

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

Goodbye fall and hello winter which is fast approaching on December 21. By the time we have reached that date we will have celebrated Thanksgiving and Chanukkah all within just 10 days. I certainly hope that you all survived the turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, brisket and latkas. It is a joyous time of the year, and it's wonderful we continue to see our Trail Duster family and friends for dinner and dancing on Wednesday nights.

Two weeks ago we were able to finally move indoors to the multi-purpose room at Bay Laurel. We're still always masked and do our best to social distance. We've had six squares for the past weeks so that gives us the ability to put a little space between squares. We have gloves and sanitizers available.

Paul is doing a great job with the new way of teaching square dancing, and there's more dancing time and more fun. Classes now begin sharply at 7:00 p.m. with a line dance and then the teaching begins. Class is officially over at 8:30 so we're asking that everyone stay with us until that time. Between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. Paul will still be calling either angel tips or class level tips depending on those who still want to circle, swing and twirl.

This past week the CDC recommended a third vaccine for everyone over the age of 18 so I'm pretty sure we all qualify. Along with that announcement we are encouraging everyone to sign up for that booster. The State of Israel is about two weeks ahead of us in the Covid saga and they are showing tremendous results with the booster. They have confirmed that after five to six months, the efficacy of the first two vaccines drops significantly. At this time, we're not requiring Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters to get their boosters in order to dance. BUT if you have already done so, please send the proof to Jeri Sobel via email at JeriSobel@earthlink.net or mail a copy of your card to her home at 23678 Ingomar Street, West Hills, CA 91304. She and Bob Sobel are keeping track of this so you can be sure you will only need to do this once.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and create many special memories with family and friends. Although we won't be celebrating New Year's Eve as a group, may your New Year be filled with health, joy and happiness.

Jane Lief

President



"Home Sweet Home"

"There is no place like home." We are back dancing inside at Bay Laurel! Say goodbye to our Starry nights because we once again have air conditioning and heat and a real stage for Paul instead of a ladder.

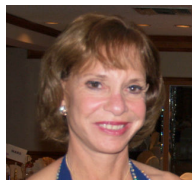
We are still not serving refreshments (due to Covid) so continue to bring your water bottles. Paul has a new format for us, and it is working really well. He starts off with line dancing to get our blood circulating while we wait for stragglers and partners to arrive before arranging our squares.

Class is ending at 8:30 pm now except for the people who want to stay for a few Angel tips or more practice with the calls. Please help put back the chairs before you leave and do stay until 8:30.

There is no need to stay home relaxing when there are six other nights you can do that. So mark off Wednesday nights to come join us for dinner, dancing and laughing.

Caren Blumfield

Dance Reporter



Dec. Birthdays



Simcha Saul	4
Janice Reiss	5
Art Hirsh	7
Patti Goldberg	13
Les Light	13
Bill Sarnoff	13
Harriet Berman	14
Lainy Parlen-Nussbaum	15
Victor Wolfe	16
Joe Dill	17

Birthdays Cont'd

Caren Blumfield	24
Leslie Ruiz	25
Anita Higer	26
Paul Kayne	27

Dec. Anniversaries



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

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

Ilene & Mark Abramson



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Know Your Board Member



Joni & Mark Simon

Would you believe that it took seven years for us to give square dancing a chance? It wasn't easy to get us there. Mark thought he had two left feet and couldn't dance. Our sister, Terry Karsh often said, "Dance one night at class with me, and see how much fun it is." After Mark and I both retired, we decided to do something new together and give square dancing a try. The rest is

history, because we did give square dancing a try and loved it! We loved the challenge of learning new calls. But what surprised us the most were all the new and wonderful friends we met.

After we danced with the club for a few years, we gladly joined the Board of Directors and had several jobs. First, we were in charge of the kitchen. We organized the treats and help list, bought party goods, and set up those memorable delicious treat tables. The following year we became the vice presidents. Our responsibility as vice presidents included organizing the food tables at the club's Saturday night dance each month.

We then had the honor the next year to be elected presidents of the Trail Dusters. We went from the kitchen to presidents in only one year. Imagine that! This could only happen in our great country! We accomplished a lot the first year including hiring a new caller and having a spectacular graduating class.

We served a second term as presidents and started the year with a successful fundraiser for The Ronald McDonald House. Unfortunately, COVID cases started to take hold in California, and we had to shut down our classes on Wednesday nights.

Mark:

I was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I always wondered why my mother often told me, "Patience is a virtue." I know now why she said that to me because I had places to go and people to meet. So, even in the womb, I wanted out and was born a full three months pre-mature. I only weighed 2 ½ pounds! Not to worry though. I've put on a lot of weight since then.

I grew up in Sherman Oaks. Yes, I was a valley boy! Life around my house was always full of great times with my wonderful parents and three younger brothers. Growing up, I rode my bike all over the valley, had a paper route, played little league baseball, went on trips with the YMCA, started competitive swimming, and learned archery, golf, and woodworking.

I attended USC (Please no boos from my UCLA friends) where I earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree, and a Master's in Business Administration Degree. I've spent all my life in the business world. My first job was with the Bank of America. I started my own furniture manufacturing company and owned an insurance company. For the last 25 years, I have been investing in commercial property in the western part of the United States. Twelve years ago, I sold our insurance company, and have totally loved being semi retired.

Joni:

I guess you can call me a Canuck, as I was born in Toronto, Canada. I always felt I had an angel watching over me, because I was born into the most wonderful family ever. Most of you know my two amazing sisters, Patti Goldberg and Terry Karsh. My parents were also gems of the earth. We moved to California when I was three years old.

Our family watched the construction of our new home in Inglewood when I was five. I will always treasure growing up in Inglewood. Those were the days in the 50's where I played baseball and Hula Hoops in the street, performed cartwheels and backbends on the grass, practiced the accordion, walked together with friends to the near-by shopping center, or even caught a local bus to go to Redondo Beach for the day.

My Inglewood history lives on with me today, as I still get together with 20-30 of my childhood friends several times each year.

I attended USC and graduated with honors and awards from the School of Education. I've spent my entire career teaching 4th and 5th grade in Westlake Village. I enjoyed creating new programs in math, writing and multicultural education for the district. However, my favorite memory was having my son, Steven, as one of my fourth-grade students.

Joni & Mark:

We met at USC the first week of college. Mark was pledging ZBT and Joni AEPhi. Mark needed a date for a fraternity party and was introduced to Joni. That date worked out pretty well, as we will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary this December 19th, 2021.

We have two amazing sons, Jason and Steven, two wonderful daughters-in-law, Runya and Andrea, and three fabulous grandchildren. We now enjoy traveling, being with our children, and of course, square dancing.

Trail Dusters has been life changing for us. We are proud to be part of this big, beautiful family of friends that we would have never have had without this club. It's been said, "It takes a village to raise a family." This is true for our family of Trail Dusters as well. We encourage everyone to give back and try being a board member. Take the plunge! We know it will be as rewarding for you as it has been for us.

Joni & Mark Simon



Sunshine & Showers

We end this year with "Sunshine" which I am so delighted to share with you.

Diane Jubelier-Light is making a good recovery following her October 19th surgery for a total knee replacement using a robot. After having put it off for some five years in order to take advantage of this newer and more modern technique, it is now behind her so that she can concentrate on getting stronger every day. Hubby **Les** reports that **Diane** spent only one night in the hospital, so he is now "like a mother hen" as he constantly and patiently cares for her. Although PT is presently a challenge for you, **Diane**, we all hope to hear that before very long, you will soon be able to return to the activities that you most enjoy - including square dancing!

CONGRATULATIONS to our club President, **Jane Lief** and her husband **Jerry** on becoming first time grandparents! On October 31st (Halloween!) their son Michael and his wife Becca became the proud parents of a little girl whom they have named Elizabeth Ann Lief. The combined family that includes seven children (yes, you read it correctly!) lives in Rhode Island. We all wish you, **Jane** and **Jerry**, much joy with the new baby and her family. The rewards of grandparenthood are a true blessing, and hopefully, you will be able to enjoy those blessings in spite of the miles between you!

If you have news to share, whether it is 'sunshine' or 'showers,' please contact me at the e-mail address below and I will be happy to share your news with our club "family." Since we are not able to be together to bring in the New Year, may I take this opportunity to wish each of you a HEALTHY, happy and peaceful 2022. May the coming year be filled

with all good things for you and your loved ones.

Warmly,
Rusty Kaman

Sunshine &
Showers Chair



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Ways & Means

Hi to all Trail Dusters and
Rail Dusters,

We certainly hope you all spent a lovely Thanksgiving with friends and family and are now ready to start dancing again. Oh, and of course, before we can dance we have to eat. We will give you the list of restaurants we will be meeting at prior to our weekly classes.

One of the restaurants we visit regularly is Sharkey's Mexican Grill. The owner, Marjaneh, has been such a great supporter of our club and gives us 20% of the gross receipts received. She has a welcoming and supportive attitude. It would be nice if we support her restaurant in between our own "fund raisers." The food is always very fresh and healthy. They use meat that is preservative and antibiotic free, the freshest vegetables, organic salads, etc.

We have moved "inside" to dance (for anyone who doesn't know) so we're nice and comfortable. Don't forget to wear your masks - and wash your hands in between tips.

Here is the schedule for December:

12/1 Sharkey's
12/8 California Pita
12/15 Hook Burger

Check your emails for any possible last minute changes.

Hope to see you at dinner.

Flo & Bill Tapp

Ways & Means
Chair



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**NEW YEARS EVE GALA WILL HAVE
TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER
YEAR**



**BECAUSE OF COVID, THE BOARD
HAS VOTED TO POSTPONE OUR NEW
YEAR'S EVE PARTY UNTIL
DECEMBER 2022.**

TIME TO TAKE YOUR BOOSTER



NEXT BOARD MEETING

**DECEMBER 14,
2021
7:30 PM**



ZOOM MEETING

On The Lighter Side

**When we're young,
we sneak out of
our house to go to
parties. When we're
old, we sneak out of
parties to go home.**

Just once I would like to
read a medication
label that says:

**'WARNING'
May cause
permanent
weight loss,
remove
wrinkles and
increase energy."**



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**My brain is like the Bermuda
Triangle.
Information goes in
and then it's never
found again.**



**We should train all
Amazon delivery
drivers to give the
vaccine. The whole
population would
be immunised by
Saturday. Thursday if
you've got Prime.**



at Bay Laurel



Who are these people?

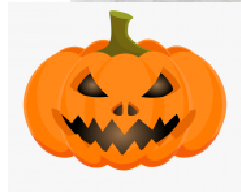
Look below for answers



Does this help?



Who are these women?








Answers to above questions: Paula & Jerry Seliga

Caren Blumfield

Geraldine Rothberg

December 2021 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1			1 Sharkeys 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 California Pita 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board Meeting  7:30 pm	15 Hook Burger 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	16	17	18
19	20	21 	22 No Class	23	24 	
26	27	28	29 No Class	30	31 	New Years Day 