



# The Dusty Trails

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## From the Presidents' Desk

Well folks, the time has come. Our two-year run as your Co-Presidents is drawing to a close and shockingly, not even a single coup attempt! As we waltz, oops, *square-dance*, off the presidential stage, sometimes dizzy and occasionally with sore feet, BUT **always with VERY FULL HEARTS**, we are filled with admiration, gratitude, and pride in our Club! What an incredible journey it has been! From our very first dance as Rail Dusters years ago, to joining Trail Dusters and later the Board, we have met a simply amazing group of friends and community. We are truly Families-of-Another-Mother (well, except the Karsh's and Simon's! who are from the Same-Mother). We have worked with a wonderful and talented Team, and we have first-hand witnessed our remarkable club sparkle, and continue to thrive, grow and glow with all of you!

### ***We are soon Celebrating the Graduation of our Rail Duster Class of 2025!***

This year we welcomed **19 new Rail Dusters** into our family! They have worked hard along with our dedicated Class Coordinators...and we are thrilled that very soon these wonderful Class of 2025 members will be graduating, officially joining the ranks of our Trail Dusters Family! **Graduation Nite is on JUNE 11,**

**2025 at 7pm. PLEASE COME...**to honor their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm, to enjoy their surprise performance, to dance and have fun, and to welcome them into the next chapter of their square dance journey! See flyer on page 8.

### ***Applause for the Dream Team Behind the Scenes!***

After all the years and events, we now know only too well the **remarkable TD Team** that gets it all done! So here's a GIANT CHEER for our dedicated, tireless Board members and all the Volunteers! You helped turn every Class into a celebration, and every event into a wonderful memory!

This past year alone TD's hosted and/or supported:

- A festive Summer Party (at the Warner's gorgeous home) & successful Fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House
- Weekly Classes with our great caller Paul Waters, and Dances full of sparkle and spirit
- Workshops at Wilkinson
- Weekly Dinners before Class, raising money and enjoying food & time with friends
- A Monthly Newsletter and Website filled with humor, great articles, a calendar, fun photos and info

- Support for our TD Community, through calls, cards and Sunshine and Showers articles
- Now-legendary Snack-A-Thons, complete with seasonal decorations and mouthwatering treats: Halloween Howls, Hanukkah and Xmas lights, Shamrock Shuffles, a 1950s Rockin Nite, and even an Easter Bunny sighting (still under investigation).
- An amazing “Night on Broadway” New Years Party.
- An Epic Oxnard Weekend Getaway, complete with Famous Band Theme and Celebration, Music, Touring, Dancing, Jokes and other Events galore.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to every one of our members who dreamed up and made these events happen... brought new friends to our Club...came early to set up...worked the tables...figured out the finances and rosters...took minutes...coordinated with the LVUSD and other groups...ran the audio visual equipment...stayed late to break down the décor or clean up...brought (or ate!) the delicious treats... created and sent flyers, newsletters, notices...made phone calls...attended TD, ASqD events or Board meetings and gave reports and ideas ...guided and supported our RD and members and helped TDs and RDs learn and practice in the Squares...

These Members came to create and support our amazing TD Family! We hope you will join them!

### **What's Next? More Magic!**

As we waltz into our presidential sunset, we soon hand over the Presidential reins to the dynamic duo of **Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell**—two trailblazers already leaving their

mark. We know they'll lead with heart, humor, and a whole lot of talent!

**We are excited for next year. We want to see you!** We encourage each of you to come to the classes and events, to help support our Club and next year's activities. We also hope you will reach out and share about Trail Dusters and **encourage your friends to join** starting with our **fabulous Summer Welcome Party scheduled for September 7**. Tell your friends that “they only have to come and check it out!” They will get hooked! Tell them there's medical proof that having fun, being active and staying connected with new friends enhances the quality of your life! **It's true!**

From the bottom of our (tired but happy) feet—thank you for showing up, dancing loud, laughing hard, and reminding us every week that the best things in life come with music and friends.

So we're not saying goodbye—we're just saying, “See you in the next Square!”

With boundless gratitude and one last enthusiastic bow in (yet another) **BIGGEST CIRCLE EVER...THANKKKKKK YOUUUU!!**

**Marshall & Patti Goldberg**  
Presidents, 2023–2025



### **June Birthdays**

Irwin Tuckman	1
June Grossman	2
Bill Shapiro	3
Cookie Stiskin	9
Judy Levy	11
Bill Dickter	12
Charlene Klein	17
Margie Hausman	21
Carol Lewis	24
Susan Britton	25
Michael Whitman	27
Lynn Ovadia	28
Jeff Cohen	28

### **June Anniversaries**

Sandra & Robert Sobel	11
Ronda & Steve Kalan	14
Ardiane & Michael Kreisberg	14
Lynn & Joel Ovadia	14
Phyllis & Simcha Saul	17
June & Robert Grossman	18
Sandy & Dale Kaufman	21
Miriam & Bernie Brauner	23

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

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## THE BACK TO THE 50'S SNACK-A-THON ON MAY 14, 2025

Last month's 50's themed May Snack-a-thon was a "total blast from the past" event with enough amazing treat selections to satisfy any palate. Jill and Avi once again out did themselves as they together created a wonderful display of 50's memorabilia to help present a snack table bursting with delicious indulgence after another.

The pictures on page 8 in this newsletter clearly show there were absolutely no "party poopers" at this Wednesday class. The Trail and Rail Dusters all dove into all that was delicious, replete with Paul's famous flour fare. The sheer amount of lavish and inspired contributions offered at our monthly specialty table is a testament to the generosity and spirit of our members.

We had a wonderful visitor, Hisayo Sugao, Barbara Shore's friend from Japan, who joined us for the snack-a-thon. She enjoyed watching the square dancing so much that she wants to investigate the square dance club in Tokyo. Barbara met Hisayo in 2007 when Barbara and she were colleagues at Hiroshima Shudo University. Since those years Hisayo has received a PhD, teaches, choreographs, and has developed studies on aging. She enjoyed our dancing and talked to so many rail dusters and trail dusters. Hisaya presented a thank you note in calligraphy and origami cranes in appreciation of a joyous evening.

This is one fine square dance club!

Maureen &  
Shelly Fried  
Event  
Reporters



## Heartfelt Thank You from Your Snack-a-thon Coordinators!

As our second year of coordinating snacks for Trail Dusters comes to a close, Avi and I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for making this experience so meaningful and enjoyable.

We've truly loved being responsible for snacks during the last two years with Trail Dusters. It's been a pleasure to help fuel our themed events with good food and even better company. But none of it would have been possible without the help and generosity of this incredible group.

To everyone who brought snacks, lent a hand with setup or cleanup, or simply shared a kind word of thanks along the way—thank you. Your support and enthusiasm have made this role not just manageable, but truly fun. It's been a team effort through and through, and we're so grateful to be part of such a thoughtful and dedicated group.

Here's to many more shared Snack-a-thon's as we pass the baton to the next Snack-a-thon coordinator Debbie Bordon and her helpers Mary Mullin and Robbie Jacobs!

With much appreciation,



Snack Queen Jillsy  
and



Snack King  
Avilicious

## Sunshine & Showers

Showers have descended upon our Trail Duster Family in recent days. On Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, **Judith Altman**, Class of '99, passed away, just missing her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the funeral took place on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Hillside Memorial Park. A virtual service was held to enable more friends to attend. Judith was best known for her energetic personality. Her favorite position was front and center stage. This was probably best seen through the years at our club getaway weekends where Judith led the infamous "Joke-offs" for which she will long be remembered. Judith was the mother of Jason Rosenbaum, and Renee McGinty, and the adoring grandmother of Bridey and Delaney McGinty. She also leaves behind a brother and sister and many nieces and nephews. May her memory be for a blessing.

Condolences are extended to two of our Rail Dusters. **Robert Bergman** lost his beloved mother on March 26<sup>th</sup>, just shy of her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. Norma Koskoff was ill for only two weeks prior to her passing and Robert received news of her passing while he and his wife Leslie were attending Wed. night class. Robert remembers his mother as a loving and caring person who was very computer savvy. Robert, to you and your family, we hope that all the memories you have made through the years with this special lady will bring you comfort now, and in the days to come.

Rail Duster **Laurie Bernhard** lost her 87-year-old mother, Carol Jaffe, this past week due to complications from Alzheimer's and advanced dementia. Thankfully, Laurie and her siblings worked together to care for their mom who was, prior to Covid, very independent and loved teaching. She was active in Temple Judea and was



a very attentive mother and grandmother to her 9 grandchildren. To you, Laurie, and to all your family, your loss is shared by friends who care, and we wish you brighter days ahead.

There's nothing like the arrival of a new baby to bring "Sunshine" into a family! This month, I'm delighted to announce the birth of TWO new little ones and share the happiness that their arrivals are bringing to their families. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Rhonda and Bill Shapiro** welcomed a new granddaughter, 3 weeks early but still ready to take on the world. Born to the Shapiros' daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Patrick Maloney, little Nora Liv weighed in at 6 lbs. 7 oz. She joins her two older sisters, Layla, age 7, and Sophie, age 5. Here's wishing all the Shapiro family warm congratulations and every happiness as you go forward with your three blessings.

**Rita Karp** has a new name: "GREAT GRANDMA," as of April 25<sup>th</sup>, when her granddaughter Sarah gave birth to a son, Jaxon James Nelson, in Thousand Oaks. Rita is understandably over the moon as she describes her feelings the first time she held this dark, curly-haired baby in her arms, realizing that she had made it to this stage of her life. The new family of three will make their home in Simi Valley. But there's still more excitement awaiting the family as Sarah's twin sister Rachel has graduated on May 16<sup>th</sup> from Cal State Lutheran University with her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. Now she is preparing for her upcoming wedding in September. Rita, to you and all your extended family, your Trail Duster "family" sends best wishes for years of joy and happiness for all that is to come!

**Judy Comroe** traveled to Texas this week to attend the May 17<sup>th</sup> graduation of her granddaughter, Hannah Comroe, from Baylor

University College of Arts & Sciences. Hannah graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Next Fall, she will continue her education at Baylor, pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work. Warm CONGRATULATIONS are extended to the proud grandma and to her hard-working granddaughter! Hannah, may your future hold everything you wish for yourself!

More proud grandparents are among us. **Sandy and Dale Kaufman** have shared that their two grandsons (twins), are graduating from Calabasas High School. Ben will go on to study Math at Cal Poly San Louis Obispo while his brother Ryan will attend the University of Delaware to study Political Science. At the same time, the twins' older sister will be a Junior at Arizona State in the Communications program. Sandy and Dale now have all three of their grandchildren in college! Here's wishing all the Kaufman siblings a successful and happy college experience and beyond.

We all enjoy hearing about the happenings of our fellow "family" members and hope that all of you will share what is going on in your lives. Just e-mail your news to me at [Rusty\\_k@verizon.net](mailto:Rusty_k@verizon.net) and I will contact you for further information and your permission to share. News can be passed along to the rest of our club.

May "Sunshine" be a large part of each of your lives!

**Rusty Kaman**

**Sunshine & Showers Chair**



## Coordinators Corner

As we come to the end of our dance year, we would like to congratulate all our Rail Dusters for their determination and dedication in learning all the dance calls. At the beginning of the next year, all the calls start over, providing a valuable review for those you have already learned.

We are all looking forward to watching your graduation presentation on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 6:30 PM, and the graduation actually begins at 7:00 PM. We encourage you to bring any family or friends to come see you graduate, to better understand what you've been up to all these months.

We hope to see all of you at our great summer party on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, to reunite with all the new friends you have made, and hopefully bring any new potential Rail Dusters for next year.

It's been great getting to know all of you and hopefully helping you develop your square dancing skills.

We wish you a great summer, whatever you may be doing, and hope to see all of our new Trail Dusters in the fall.

Your Class Coordinators

**Caren Blumfield  
Sherwin Silver**



**Jeri Sobel**



**Gayle  
Cantrock**



**Alan Shotsky**

# Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters,

Now that we are finishing our second term as officers of Ways and Means, we were reminiscing about our experiences performing this job and history of Ways & Means.. Ways and Means makes arrangements with restaurants to have fundraisers for our club, the Trail Dusters. We served in this capacity back in 2012.

The concept of Ways and Means came about because back in 2009 our club was not doing as well financially as it is today and needed a supplemental income stream. Other square dance clubs in the San Fernando Valley were folding then due to a lack of new membership or a lack of funds or both. Caren Blumfield heard about the concept of pre-class dinners and ran with it by making arrangements with good restaurants for fundraisers in the area local to Bay Laurel Elementary School where our classes were and are still held.

Bill Dickter took over the next year and did a good job, followed by Flo Tapp. Lynn and I took over the third year and did our best to promote it. A highlight of our term was when twenty-five Trail Dusters showed up at The Habit on January 2, 2013. We had never had this high attendance before.

The concept of Ways and Means is a very sound one. We all need to eat dinner especially before a square dance class. For those who attend, they pay for their dinner(s). Our club makes financial arrangements with the restaurants we recommend each week to pay us a percentage of their income from our members as a

fundraiser. The restaurants we recommend offer healthy choices. For those of us who attend, we benefit from eating healthy food. The restaurants benefit from our attendance and our club benefits from the percentage the restaurant pays for the fundraiser. Everyone benefits. Our club has a supplemental income without obligating our members. We call this a "win-win-win arrangement."

We encourage all our members to attend our pre-class dinners because the food is good, but the socialization and the friendships you make are even better! We attended almost every pre-class dinner and enjoyed every one of them. Remember Trail Dusters are extremely friendly, especially when we are eating!

We have had a good year running Ways and Means this year with a lot of success by having good relations with the restaurant owners. Our greatest success occurred when one of the restaurants was taken over by a big corporation and we were not receiving checks from them because we could not register the fundraiser completely on the computer. Their website did not accept our club website address. I spoke with the regional marketing director who told me he could not pay us unless we register on line. I told him our club has been eating at this restaurant for over ten years, and it would be unfortunate if we stopped coming. The company repaired the computer glitch and sent us the fundraiser checks we were owed. We can now register for fundraisers with them. Being respectful but firm paid off.

We wish our successor, Linda Cole, continued success with Ways and Means.

The following is the calendar for our June 2025 restaurants:

June 4	The Stand
June 11	Sharky's

Best regards,

Joel and Lynn  
Ovadia  
Ways and Means



**GRADUATION WILL TAKE PLACE  
ON JUN 11, 2025. FOR MORE  
INFORMATION SEE FLYER ON  
PAGE 8.**



**May 30 – Jun 1 -SPRING WEEKEND**

**June 11 GRADUATION**

**Sept 7 SUMMER PARTY**

**Sept 10 FIRST CLASS OF 2025-26**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 17, 2025**

**THIS IS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY INSTEAD  
OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY**



**7:00 PM**

**ZOOM MEETING**



***And to the Incredible Marilyn and Lenny Bloom...***

# A BIG

# ***Thank You***

***For All You Do Even  
When You're Not  
Around,***

***We Miss You, and Can't  
Wait to See You...***



Our Trail Duster World just isn't the same without both your wonderful smiles, your camera and jokes (Lenny), your creativity, optimism and giant laugh (Marilyn)!



You've been on our minds and in our hearts even when you're at home — and we're sending you all our love, and maybe a few bad jokes, virtually!

We're counting down the days until we can hug you, laugh with you, dance and party with you, and best of all, to compete to see who will be the last one out the door after Dances or any of our activities! We know you will owe us a lot of pennies!



Meanwhile, hang in there — the world and our Club is waiting for your grand reappearance, like the ***STARS of the best show ever***. (That's you!)

**WITH ALL OUR LOVE,**

***Marshall & Patti Goldberg, The Board And Your Gazillion Friends, Groupies and Besties at Trail Dusters!***

**"We miss you so much, we almost started liking other people... but don't worry, it didn't last."**





## MAY, JUNE, JULY BIRTHDAYS



Front row: Jane Lief, Laura Burstein. Paula Nudell, Laurie Bernhard, Nikki Rosentsweig, Jeri Sobel, Joni Simon, Margie Hausman, Lisa Lawrence, Lynn Ovadia, Susan Britton, Renee Kibbler, Robbie Jacobs, Irwin Tuckman, Jeff Cohen, Len Bloom  
Back row: Sherwin Silver, Steve Kalan, Amos & Fariba Tabibian, Eddie Borden, Bob Zoren, Bill Dickter, Cheri Warner, Steven Perry, Sandy Cohen, Arnie Becker

## TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig at the Gia Gem & Jewelry Museum in Carlsbad



Jerry & Paula Seliga visit the Art Museum in Taos, New Mexico



Terry Karsh & Renny Traub visit Washington DC to show the Dusty Trails to Einstein



## Fabulous Fifties are celebrated at the May Snack-a-thon



Thank you, Jill & Av  
for chairing the snack-a-thon



Hisaya Sugao & Paul Waters



Barbara Shore & Caren Blumfield  
Hold Hisayo's Calligraphy Thank You







# TRAIL DUSTERS

## *Class Graduation*

### *June 11, 2025*

CALLING ALL TRAIL DUSTERS  
& RAIL DUSTERS



Our coordinators, Caren Blumfield, Gayle Cantrock, Sherwin Silver, Jeri Sobel and the Board of Directors invite you to join them on June 11, 2025 to celebrate the class of 2025 and welcome them into our Club and our activity – square dancing. We are ready to celebrate their accomplishments along with them.

Doors will open at 6:30 – Club attire optional.



But first – join us for dinner at  
5:00 at SHARKY'S





6219 Topanga Canyon Blvd.,  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Please RSVP your intention to join us at Sharkey's AND/OR your intention to attend the graduation & dance via email by JUNE 4, 2025 to Lynn & Joel Ovadia @ [jovadia407@gmail.com](mailto:jovadia407@gmail.com)

We want to have an idea of who's coming for Dinner AND be sure we have enough desserts!



## June 2025 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Home from May Weekend 	2	3	4 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Sharkey's 5:00 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm Graduation	12	13	14 
15 HAPPY Father's Day	16	17 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	18	19	20 	21
22	23	24		26	27	28
29	30					31