



The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

This is the July issue of Dusty Trails and that means that the gavel has been passed from Nikki and Steve Rosentsweig to yours truly.



Jane Lief receives gavel from Steve & Nikki Rosentsweig

This has been a challenging year everywhere around the world including our square dance community including Trail Dusters. We were so fortunate to have **Nikki and Steve Rosentsweig's** guidance and leadership. With it we have stayed in touch with one another and even danced (via zoom) a little. A big thank you to our now past presidents on keeping friendships thriving even in these difficult times.

Also special kudos to **Caren Blumfield** on leading us in line dancing and **Paul Waters** in calling dances every month. Paul was also

great in sending us his Wednesday emails for all to read. For those who didn't attend our virtual dances, you missed something special along with the chance to chat with friends.

The times ahead are unknown but one thing remains a certainty, that we will not be deterred from making new friends and keeping the old.

Our board is planning to move ahead to bring us all back into a chair or a square. We hope to begin dancing in September with precautions in place to keep us in good health. We will be requesting that everyone who joins our group to dance be vaccinated so that we can all feel safe and sound. We will have some new procedures throughout our evenings, again to keep the germs away.

Please mark your calendars for our **Summer Back Together Again** party on **Sunday, August 22**. This will be held outdoors and the location will be announced soon.

Our Wednesday classes will be changed in the way Paul teaches them. A Square D has proposed "Social Square Dancing" which will help make Wednesdays more fun. The teaching schedule has been modified. There will be fewer calls to learn and much more time to learn them. We know that "Social Square Dancing" will be enjoyed by everyone. Yes, we will still have

Angel Tips for those dancers who are more advanced. Be sure you stay in touch for the coming Trail Dusters year. It will be lots of fun.

Again, thanks so much to Nikki and Steve and our board for keeping our show on the road.

Jane Lief

President



 Last month's theme at our Virtual Dance was called



Is it possible that our monthly "pandemic zooms" are over? Yes, and through the wonderful efforts of our beloved caller, **Paul Waters**, and his side kick **Caren Blumfield**, we have managed to keep our members together.

Those of you who joined us were able to square dance, line dance, and most important shmooze during our break-out sessions.

Our presidents were amazing during this unprecedented year and we really enjoyed their "groaner jokes."

The theme of our last virtual dance was "celebrations and/or holidays that we love the best." (see pages 4 & 5). However, I think we can all seriously agree that being part of our Trail Duster Family is the best event that we should be celebrating. The friendships, dancing, and social events, (let's not forget eating) we have all experienced through our club have given us lifetime memories.

A big thank you to all of you who have made this possible. See you in September

Caren Blumfield
 Dance Reporter



July Birthdays



- Elaine Pfefferman 1
- Hy Katlein 3
- Steven Katz 4
- Al Masters 4
- Joni Simon 4
- Roy Okada 4
- Nikki Rosentsweig 7
- David Simon 9
- Bernie Brauner 11
- Percy Calkins 11
- Barbara Kelner 11
- Diane Townsend 12
- Mark Abramson 13
- Terry Holtzman 13
- Louise Schoenneman 16
- Sheldon Levin 18
- Judy Levy (Judy & Stephen) 18
- Shirley Brown 20
- Gayle Stern 20
- Sherwin Silver 26
- Nancy Sachs 27

July Anniversaries



- Anita & Gary Higer 1
- Gloria & Marc Schwartz 1
- Mindy & Al Brown 11
- Paula & Avi Nudell 11
- Sandy & Bill Sarnoff 16
- Margie & Jeff Hausman 21
- Harriet & Steve Berman 26

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

Ilene & Mark Abramson
 Membership Chairs



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Sunshine & Showers

The past month has brought both sunshine and showers for our Trail Duster "family."

Sadly, we have lost a long-time member, Byron Weinstein, beloved husband of Bette Jo Weinstein. Byron passed away on May 19th at the age of 96. The Weinstains were graduates with the class of 1996. When circumstances prevented them from continuing, they left our club for a while. Happily, Bette Jo chose to return, rejoining in 2017. They were blessed with three children and eight grandchildren. Now we convey heartfelt sympathy to Bette Jo and all the family and hope there will be brighter days ahead for them. Bette Jo has shared that her granddaughter, Rachael Weinstein, had been awarded a six-week Internship with a large company in Tel Aviv and will be heading there shortly. We wish her a safe journey.

On the sunny side, we have some very proud Grandparents among us who have shared their reasons for happiness. **Ronna Banks** is delighted to announce that her grandson Noah has graduated from Valley Middle School in Van Nuys and will be attending Crespi High School in the fall. Sending best wishes to **Ronna** as Noah moves onward and upward!

Caren Blumfield is another grandparent currently filled with

pride as she shares the news of her granddaughter, Kayla Temshiv, who graduates from the University of Cincinnati, SUMA CUM LAUDA! Kayla carried a double major – in English and Theatre. Her permanent home is in Dallas, Texas. Sincere congratulations to Kayla for her outstanding accomplishments thus far AND to Grandma **Caren** and family!

More news from proud grandparents . . . **Adriane and Michael Kreisberg** are thrilled to announce their granddaughter, Merav's graduation from Sapir Academic College in Sderot, Israel (which is located near Gaza). safely making it through school despite the rockets raining down upon her city. Although Merav completed classes a year ago with her degree in Human Resources, graduation was held off to allow students the opportunity to retake their final exams if they so desired. Together with a start on her new career placing people in large tech companies in Israel, she and her husband Gabe are preparing to welcome their first child in November!

The Kreisbergs' Canadian granddaughter, Yaeli, is graduating from high school in Toronto where she is one of 23 girls graduating from a religious girls' school. For her graduation gift, **Adriane and Mike** are flying her to L.A. for a week and fulfilling her long-time dream; a private surfboard lesson in Malibu! **Adriane and Mike**, to you and your family, here's wishing you nothing but happiness as you go forward. Your life is truly filled with sunshine!

Thanks to you who have taken the time to share your news with our "family." Hopefully the months to come will be sunny, not just outside but within your lives and those of your families. Please contact me at the e-mail address below with any

news you'd like others to know about and I will do the rest!

**Warmly,
Rusty Kaman,**



**Sunshine &
Showers Chair**

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Know Your Board Member

Robert & Sandra Sobel

(written by Robert)



I graduated from Central High School in Detroit, Michigan, in June 1955 and joined the U. S. Navy in September since they advertised "Join the Navy - See the world." In the Naval Air I was trained as a Radio Airman, and while the experience was not what I signed up for, I did see lots of ocean! In 1960 I moved to Los Angeles to join my family, who had already moved.

I then studied and became a Real Estate Property Manager, with extensive knowledge of accounting and business management, specializing in 1031 Tax-Free Exchanges and challenging properties. I married my first wife in 1962 and raised three sons in Sherman Oaks. After 23 years of marriage, my wife died of cancer, leaving me with 3 teenagers to finish raising. While I was getting my life reorganized, my mother-in-law insisted I call a friend who was also widowed recently, enter Sandy!

Sandy was born in Long Beach, California. She worked for nearly

20 years at CBS Studios as assistant to the production manager. This studio made all the Westerns i.e. Gunsmoke, Big Valley etc. and the sit coms with a live audience i.e. Mary Tyler Moore Show and Bob Newhart. It was an exciting time to be in a very exciting environment. She then went on to Real Estate School and became a Realtor, She enjoyed many years selling homes in the Valley.

Now married for over 27 years, we were introduced to Square Dancing and in 2012 we found the Trail Dusters. We joined the Board of Directors in 2013, have held several positions on the board. We were in charge of the Kitchens at Bay Laurel Elementary and Wilkinson Senior Center, Refreshments at our dance venues, Vice-Presidents for one year, Maintenance Co-ordinators and Liason between the club and the dance venues. In the new season 2021-2022 we will serve as Treasurers.

Trail Dusters is so much more than a dance club, it is a great opportunity to meet "similar minded" people and enjoy so many fun times together. We look forward to the coming year as a Trail Duster, understanding that we will all be "NEW" and will enjoy the challenges that we will all face together.



Coffee Grounds Tips

Sprinkle used coffee grounds around your plants to protect them against destructive garden pests like ants, snails and slugs.

Coffee grounds make a great fertilizer. Mix with brown leaves to neutralize the acidity, then spread them around your plants.

WHAT ARE YOU CELEBRATING?



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JULY 2021 TRAIL DUSTERS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Board Meeting Pot Luck 5:00 PM Maureen & Shelly Fried	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31