

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

What an incredible few weeks it has been for our club!

The Student Stomp was a tremendous success with an amazing turnout. It was so special to see the dance floor filled — not just with our own members, but with friends from across the broader dance community. There's something energizing about sharing the floor with so many enthusiastic dancers, and we hope everyone enjoyed the opportunity to dance, connect, and have fun together.

And then came the Sweetheart Ball. What a beautiful evening! We had such a wonderful turnout to honor our fabulous Sweethearts, Patti and Marshall Goldberg. The love and appreciation in the room was truly felt.

A very special thank you to everyone who contributed to making these events a success! We especially want to recognize **Farryl and Bill Dickter** for all their help, support and coordination.

Also a heartfelt thank you to **Maureen Fried** who created the beautiful baskets and designed the flyer and poster. Her creativity and dedication made the evening extra special.

📅 Save the Date – April 12!

We are excited to announce that Trail Dusters will be hosting our own dance on April 12, at Wilkinson Senior Center and we hope you will all plan to attend and bring your energy to the floor.

Our caller will be Mike Seastrom, and we are looking forward to a terrific evening of dancing – see flier on page 13.

We know that at times some of the recent dances may have felt fast-paced. If you found yourself struggling to keep up, please don't be discouraged. As everyone says — the more floor time you get, the better it feels. Confidence comes with practice, and every dance helps. So please don't shy away — come out on April 12 and let's fill the floor together.

🍀 St. Patrick's Fun!

Don't forget our upcoming Snack-at-hon on March 11 – see flier page 12.

The theme will be "It's Raining Shamrocks- Lucky to be Dancing!"

And of course, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, be sure to wear your green! 🍀

✿ Keep Dancing!

If you're looking for additional floor time, Valley Trailers are starting a new session in March. We encourage you to take advantage of these beginning classes. It's a wonderful way to review and reinforce the calls you already have learned. It is a way to build confidence while having fun.

- Valley Trailers in Northridge will begin again on March 10 – see flier on page 11.

We are so proud of the energy, spirit, and community that make Trail Dusters so special. Thank you for showing up, supporting one another, and keeping square dancing alive and thriving.

See you on the dance floor!
With appreciation,



Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell
Co- Presidents, Trail Dusters

March Birthdays

Joel Ovadia	9
Steve Besem	11
Grace Mitnick	12
Richard Lewis	13
Joe Keaney	17
Randee Samsky	18
Diane Jubelier-Light	20
Robert Bergman	20
Joni Feldman	21
Madeline Johnson	25
Paula Seliga	29
Shelly Fried	31

March Anniversaries

Lorraine & Sheldon Levin	21
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Ilene and Mark Abramson



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Snack-a-Thon

LAST MONTH

“LOVE IS IN THE AIR”



Our “Love Is in the Air” Snack-a-Thon was an absolute delight from start to finish. It was wonderful to see so many of you dressed in reds and pinks, covered in hearts and fully embracing the theme. Your enthusiasm truly set the tone and made the evening extra festive.

The snack table looked beautiful — roses, glowing candles and Valentine banners tied everything together nicely. As always, the snacks just keep getting better and better!

A very special shout-out goes to Renee Kibbler for the famous Jimmy Cake. It disappeared in a nano second, and I had people asking for the recipe before the crumbs were gone.

This beloved recipe came from Doris Karp, a longtime Trail Duster whose daughter is Merry Mulein. I have been making this cake for years and it is always delicious.

Thank you all so much for your sumptuous contributions and for making this Snack - a - Thon another success. I am truly grateful for each of you.

Snack-a-Thon

Up Next - March 11



It's raining shamrocks, lucky and bright, Snacks on the table, dancing all night
Wear a little green, don't be shy
Good food, good friends and luck passing by!

Be sure to wear green!
You won't want to miss this one, or get pinched for sure.



See flyer on Page 12.

Debbie Borden



Refreshment Chair

Class Coordinators

Dear Rail Dusters,

It was great to see so many Rail Dusters at the Student Stomp! We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and had fun dancing with some new people. We had a great club turnout!

Our Rail Dusters have been doing so well in class, even when our caller speeds up the tempo. Many thanks to Mindy & Joe Dill for having a workshop to help some of our Rail Dusters review the calls.

The set up of mentors has been completed and they are a great source of support to our Rail Dusters. They help with dancing. We have found that as a couple swapping partners with your mentors is very helpful. If single, dancing with your

mentor can be very helpful too. Your mentors will stay in touch with you and answer any questions and give whatever support is needed. Of course, your coordinators are always available to help in any way we can!

It is very beneficial to review the calls learned on Wednesday by going to saddlebrooksquares for review and/or taminations. The emails you receive along with the Rail Duster Review that you receive weekly will list the calls that need to be reviewed along with the link to the website

Hope all of you had a wonderful Valentine's Day!

Maureen and Shelly Fried



**Jeri Sobel
Gayle Cantrock**



SWEETHEART BALL



The Sweetheart Ball was a fabulous success! Over 50 Trail Dusters attended, a record for our club's participation! And, why not! Patti and Marshall deserved the honor of being our sweethearts for all of the incredible work that they have done for us, and for being willing to serve as presidents for two full years.

Andy Allemayo and Don Schadt were great at calling fun and uplifting music. Some may have found the calling a bit faster than we are used to, but the more you go to dances, the better able you will be to keep up. So we thank you all for hanging in there!

A huge thanks to Maureen Fried for putting together two absolutely gorgeous baskets for the auction. More thanks to all the generous people who donated so many wonderful items for those baskets.

Thanks also to Geraldine Rothenberg and Linda Cole who brought cookies for our club's contribution to the goodies tables.

Now it's time to think about the dance our club is hosting Sunday, April 12th, also 2:00-4:30 pm at Wilkinson – see flier on page. 13.

See you in a square,
Farryl Dickter-
818-943-4933



Dearest Friends....

We already received some wonderful pictures from several of you taken at the Sweetheart Ball...thank you! We especially love the colorful and festive large group pictures. We had such great fun dancing with members and everyone in that packed room...and being part of this colorful, unique and very festive day!

More than you know, the two of us feel so very honored that you selected us as this year's Sweethearts! What a remarkable day it was for us yesterday at the Dance! So many turned out to embrace us and the other Sweethearts. It was a bit shocking to get that much attention...and a very special moment when you cheered for us when we entered the room! Omg, thank you.

We want you to also know how very much we appreciate the time and effort that went into the planning and organizing for this honor and event, including the member outreach and processing, the flyers and emails, the

great poster, the beautiful donation items/baskets, the follow-up dinner, and the hours of time needed to dig out the colorful outfits to wear! We will treasure this amazing and very memorable honor and fun day...especially because of the overwhelming **love, support, warmth, and friendship displayed to us by you, our wonderful friends!!!** Each time we see the Sweetheart token added yesterday on our membership badges we will think of this day and all of you!

We love and appreciate you all and treasure our collective TDs journey! Sincerely, how lucky are we and all of us to be part of this amazing Club?!!

Happy Valentine's Day! **All of you YOU are sweethearts to US!!!**

With much love and appreciation,
Patti and Marshall



NEXT BOARD MEETING

MARCH 10, 2026

7:00 PM



ZOOM MEETING

Garden Gala Dance April 12, 2026

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready for our next dance! **April 12th Mike Seastrom** will be calling for our Garden Gala Dance to be held from **2-:00 - 4:30 pm at Wilkinson**. See flier on page 13.

This is a dance sponsored by *our* club, so we know from past experience, that Mike makes the dance especially fun while also having a pace that might work better for our dancers. Also, since it is a club dance, no need to worry about the crowds we experienced at the Sweetheart Ball.

So, save the date, APRIL 12th, and be ready for a fabulous time!

Farryl Dickter
818-943-4933

Sunshine & Showers

As many of you know by now, our Trail Dusters family lost a long-time member on January 28th with the passing of **Marilyn Zwicker**. She fought a hard battle with pancreatic cancer but ultimately could not win. Services were held on February 3rd at Mount Sinai in Simi Valley. **Marilyn and Stan** were graduates of the Class of 2002. When they weren't dancing, **Marilyn** was a consummate nurse having started when she was just 20 years of age. She began as a regular nurse at Mount Sinai off of Beverly Blvd. but quickly moved up the ranks. While raising two children of her own, she went on to earn the nickname, "Dutchess of Dialysis" where she became a pioneer in the field and worked thusly for over 30 years, finally retiring when Covid hit.

She and Stan, who were married for 62 years, enjoyed travelling around the world, especially on countless cruises. She was also an avid tennis player. Most of all, **Marilyn** will be remembered for her infectious laughter. She always wore a smile. Stan, to you and your children, our heartfelt condolences. We hope that the passage of time and all the beautiful memories you made together will bring you comfort, now, and in the days to come.

Get well wishes are extended to **Sandy Sobel** who, on February 7th, lost her balance and took a bad fall, fracturing her right hip. Following successful surgery, she was taken to the Rehab Center in North Hills to continue her recuperation. It is expected that she will be able to return home in about a week to continue getting stronger. If you would like to send a card or a cheery greeting, her address is 8201 Canoga Avenue, P.O. Box 9004, Canoga Park, CA 91309. Please, no visitors! **Sandy**, we're all wishing you a full and speedy recovery so that you can continue participating in all the activities you most enjoy. Meanwhile, our thoughts and best wishes are with you.

It's time for some SUNSHINE! Please send me an email (Rusty_k@verizon.net) with your news (engagements, weddings, new grandchildren, job promotions, etc.) and I will contact you for details and permission to share. (That's what families do!) Whether it's sunshine or showers, we want to hear from you! Many thanks
Until soon,

Rusty Kaman

Sunshine & Showers Chair



OUR SPRING WEEK-END

**"AROUND THE WORLD IN 3 DAYS"
WILL SOON BE HERE**

Want to travel without the fuss and long delays? Now is your chance to go "Around the World in Just 3 Days" with our Trail Dusters Club.

We will be starting off in Oxnard on **May 15-17** for another amazing weekend filled with so many new adventures and exciting ideas. There will be lots of countries on our many stops and you won't have to travel far to reach them.

Our weekend will start on Friday at 1 pm (lunch will be arranged before the tour) with a tour of the Larrivee Guitar Factory and will end on Sunday with our infamous joke-off and lunch at The Lazy Dog Café.

Pease get your reservations in ASAP so we can plan for our tour guides, table assignments and room reservations. It is guaranteed to be another unforgettable experience. See flier on page 14.

Your Wagon master Committee, Leslie Bergman, Caren Blumfield, Laura Burstein, Jane Leif, Rene and Peter Maier, Jill Sanders, Phyllis Saul, and Rhonda Shapiro

Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters & Rail Dusters,

We had a great turnout of Trail Dusters after the Sweetheart Ball at The Stand.

We managed to sit together in one section of the restaurant. Everyone enjoyed the good food and talking about the dance.

I hope you all had a nice Valentine's Day.

The following are the restaurants I have scheduled for the month of March:

- March 4 Sharkey's
- March 11 Health Nut
- March 18 The Stand
- March 25 The Habit

Linda Cole



Ways & Means
Chair
818-464-8227

On The Lighter Side

Some of my friends exercise every day. Meanwhile I am watching a show I don't like because the remote is on the floor.

I have many hidden talents. I just wish I could remember where I hid them.

The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.

Just once I want a username and password prompt to say CLOSE ENOUGH.

We celebrated last night with a couple of adult beverages - Metamucil and Ensure.

Last night the internet stopped working so I spent a few hours with my family. They seem like good people.

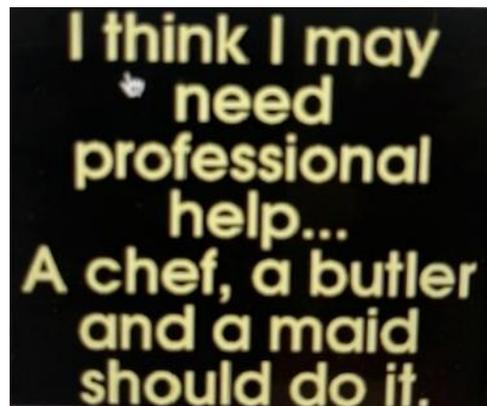
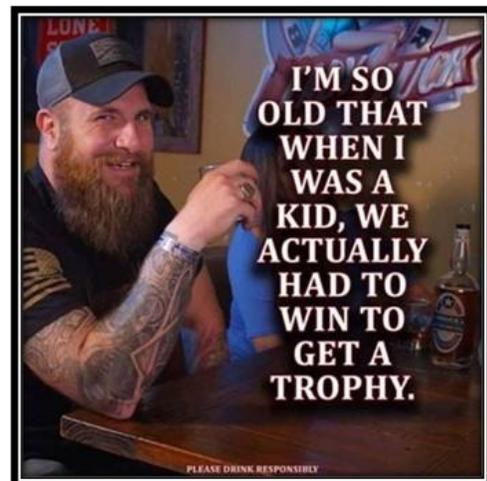
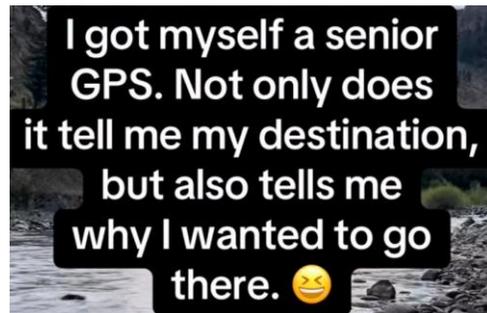
Diet Rules

If no-one sees you eat something, it has no calories.

Anything eaten while standing has no calories due to gravity and the density of the calorie mass.

When drinking a diet coke with a chocolate bar, the fat in the chocolate bar is cancelled out by the diet coke.

Stressed spelled backward is Desserts



**ATTENTION TO ALL OF YOU DOING
SPRING CLEANING!**

**Looking for Square Dance
Clothes**

There are some younger dancers from Boots and Slippers looking for square dance clothes. Please see Caren Blumfield to donate your outfits to them.

They will be much appreciated.

 **Mark Your Calendar**  Dates to Remember

MAR 4 CLASS AT A.C. STELLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
22450 MULHOLLAND HWY,

MAR 11 ST PATRICK'S DAY SNACK-A-THON

APR 1 NO CLASS—SPRING BREAK

APR 12 GARDEN GALA – CLUB DANCE

May 15 – 17 Around the World in 3 Days!

JUN 10 GRADUATION

JANUARY- FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED AT BAY LAUREL



1st row: Diana Gordon, Bob Sobel, Mark Simon, Maureen Fried, Barbara Barishman, Bob Cirillo
2nd row: Jack Liebel, Linda Cole, Wendy Kestenbaum, Ron Mitnick, Michael Kellogg, Susan Perry, Dean Kibbler,

TRAVELING WITH THE DUSTY TRAILS



The Dusty Trails went on a Mexican cruise with Lynn and Joel Ovadia and Nikki and Steve Rosentsweig and stopped in Puerto Vallarta



Then to the Panama Canal with Carol & Richard Lewis!

VALENTINE DAY COMES TO BAY LAUREL



Thank you Merry and Debbie for organizing the snacks





WE HONOR OUR SWEETHEART COUPLE AT THE SWEETHEART DANCE



PATTI & MARSHALL GOLDBERG

WOW! LOOK HOW MANY ATTENDED THE SWEETHEART DANCE



Sweetheat Dance (cont'd)





After the Sweetheart Dance we went to The Stand



Learn to Square Dance!



It's easy!

It's fun!

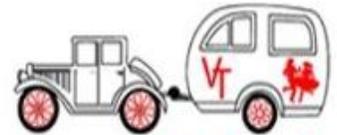
**Couples, singles,
all ages welcome**

**Smiles
guaranteed!**



**No experience necessary; No partner needed;
No special clothes required**

Try it, you'll like it!



Valley Trailers Square Dance Club

Starts Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2026, 7 pm to 9:00 pm

Beginner Registration open for two weeks

Please come by 6:45 pm to sign up

New dancers first week **Free, \$7.00 thereafter**

New Life Church, 10650 Reseda Blvd, Northridge

Information: Linda (805) 231-6171 or Tom (818) 363-0009



ST PATRICK'S DAY SNACK-A-THON

Wednesday March 11th



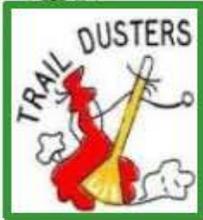
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Snacks on the table, dancing all night
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Good food, good friends and luck passing by!
Be sure to wear green!
You won't want to miss this one,
or get pinched for sure*

Get ready for an pre-St. Patrick's Day celebration where the music/dancing is lively, spirits are high, and the luck of the Irish is in the air!

As usual an abundance of festive holiday themed desserts will be available on which to munch!!.

Debbie Borden & Crew





TRAIL DUSTERS

Garden Gala Dance

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Spring is here and the flowers are flourishing! Join us as we celebrate the end of winter with a great caller, good fun and in friendship!



CALLER: MIKE SEASTROM

**SSD WITH 2 PLUS TIPS and LINE
DANCING BETWEEN TIPS
2:00 – 4:30 PM – \$12.00 PER PERSON**

**WILKINSON CENTER,
8956 VAN ALDEN, NORTHRIDGE**

For further information, please contact Farryl Dickter
@ farryl.ateam@gmail.com



TRAIL DUSTERS SPRING WEEKEND

AROUND THE WORLD IN 3 DAYS

May 15 -17, 2026

THE HOLIDAY INN (formerly MARRIOTT COURTYARD)

600 EAST ESPLANADE DRIVE, OXNARD, CA 93036

COST: Double: \$800.00 Single: \$600.00

\$400.00 Deposit due March 18 – Final Payment of \$400 or \$200 due April 22

Price includes: your room, 2 nights, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, Happy Hours in our Hospitality Suite, and entertainment Friday evening, no extra charge for the fabulous and fun time you will have! Tours for an extra cost will be announced soon.

Please send choices info below ASAP via email or regular mail to: Peter Maier, 6100 Fairhaven Ct. Agoura, CA 91301
peter.maier1@gmail.com

Make check payable to: **Trail Dusters Square Dance Club**

OR PAY BY ZELLE TO trailandustersquares@gmail.com

Questions: Caren Blumfield, caren1224@hotmail.com

818 216-2990

BED CHOICES: _____ 1 King OR _____ 2 Queens

MEAL CHOICES

FRIDAY NIGHT:

_____ Chicken Marsala

_____ Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce

_____ Ancient Greek Bowl – Vegan
(Red Quinoa, squash, veggies, & nuts)

SATURDAY NIGHT:

_____ Chicken Piccata

_____ Tri Tip with Tomato Mushroom
Bordelaise Sauce

_____ Vegan - Chef's Choice

NAME(s): _____ **\$AMT** _____



March 2026 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Sharkey's 5:30 p m AC Stelle 6:45 p.m.	5	5	7
8 Daylight Savings 	9	10 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	11 Health Nut 5:30 p m Snack-a-thon Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	12	13	14
15 F	12 6	17 St Patrick Day 	18 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	15	20 	21
22	23	24	25 The Habit 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 6:45 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31				