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From the Presidents' Desk

From Your Presidents – Avi & Jill

☘ What a fantastic way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Our Snack-a-thon was truly a huge success—full of energy, fun, and, of course, incredible food.

A very special thank you to Debbie Borden for her creativity and leadership in making this event so festive and fun. And thank you to everyone who contributed such delicious snacks—they truly outdid themselves! It's no surprise that snack-a-thons always draw a crowd... and this one was no exception, with 10 squares dancing throughout the evening. That's what makes Trail Dusters so special—great dancing, great food, and even better company. ☘

Looking ahead, we have more excitement on the calendar:

☘ April 12 – Garden Gala Dance

Spring is here and the flowers are flourishing! Join us as we celebrate the end of winter with a Garden Gala Dance filled with great calling, good fun, and friendship.

Come see and hear Mike Seastrom calling SSD with 2 plus tips and line dancing. This will be a lively evening

you won't want to miss! See article on page 2 and flier on page 7.

Trail Dusters Spring Weekend

May 15–17, 2026

Get ready for an incredible weekend with our theme, "Around the World in Three Days."

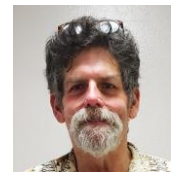
This amazing getaway includes:

- Two nights, Two dinners, Two breakfasts
- Happy Hour, Lots of entertainment
- And, of course, fabulous fun with our Trail Duster friends

It promises to be a memorable weekend full of fun, games and friendship.

Mark your calendars and come ready to have fun! See article on page 3 and flier on page 9.

Warmly,



Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell
Co- Presidents, Trail Dusters

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

Jennifer Mantell	1
Ken Burkenheim	2
Oswald Burstein	4
Marshall Goldberg	11
Judie Hirsh	12
Collin Brown	13
Robert Grossman	13
Ronda Kalan	13
David Britton	14
Paula Brooks	16
Stewart Brooks	17
Jerianne Keaney	17
Judith Katzburg	23
Eileen Burkenheim	26
Dale Kaufman	27

April Anniversaries

Mimi Steinberger & Hall Rothberg 4

Ilene and Mark Abramson



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Snack-a-Thon

LAST MONTH



Our Saint Patrick's Day snack-a-thon was such a fun night! So many people showed up dressed in green that I couldn't find a single person to pinch.

The star of the evening was

Dean Kibbler, proudly sporting his green beard and a fantastic green top hat. If there had been a costume contest, he definitely would have walked away with the entire pot of gold!



The snack table was overflowing with delicious treats. Rhonda's strawberries dipped in white chocolate and sprinkled with green glitter were a fan favorite. Paula's lemon cake was another big hit, and Sherry brought the most adorable St. Patrick's Day cupcakes that turned everyone's teeth and tongues bright green— proof that we were all fully embracing the spirit of the holiday.

Snack-a-Thon Up Next - April 15

Our next Snack-A-Thon will be on April 15th, and the theme will be Dodger



Baseball. So get ready to step up to the plate and wear your favorite baseball T-shirt or come dressed in Dodger blue.



We still need a few people to sign up for snacks. So please take a look at the sign up sheets on the second table and sign up to bring a

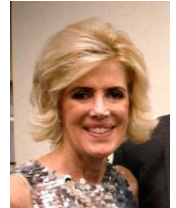
snack your fellow square dancers will appreciate it.

Thank you all so much for your generosity and for making our Snack-A-Thons such a fun part of our evenings.



See flyer on Page 8

Debbie Borden



Refreshment Chair

Garden Gala Dance April 12, 2026

Don't forget our club dance, **APRIL 12th, 2:00 - 4:30 at Wilkinson!** The dance is at the SSD level with 2 plus tips. Besides, we'll have some line dancing which is also a treat!

We always have a great time dancing to Mike Seastrom. Remember that, since this is our club's dance, the pace will be more what we are used to, and the room wouldn't be as crowded as the Sweetheart Ball. So have no fear, come and enjoy!

After the dance, as usual, we never miss a chance to eat out together. We'll meet at 5 pm at Sharky's to enjoy more time together – see flier on page 7.

So, put on your dancing shoes and join a square!

Farryl Dickter
818-943-4933



Caller
Coordinator

Class Coordinators

Dear Rail Dusters,

March has flown by, and our substitute caller Don Schadt, is rapidly moving us along to dance speed. We all wonder how he sees every square on the floor so clearly to correct people.

Our six Rail Dusters are doing a great job of trying to keep up and we all know that it isn't easy the first year. Please, don't be so hard on yourself, you will eventually be pros at this. The right and left star still confuses a lot of dancers, even some of the Trail Dusters! It is really helpful to review the calls on the website that Maureen sends out.

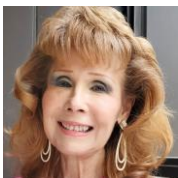
Our St. Patrick's Day snack-a-thon was a huge success and all your green outfits looked great. The treats were fabulous, as usual. Thanks to Debbie for all the preparation it always takes.

Our Rail Dusters are working on their graduation presentation. We can't wait to see what they come up with!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Passover and/or Easter!



Maureen and Shelly Fried



Jeri Sobel



Gayle Cantrock

OUR SPRING WEEK-END "AROUND THE WORLD IN 3 DAYS" WILL SOON BE HERE

I am just as guilty as some of you who didn't realize that the first deposit for the May Weekend was already due on March 18th. I was so busy remembering what to bring to the snack-a-thon and what to wear that was green and when Easter and Passover was, that I just forgot to send in my paperwork. So, I quickly printed the flyer from the Dusty Trails (page 9), filled it out, took a photo and/or scanned it and sent it to Peter Maier. Then I zelled my deposit to traildustersquares@gmail.com.

I am thrilled to report that we have met our room number requirements, and the hotel says they can block out more rooms if we need them. So keep those reservations coming in.

You are once again going to be thrilled with these 2½ days. The weekend will start off with lunch for those who want to meet before our tour of the Larrivee Guitar Factory. The information you will learn about the business will surprise you.

Check in is at 3:00pm at the hotel. Yd your rooms will once again be assigned in advance, so don't worry about rushing. The banquet Friday night will be followed by Michael Quest's (back by popular demand) entertainment, plus a few other tidbits. Shmoozing will follow inside and outside on the patio. Maj, poker, and other games will always be available.

Saturday, wake up and go for an hour walk and/or have our buffet breakfast. The tours to the Harbor Port and Botanical Gardens will meet in the lobby at 10:00am. You are free to choose whatever you want to do from the list you will be given. This year the huge Strawberry Festival opens Sat. from 10:00am-6:30pm to

visit. The entry fee is only \$10. The late afternoon, back at the hotel, will include our ukelele class and practices for your table presentations.

Dinner will be followed by visiting Monte Carlo to play poker, maj, bingo, Mexican Train, blackjack and other games. We will also have a Professional Karaoke Room set up where we can all make fools of ourselves. We will end our weekend on Sunday with breakfast, the hysterical joke-off and lunch at The Lazy Dog Cafe. These are only a few of the things you will experience. No need to bring your passports. Attendees will be issued their own magical ones.

As usual, specific information sheets, schedules, and event details will be sent to you after your final payment is made.

Bon Voyage to Oxnard we go!

Your Wagon master Committee, Leslie Bergman, Caren Blumfield, Laura Burstein, Jane Leif, Rene and Peter Maier, Jill Sanders, Phyllis Saul, and Rhonda Shapiro

Sunshine & Showers

Condolences are once again extended to **Stan Zwicker** and his family. On March 1st, **Stan's** younger brother passed away at the age of 80 following a myriad of health issues. Married with 3 children, he was buried on March 3rd at Eden. The two brothers enjoyed strong family ties and liked to refer to themselves as "Two guys from the Bronx." **Stan**, this has clearly been a difficult period for you, but we hope the future will hold much happier times for you. We look forward to hearing about them.

On March 12th, Trail Dusters lost one of our "family" members with the passing of **Bernie Brauner**. He had been dealing with heart issues for some time. **Bernie** and **Miriam** graduated with the Class of 2000 and remained active since then. A very private, soft-spoken and gentle man, **Bernie** was born in a Displaced Persons camp in Germany in July 1946. Both his parents were Holocaust survivors. After the war, the family moved to Holland and then to Israel in 1949 where they were only one of ten families in Beersheba. From Israel, they decided to join family in Canada and moved to Montreal where **Bernie** completed his undergraduate studies at McGill University. When his family travelled to Los Angeles on a vacation, they became enamored with the city and moved once again. Here, **Bernie** earned his master's degree at UCLA to become a traffic engineer, AND it was there he met his future bride. **Bernie** and **Miriam** were blessed with 50 years of marriage. They had two children and four grandchildren. **Bernie** will be sorely missed and fondly remembered. **Miriam**, we hope that you will find comfort in the many memories you made together through the years and in the love and support of your many friends.

We need to put our prayers together for **Hy Katlein** who is currently hospitalized as he battles cancer. He is putting up a good fight, but we need to let him know that we're behind him, so cards and notes (sent to his home) are very much appreciated. Having lost his beloved Marilyn not long ago, we, his "2nd family," need to step in. **Hy**, we're all sending healing thoughts and best wishes, and we hope that, with the treatment you are getting, you will soon be feeling lots better.

Finally, some "Sunshine" to report! **Caren Blumfield** underwent hip replacement surgery today, March

4th, and Sherwin just let me know that she came through very well! (**Caren** and I recently discovered that we had the same wonderful surgeon, so we both felt she, too, would see a positive outcome!) I am told that **Caren** is in great spirits and is fighting to go home! That's our **Caren!** Here's wishing you an easy and rapid recovery. We have no doubt that you will soon be returning to the countless activities in which you are involved!

With this being the time of year for graduations, weddings, engagements and more, I am hoping to hear from all of you who have exciting news to report. I also want to learn of any illnesses or the like, so please remember to e-mail me at Rusty_k@verizon.net and I will be in touch with you for more details. Wishing you all a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter, whatever you celebrate!

Fondly,



Rusty Kaman

Sunshine & Showers Chair

Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters & Rail Dusters,

I've arranged for the following restaurants for our pre-class dinners for the month of April:

- 4/8/26 – Sharky's - WH
- 4/12/26 – Sharky's - Northridge (after the dance at Wilkinson)
- 4/15/26 – Health Nut I -WH
- 4/22/26 – The Stand Calabasas
- 4/29/26 – The Habit - WH

I'm also seeking some new places to meet for the month of May. Please try to join us for the pre-class dinners for the good food and friendship. For

those of you who celebrate Passover and/or Easter, I wish you a happy holiday.

Linda Cole
Ways & Means
Chair
818-464-8227




- APR 1** NO CLASS—SPRING BREAK
- APR 12** GARDEN GALA – CLUB DANCE
- May 15/17** Around the World in 3 Days!
- JUN 10** GRADUATION
- JUL – AUG** DETAILS COMING SOON
SUMMER WORKSHOPS!

NEXT BOARD MEETING

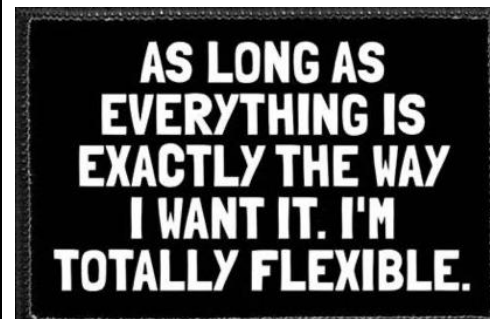
APRIL 14, 2026

7:00 PM



ZOOM MEETING

On The Lighter Side



ST PATRICK'S DAY COMES TO BAY LAUREL



Thank you Debbie & Merry for organizing the snacks







TRAIL DUSTERS

Garden Gala Dance

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Spring is here and the flowers are flourishing! Let's celebrate the end of winter with a great caller, good fun and in friendship!



CALLER: MIKE SEASTROM

SSD WITH 2 PLUS TIPS and LINE DANCING BETWEEN TIPS

2:00 – 4:30 PM – \$12.00 PER PERSON

WILKINSON CENTER, 8956 VANALDEN, NORTHRIDGE

**** PLEASE WEAR CLUB DRESS CODE ****

**** WHITE TOP & BLACK PANTS/SKIRTS WITH CLUB TIE! ****

DINNER AFTER THE DANCE ❁ ❁ ❁

Join us as we continue the fun, plan to meet for dinner **AFTER** the dance and share the laughter!



Sharky's

**18426 Nordhoff St,
Northridge, CA 91325**

For further information, please contact Farryl Dickter
farryl.ateam@gmail.com

*Let's Celebrate Baseball
and The Dodgers!!*



SNACK-A-THON
APRIL 15, 2026

*Spring Training is over and the Dodgers season
has started*

*Dare we hope a third World Championship is to
be charted!*

Get ready to step up to the plate

Wear your favorite baseball team T-shirt

Come dressed in Dodger blue, just don't be late!

Play Ball!!!



TRAIL DUSTERS SPRING WEEKEND

AROUND THE WORLD IN 3 DAYS

May 15 -17, 2026

THE HOLIDAY INN (formerly MARRIOTT COURTYARD)

600 EAST ESPLANADE DRIVE, OXNARD, CA 93036

COST: Double: \$800.00 Single: \$600.00

\$400.00 Deposit due March 18 – Final Payment of \$400 or \$200 due April 22

Price includes: your room, 2 nights, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, Happy Hours in our Hospitality Suite, and entertainment Friday evening, no extra charge for the fabulous and fun time you will have! Tours for an extra cost will be announced soon.

Please send choices info below ASAP via email or regular mail to: Peter Maier, 6100 Fairhaven Ct. Agoura, CA 91301
peter.maier1@gmail.com

Make check payable to: **Trail Dusters Square Dance Club**
OR PAY BY ZELLE TO traildustersquares@gmail.com

Questions: Caren Blumfield, caren1224@hotmail.com

818 216-2990

BED CHOICES: _____ 1 King OR _____ 2 Queens

MEAL CHOICES

FRIDAY NIGHT:

- _____ Chicken Marsala
- _____ Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce
- _____ Ancient Greek Bowl – Vegan
(Red Quinoa, squash, veggies, & nuts)

SATURDAY NIGHT:

- _____ Chicken Piccata
- _____ Tri Tip with Tomato Mushroom
Bordelaise Sauce
- _____ Vegan - Chef's Choice

NAME(s): _____ **\$AMT** _____



April 2026 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1			1 Passover Eve 1 st Seder No Class	2 1 st Day of 	3	4
5 	5	7	8 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	9	10	11
12 Garden Gala Dance See pages 2 & 7	13 6	14 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	15 Health Nut 5:30 p m Snack-a-thon Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	23	24 	25
26	27	28	29 The Habit 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	30		