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From the Presidents' Desk

We danced our way into 2026 with an absolutely fabulous New Year's Eve party! We want to extend a huge thank-you to everyone who joined us to ring in the New Year in true Trail Dusters style. From the moment guests arrived, it was clear this was going to be a night to remember.

The energy in the room was incredible, the laughter contagious, and the dance floor full all night long. The creative theme, beautiful decorations, and terrific music kept us dancing straight into the New Year.

A very special and heartfelt thank-you goes to our core New Year's Eve Committee: Caren Blumfield, Marilyn Bloom, Maureen Fried, and Jeri Sobel whose leadership, creativity, and countless hours of work made this extraordinary evening possible. We are also deeply grateful to the many others who stepped in to help, support, and contribute in so many ways. It truly takes a village, and this event was a perfect example of teamwork at its best.

What a great turnout for the Student Stomp -see pages 5 & 6. Everyone had such a fun time, followed by going the Sharkey's after the dance.

As we look ahead, remember our Sweetheart Dance for Trail Dusters on February 15, from 2:00– 4:30 pm at Wilkinson – see flier on page 18.

We will proudly honor our incredible sweethearts, Patti and Marshall Goldberg. As past presidents, Patti and Marshall have contributed tremendously to the success and spirit of Trail Dusters, and we look forward to celebrating them and all they have given to our club.

Most of all, thank you to our Trail Dusters family. The warmth, camaraderie, and spirit you bring to every gathering are what make this club so special.

If this party was any indication, 2026 is going to be another fantastic year of dancing, friendship, and fun.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead — we can't wait to dance it away with all of you!



Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell
Co- Presidents, Trail Dusters





February Birthdays

Mark Simon	5
Rhonda Shapiro	9
Cindy Kestenbaum	11
Mindy Dill	15
Michael Kellogg	16
Robert Sobel	17
Dorothy Stabinsky	20
Ron Mitnick	20
Michael Kreisberg	28
Mimi Steinberger	28

Feb. Anniversaries

Eileen & Ken Burkenheim	9
Jill & Bob Sanders	9
Farryl & Bill Dickter	10
Bren & Jack Levy	12
Marilyn & Matthew Baumuller	13
Cindy Kestenbaum & Alex Strouzer	18

From Your Membership Chairs

You should all have received the current December 2025 edition of the Roster in email. It includes all 177 paid-up Trail Dusters, the photo page of the Rail Dusters class, and an officers list.

As always, please email us with corrections.

The following corrections have been sent in:

Cheri Warner's email is cheridwarner@gmail.com
 Alex Strouzer's email (listed under Kestenbaum, Cindy) is a187csi@gmail.com

Peter Maier's email is peter.maier1@gmail.com
 Rail Duster Judy Stahl has dropped out
 Rail Dusters Pamala and Larry Szabo have dropped out.

Thanks to all of you who support our club! See you all in a square.

Ilene and Mark Abramson



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Snack-a-Thon

LAST MONTH

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BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

Even though it turned out to be a very warm evening, our BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE SNACK-A-THON was a big hit. Many of you showed up in scarves, hats, and cozy touches, and I truly thank you for getting into the spirit of the theme. Of course, once the dancing began, a few layers had to come off—but that's part of the fun.

I also want to thank everyone for the delicious and generous snacks you brought. You continue to amaze me. Everyone appreciates it so much—but no one more than I do.

A special shout out goes to Don Greenlee, who brought not one, but two incredible coffee cakes from Porto's. Yes, plural! Truly, the best bakery in town. Linda Cole's cookies disappeared in record time and Jerianne's cookies looked like little snowballs. They were delicious and perfect for the theme.

Thank you all so very much. I am beyond grateful for your generosity and your enthusiasm. It means more to me than I can say.

Snack-a-Thon

THIS MONTH - February 11
See flyer on Page 17.

Now I feel like Oliver Twist when I ask ... please, friends, may I have some more?

Our next Snack-A-Thon is February 11th, and the sign up sheets for snacks are on the second table.

The theme is "Love Is In The Air", so please start planning those outfits! I'm hoping to see lots of festive touches of red, pink and white.

Thank you again - from the bottom of my heart.



Debbie Borden

Refreshment Chair



Class Coordinators

Dear Rail Dusters,

Happy New Year to everyone! For those of you who attended New Years, we know you had a great time.

Some of our Rail Dusters have experienced extended vacations and numerous health issues and need to continue with us next year. We are thrilled to have our seven remaining new dancers and look forward to lots of fun times together. If you find that

more than one Rail Duster is in your square, please try to trade with a square that has all angels. Our computer is still trying to work out a few glitches.

All our Rail Dusters are doing well learning all the new calls. Please know that each week when the calls are repeated it does get easier to recall the moves. Just be patient with yourselves. We have all been right where you are!!!

Meet your Rail Dusters

Every month we will feature some of our new Rail Dusters. Be sure to welcome them into our Square Dancing Community.

This month, let's get to know **Janelle Rolstand.**



Janelle Rolstand

Janelle was born in Lancaster, CA, and grew up in Torrance. In 2018, she moved to Maryland and returned to CA in May 2025. Janelle attended South Torrance High School, has an Equine Science degree from Pierce College and a Respiratory Therapy degree from LA Valley College.

She is a Respiratory Therapist and works part-time virtually for a Durable Medical Equipment Company. She teaches people who have new CPAP machines (for sleep apnea) how to connect, set up, fit their masks, care and maintain their equipment and order supplies.

Janelle has 3 children. One son has 3 children and lives in Illinois; her daughter is married and lives nearby, and her other son, who lives in Germany, is engaged. Janelle square danced a lot in high school and in her 20's but hasn't danced in

over 20 years. She is a natural and remembers most of the calls.

In her spare time, she loves to read, dance, knit, crochet, and ride horses. Janelle speaks some German and is learning Norwegian. She is currently knitting or crocheting all her Christmas gifts. We are happy that she has chosen our club to continue her square dancing.



Maureen and Shelly Fried



Jeri Sobel Gayle Cantrock

**♥ SWEETHEART BALL
FEBRUARY 15**

You won't want to miss the upcoming Sweetheart Ball, **Sunday, February 15th, honoring Patti and Marshal Goldberg** for all that they have done for the club. There will be several callers and that always makes a dance extra fun!

This dance is for those who have completed the full SSD program (not for current students). It will be held from **2-4:30pm at Wilkinson Senior Center in Northridge** . As usual, we love to gather and eat afterwards, so we will be going to **The Stand** in Northridge after the dance. See fliers on pages 18 & 19.

Get your reduced cost ribbons for \$13 or pay \$15 at the door. You can get your ribbons at class from Farryl or Bill Dickter if you **bring exact cash or make a check out to ASquared** .

Each club in the community will be bringing a gift basket, and you can win these at the raffle. **For our club's basket, we are asking for donations of Italian themed items**, such as napkins, food, or the like. You can also bring these donations to class and a box for collection will be available.

Dress for the dance is red and white, since it's February, Valentine's month, and a Sweetheart themed dance.

See you in a square, Bill Dickter



Our New Years Eve African Safari Was So Much Fun



New Years Eve 2025 was a night that will forever be remembered as a wonderful journey through the plains of Africa on a very rare and exceptional African Safari.

What a superb time was had by all, beginning with the amazing display of gorgeous African themed apparel sported by so many guests. It was epic. See pictures on pages 8 -16.

Once again, the second floor elevator doors opened to our customary Trail Dusters welcome. A green jeep, created by Caren, introduced *Trail Dusters African Safari Tours*. And in a flash, our photographer Simcha Saul with the help of Phyllis Saul took the pictures that each guest would be given in a frame bordered in a beautiful African theme. Our candid photographers, Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig, captured the fun of New Years in pictures. By now you should have received a link to view these photos. Our breathtaking adventure has just begun!

Trail Dusters revelers could not miss the plethora of pretty, untamed animals everywhere. The reception room and tables were awash in everything African while drinks and hors d'oeuvres were eagerly consumed, all in anticipation to what delights were coming next.

Party planners Marilyn Bloom, Jeri Sobel, Caren Blumfield, and Maureen Fried, and their able bodied team did not disappoint. Their hard work throughout the planning, set-up, and clean-up of our event spanned weeks in the making and whose efforts were on avid display.

Dining room doors were opened to a wonderland of African beauty. Huge wall murals, lush jungle greenery, centerpieces sitting on leopard print mantle, a spacious room canopied by lights and glittering tinsel, and soul touching music by our favorite DJ Scott Soluk; the scene was set.

Hearty welcomes were given by our beloved presidents Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell who set the tone with their sincere wishes and anticipations for a brilliant night to come.

The evening was a complete success. Once again, Trail Dusters closed the year and welcomed the new one with gusto and grace. This New Years event was truly a labor of love by a devoted group of dedicated Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters. We are a wonderful group and a genuinely fine square dance club.



Caren, Marilyn, Maureen, Jeri

Sunshine & Showers

This month's report is brief but brimming with "Sunshine."

Caren Blumfield's son Drew and his wife Crystal just became parents to their 5th child on January 2nd. This means that **Caren's** new granddaughter, Chaya Jaffa, who weighed in at 9 lbs. 5 oz., makes 5 young grandchildren for **Caren** to babysit, ages 9, 7, 3, 2 and 2 weeks! That is in addition to 4 dogs! Caren's daughter has two children ages 7 and 9, and there are two grown grandchildren in Texas. All totaled, that makes 9 grandchildren – 9 blessings and a very full house! Caren says her main concern now is making certain that all the children are water safe. They all have someone to play with – and someone to fight with! Meanwhile, instead of complaining about the noise level when they're all together, Sherwin simply turns up the volume on the TV set! To you, **Caren**, and to all your family, we extend warm congratulations on your newest addition, and we wish you many years of fun and laughter. (Please tell us where you get all your energy!)

Get well wishes go out to **Otis Rogers** who is presently in the hospital with a blood infection. **Otis**, we hope to hear that you are back home very soon and feeling lots better!

Jennifer Mantell will be undergoing throat surgery on February 6th to remove a pocket in her throat which makes eating and swallowing difficult. To you, **Jennifer**, we extend our best wishes for a successful procedure and hope that everything turns out even better than you are anticipating! Hopefully, you will soon be back on the dance floor and feeling terrific!

I'd love to hear from more of you, both Rail Dusters and Trail Dusters,

with your stories of "sunshine" and "showers." Simply send me an email at Rusty_k@verizon.net and I will contact you for more details. It really is great fun sharing news with the rest of our Trail Duster "family."

Rusty Kaman
Sunshine & Showers
Chair



Best Wishes to our Sunshine & Showers Chair who will celebrate her special Birthday on Jan 30th!

WAYS & MEANS

The following is the calendar for our February restaurants.

- Feb. 4 The Stand**
- Feb. 11 Mendocino Farms**
- Feb. 15 The Stand - Northridge**
- Feb. 18 The Habit**
- Feb. 25 - TBD**

Linda Cole
Ways & Means Chair



Save The Date May Weekend

COMING SOON
Around the World in
3 Days!

Save the Date, May 15-17, 2026

Trail Dusters' May Weekend
Getaway

A weekend filled with whirl-
wind travel to multiple
countries.

Lots of activities, laughs, good
food, great conversations, and
lots of friendship!

Full details to follow in the
New Year

PAULA & JERRY SELIGA TAKE THEIR DUSTY TRAILS



To Good River Oregon to see their son



And to see the family in Anaheim at California Adventure

TRAIL DUSTERS ARE BACK IN FULL FORCE AT THE STUDENT STOMP





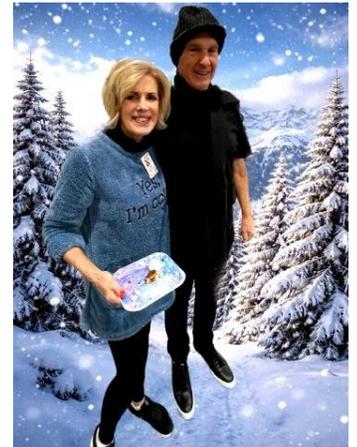
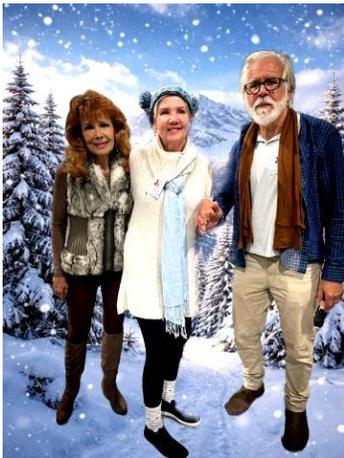
AND THEN WE WENT TO SHARKEY'S



JANUARY SNACK-A-THON COMES TO BAY LAUREL BRR – ITS COLD OUTSIDE



Thank you Debbie Borden for chairing the snack-a-thon





New Year's "African Safari"



Put Together



Put Together Helpers



Mark & Joni Simon, Doris Bloom, Sandy Sobel, Caren Blumfield, Janelle Rolstand, Jill Sanders, Marilyn Bloom, Jeri Sobel, Maureen Fried, Phyllis Saul, Farryl Dickter

Set-up at the Hilton



Set-Up Continued





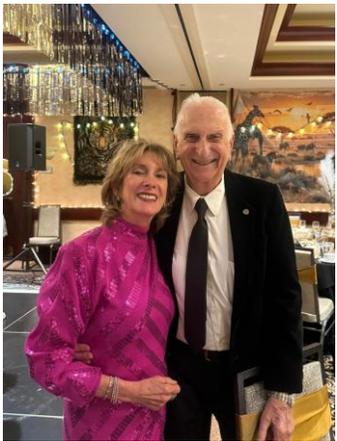
THE FAMOUS LADDER PICTURE



Left side: Renee Kibbler, Maureen Fried, Joni & Mark Simon, John Carpenter, Joe Keaney, Brandon Kibbler, Dean Kibbler
 Middle 1st row: Barbara Shore, Jeri Sobel, Simcha & Phyllis Saul, Bob Sobel,
 Middle 2nd row: Shelly Fried, Len & Marilyn Bloom, Jill Sanders, Leslie Bergman, Sandy Sobel, Janelle Rolstand
 Middle 3rd row: Caren Blumfield, Sherwin Silver, Robert Bergman, Grace & Ron Mitnick, Avi Nudell, Farryl & Bill Dickter, Bob Sanders,
 Cathy Dorfman, Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig

THE PARTY BEGINS















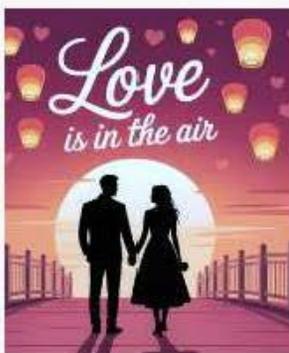
SNACK-A-THON

FEBRUARY 11, 2026



Join us as we celebrate love – Love of spouse, love of family, and love of friends!

We are hoping to see lots of hearts and festive touches of red, pink and white – so start planning now!



As usual the snacks will be delicious & plentiful, and lots of friendship to enjoy – See you there!

Debbie Borden & Crew

SWEETHEART BALL

Sunday, February 15, 2026 2:00 – 4:30 PM

Singles rotation

Wilkinson Senior Center

8956 Vanalden Ave. Northridge 91324

Please join us as we go to the Annual Sweetheart Ball to celebrate and honor our Club Sweethearts.

PATTI & MARSHALL GOLDBERG



Since joining the Club in 2018 they have been fully involved in all aspects of the Club. They have served two terms as Presidents and every year you will find them working tirelessly to make sure that our new students feel welcome and supporting our new classes as Angels. Their positive and encouraging attitude is definitely an asset. Patti & Marshall, despite busy career schedules, have steadfastly supported all social events.

The title of Club Sweethearts 2026 is very well deserved!

*****PLEASE WEAR RED, WHITE, PINK OR A COMBINATION!*****

***** DINNER AFTER THE DANCE *****



Plan to join us for dinner **AFTER** the dance at

The Stand

19600 Plummer St. Northridge

If you are planning on joining us for dinner, Please RSVP via email to Linda Cole at wdycole@aol.com

Tickets \$13.00 pre-sale or \$15.00 at the door - to purchase presale ticket/ribbons please see Bill Dickter or Farryl Dickter

EXACT CASH OR A CHECK MADE OUT TO A SQUARE D

Associated Square Dancers

Invite you to the

Sweetheart Ball

Sunday
February
15
2026

SSD & PLUS (all tips)

PRE-ROUNDS 1:00-2:00 SQUARES WITH 1 ROUND 2:00-4:30



ANDY ALLEMAO & DON SCHADT
CALLERS

JUDY KELLER-SMITH
CUER

\$13 PRE-SALE RIBBONS \$15 AT THE DOOR

WILKINSON SENIOR CENTER
8956 VANALDEN AVE, NORTHRIDGE 91324
CALL STUART MOSHER FOR MORE INFORMATION:
310-679-1284





February 2026 Trail Dusters Calendar

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3	4 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	11 Mendocino Farms 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	12	13	14 
15 Sweetheart Ball  Pge-3, 18 & 19	16 	17	18 The Habit 5:30 p m Snack-a-thon Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 TBD 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	26	27	28



FEB 11 Love Is in the Air
Snack-A-Thon

FEB 15 SWEETHEART BALL

MAR 1 NO CLASS—SPRING BREAK

MAR 4 CLASS AT A.C. STELLE
MIDDLE SCHOOL

22450 MULHOLLAND HWY,
CALABASAS, CA 91302

APR 12 CLUB DANCE

MAY 15 – 17 AROUND THE
WORLD IN 3 DAYS