

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

In some ways time goes slowly and in other ways it seems to fly by. It is hard to believe that this is our last article as Presidents before Jane Leif takes over in July.

I think everyone will admit that this has been a very unusual year for all. For the Trail Dusters, it has meant Virtual Board Meetings, Virtual Dances, our monthly Dusty Trails, and weekly emails from Paul Waters. We can't help but believe that many groups under these circumstances would have folded, but the relationships that have been built through the Trail Dusters are strong and supportive.

We thank all the Board Members for their commitment to attending our monthly meetings. Members edit our newsletter and write its articles, send out emails, attend A Square D Meetings, track and keep our membership informed, keep our website and financials updated, volunteer for subcommittees, and help plan for the future.

We thank the dedicated group who regularly attend our Virtual Dances. We thank **Paul Waters** who has volunteered his time this year to help keep us going. We thank **Caren Blumfield** for her line

dancing instruction. We look forward to a great year under **Jane Leif's** leadership.

With the on-going support of our active, dedicated membership, we truly believe that when things get back to semi-normal we will return to dancing as a strong and vibrant club. We thank the Trail Dusters for being such an important part of our lives!

Nikki and Steve Rosentsweig

Presidents





This is the time of year that we normally would be celebrating our graduates – but do not despair - we have at least 2 other things to celebrate! This will be the 1-year anniversary of having virtual dances giving us the opportunity to stay connected during difficult times. (Wow, has it has already been a

year!!!) Another reason to celebrate – our world is opening up again and life is starting to return to some semblance of normal. We can go out with friends, we can hug family, and we can stop living with anxiety and isolation.

So for our **Virtual dance on Wednesday, June 19**, the logical choice for our theme is: **WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CELEBRATION?** Is it Birthdays, Weddings, Hanukkah, Rosh Hashanah, New Year's Eve, July 4th or something else? Let us know with a sign large enough to fill your screen or wear a piece of clothing or jewelry, accessory, etc., that represents that celebration.

Paul Waters will put us through our paces calling a couple of tips and Caren will once again teach us or review with us a couple of line dances. There will also be breakout rooms giving you the opportunity to chat with others.

Put the time and date on your calendar – digital or paper - and plan to attend! This will be the last dance hosted by Nikki and Steve – and you sure do not want to miss their final commentary & jokes!

From your roving reporter in Canada

Shirley Brown



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Last Month's Virtual Club Dance CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY

“The Love Between a Mother and her Children is timeless.” Many of us proved this on our May Zoom when we honored our mothers saying with a photo or a special saying and

expression and/or a special habit that we adopted. As people talked and shared photos we all flashed back on our own special memories.

A lot of our moms have been gone for over 30 years but our hearts still flutter when we think of them. Hopefully, our own children will feel the same way about us when they reach our age.

We all loved seeing each other in our large meetings and then in our more intimate break out rooms. A big thank you to **Paul Waters** for his calling and for his photo of his “famous mother.” Line dancing this month included the Cha Cha Slide and the Pata Pata. **Caren Blumfield** thanks everyone who participated and is looking forward to next months moves in the YMCA .



So come prepared to dance, watch friend's dance or just shmooze and visit with us.

Caren Blumfield
Dance Reporter

June Birthdays



- Paula Masters 1
- Irwin Tuckman 1
- June Grossman 2
- Evie Ausley 3
- Bill Shapiro 3
- Judy Levy (Judy & Stuart) 11
- Bill Dickter 12
- Charlene Klein 17
- Margie Hausman 21
- Carol Lewis 24
- Michael Whitman 27
- Lynn Ovadia 28
- Jeff Cohen 28
- Jefery Roberts 30

June Anniversaries

- Marilyn & Myron Ross 8
- Sandra & Robert Sobel 11
- Pat & Rick Kessler 12
- Adriane & Michael Kreisberg 14
- Lynn & Joel Ovadia 14
- Phyllis & Simcha Saul 17
- June & Robert Grossman 18
- Sandy & Dale Kaufman 21
- Miriam & Bernie Brauner 23

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

Ilene & Mark Abramson Membership Chairs



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Sunshine & Showers

This month, we're sending best wishes for a rapid recovery to **Leslie Ruiz** who is currently recovering from back surgery and some additional complications. **Leslie**, we're all hoping to hear that you are feeling lots better with each new day! Like most of us, we know you are eager to return to the dance floor and hope that will happen very soon. Meanwhile, know that your Trail Duster family is thinking of you and sending healing thoughts!

Nancy Wallach is a proud Grandma as she announces the May 20th graduation of her granddaughter, Allison, from Tulane University in New Orleans. Allison majored in Accounting – in the footsteps of her Grandfather, **Richard Wallach**. She graduated on the Dean's List earning straight A's! Allison plans to

return to Tulane to earn her Master's Degree and CPA, and already has a job at Ernst & Young. Allison is the daughter of the Wallachs' daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Andy Geller. **Nancy**, we trust that Allison will continue on the path to success and extend warm congratulations to you and to all your family!

I am certain that many more of you have family members who are graduating this Spring, and we'd love to share your happy news! Please contact me at the e-mail address below with the details, and your news will be published in the next issue of the *Dusty Trails* for the rest of our "family" to enjoy with you.

Wishing everyone good health and a most Happy Father's Day to all who are celebrating. I look forward to hearing from you in the days to come.

Warmly,
Rusty Kaman,

Sunshine &
Showers Chair



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Know Your Board Member



**Lynn & Joel
Ovadia**

Hi to all of our Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters friends.

Lynn and I joined the Trail Dusters in 2003. Our friends **Caren Blumfield** and **Rhonda and Bill Shapiro**

convinced Lynn to join. I am a dentist and was practicing in Beverly Hills at the time. Going to square dance classes after working all day and commuting home to Calabasas was physically challenging. I decided to give it a try after several months and enjoyed it. I would arrive at class tired but by the end of the evening would feel invigorated from the exercise, the mental stimulation, and meeting our friends. We loved socializing with so many wonderful people and have made many wonderful friends over the years. We were invited to friendship groups and mystery groups which strengthened our relationship with the club.

After selling my dental practice in 2006 I had more time to travel and see the world (how cool!) without the worry of the practice. We felt a sense of gratitude to the club and decided to give back by serving on the board.

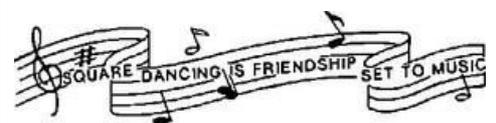
Before discussing our roles on the board, let me say a few words about us. We have three adult daughters. Our middle daughter, Julie, just married and our youngest daughter, Elisa, will marry later this year. Covid delayed their weddings a full year. Lynn and I enjoy traveling, walking, and attending classes at Pierce College. I enjoy playing tennis, gardening, finance, and making slide shows of our travels.

We joined the board in 2008 and our first position was **Secretary**. The following year, 2009, we served as **Vice Presidents**. In 2009 serving as Vice Presidents meant kitchen duty preparing snack food so our club members could eat during the tip breaks - something our club is well known for! During the 2010-2011 year, we served as **Presidents**. In 2012-2013 we became **Ways and Means** chairs. Our responsibility was to bring in revenue to the club. **Caren Blumfield**, followed by **Bill Dickter**

had made arrangements with restaurants to return a portion of the money to our club which our club members spent in their restaurant for pre-class dinners. The problem was the pre-class dinners were only attracting ten or less members each week. We started talking up these pre-class dinners in weekly emails and in the *Dusty Trails* by stating that "Trail Dusters are really friendly when eating" and "invite a Rail Duster." We made a breakthrough. On January 2, 2013, twenty-five Trail Dusters came out for dinner at the Habit. After this we never looked back. More revenue started to flow to our club.

From September 2015 to June 2017, Lynn and I served as **Club Coordinators** which meant helping new members, Rail Dusters, feel welcomed into our club. We knew communication was the key. I started to send weekly emails to the Rail Dusters with the names and descriptions of the calls taught in class each week and upcoming club events. We held a class introduction at our home and held frequent class meetings during the plus tip in class. All of this helped.

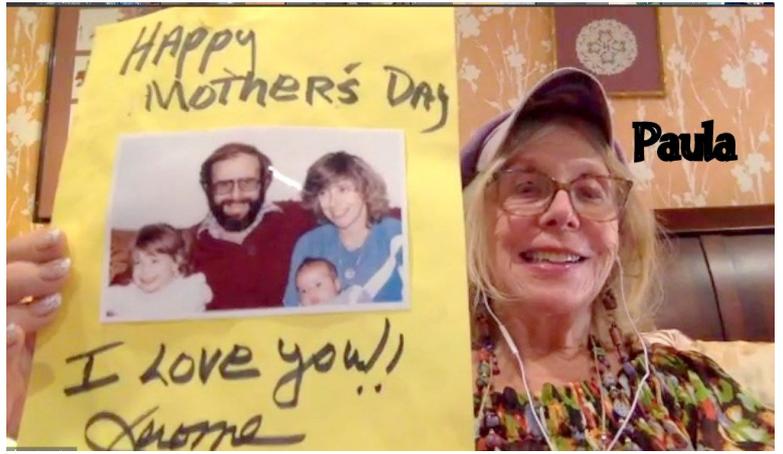
The class members bonded and started their own friendship groups. Several of today's board members came out of these classes. We believe communicating that our club cares for its members as a large family is the reason why we will continue as coordinators sending weekly emails to our new Rail Dusters. We cannot wait for the Covid restrictions to be over, so we can see one another again and welcome new Rail Dusters to our fabulous club.



HONORING OUR MOMS AT MAY'S VIRTUAL ZOOM DANCE



HONORING OUR MOMS AT MAY'S VIRTUAL ZOOM DANCE (CONT'D)



June 2021 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	3	6	4	5
6	7	8 Zoom Board Meeting  7:30 pm	9	10	11	12
13	14  FLAG DAY <small>14 JUNE</small>	15	16 Club Zoom Dance 7:00 PM Opens at 6:30 for Socializing	17	18	19
20  Happy Father's Day	21  IT'S SUMMER!	22	23	24	25	26
28	31	29	30			

