Thank You!

Your roving reporters from Canada

Shirley & Collin Brown

Publicity Chairs





LAST MONTH'S DANCE
WAS ICE CREAM &
ROOT BEER FLOATS

There's no pepper in Root Beer floats but there was Pepper at Wilkinson on Sat night because Tim Pepper called for our club





dance! There were 32 Trail
Dusters in attendance to square up





for the evening.







Our kitchen staff, led by **Joni & Mark Simon** along with their
helpers **Maxine and Irwin**



Tuckman did an outstanding job feeding the crowd and serving us root beer floats. **Robert Sobel** also helped and he also did double duty at the door collecting money with

Jeri Sobel (since Ron was away at a stamp show).





Root Beer Floats

Our presidents, **Anita and Gary Higer**, were also present to help
out. A big thank you to the
members who always arrive before
6:30pm to help set everything up
and to those of you who offer to

stay and help with the clean up.

Your Dance Reporter



Caren Blumfield caren1224@hotmail.com

NEXT BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Caren & Sherwin's House



Our November visitation will be with Valley Trailers for their "63rd Anniversary Dance"

Date: November 18
Callers: Mike Seastrom &
Hunter Keller

Rounds: 7:15 pm Squares: 8:00 pm

Wilkinson Multipurpose Room 8956 Vanalden, in Northridge

Upcoming Visitations

December 8: Western Weavers "Benefit Dance"
Canned Goods for the Burbank

Temporary Aid Center
Rounds: 7:30 pm

Squares: 8:00 pm Caller: Joe Scarlatella at Joslyn Adult Center

North Griiffith Drive & Olive Ave

Sandra & Robert Sobel Visitation Chairs 818-999-2642



rsobel@sanrobel.com

November Birthdays



Steven Rosentsweig	1
Alex Strouzer	1
Steve Berman	3
Rita Karp	6
Phyllis Saul	6
Jackie Kantor	7
Steve Yakerson	8
Adrianne Kirman	9
Farryl Dickter	22
Marilyn Bloom	23
Jacquelyn Walker	24
Arlene Zoren	24
Michael Antin	30
Myron Ross	30

Nov. Anniversaries

Judy & Stuart Levy 2
Francie & Steve Bordofsky 16
Elise & Neil Sandler 24

Congratulations to all who are celebrating a special occasion

From Your Membership Chairs

As of October 22nd, 110 out of 195 members have renewed their memberships for 2018

Have You?

If you have not had a chance to renew, please take this opportunity now to send in your membership renewal. November 30 is the deadline.

There are two ways to renew:

One is to give your Membership Chair (Mark Abramson) a check at class on Wednesday evening.

The other is:

- Print the renewal form on page 12 and fill out the required information. Please print legibly!
- Make out a check to *Trail Dusters* for \$25 for single membership, \$50 for couple.
- 3. Mail the form and the check to:

Ilene and Mark Abramson 4425 Estrondo Drive Encino, CA 91436

All current members must renew to maintain membership. This includes our newest Trail Dusters who graduated in June and paid half-year dues that covered the period from July through December 2017.

We are looking forward to receiving your membership renewals. If you have any further questions, please call or email Mark Abramson.

The drawing for Brent's coupons will be done at class on November 8. It will include all members who renewed by October 31.

Ilene & Mark Abramson

Membership & Statistics Email:



Subject Line: Membership 818-501-3109



It is with a heavy heart that I report the October $11^{t\bar{h}}$ passing of long – time Trail Duster Norman Klinenberg, Class of '93. In failing health over the past several months. Norman succumbed to complications from pneumonia at the age of 90. The son of Czechoslovakian parents, he will always be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and his "famous" closing line at the end of each phone conversation; "I'll talk to you when I don't have time!" Norman leaves behind his beloved wife of more than 60 years, Hana, a Holocaust survivor; his two sons; Michael (Marla) Tanner and Randy (Rebecca) Klinenberg.four grandchildren and one greatgrandchild. Donations in Norman's memory can be made to The Braille Institute of America or Guide Dogs of America. A private Memorial Service will be held for family members in November. To all the Klinenberg family, we extend our sincere sympathy on the loss of this dear and special man.

On the bright side, Wendy Goldzband is thrilled to announce the upcoming marriage of her daughter Shelli to Bryan Koenig. The wedding will take place on October 29th in Leesburg, Virginia. Shelli moved to Washington, D.C. 4 years ago and met the man of her dreams at a Purim costume party where they both dressed as superheroes! Shelli works for a non-profit group connected to the National Parks Service, and Bryan works in the field of journalism. Wendy hoped that Shelli might return to L.A., but as Bryan is from Connecticut, Wendy feels that Shelli is "lost to the east coast" but will be with her superhero. To you, Wendy, and to your daughter, we extend warm congratulations and the wish for a lifetime of happiness for the young couple.

Here's wishing a rapid recovery to our Club President, **Gary Higer**, who, at this time of writing, is hospitalized in Burbank with a severe infection throughout his body. As doctors there try to determine the nature of the problem, we hope that determination will come soon and that we'll see **Gary** back with us and feeling well and strong again shortly. **Gary**, we're all putting our best thoughts and prayers together for your well being!

Get well wishes go out to Marilyn Katlein who underwent knee surgery for a torn medial meniscus on October 19th. She is now at home recuperating and being cared for by devoted hubby Hy. Marilyn, we hope that each day finds you feeling lots better and closer to being completely healed. We look forward to seeing you back with us real soon and doing what you most enjoy – DANCING!

Whatever is going on in YOUR life, I hope you will choose to contact me (at the e-mail address shown

below,) and share your "sunny" events AND the not-so-sunny happenings as well. You have my assurance that I will ONLY write about what YOU choose to share with the rest of our Trail Duster family.

May the sun shine upon each of you.

Rusty Kaman, <u>rusty k@verizon.net</u> Sunshine & Showers Chair



A NIGHT IN
NEVERLAND...WHERE YOU
NEVER GROW UP!

"So come with me
where dreams are born,
and time is never planned.
Just think of happy things,
and your heart will fly on wings,
forever, in Never Never Land!"
Peter Pan

Our New Year's Eve Gala will find us all traveling to Never Never Land in a wondrous journey sure to stroke our wildest imaginations and bring out our innermost youthful soul.



The New Year's Eve Committee,
Anita Higer, Caren Blumfield,
Jeri Sobel, Marilyn Bloom, and
Maureen Fried and a group of
Peter's Pals, Flo Tapp, Ilene
Abramson, Nancy Wallach, and
Sandy and Bob Sobel, came
together to chase feathers, capture
pixie dust and harness enough



Lost Boys' spirit to create a tremendous tribute to a year gone



by and a tomorrow filled with



promise.



And once again, the invitations and table signs for our *awfully big adventure* were expertly printed by **Mike Sternfeld**. Surely even Peter Pan couldn't find a more dutiful team to make our Gala wishes come true.

What a night we are planning. The Hilton is located 'second star to the right and straight on till morning' and you must remember to sign up soon or you'll miss your golden chance to stay young while reveling the night away.

R J Stinger-who never seems to grow old-will be making a stellar effort to prove Trail Dusters and their friends do more than Square Dance as he keeps the floor jumpin' and the music flowin'.

So we're off to a wild adventure. Get your reservations in early

(invitation is on page 13) and look forward to Tinkerbell's pixie dust as we travel to Neverland, and never come back till forever ends!

Mail your response card along with your check made out to Trail Dusters to Marilyn Bloom 11868 Moorpark Street Unit H Studio City, CA 91604



Marilyn Bloom, Jeri Sobel, Anita Higer, Maureen Fried, Caren Blumfield New Year's Eve Committee

HOLD THE DATE FOR THE 2018 SPRING WEEKEND. WE ARE GOING TO OXNARD – MAY 4-6

See website http://traildusters.com/ for pictures of previous fun spring weekends – go to Photo Albums

Coordinators Corner

Off to a Great Start

After three introductory classes and three regular classes, we have 27 Rail Dusters! Our new class includes 6 couples, 10 single gals, and 3 single guys. Some of our singles have begun to partner up with permanent angel partners and one lucky student is being angeled by his spouse (the first person to correctly identify this couple gets to join us as a third coordinator).

What a wonderful group of enthusiastic students. Bonus time! The Rail Dusters are doing very, very well. Well, a few need to be in a square with 6 strong angels but those few are still learning with help.

Speaking of angels, we are so appreciative of those of you have come out to help. Keep coming; the Rail Dusters do need your continuing support. As usual, we will need to "borrow" angel gentlemen from their lady partners in order to provide partners for some of our single Rail Duster gals. We are trying to keep this practice to a minimum and on a rotational basis as we know Trail Duster couples really would prefer to dance together.

If you haven't been coming to class, put on your dancing shoes and show up at Bay Laurel Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. When we say 7 pm, we mean 7 pm in this universe, not in some alt-universe where the

clock is running about 5 minutes slower. If everyone can be signed in by the time Arlen starts the music, the squares can be formed up and the class started on time. What a concept? This might keep your coordinators from running around like chickens without heads at 7 pm, still trying to get the single Rail Dusters paired up and into squares. We enjoy the classes so much but we aren't being paid enough when dealing with the chaos at the start.

Looking forward to a successful year and fully aware of the great support we get from our membership,

Bill Dickter



Judy Comroe
Your Coordinators



Comes to Bay Laurel



our Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters dressed up to meet it with open



arms. They paraded by our Judges, Marilyn Bloom, Tom



Bolton and Arlene Zoren in their



costumes.



The judges conferred and, with difficulty, finally chose the three



winners who were: Caren
Blumfield and Sherwin Silver for
most creative, Maureen Fried for
most clever and Geraldine
Rothenberg for most authentic.

If you missed the fun of the Dressup, and the choice of the winners,

well, ----- there's always next year!



Len Bloom

Kitchen Korner

Dear Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters.

We're off to a terrific start and we thank you all for the help and support we've been getting with the most important thing after dancing - **EATING**.



A great big thank you to Jerry and Paula Seliga for being the "special" kitchen helpers for the month of October.

Our refreshments have been delicious and everyone is cooperating with our requests to get there early, have their food ready to serve and help with the set-up and clean-up. We greatly appreciate all you do.

We want to let you know that we no longer have use of the kitchen as it is district policy not to allow anyone into their kitchen. Although they have allowed us to use the kitchen in the past, it was a courtesy to us and they now have to conform to the policy. What this means to us - - well, now more than ever we need you to be very diligent in making sure your refreshments that you provide are on serving plates, or bowls, all cut up and ready to be served.

Remember, if you are not available for your assigned week, (see page 10 for food list), please arrange to switch with someone and let us know about the change. We start dancing at 7PM so if you're a TREAT provider, please arrive at 6:45 to help with the set-up.

FUN FACTS ABOUT FOOD

category: did you know that 75 McDonald hamburgers are served every second of every day, 6.5 million per day and 2.5 billion per year - *quite a set of stats.*

Flo & Bill Tapp





Jane Lief

Refreshment Chairs flowille@sbcglobal.net jane.lief@gmail.com

RMH WISH LIST FOR 2017 IS OFF TO A GREAT START!

We are delighted to report that our club's ANNUAL DRIVE, this year for the LA Ronald McDonald House, is off to a great start! To all of you who have so generously already made a donation to RMH, we thank you most sincerely.

We have already been able to purchase a large number of bath and hand towels for the "home away from home" (located a block from Children's Hospital,) for some 75 families that reside there at any given time, and we're now looking to purchase bed linens to replace the well-worn and tattered ones that undergo countless washings!

Additionally, we're shopping for specific food items that have been requested for the two pantries at the House. This is an ambitious project, but with the help of EACH of you, Trail Dusters AND Rail Dusters, we can accomplish our club's goal of fulfilling this year's Wish List for RMH!

Remember – donations either cash or by check (made out to NORM KAMAN) for any amount - can be made at our Wednesday night classes. You can also mail your check to us at the address below. If you haven't already done so, we hope that you will contribute to this ONCE-A-YEAR Drive and enjoy the good feeling that comes with reaching out to others whose lives have taken a difficult turn.

The families residing at RMH are there because their children are fighting life-threatening illnesses, and they've come to receive the treatment they cannot receive where they live. Let's try to make life just a bit easier and more pleasant for them!

Thank you for your support!



Rusty & Norm Kaman,

Wish List Drive Chairpersons

2174 Ladycliff Circle Thousand Oaks, CA 91360



Hello Trail Dusters & Rail Dusters,

Dancing and eating is our business--- We are getting so many of you coming to the preclass dinners--- what fun. We have really grown our ranks at the dinners. We are getting more than 30 people each Wednesday night. It is a great opportunity for Trail Dusters to 'shmooze' and Rail Dusters to get to know each other. So come on out!!

The pre-class dinners are also a great way of getting needed nutrition before dancing two miles during class (that's what my Fitbit says). The dinners are fun and a way to raise money for the club. Each time you come to a pre-class dinner the club makes money! The club makes 20% on everything you eat--- so eat up!!!

We'll meet for a pre-class dinner at 5:30 pm. The schedule for November is as follows:

November 1 November 15 November 22 November 29 Sharkey's The Habit California Pita No Class The Salad Farm

Your hosts, Wendy Goldzband & Steve Katz



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S CELEBRATED IN CLASS



Mori Herscowitz, Steve Bordofsky, Ron Sobel, Geraldine Rothenberg, Renny Traub
HALLOWEEN AT BAY LAUREL



Front row, Sherwin Silver, Caren Blumfield, Ron Sobel, Anita Higer - Back Row: Sandy Sabatino, Lois Michaelson, Val Simmonds, Alex Strouzer, Linda Cole, Vita Brett, Ronna Banks, Maureen Fried, Geraldine Rothenberg, Ricky Campos, Shelly Fried



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	
November 11, 2017	Andy Allemao	Veterans - We Honor and Thank You!	
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"	CELENATEV	
May 12, 2018	Hunter Keller	Mother's Day Picnic	
June 9, 2018	Michael Kellogg	Night At The Movies	
July 14, 2018	Ken Bower	* Hawaiian Dreaming!	
August 10, 2018	Pat Carnathan	* Rock & Roll Revival	
September 6, 2018	Buddy Weaver	TBD	
October 13, 2018	Tim Pepper	TBD	

* Summer Casual Attire

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Anita & Gary Higer 818-789-9398

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



REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS NOVEMBER 2017

November 1

Fruit Sandy & Jeff Cohen
Dessert Harriet & Steve Berman
Dessert Ilene & Mark Abramson
Cheese and Crackers Adrianne Kirman



November 8

Fruit Lana Collier
Dessert Ronnie Cohen
Dessert Rusty & Norm Kaman
Cheese and Crackers Ken Burkenheim



November 15

Fruit Joan Kallet & Arthur Grossman
Dessert Terry Holtzman & Lori Hazan
Dessert Marilyn & Hy Katlein
Cheese and Crackers Percy Calkins



No Class

November 29

Fruit Charlene Klein
Dessert Dessert Paul Kayne
Cheese and Crackers Pat & Rick Kessler







TRAIL DUSTERS

VETERANS We Honor You! We Remember



Saturday, November 11, 2017

CALLER: ANDY **ALLEMAO**



CUERS: CINDA & MILO MOLITORIS

Rounds 7:00 – 8:00 pm and between tips Squares 8:00 - 10:00 pm - Plus Level, A-1 Tip Wilkinson Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden Ave., Northridge, CA



UPCOMING DANCES

JANUARY 13 CRAZY T-SHIRT DANCE ARLEN MILLER FEBRUARY 10 JOHNNY PRESTON LOVE IS IN THE AIR

MARCH 10 DICK HODENFIELD & ANDY ALLEMAO

FABULOUS 50'S

For More Info Call: Anita & Gary Higer 818 789-9398

Website: www.traildusters.com - Singles and Couples Welcome

DUSTERS

TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$50 COUPLES / \$ 25 SINGLES
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "TRAIL DUSTERS"

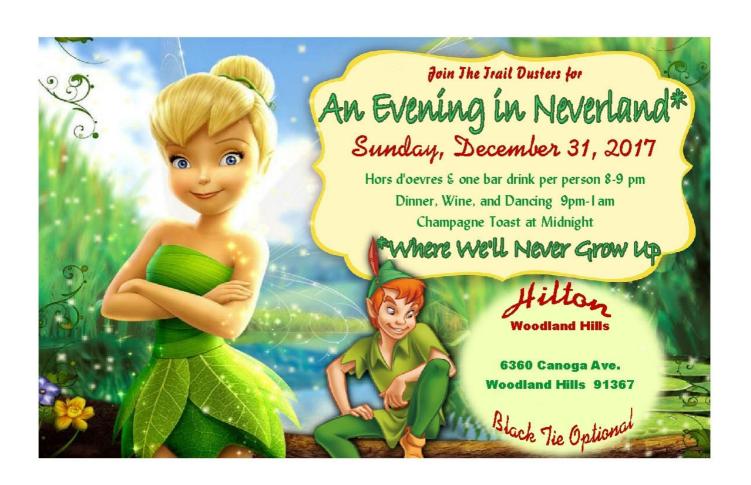
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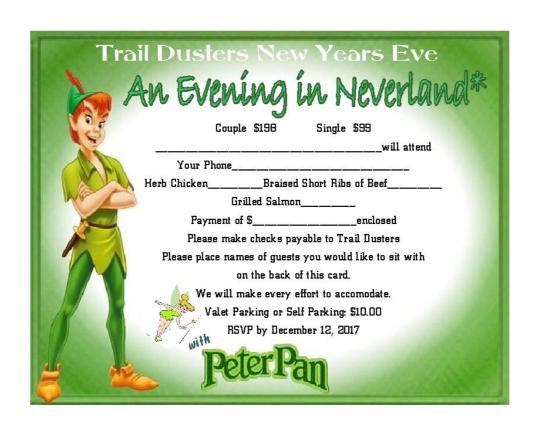
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ILENE AND MARK ABRAMSON 4425 ESTRONDO DRIVE ENCINO CA 91436

(make check payable to "Trail Dusters")





November 2017 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Sharkey's 5:30 p m	2	3	4
Fall Back	6	7	8 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Thr Habit 5:30 p m	9	10	11 Dance at Wilkinson caller Andy Allemao cuer Milo Molitoris see pages 2 & 11
12	13	14 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Caren & Sherwin's House	15 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. Caliornia Pita 5:30 p m	16	17	18 Visitation at Valley Trailers 64 th Anniversary callers: Mike Seastrom & Hunter Keller- see page 3
19	20	21	NO CLASS	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29 Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m. The Salad Farm 5:30 p m	30		

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