

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

Dear Trail Dusters,

Well, we are off to an incredible start! As many of you have seen, the room has been filled to capacity every night. We've been dancing with anywhere from 12 to 14 squares — what an amazing sight to see! Even more exciting, we have 27 new Trail Dusters joining us this season. While time will tell how many will stay with us long-term, we're thrilled to welcome so many enthusiastic new dancers.

A heartfelt thank-you to all of you who have encouraged your friends to join our club. Your word-of-mouth and warm hospitality are what keep Trail Dusters strong and growing.

We kicked off the season with a wonderful Snack-a-Thon in September & October and the energy was contagious! Now we're looking forward to our upcoming Thanksgiving Snack-a-Thon. It's bound to be a feast of fun, friendship and goodies.

Everyone seems to be thoroughly enjoying and loving Michael Kellogg's calling. His teaching, patience, and wonderful singing are making each class both fun and rewarding. We're also excited to launch Computer

Squares, adding even more variety to our dancing.

Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm. With your spirit and dedication, Trail Dusters is off to one of its best seasons yet!

With warmest wishes and happy dancing,



Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell
Co- Presidents, Trail Dusters

NEXT BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 2025

7:00 PM



ZOOM MEETING



November Birthdays

Steven Rosentsweig	1
Barbara Shore	1
Alex Strouzer	1
Alan Shotsky	2
Steve Berman	3
Rita Karp	6
Phyllis Saul	6
Leslie Bergman	20
Farryl Dickter	22
Marilyn Bloom	23
Jacquelyn Walker	24
Arlene Zoren	24
Jay Mulein	27

Nov. Anniversaries

NONE

**TRAIL DUSTERS, IT'S TIME TO
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.
RECENT GRADUATES IT'S TIME
FOR YOU TO PAY YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
SEE Flier ON PAGE 11**

I want to give a big Trail Duster **THANK YOU** to all of you who have renewed your membership. As of October 26, we have 163 members

Remember, dues are being collected now. 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.

One way to renew is:

1. Print the renewal form on page 11 and fill out the required information. Please print legibly!
2. Make out a check to *Trail Dusters Square Dance Club* for \$40 for single membership, \$80 for couple. Same amount as last year and three years before that! Please use our club's full name.
3. Mail the form and the check to:
**Ilene and Mark Abramson
4425 Estrondo Drive
Encino, CA 91436**

Another more modern way to renew is to send Zelle payment to: traildustersquares@gmail.com Be sure to include your names! Please also send me the form on page 11 so that I can keep the roster information of the birthdays and anniversaries up to date.

Please note that the form asks for birthday and anniversary month and date. This is used only to send best wishes in the Dusty Trails.

If you have any further questions, please call or email us.

If you have not renewed, please expect a phone call reminding you.

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

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Snack-a-Thon



Last month's **Ghoulish Delights** Snack-a-thon was so much fun.

There were so many participants in the evening's Costume Contest. Difficult decisions were made and the following rose to the winning circle: Jaci Feldman, the Scariest, Bill Dickter, the Funniest, Paula and Avi were the Best Duo, Laura and Oz Burnstein, the Most Creative,

See pictures on pages 8-10.

Now it's time to enjoy the

THANKSGIVING SNACK-A-THON



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19TH
See flier on page 12

It's time to Wobble till you Gobble.

The Thanksgiving snack-a-thon will be on November 19th. And it's bound to be a feast of fun, friendship, and goodies. Show your team spirit by wearing your favorite team's shirt. Whether you are cheering for UCLA, USC, or any other team. Show your spirit and wear your team colors proudly. Or come dressed as a turkey, a Pilgrim, the Mayflower...or just come dressed in your favorite fall colors.

To help spread the fun (and the responsibility) if you didn't bring a snack for September or October please plan to bring a yummy and plated snack for our November snack-a-thon.

The sign up sheets will be on the third table.

This is what we need:
2 Fruit plates
2 Vegetable plates w/ Hummus or dip
2 cheese plates
Plus: Cookies, brownies, cupcakes or any other dessert you might want to bring.

I know everyone is busy these days so if you don't have much time all markets will have ready made cheese, fruit, & vegetable plates. If you are too busy to bake, there are also great desserts that are plated and ready to serve.

Debbie Borden

Refreshment Chair



Class Coordinators

Dear Rail Dusters.

This month, 10 of our 27 Rail Dusters experienced our favorite pastime... eating! We had our first new class brunch, Sunday, October 25th at Maureen and Shelly Fried's home in Northridge which was decorated so nicely for Halloween. It was a pot luck and our Rail Dusters passed the test. The food was delicious and there wasn't much left. More important was the camaraderie and information we shared. We were blown away by this talented group of new dancers, their occupations, hobbies and interests. It was a wonderful afternoon - see page 6.

It's so nice to see your happy faces out on the dance floor now that we have had more than a month of dancing and learning new calls. (You can review them on Taminations or Saddlebrook Squares). We hope all our new Rail Dusters are feeling comfortable with what they've

learned and finding how much they enjoy square dancing.

Hopefully our new system of setting up the squares will make it easier for everyone to form squares and find partners. Thanks to Michael Kellogg for working out the details of setting this up.

Please come to us at any time with any questions or concerns you may have. We are here to try to make your experience with us fun and exciting.

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 **Doris & Mike Bloom** and David Handelman.



Doris & Mike Bloom

Doris and Michael Bloom have been married for 56 years. They have three children and two grandchildren. The grandkids, who are now college age, live in Atlanta.

Doris was born in Canada but moved to LA in the 60s. She came to visit her sister and loved it so much that she never left. She thought it was paradise compared to the cold long Canadian winters. She's always worked in the medical field. She worked in front and back offices for various doctors and then met the "doctor of her dreams." They met at Children's Hospital. Michael was picking up a friend and it looked like Doris was eligible, so he asked her out.

Michael, whose nickname is Doc, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His grandparents were living in LA so

his father decided that he wanted to be close to them. Michael went to Boyle Heights Elementary school, then Carthage Center Junior High and Lous Pasteur and graduated from LA High School. He went to USC and Irvine Medical School. He describes his schooling as the "school of hard knocks." Michael is a physician, but has worked many jobs to prepare him for his medical degree such as setting up pins in a bowling alley and selling at the Colosseum.

The Blooms heard about square dancing through Irwin and Maxine Tuckman. Irwin and a few other Trail Dusters, play senior softball with him. Michael says he did square dancing years ago with a caller that Michael Kellogg knows. He says he is only returning to square dance because of his wife, but we all know that most men say that before they get hooked.

Doris doesn't play softball, but she played years of tennis until her knees gave out. She also tap danced at "Every Women's Village." She has spent most of her life taking care of her rambunctious children and driving them back and forth to all their activities. Don't many of us know that routine?

We are delighted to have them as Rail Dusters and look forward to many more happy years dancing together.



David Handelman

David Handelman was born in Chicago but moved to Miami Beach, Florida when he was 6 years old because his father's dad was there. He stayed until 1950 and then traveled around.

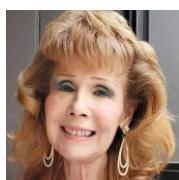
He arrived in Los Angeles in 1983, when he was 42 years old. He met his future wife, Judy, at a party but they didn't reconnect until 15 months later at a City of Hope Costume Party Fundraiser. He invited her for coffee at Lancers and were married within the year. They had 38 years of marriage before she recently passed away.

David has worked interesting jobs. He is currently the owner of Sun Rise Metals, a recycling business. He was an auctioneer for medical equipment and supplies for 2 1/2 years, a carpet cleaner and layer and a wholesale meat salesman, to name a few.

David has 2 children and 4 grown grandchildren. He is a published author of books and poems (find him on Amazon) and is active in Temple Valley Outreach. He graduated in 2001 as a Trail Duster, and after a long absence has returned. Wayne and Lana Collier, former Trail Dusters, brought David into our Club.

Your coordinators

Maureen and Shelly Fried



Jeri Sobel Gayle Cantrock

Congratulations to **Rita Karp** on the September 13th marriage of her granddaughter, Dr. Rachael Karp (the twin sister to Sarah) to Dr. Faraaz Tamjidi. Their wedding took place at Merriville Gardens in

Camarillo. Rachael, a Doctor of Psychology, cares for veterans at Loma Linda Hospital, while Faraaz is an ER Doctor at Riverside Hospital. The young couple met 10 years ago through mutual friends and will now make their home in Riverside. To you, **Rita**, our very best wishes on both your granddaughters' marriages AND on your upcoming 93rd birthday! We hope that you and your family will continue to enjoy lots of "sunshine" for quite some time still to come!

Get well wishes go out to **Grace Mitnick** who is recovering from knee replacement surgery done on October 13th. Now, **Grace** says that she has a "matching pair of repaired knees!" While her new knee is currently stiff and painful, she is getting physical therapy and trying NOT to use her walker. Accustomed to being active, **Grace** is eager to get back to playing tennis on a regular basis in addition to square dancing. **Grace**, we know this is NOT a "fun journey," but we're all hoping that your recovery will go well, and it won't be too long until you are able to return to the activities you enjoy the most. May each new day find you in less pain and feeling stronger!

More get-well wishes are extended to **Judith Katzburg** who is still healing following hip replacement surgery done in September. While we know that it takes time to heal from major surgery, the waiting can sometimes be frustrating. Hoping you will find some good reading material or movies to enjoy while you're getting better and stronger. Meanwhile, be assured that your Trail Duster family is hoping you will soon be "good as new!"

Hearty Congratulations to **Sherwin Silver** whose softball team, the "Dynasores" (that's the team spelling) has won the Championship of the Tuesday Spring/Summer 2025 Senior Softball League at the Sepulveda Basin! Trail Dusters on

the Championship team include **Sherwin Silver**, **Irwin Tuckman**, and Rail Duster **Michael Bloom**. **Irwin** was exemplary during playoffs, having 11 hits in a row at bat!

I'm certain there are more of you who have news to report, engagements, weddings, new grandchildren, recoveries from surgery and much more. However, I need to hear about these events in your lives by email so that I can contact you for further details and, with your permission, share them with the rest of our Trail Duster "family." Once again, my email address is:
Rusty_k@verizon.net.

I look forward to hearing from you with your news.

Rusty Kaman
Sunshine & Showers Chair



AFRICA NEW YEAR' EVE



Join Us On A Magical Safari

Are you ready to go on a Spectacular Safari traveling through the jungles of the ancient Hilton and dining on food more tantalizing than a trip to Tanzania? Then this is the trip for you.

Trail Dusters will once again celebrate the old year and welcome 2026 on New Years Eve, Wednesday, December 31st, at the lovely lodge we all know well as the Woodland Hills Hilton Hotel.

Join us on a magical journey through the jungles of Africa where we will absolutely observe each of the Big Five game animals and dine on a sumptuous meal freshly caught and prepared by Hilton master hunters.

It's going to be an adventure you won't want to miss.

Invitations are being given out in class on November 12. Return your response card or let us know if you didn't get one, as soon as possible to secure you place on our safari line-up. Space is limited and this coveted event fills up fast. A fun filled feat is being planned not to be missed.



Maureen, Marilyn, Caren, Jeri

Week-end and do Save The Date.



- ★ Listen to our amazing entertainer, Michael Quest and join our new tours, games, etc. Stay tuned - more news to follow.

Caren Blumfield



Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters & Rail Dusters,

It's the start of the holiday season and I look forward to visiting with you at our pre-class dinners.

I would really like to see more of the new Rail Dusters attend, if possible, so they can experience the fun we have eating together.

The following are the restaurants I have arranged for the month of November:

**Nov 5 The Stand
Nov 12 Sharkey's
Nov 19 The Habit
Nov 26 NO CLASS**

Linda Cole

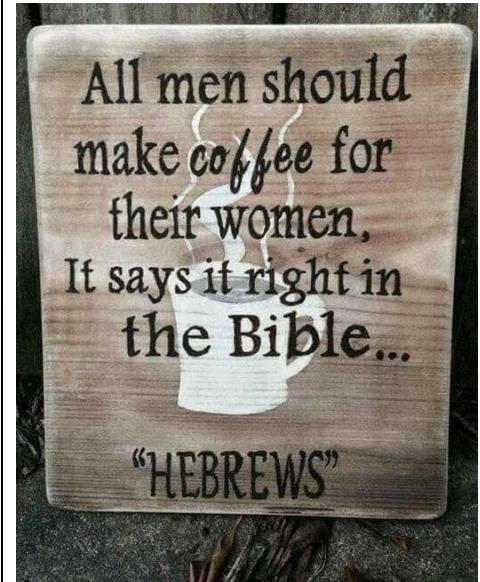
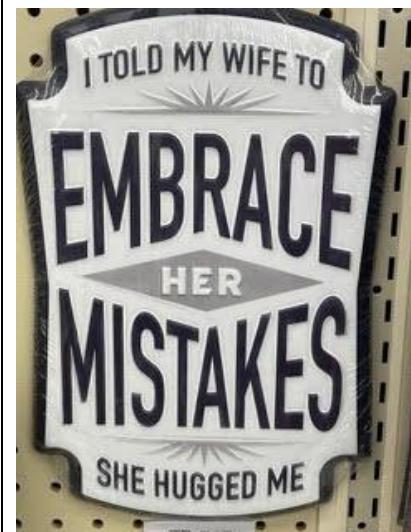


Ways & Means Chair



NOV 19	GRATEFUL TO BE DANCING SNACK-A-THON
NOV 26	NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING
DEC 10	MERRY, HAPPY, EVERYTHING SNACK-A-THON
DEC 17	CLASS AT A.C. STELLE MIDDLE SCHOOL- THIS DATE ONLY
DEC 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA
DEC 22 - JAN 5	WINTER BREAK

On The Lighter Side



RAIL DUSTERS GATHER AT MAUREEN & SHELLY FRIED'S HOUSE FOR BRUNCH



Front row: Doris Bloom, Barbara Barishman, Sindy Levine, Carol Leisner

Back row: Mike Bloom, Carole Reisenfeld, Mark Levine , Steve Leisner, David Handelman

Not Pictured – Liora Powers



LOOK WHERE THE DUSTY TRAILS HAVE TRAVELED



Carol & Richard Lewis and Sandy & Dale Kaufman read the Dusty Trails on the Alaskan Cruise with their family



Adriane & Mike Kreisberg take their Dusty Trails to Israel



Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig show an Alien DT in Baker and a monster at the museum in Boulder CO

Lynn & Joel Ovadia -at the Chines Pavillion in Epcot



Paula & Jerry Seliga take their Dusty Trails to the Fortress in Alexandra, Egypt, then to a Pyramid in Cairo and then to Rhodes, Greece

GHOULISH DELIGHTS SNACK-A-THON COMES TO BAY LAUREL



Thank you Merry, Debbie & Robbie for organizing the snacks



WOW – THE CAST OF THE WIZARD OF OZ CAME TO VISIT



Front row: The Wicked Witch, Scarecrow, Dorothy
Back row: The Good Witch, Tin Man & Cowardly Lion



The Great & Powerful Oz has become our caller





Costume Winners

Avi & Paula Nudell, Jaci Feldman, Laura & Oz Burnstein, Bill Dickter
Best Duo Scariest Most Creative Funniest



TRAIL DUSTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$80 COUPLES / \$40 SINGLES

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH DUES BY SEPTEMBER 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

[REDACTED]

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) _____

ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR _____ MADE PAYABLE TO **TRAIL DUSTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB**
AND MAIL TO:

ILENE AND MARK ABRAMSON
4425 ESTRONDO DRIVE
ENCINO CA 91436

OR : ZELLE PAYMENT SENT TO traildusterssquares@gmail.com

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU INCLUDE YOUR NAME(S) AND INDICATE THAT THE FUNDS ARE MEMBERSHIP FEES

REGARDLESS OF PAYMENT METHOD A COMPLETED FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO **ILENE & MARK ABRAMSON
EITHER BY MAIL OR EMAIL.**

GIVING THANKS

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And it's bound to be a feast of fun, friendship and
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Show your team spirit by wearing
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Whether you are cheering for UCLA,
USC, or any other team entirely,
Wear your team colors proudly.

Or come dressed as a turkey, a
Pilgrim, the Mayflower...or just
come dressed in your favorite fall
colors.

Come one - Come ALL!!



And yes, there will be plenty of snacks to eat, so come
hungry and ready to dance!

Debbie Borden and Her Crew will welcome you!



November 2025 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Daylight Savings 	3	4	5 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m	6	7	8
9	10	11 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	12 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 The Habit 5:30 p m Snack-a-thon Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 NO CLASS	27	28 	29
30						