



The Dusty Trails

Marilyn and Len Bloom, Editors marlenbloom2@gmail.com www.traildusters.com Feb. 2025

Club Officers 2024-2025

Presidents

Patti & Marshall Goldberg
mgoldberg@glassgoldberg.com

Vice Presidents/Refreshments

Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell

Secretary

Grace Mitnick

Treasurers

Sandra & Robert Sobel

Financial Treasurer

Victor Wolfe

Publicity/Webmaster

Shirley Brown

Membership/Statistics

Ilene & Mark Abramson
markabe@aol.com

Sunshine & Showers

Rusty Kaman
rusty_k@verizon.net

Editors

Marilyn & Len Bloom

Class Coordinators

Caren Blumfield & Sherwin Silver
Jeri Sobel
Gayle Cantrock
Alan Shotsky

Mentor Coordinators

Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig

Training Facilitators

Paula & Stewart Brooks

Event Reporter

Maureen & Shelly Fried

Ways & Means

Lynn & Joel Ovadia

Caller Coordinator

Farryl Dickter

Special Services – Bay Laurel

Joni & Mark Simon

Special Services - Wilkinson

Jane Lief

A Square D Delegate

Bill Dickter

Fundraiser

Denise Kurtzer

What a Magical Night on Broadway



The night was perfectly set with hours of preparation, beautiful decorations, a dazzling room and a new year on the horizon. All that was needed was a happy crowd, and by the early hours of New Years Eve 2024, in they came: a roomful of magnificently dressed Trail Dusters and friends ready to party hearty and dance the night away on a **Night on Broadway**. See pictures on pages 7 – 10.

And what a dazzling night it was! A larger dance floor was ordered to meet the dancing demands of our super square dance family. Thank goodness, because except for a few moments during dinner, our dance floor was full the entire evening thanks to the lively music played by our excellent DJ, Scott Soluk.

Guests of the evening were first met on the second floor of the Hilton Hotel by an abundance of delicious hors d'oeuvres and boxes of wrapped popcorn attached to unique tickets to a popular Broadway Play. They entered a room bedazzled with lights, surrounded by bespoke posters of

well-loved Broadway plays, and fully decorated dining tables replete with lights, glamour and glitter.

The beautiful pictures taken by Simcha Saul and Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig and printed in this newsletter clearly prove that our New Years Eve celebration was magical. Many thanks go to the New Year's Eve Committee: Marilyn Bloom, Caren Blumfield, Maureen Fried, Jeri Sobel and their talented crew of helpers pictured on the ladder on page 7.

This year's theme was suggested by Jennifer Mantell and the imagination and creativity of our committee brought it to life. We couldn't have asked for a more fitting welcome to 2025!

Your New Year's Planners



Maureen, Marilyn, Caren, Jeri





Feb. Birthdays

- Mark Simon 5
- Rhonda Shapiro 9
- Cindy Kestenbaum 11
- Mindy Dill 15
- 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
- Cindy Kestenbaum & Alex Strouzer 18

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

**Ilene and Mark Abramson
Membership & Statistics**



markabe@aol.com
818-501-3109

**VALENTINE'S DAY
SQUARE DANCIN'
SNACKIN' GALORE
February 12
See flier on page 11**

It's that time of the year,
And Cupid is finally here!...
So dress up in some red,
Or even come as a heart!
Be creative, be funny...
Or come as a piece of art!
Bring plenty of kisses,
And a few hugs too,

It's time for some romancin'...
Cuz that's what dancers do!

Squeeze your corner,
With all your might...
Then swing your partner,
And hold on tight!
With an array of snacks,
So utterly divine,
Ask that special person,
"WILL YOU BE MINE?"

For Valentine's Day,
We will celebrate!
Come ready to dance,
And don't be late!
With special treats,
And so much to do...
So here's the info scoop,
Without further ado...

We'll celebrate in style,
On February the 12th...
We sure hope you'll be there,
For this very special date!

Just another reminder,
Again in simple rhyme,
On February the 12th,
7 pm is the time!

Hey all you dancin' Dusters...
Looking forward to seeing y'all...
For an evening of fun dancing,
With our great caller, Paul!

And lest I forget...
For all us goofballs...
We'll surely be rewarded,
WITH GOOD "EATS" FOR US ALL!



Snack King
Avilicious

Snack Queen
Jillicious and



**SHAMROCKS & SHENANIGANS
DANCE
March 16th**



We have a great time Wednesday nights at our classes, but it is even more fun when you attend a dance where we show up to just have a FUN time dancing! You've been to so many classes, so here is your chance to really find out how much fun dancing can really be!

So, time to put on your dancing shoes and come on out for our club dance, Sunday, MARCH 16th, at Wilkinson Senior Center 2:00-4:30 pm. It's a Pre- St. Patrick's Day theme so get your green on.

Mike Seastrom is our caller and, if you recall when he taught our class or at past dances, he is fabulous! You'll love his music, high energy, and the way he arranges the calls.

Of course there will be snacks as we wouldn't want you to come to a Trail Duster Dance and starve for two hours. Afterwards, we will go to Sharky's in Northridge for dinner – see flier on page 12.

Also, this is a chance to support our club!
So don't be square,
Show up in a square!



Farryl Dickter
Caller Coordinator

**NEXT BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

7:00 PM



ZOOM MEETING

Sunshine & Showers

It has been a difficult beginning to this New Year, one that none of us could ever have imagined. Thousands of people have been impacted by the fires in one way or another. Many of you have been forced to flee your homes, and some people still have not been able to return, if their homes were spared, as of this writing.

Sadly, one of our Trail Duster "family" members lost her years' long battle this past week with Myasthenia Gravis, a disease that affects one's breathing and muscular system. **Marilyn Katlein**, who celebrated her 83rd birthday just 4 days prior to her passing, fought a hard battle with her devoted husband of 61 years, Hy, always by her side. Graduates of the Class of 2010, they both loved to dance, but in the beginning they struggled. My late husband, Norm Kaman, and I decided to take them under our wings. We traded partners, and for the many months that they were Rail Dusters, Norm danced with Marilyn while I became the "angel" for Hy. Gradually, they became stronger dancers as the calls became more familiar to them, and they began to enjoy square dancing a lot more. (Hy would frequently introduce me as his "other wife!") Happily, they graduated and continued for many more years – as did our warm and close friendship. Next week, Hy will be going to New York with his family members for the burial. Hy, know that our hearts are with you at this difficult time, and be assured that the many friends you and Marilyn have made will continue to be here for you.

GET WELL wishes go out to our TD President, **Marshall Goldberg**, who is recovering from neck disc surgery. Patti tells us that the procedure went well, and he is improving daily. Marshall, we hope your progress continues and that we'll see you back with us very soon!

After Marilyn and Stan Zwicker (Class of 2002) recently returned home from a cruise, **Marilyn Zwicker** was experiencing stomach pains and saw her doctor who diagnosed her with stomach flu. However, further tests revealed that the issue was in fact an aggressive form of Pancreatic Cancer. Marilyn, herself a nurse, immediately underwent major surgery. I am happy to report that as of today, she is making good progress in her recovery. Stan said that, while she is on heavy pain meds, she is definitely getting her spunk back as she lectured him to "clean the house and keep it clean!" She is NOT taking any calls or visitors, but Stan welcomes your calls on HER cell phone (818) 642-5344. Marilyn, we're sending our wishes and prayers for a full recovery and hope that you will soon be on your feet again and sharing your infectious laughter and wonderful sense of humor!

This month's column has been difficult to write. I sincerely hope that the next month's "Sunshine" column will be filled with much happier news. Please take care, everyone, and stay safe! Remember to contact me with any news to report, Sunshine and Showers, and I will call you for the details.

Warmest wishes for your well being.



Rusty Kaman
Sunshine & Showers Chair
(Rusty_k@Verizon.net)

Coordinators Corner

Dear Rail Dusters,

We hope all of you are safe after all our local fires and winds and you had a happy New Year. We are all looking forward to getting back to

dancing. Please don't worry if you have forgotten some of the calls as we will be reviewing them.

We also hope you will be able to come to our Rail Duster's brunch on February 9th, as it's a good opportunity to get to know the other people in your group and for us, as coordinators, to get to know all of you better. The more you get to know other dancers, the more fun it is to come to class and see one another. If you have not already done so, please sign up to bring an item of your choice on the e-mail you should have all received.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at brunch and the weeks of dancing ahead. Please remember we are here to help you out with any concerns or problems you have regarding square dancing.

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 **Barbara Shore, Tamar & Bruce Raff, Arnie Becker**

Barbara Shore



Barbara Anne Shore was born in Dayton, Ohio and goes by Barbara. She moved to Los Angeles in January 2024 to be closer to her daughter and family in Woodland Hills. She went to Radcliffe College for her BA, Harvard Law School for her JD. She then did additional graduate work at the University of Rhode Island and William and Mary.

Barbara is an attorney and represented juveniles at Legal Aid in New York City. She was an assistant attorney general in New York arguing

in Federal and State appellate courts (don't argue with her in a square). Plus, she has taught university courses in Florida and Hiroshima, Japan.

She has spent recent years as an estate planner and probate attorney in Boca Raton, Florida. Barbara is divorced and has one married daughter, a son in law and two grandsons, ages 9 and 11. Barbara met Ronda and Steve Kalan at a cooking class and they introduced her to the club. It figures that it would be a cooking class because you know how Trail Dusters love to eat!

Barbara loves to travel and her jobs certainly have taken her to new and interesting places. We are delighted to have her in our Club.



Tamar & Bruce Raff

Tamar was born in Los Angeles, California. She went to Hesby Street Elementary School, Mulholland Junior High School and Birmingham High School. Her college education includes UC Berkely, The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, The David Yellin Teachers Seminar in Jerusalem and the American Jewish University. She has been the Director of Jewish Life Learning at Valley Beth Shalom Day School for the last 29 years. She is an educator, who has published Hebrew and Judaic educational material.

Bruce was born in Van Nuys. He went to Culver City Schools from K-12 and then CSUN, The University of Judaism and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Bruce currently serves as the Rabbi in Residence at Temple Judea. For the majority of his career, Bruce worked as a Jewish educator and

rabbi. He loves to walk, exercise, travel, watch sports and he especially enjoys sharing a meal while enjoying the company of friends and family.

Tamar and Bruce have been married since 1980, and have 2 sons, Rami married to Jordan, and Micah married to Julie and 4 grandchildren, Morgan 7, Parker 4, Price 3 and Stassi 7 months. Jaci and Jon Feldman and Patti and Marshall Goldberg brought them into our club.



Arnie Becker

Arnie is another native to Los Angeles. He went to Melrose Elementary School, John Burroughs, Fairfax High, UCLA, Berkely and USC. Arnie is a retired dentist (in Sherman Oaks) and his job was to "fix teeth."

In High School he worked at the Beverly Park which all of us natives called "Kiddy Land." We loved their pony rides and the Rexall Drug's ice cream sundaes across the street. A friend fixed Arnie and his wife up and they have been married for 55 years. He has 2 children, Laren 52 years old and Davida 47 years old. They have given him 4 grandchildren.

One of the most interesting things that Arnie has done is to take part in a dental mission in Uganda, to a Jewish community in Abayudaya about 15 years ago. He brought mobile Navy equipment there and did a lot of extractions. He had no water, no electricity, and some antibiotics that he brought with him. No x-ray equipment. A rabbi organized the mission for about 14 other people. The group had hoped to return in the future but the political atmosphere made it impossible.

Arnie loves photography, skiing,

hiking, traveling and writing. He has a group of dentist friends who sit down and talk about interesting places they would like to visit and then they make plans and go. Timbuktu and Nepal are just a few examples. Linda Cole brought Arnie into our club, and we are very grateful. He looks forward to dancing with us every Wednesday as do most of us!



**Caren Blumfield
Sherwin Silver**



Jeri Sobel



Gayle Cantrock Alan Shotsky

Class Coordinators

Great News
Our Spring Weekend will take place on May 30 - June 1.
See flier on page 13.

Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters,

We have had delays starting our 2025 square dance classes and our pre-class dinners due to the horrific fires in Los Angeles this year. We hope all of you are well and doing well. We hope none of you lost your homes or suffered damage to your homes due to the fires.

The good news is we got back to

normal on Wednesday January 22nd and had a good turnout at The Habit for dinner and at our class. We have to thank all of the Trail Dusters who show up weekly at our pre-class dinners. Not only are you able to purchase healthy food at the restaurants. you are supporting our club at these fundraisers. The restaurants also benefit. It is a win for each of us as well as our club and the restaurants.

We encourage you to invite Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters who are your friends to our pre-class dinners. After all, Trail Dusters are very friendly, especially when we are eating. What is a better way to meet with friends and new members than over a nice meal at a friendly restaurant!

The following is the calendar for our February 2025 restaurants:

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| February 5 | The Stand |
| February 12 | Baja Fresh |
| February 19 | The Habit |
| February 26 | Sharkey's |

We look forward to seeing you. Dinner is at 5:30 pm. Class starts at 7:00 pm.

Best regards,
Joel and Lynn
Ovadia
 Ways and Means

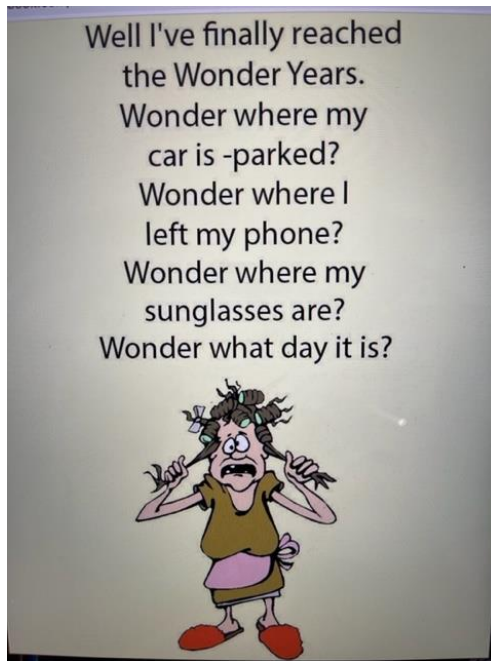


- Feb 12 *Valentine's Snack-A-Thon*
- Mar 12 *Snack-A-Thon*
- Mar 16 **CLUB S S D DANCE**
Shamrocks & Shenanigans
- April 16 *No Class - Spring Break*
- May 30 - Jun 1 *SPRING WEEKEND*
- June 11 *GRADUATION*

On The Lighter Side



Those who like my posts are happier, more intelligent and better-looking than those who don't; according to a study I made up.



Home Schooling

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE .
 "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me RELIGION .
 "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL .
 "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My father taught me LOGIC .
 " Because I said so, that's why ."

My mother taught me MORE LOGIC .
 "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT .
 "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My father taught me IRONY .
 "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS .
 "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM .
 "Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about ENVY .
 "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Front row: Mark Simon, Maxine Tuckman, Diane Gordon, Susan Perry, Jaci Feldman, Linda Cole
Back row: Bob Sobel, Robert Cirillo, Ron Mitnick

WE WENT TO THE STUDENT STOMP



Front row: Joel Ovadia, Dorothy Stabinsky, Lynn Ovadia, Steve Besem, Geraldine Rothenberg, Farryl & Bill Dickter, Caren Blumfield
Stage: Callers Mike Seastrom, Janienne Alexander, Mike Kellogg, Rod Shuping, Dale Hoppers

New Year's "A Night On Broadway" Setting Up



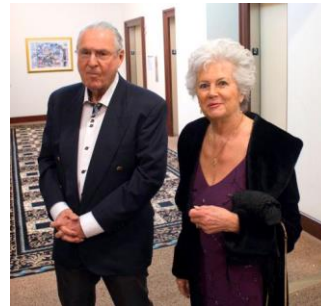
Famous Ladder Picture



Sitting down: Caren Blumfield, Maureen Fried, Front: Bob Sanders, Shelly Fried, Jill Sanders
 Bob Sobel, Joni Simon, Sherwin Silver, Jerianne Keaney, Sandy Sobel, Kathy Dorfman, Renee Kibbler,
 Ladder: Farryl Dickter, Jeri Sobel, Dean Kibbler, Joe Keaney, John Carpenter, Bill Dickter, Mark Simon



THE PARTY BEGINS



AND THE PARTY CONTINUES



Are you ready to Eat & Dance?



VALENTINE'S SNACK-A-THON

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

It's that time of the year, And Cupid is finally here!

*So dress up in some red,
Or even come as a heart!
Be creative, be funny...
Or come as a piece of art!
Bring plenty of kisses,
And a few hugs too,
It's time for some romancin'...
Cuz that's what dancers do!*



*Come ready to dance,
For Valentine's Day,
We will celebrate!
And don't be late!*

*Just another reminder,
Again in simple rhyme,
On February the 12th,
7 pm is the time!*

*Squeeze your corner,
With all your might...
Then swing your partner,
And hold on tight!
With an array of snacks,
So utterly divine,
Ask that special person,
"WILL YOU BE MINE?"*



*Hey all you dancin' Dusters...
Looking forward to seeing y'all...
For an evening of fun dancing,
With our great caller, Paul!
And lest I forget...
For all us goofballs...
We'll surely be rewarded,*



WITH GOOD "EATS" FOR US ALL!

*Big hugs and big kisses, With love,
from the Snack Queen Jill, And the Snack King Avi!*



Trail Dusters

SHAMROCKS AND SHENANIGANS

SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2025

She·nan·i·gans: high-spirited behavior! Get ready for an unforgettable pre–St. Patrick's Day celebration dance where the music will be lively, the spirits will be high, and the luck of the Irish will be in the air!



CALLER - MIKE SEASTROM

SSD WITH 2 PLUS TIPS & LINE DANCING

2:00 – 4:30 PM – \$12.00 PER PERSON

Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge

★ ★ PLEASE WEAR CLUB DRESS CODE – WHITE TOP AND BLACK PANTS/SKIRTS WITH THE CLUB TIE! ★ ★

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



Plan to join us for dinner AFTER the dance at

Sharky's

18426 Nordhoff St, Northridge, CA 91325

If you are planning on joining us for dinner,

Please RSVP via email to Joel Ovadia at Jovadia407@gmail.com

For More Information Contact: Farryl Dickter @ farryl.ateam@gmail.com.





SAVE THE DATE

May 30- June 1, 2025

TRAIL DUSTERS SPRING WEEKEND



Mark the event on your wall calendar!


Type it in the calendar on your phone!

Make a sticky note in large print and put it on your fridge!

You will not want to miss the first social event of 2025!

The organizing committee has had its first meeting and final details are well on the way to be confirmed. Stay tuned as details will be rolled out over the coming months

February 2025 Trail Dusters Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---|---|--|-------|---|-----|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm | 5 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 Board Meeting 7:00 pm  | 12 Baja Fresh 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm | 13 | 14  | 15 |
| 16 | 17  | 18 | 19 The Habit 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Sharkey's 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm | 27 | 28 | |

