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From the Presidents' Desk

Dear Trail Dusters & Rail Dusters,

Trail Dusters had another fantastic month on the dance floor! We've been learning new calls, and we've officially started using our computer squares. It may take a little time before everything feels perfectly comfortable, but we're already seeing progress. Most importantly, everyone seems to be having fun dancing with our caller Michael Kellogg.

We're also excited to share that we'll soon be launching our Mentor Program. In this program, our more experienced dancers will be paired with Rail Dusters to help them feel more comfortable and confident on the floor. It's a wonderful way to learn, support each other, and strengthen our club community.

Also we will be continuing our new **Pre-Paid Weekly Class Program** for the rest of the year as this successful option is expiring in 2 weeks (December 10). Starting on December 17 and through June 3 the total of 22 classes at \$5.00 per person comes to \$110.00. For \$100, you can pre-pay for the balance of the year for 22 classes, so you won't have to sign in and pay each time you come. It's quick, easy, and one less thing to think about when you

arrive. This option will be available immediately **and will expire on December 10, 2025**. This \$100.00 fee can be paid through Zelle using - traildusterssquares@gmail.com or by check. If you choose the check option, please be sure the check is payable to **Trail Dusters Square Dance Club**. There will be no refunds or credit carried forward for any missed classes – see flyer on page 9.

And don't forget our New Year's Eve Party! This is always a highlight of the year and a great way to ring in the New Year with your Trail Dusters friends. Be sure to sign up early. Space is limited, and we will need to close the list once we reach capacity. Please see article on page 4 for full details about the New Year's Eve celebration.

Our Best,



Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell
Co-Presidents, Trail Dusters





December Birthdays

Simcha Saul	4
Art Hirsh	7
Patti Goldberg	13
Les Light	13
Bill Sarnoff	13
Harriet Berman	14
Lainy Parlen	15
Victor Wolfe	16
Joe Dill	17
Greg Don	17
Caren Blumfield	24
Leslie Ruiz	25
Anita Higer	26
Matthew Baumueller	28
Stuart Gabriel	31

Dec. Anniversaries

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

THANK YOU FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

I want to give a big Trail Duster **THANK YOU** to all of you who have renewed your membership. As of November 19, we have 173 members

Your dues help pay the rent and caller fees for weekly classes and for our dances. Members receive the "Dusty Trails" monthly newsletter that will keep you informed of all of our activities and you will get a roster so that you can keep in touch with your square dance friends.

Thanks to all of you who support our club!

Ilene and
Mark
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Snack-a-Thon

LAST MONTH



WOW!!!

What a wonderful Thanksgiving snack-a-thon. It was so much fun to see so much participation. The football jerseys showed up a bit more than the Thanksgiving garb did, but the outfits were festive and the energy on the dance floor was fantastic. See pictures pages 6 & 7.

What truly made this snack-a-thon shine, were the very generous and delicious snacks provided by YOU! The fruit platters were fabulous and the cheese board beautifully sliced "I might add was spectacular! All of the cookies, macaroons and brownies were delicious and they disappeared very quickly. THANK YOU ALL for helping to make the November snack-a-thon such a tasty treat

Snack-a-Thon

THIS MONTH

Now it's time for:

MERRY EVERYTHING



OUR DECEMBER SNACK-A-THON WILL BE ON DECEMBER 10TH. See flyer on Page 10.

Please come dressed in your ghastly Christmas or Hanukkah sweaters and don't forget your funny holiday hats.

Snacks are stacked and lights are bright, Hanukkah and Christmas both delight! Grab a bite and twirl with glee, It's a holiday snacking jamboree.

And please sign up for snacks!!

Debbie Borden



Refreshment
Chair

Class Coordinators

Dear Rail Dusters,

We are thrilled to report that we now have 12 wonderful Rail Dusters who have stayed on and are working hard to conquer all the new calls that they are receiving each week. Michael Kellogg will keep repeating the calls so that they will soon become second nature in their minds. Don't forget that you can also review the calls on Saddlebrook Squares. Just click on a call to review it.

The year seems to be flying by and our Rail Dusters are experiencing our new computer square system along with the rest of us. Trail Dusters, thanks for your patience. We have a few suggestions for you to help out. If you discover that you have more than one new Rail Duster couple in your square, please try to trade with another square. Also, we find it works really well to split up an angel couple with a rail duster couple. Why not try it if you see the rail duster couple are somewhat confused!

Our snack-a-thons have been a huge success and we're so happy to see many of you participating in the costume themes. We also hope you've enjoyed all the treats. We wish you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Our New Year's Eve gala will soon be here, and we would love to see all of you attend this fun event. You won't be square dancing at all but the floor will be filled due to our DJ music. (see the invite on pages 8). I know some of you are planning on attending, but if you didn't receive an invitation yet and still want to join in the activities, please let us know.

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 **Janis & Yoram Shein and Carole Reisenfeld**.

Janis & Yoram Shein



Janis was born in Culver City but grew up in Long Beach, CA. She went to High School in Long Beach and UC Berkeley for college. She moved back to L.A. in 1984 when she was 33 years old.

Yoram was born in Israel and moved to L.A. in 1985 when he was 29 years old. He moved from Israel because he wanted a change and to learn English. A cousin offered him to stay with them. Her husband was a developer and got Yoram a job working for an electrical contractor. This is where he learned to become an electrical contractor and started his own company. Janis was half owner and did all the administrative

and office work for their business for almost 40 years.

Janis has done various jobs in her life. She worked in retail management in Sacramento right after college, worked in a newsroom in Bend, Oregon, was a hospice nurse at an inpatient hospice unit at Cedars Sinai, managed healthcare and home care for a woman with dementia, ran a small medical office, including the billing for a hand therapist. I am exhausted writing this!

Janis & Yoram have been married for 39 years. They have 2 children, David, 38 who has 2 children Axel 5 and Bobbie 3. They live in Oakland and they see them as much as possible. Karen, 35, also has 2 children, Noah 4 and Nathan 1 1/2. They live close and Janis and Yoram babysit often and spend a lot of quality time with them. They are members at Hamakom synagogue and participate in activities there including a havurah of over 20 years.

The couple likes to travel, hike, play mahjong with another couple, play hand and foot (a card game) with another couple, and in general enjoy board games and card games. Janis is a regular in a weekly mahjong game and gets together with some women friends regularly for lunch.

They both enjoy reading although Yoram reads mostly in Hebrew. They haven't done ballroom dancing or Israeli dancing in several years but participate in both at weddings or other events where there is music and dancing. Yoram is very handy and is always fixing things around the house and helping friends when needed.

Janis & Yoram are only recently retired and Yoram has started weight training and participating in a weekly Israeli men's group that discusses politics, news and whatever they

choose. We hope they continue square dancing with us for over 15-20 Years!

Carole Reisenfeld



Carole is a native of California and attended Birmingham High and UCLA. She was a High School math teacher at Hamilton High School Academy of Music. (Many of our members went to Birmingham and Hamilton for their high school years).

Carole is retired but still does some substituting. She is single now but has three boys, Bruce, who was in last year's class, Jason and Daniel.

She has 2 grandchildren, Gavin and Ava. Carole also ran a tutoring program at UCLA. She enjoys walking, hiking, swimming, playing bridge and singing in her Temple Choir.

Jennifer Mantell persuaded her to come dance with her son, Bruce, and us, so we owe a big thank you to Jennifer. Carole is enjoying dancing and says, "One thing I can say about Trail Dusters, they sure know how to have a good time." I hope our good times continue to last indefinitely!

Your
coordinators



**Maureen and
Shelly Fried**



Jeri Sobel Gayle Cantrock

Sunshine & Showers

This month's message is "short but sweet." **Adriane and Michael Kreisberg** recently returned from Israel where they had gone to visit family. There was a surprise celebration as their grandson, Elisha Pamensky, proposed to his girlfriend, Sarah Noy, an attorney from New York who had recently moved to Israel. Sarah and her identical twin both graduated Law School in New York and both passed the Bar Exam there. Elisha hails from Toronto and has 6 brothers and sisters. His older sister, who resides in Ohio, just gave birth to her 6th child. This means that **Adriane and Michael** are now blessed with TEN great-grandchildren! **Adriane** is now busy knitting baby blankets! Hearty congratulations to all the family! May you enjoy many wonderful years of making happy memories together!

If you have happy news to report (and this goes for RAIL DUSTERS as well as Trail Dusters) graduations, promotions, new babies in your family, engagements or weddings, please let me know by email (Rusty_k@verizon.net) and I will call you for the details. At the same time, if there is illness or passings in your family, I hope you will let me know about these as well. I will call you for further information AND permission to share your news with the rest of our Trail Duster family in the upcoming issue of Dusty Trails.

We have just learned of the loss of **Cheri Warner's** beloved mother. Stella Dubey, age 94, and a Holocaust survivor, passed away on Monday, November 17. The funeral took place on Wednesday, November 19th. To you, **Cheri**, and to all your family, we hope that you can find comfort by your memories, the caring of others, and the healing that comes with time.

To all of you and your families, may I extend warm wishes for a healthy and happy Thanksgiving



Rusty Kaman
Sunshine & Showers Chair

AFRICA **NEW YEAR' EVE**



The African Jungle Awaits

Did you get your invitation to the most spectacular event of the season? If you would like to attend and have not received an invitation, email marlenbloom2@gmail.com and let Marilyn Bloom know because you will want to return your response card as soon as possible to reserve your seat on our beautiful **African Safari New Years Eve Celebration**. See invitation on page 8, and you also get a free bar drink.

Our African Safari New Years Eve Celebration, a glittering event replete with the most regal animals of the African jungle is what you can expect as our way of saying goodbye to 2025 and welcoming 2026.

It's "Dressy Attire" so wear your most favorite New Years outfit as you become part of a boundless bevy of beautiful people-all ready to party the night away. There will be no "seniors" on this night. Just happy party-goers ready to trip the light fantastic! Don't miss it.



Maureen, Marilyn, Caren, Jeri

Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters & Rail Dusters,

There were 21 attendees for our pre-class dinner at Sharky's. We were able to visit each other and catch up on our lives while enjoying our meals. It would be so nice if more of the new Rail Dusters could also join us. I will put flyers on a table in class to remind you where we are dining

New places to meet this month: Shake Shack and Mendocino Farms

Don't forget to tell the cashier that you're part of the Trail Dusters Square Dance Club fundraiser.

The following is the calendar for our December restaurants

Dec 3 Shake Shack - Topanga
Dec 10 Mendocino Farms - WH
Dec 17 The Stand - Calabasas
Dec 24 & 31 NO CLASS

Linda Cole
Ways & Means
Chair



DEC 10 LAST DAY TO PRE-PAY FOR 2026
DEC 10 MERRY, HAPPY, EVERYTHING SNACK-A-THON
DEC 17 THIS DATE ONLY -CLASS AT A.C. STELLE MIDDLE SCHOOL- 22450 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA 91302
DEC 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA
DEC 22 - JAN 5 - WINTER BREAK
JAN 7 FIRST CLASS OF 2026

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED AT BAY LAUREL



Front Renny Traub, Leslie Bergman, Geraldine Rothenberg, Jay Mulein, Marilyn Bloom, Doris Bloom, David Handelman, Bob Sanders

Back: Alex Strouzer, Jonathan Bernhard, Phyllis Saul, Farryl Dickter, Debbie Borden, Barbara Shore, Steve Rosentsweig, Wesley Witherspoon, Jeff Hausman, Katherine & John Carpenter

WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS



Front: Bill Dickter, Reuven Zeavy, Alex Strouzer, Art Hirsh, Michael Kreisberg, Bob Zoren, Dale Kaufman
Back: Leonard Bloom, Larry Sazbo, Bob Sobel, Jay Mulein, Simcha Saul

LOOK WHERE THE DUSTY TRAILS WENT



Paula & Jerry Seliga are in Rhodes, Greece



Now they are in Puerto Vallarta



THANKSGIVING SNACK-A-THON COMES TO BAY LAUREL



Thank you Debbie & Robbie for organizing the snacks





HERE ARE THE JERSEYS

The famous rivalry between UCLA and USC



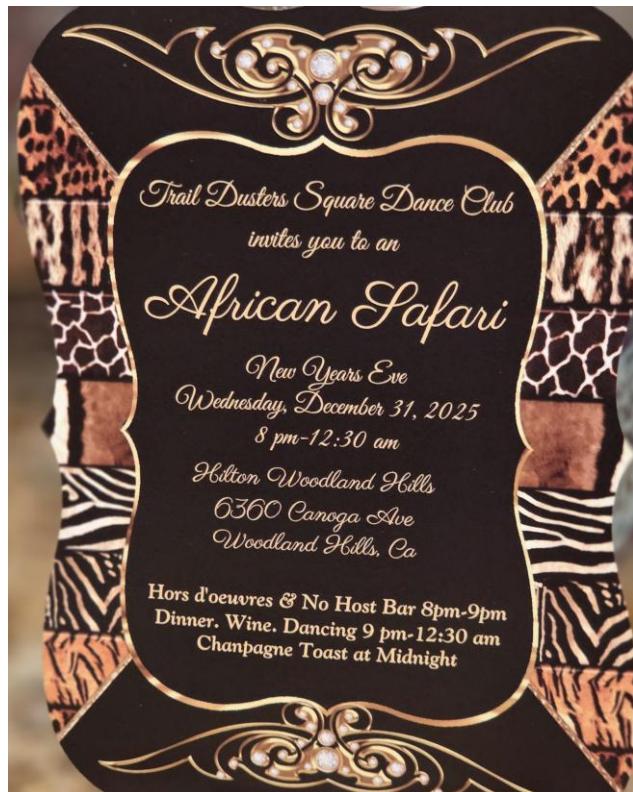
Front: Sandy & Dale Kaufman, Irwin Tukman, Grace Mitnick
Back: Steve Kalan, Carol & Richard Lewis, Ron Mitnick

And the rest of the teams



Barbara Shaw, Gayle Cantrock, Jaci Feldman, Nancy Sachs, Katherine Carpenter, Jane Lief, Eddie Borden, Wesley Witherspoon

NEW YEARS INVITE



And you also receive one free bar drink



TRAIL DUSTERS

Weekly Square Dancing Classes

The successful pre-pay option is expiring in 2 weeks (December 10, 2025).

The new time period will start with December 17, 2025, and continue through June 3, 2026. Graduation is on June 10, 2026, however, there is no charge to attend.

The total of 22 classes at \$5.00 per person comes to \$110.00. The Trail Dusters Board of Directors has decided to charge a flat fee of \$100 for the convenience of just signing in at the "Pre-Paid Weekly Class" sign in sheet and avoid the line of participants at the entrance paying every week.

This option will be available immediately, and will expire on December 10, 2025. This \$100.00 fee can be paid through Zelle using the email of traildustersquares@gmail.com or by check. If you choose the check option please be sure the check is payable to "Trail Dusters Square Dance Club". Whether you pay by Zelle or check, please indicate that the payment is for prepayment of Wednesday's classes.

***Important Disclaimer - There will be no refunds or credit carried forward for any missed classes.**

If you have questions call Sandra Sobel (818) 288-4113 or email sanrobel1@gmail.com



MERRY EVERYTHING

SNACK-A-THON - DECEMBER 10.

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Come, dance, talk, laugh and of course snack! The spread is always varied, delicious and plentiful. A great evening to lift your holiday spirit and kick off your celebrations of this time of the year.!

**See you there
Debbie Borden and Crew**





December 2025 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Shake Shack 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	10 Mendocino Farms 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	11	12	13
14 First Night of Hanukkah 	15 	16	17 The Stand 5:30 p m Snack-a-thon A.C. Stelle 6:45 p.m.	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 NO CLASS	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve 			