

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE. No, we are not referring to the Jerry Lee Lewis song. We are, of course, talking about the Woolsey fire, the Malibu fire, and all the other connected fires. What a horrible ten days so many of us had to endure. This is about as close to Armageddon as we ever want to experience. We know many of our Trail Dusters were either evacuated from their homes or were taking care of loved ones that had been evacuated from their homes. As far as we know, no one in our club lost their home or had substantial loss to their property. For this we can all be very thankful. We should be very grateful for the brave firefighters that fought a fire that stretched from Simi Valley to the Pacific Ocean, and from Valley Circle to the 23 Freeway. Without their heroic effort, the loss to life and property could have been even more catastrophic.

On November 18th many of us put the fire behind us for a few hours, and we met at the Wilkinson Senior Center in Northridge to have our first Class Level Dance of the year. We would be underestimating things if we only said the dance was very good. The dance was a FANTASTIC

SUCCESS! We had 103 people attend the dance. Of this total 85 were Trail Dusters. Put another way, 83% of us were Trail Dusters. Our caller, Paul Waters, and Mike Seastrom did the calling for the dance. They are two of the best in the business, and they were awesome together. They called, they sang, they joked and they were thoroughly entertaining. The comments during and after the dance, from both the Trail Dusters as well as the guests, was that this was one of the best dances they had ever attended. We believe this may have been the best turnout for a weekend dance by the Trail Dusters in a very long time. We want to thank everyone who attended and helped to make this afternoon so much fun and so successful. We are proud of everyone.

The day wasn't over after the dance ended. Oh, NO! About 60 of us went over to Stonefire Grill for a barbeque dinner. We took over a full wing of the restaurant and continued the good times and fun during dinner.

As we approach the end of 2018, we want to say how pleased we are that we have such a fabulous new class of dancers. We see a lot of smiles and happy faces which tells us you are all enjoying

square dancing and being part of the Trail Dusters. Many of us will be celebrating Hanukkah and Christmas, so we wish everyone a very happy holiday. We are looking forward to closing out the year with our terrific New Year's Eve party with lots of fun, dancing, and celebrating.

Finally, we wish you all a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!

**Joni & Mark
Simon
Presidents**



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**NO DANCE IN DECEMBER
LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY
CLASS LEVEL FUNDRAISER
DANCE - JANUARY 13, 2019**

"The best exercise for the human heart is reaching down to lift someone else up."
— Tim Russert

November is finally over and we are grateful that Trail Dusters and their families are safe and have survived the recent fires. However, the fires that swept through our region recently were devastating to many people and now it is time to reach out and help them.

On Sunday, January 13, 2019 Trail Dusters, alongside other local clubs, will be sponsoring a fundraiser **CLASS LEVEL DANCE**. A number of callers have donated their time – Mike Seastrom, Dick Hodnefield, Rod Shuping, and Paul Waters are confirmed and that number may well grow. These callers will guarantee that all dancers will have a great time while participating in an event that will help so many people. See flier page 11.

**CLASS LEVEL FUNDRAISING DANCE
2:00PM-4:00PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019
\$5.00 ENTRY DONATION
GOEBEL ADULT COMMUNITY
CENTER
THOUSAND OAKS, CA**

Although entry donation is stated to be \$5.00, and there is no obligation to donate anything beyond that amount, people may personally make a larger donation if they wish. All the money received will be donated through the Salvation Army and will go directly to support the victims of these highly destructive fires.

Circle January 13 in red on your wall or desk calendar or enter the time and date on your electronic calendar – either way plan to come to this dance and support our Club and your community.

What a rewarding and fun way to spend a January afternoon!

Your roving reporters from Canada



**Shirley &
Collin Brown
Publicity
Chairs**

**List of callers 2018 – 2019
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**NEXT BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2018**

7:30 P.M.

**FLO & BILL
TAPP'S HOUSE**



Visitation

Our December visitation is at **Lads "N" Lassies**
Date: December 1, 2018
Rounds: 7:30 PM
Squares: 8:00 -10:30 PM
Caller: Mike Seastrom
Wilkinson Center - Northridge

Upcoming Visitations

January visitation is **"Student Stomp"
Half Way - Class Level**
Sunday January 27, 2019
Squares: 2:00 – 4:30 PM
Simi Valley

February visitation is at **Buckles & Bows
"44th Anniversary Dance"**
Saturday February 13, 2019
Squares: 7:00 – 10:00 PM
Goebel Adult Community Ctr

Lynn & Joel
Ovadia
Visitation Chairs
818-224-4175



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Dec. Birthdays



Simcha Saul	4
Janice Reiss	5
Art Hirsh	7
Milo Molitoris	9
Les Light	13
Bill Sarnoff	13
Harriet Berman	14
Lainy Parlen	15
Victor Wolfe	16
Joe Dill	17
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
Tracey & Tom Bolton	21
Sandy & Ron Lynn	22
Joyce & Ira Kopkin	28
Nikki & Steven Rosentsweig	28

Membership

The winners of the "early renewers" gift certificates from Brent's were...(drum roll here)....



Madeline Johnson and Bernie Brauner

If you have still not renewed, please do so NOW!

It's time for all of us to renew our annual membership. Current memberships expire at the end of December, 2018. Renew now to keep your membership through 2019.

The best way to renew is:

1. Print the renewal form on page 12 and fill out the required information. Please print legibly!
2. Make out a check to **Trail Dusters** for \$25 for single membership, \$50 for couple.
3. Mail the form and check to:

Ilene and Mark Abramson
4425 Estrondo Drive
Encino, CA 91436

I will also be available before class and between tips to accept membership forms and payments. All current members must renew to maintain membership. This includes our newest Trail Dusters who graduated in June and paid half-year dues which covers the period July through December 2018.

If you have any further questions, please email Mark Abramson.

Ilene & Mark
Abramson



Membership & Statistics

email: markabe@aol.com

Sunshine & Showers

This has been a very difficult month for all of us but, thankfully, most everyone is back at home now and life is returning to some state of normalcy. Amidst all the recent tragedy, there is one ray of sunshine that has shown through and that is the way our Trail Duster "family" has reached out to others in a time of need. It has been beautiful to see how many people have opened their homes and their hearts to those who were forced to evacuate their homes on short notice. It seemed that everyone in our Club with whom we spoke was either a guest at someone else's residence or they themselves were hosting others. This is what being a family is all about; knowing that we are here for each other in a time of need.

Unfortunately, on a personal level, Jerry Pfefferman, husband of

Elaine Pfefferman, passed away on October 31st following a long

illness. **Elaine** is a graduate of the Class of 2016. To you, **Elaine**, and to all your family, we express sincere sympathy and the hope that the coming days will be a lot brighter for you.

To **Winnie Davis**, warm congratulations are extended on the recent marriage of her son Owen to Svetlana, a model from Russia. Owen, who is in Venture Capital, and his bride are making their home in New York. Here's wishing you, **Winnie**, and your son and new daughter-in-law many years of happiness.

Judy Comroe is delighted to share the news of her grandson, Russell Whitman, who has just received an appointment as Clerk to Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court! **Judy**, we share your pride and wish your grandson a hugely successful experience in his new role! Congratulations to all your family!

Again, please remember to contact me by e-mail (shown below) with your news, both Sunshine and Showers, so that it can be shared with our fellow Club members, our "second family." Remember, too, that this pertains to RAIL DUSTERS as well as Trail Dusters!

Here's wishing everyone a month ahead that brings happiness, good health, and safe keeping to all!



Warmly,
Rusty Kaman
rusty_k@verizon.net

Sunshine & Showers Chair

**A NIGHT ON THE NILE
A GLITTERING NEW YEAR'S
EVE CELEBRATION**



The distant sands are blowing through another Egyptian sunset where time seems to stand still in a perfect golden desert. The mighty Sphynx who sits among

the resting places of glorious Kings and Pharaohs hardly notices that another year has gone by.

Thankfully, in the small town of Woodland Hills, a group of merry revelers, not yet ancient and withered, will happily gather together to make sure the days of 2018 will not soon be forgotten.

A glittering night will be spent on the Woodland Hills Nile on New Year's Eve where the wine will flow, the food will be fit for a king, the music will loudly ring throughout the Hilton Palace, and the King and Queen of the Trail Duster clan will preside over another momentous gathering of historical proportions.

But beware; the seas that have parted for you will remain open for just a short period of time. Don't tarry. Return your RSVP before another desert sunset or risk the pain of drowning in sorrow over a missed opportunity to sail the Nile with the best of friends. The fate of your history is up to you.

Put a stamp on your scroll (RSVP) and put your trust in the mail Gods. We'll see you among the bulrushes.

Caren, Jeri, Marilyn & Maureen

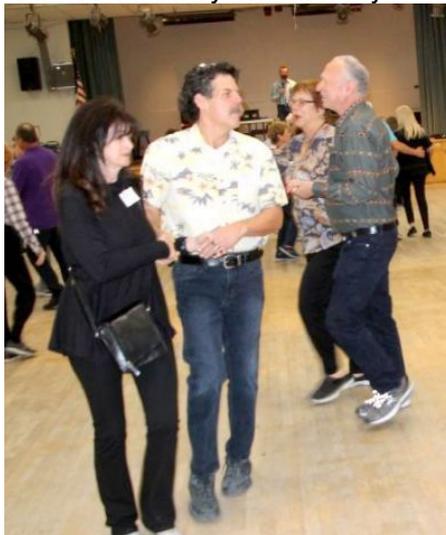
Coordinators Corner

WOW! What a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon than to square dance!



The class dance was a success! We had over 100 people and 11 squares and lots of smiles on our class members faces as they

realized that they can actually



dance! The callers, Mike Seastrom



and our own Paul Waters, were great and very entertaining. They

should take their routine on tour (like a new Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis)



because they were that funny. We would surely miss them though!



The refreshments were great



thanks to Sandy & Bob Sobel and a special thanks to Paul for the



tasty breads!

Mark and I tried to dance with each



of the class members as well as The Angels in Training. We were



delighted with the improvement in



everyone's dancing.



Remember there is another Class Level Dance on Sunday January 13th – see article on page 2.



Jill Pivnik



Mark Cutter

Class Coordinators

RMH Receives Gift from Trail Dusters in Time for Thanksgiving!



The first part of our Annual Wish List Drive for the LA Ronald McDonald House has been completed



as a new ice machine was just delivered to the dining room of the newer of the two Houses this week! A HUGE THANK YOU to all

Rail Dusters & Trail Dusters who have already contributed to the Drive – making this gift possible!



The families who reside at the House and the staff members are absolutely thrilled and grateful to our club for this much needed gift!

We are now working diligently to purchase mini refrigerators for the individual apartments at the House. If you have not yet made your donation toward our Club's efforts, we ask that you do so **ASAP** as we cannot order individual refrigerators but must place the order for the entire amount we plan to purchase at one time! Because of Holidays and the fires which have caused interruptions to our Wed. night classes, we have not been together as a group each week, and this has created a slow-down in donations.

Please remember. . . you can simply write your check IN ANY AMOUNT and mail it to us at the address shown below. Checks are to be **made out to NORM KAMAN** (you can write "Donation to LA RMH" at the lower left of your check) as soon as possible. That way, we can make arrangements to order the refrigerators. Time is running out, so please try to make a donation ASAP!

With heartfelt thanks to all of you for our support in our once-a-year effort to reach out to those less fortunate who need our help!

Warmly,
Rusty & Norm Kaman
Wish List Drive Chairs

Rusty & Norm Kaman
2174 Ladycliff Circle
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Kitchen Korner

The time is flying by and we are so happy to report that our new class is doing very, very well, which we witnessed at our class level dance on November 18th. The kitchen team did a remarkable job with wonderful cookies, cakes, fruit, etc. and our very own Paul Waters once again provided his fabulous, delicious home made breads. **Great big thank you on so many levels to Paul and all of the kitchen helpers.**

Denise and Richard continue to organize, set up and break down the "kitchen" each week. You are a fantastic duo.

The cooperation from everyone is appreciated, from showing up early (with the snacks all plated and ready to serve) to help throughout the evening. **Sandy and Bob Sobel, we couldn't do it without you!!! And Judy Comroe, thank you so much for your organizing the donors - things seem to be rolling along without any glitches.**

Another reminder for those bringing snacks, please bring them ready to serve and arrive by 6:30 to help. Also plan to spend a few minutes after class to help with the clean up.

Here's a little information about the special cookies called "Animal Crackers" that many of us grew up with. These animal shaped cookies started selling in 1902 for 5cents a box and over 40 million boxes sell yearly. The original box design showed "caged" animals, implying they were traveling in box cars for the circus. Nabisco has recently redesigned the box and removed the cages so that the animals appear to be moving freely - after years of

unrelenting pressured by PETA.

Have a great holiday season everyone.

Signing off until next month,

Your Refreshment Chairs



Flo & Bill Tapp



Judy Comroe



Denise Kurtzer & Richard Rose

Ways & Means

To Trail Dusters & Rail Dusters:

We're approaching the last month of the year which is unbelievable. Where has 2018 gone? It seems to have flown by faster than a right and left grand.

We tried a new restaurant in November and everyone seemed to really enjoy Urban Plates. I'm trying to get back on their schedule for another dinner.

In the meantime we have two new restaurants in December that you will certainly enjoy. Please be sure to mark your calendars so that you join us and then you can vote yeah or nay on these new venues.

Here's the schedule for December, 2018.

December 5 Hook Burger.
December 12 The Stand
December 19 Moda Pizza in WH
December 26 No Class

Check your emails each week for addresses just in case there are any changes.

Your hostess,
Jane Lief



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all your calls and emails while we recuperated from rotator cuff surgery (Dale) and broken leg and sprained ankles (Sandy). We really appreciate everyone's concern and all the offers to help. Hope to see you in a square real soon. **Sandy & Dale Kaufman**

**GET READY
CAMP TRAIL DUSTERS 2019**



Can you guess our new theme?

Our Spring Weekend is scheduled for **May 31, June 1 & 2**. We are going back to the Marriott Courtyard in Oxnard.

New Tours, New Adventures.
Look for details in future issues.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Paul Waters, Steve Berman, Marilyn Bloom, Steve Rosentsweig, Alex Strouzer, Phyllis Saul

DUSTY TRAILS GOES WITH TRAIL DUSTERS



Al & Paula Masters and Sandy & Dale Kaufman to Maui



and Paula & Jerry Seliga to Plaza of Botero in Medellin

TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS
On a Rock 'n Roll Cruise

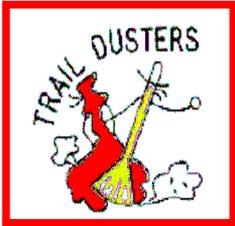


Dusty Trails goes on a Rock 'n Roll Cruise with Jeff & Margie Hausman, Sherwin Silver, Eileen Burkenheim, Caren Blumfield, and Ken Burkenheim

And then Goes Traveling to Toledo, Spain



Barbara & Harold Starr, Simcha & Phyllis Saul, Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig, Maureen & Shelly Fried take time to read the Dusty Trails before touring Toledo, Spain



REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS DECEMBER 2018

December 5

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese and Crackers

Diane & Les Light
Jane Lief
Lorraine & Sheldon Levin
Elaine Pfefferman



December 12

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese and Crackers

Farryl & Bill Dickter
Adrienne & Mike Kreisberg
Marlene Lovett
Sandy & Ron Lynn



December 19

Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese and Crackers

Linda Peck
Jill Pivnik
Janice Reiss
Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig



December 26

NO CLASS



For more information call Judy Comroe (818) 932—9929- email judycomroe@socal.rr.com



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule –2018 - 2019 2ND Saturday of Month

Rounds @ 7:00 PM – First Tip @ 8:00 PM
Alternating Rounds & Tips with 1 A-1 Tip

Wilkinson Senior Center – 8956 Vanalden - Northridge

DATE	CALLER	THEME
October 13, 2018	Tim Pepper	Great Pumpkin Ball
November 10, 2018	<i>Rod Shuping</i>	Veteran Appreciation
November 18, 2018 Sunday Afternoon	<i>Paul Waters Mike Seastrom</i>	Class Level Dance 2:00 - 4:30 pm
December	Dark	
January 12, 2019	Arlen Miller	Around The World
January 13, 2019 Sunday Afternoon 2:00 - 4:40 pm	<i>Paul Waters Mike Seastrom Dick Hodnefield Rod Shuping</i>	Class Level Dance Fundraiser to Support Fire Victims
February 9, 2019	<i>Johnny Preston</i>	Cupid's Ball
March 9, 2019	<i>Dick Hodnefield & Andy Allemao Class Level Dance</i>	Angel Appreciation Night
April 13, 2019	Mike Seastrom	Cupcake Night
May 11, 2019	Mike Kellogg	Strawberry Fair
June 8, 2019	TBD	*Crazy Hat Dance
July 13, 2019	Ken Bower	* Watermelon Crawl

*** Summer Casual Attire***

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Joni & Mark Simon 323-333-4947



**SALVATION ARMY
FUNDRAISER**

SUPPORT FIRE VICTIMS

BUCKLES & BOWS

BOOTS & SLIPPERS

HAPPY SQUARES

TRAIL DUSTERS

WELCOME ALL STUDENTS & ANGELS

**CLASS LEVEL SQUARE DANCE
AND CLOTHING SALE**

CALLERS: MIKE SEASTROM

DICK HODNEFIELD

ROD SHUPING

PAUL WATERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

CLOTHING SALE STARTS 1:30

DANCE 2:00 – 4:00 PM

ENTRY DONATION \$5.00

**ALL PROCEEDS INCLUDING CLOTHING SALES
WILL BE DONATED. IN ADDITION BUCKLES & BOWS
WILL MATCH YOUR \$5.00 ENTRY DONATION**

GOEBEL ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER

1385 E. Janss Road Thousand Oaks

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Bill & Nancy (805) 497-8398

Mike & Lorraine (805) 491-2556

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TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$50 COUPLES / \$ 25 SINGLES
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "TRAIL DUSTERS"

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH DUES BY NOVEMBER 30 (EARLIER PREFERRED!)

PLEASE PRINT

DATE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME(S) _____

Information in the roster is correct – no changes

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION ADDITION DELETION

Enter Only The Information To Be Changed, Added or Deleted (Since Last Published Roster)

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone (hers) _____

Cell Phone (his) _____

E-Mail Address (hers) _____

(his) _____

Everybody please fill out the info below

Birthday (Month & Day)

Hers _____ His _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (MONTH & DAY) _____

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND DUES TO:

ILENE AND MARK ABRAMSON
4425 ESTRONDO DRIVE
ENCINO CA 91436

(make check payable to "Trail Dusters")

December 2018 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Visitation at Lads n Lassies – see page 2
2 	3	4	5 Hook burger 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	6	7	8
9	10	11 Board Meeting 7:30 pm Flo & Bill Tapp's House	12 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15
16	18	20	19 Moda Pizza 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	20	21 	22
23	24	25 	26 NO CLASS	27	28	29
30	31 New Years Eve 					

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