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Avenues Submissions

Did you have a special outing experience or want to report on a pressing conservation issue? Story and photo submissions to *Avenues* are welcome. All submissions are subject to editing. The deadline for the April-June 2019 issue is March 15, 2019. Send submissions to Carole Scurlock cscurlock@charter.net.

Outings Submissions

Outings write-ups should be sent to Mark Mitchell for approval: markamitchell@att.net.

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More About Hiking in Northern California

By Marlen Mertz

In the last issue of *Avenues*, I wrote about some great hiking I did in the Santa Cruz area. Some folks have asked me about camping in that area.

Big Basin has a large number of camping areas that are spread across different sections of this magnificent park. There are also some cabin tents and trail camps for backpacking the 33 mile Skyline to the Sea Trail. Butano State Park, which I visited also has camping.

Reservations should be made far in advance although, at Big Basin, we were able to get campsites each night by putting our name on a list in the morning and returning at 5 p.m. for cancellations.

We were assigned walk-in campsites which were less than a minute stroll up a paved footpath. We loved the relative seclusion of the sites and the distance from any car noise. Vehicles for the walk-ins are next to the impressive, clean bathrooms with flush toilets in individual rooms. Next door were very clean large showers. The \$35 a night price was well worth it for the comfort and beauty of the park.

Santa Cruz County has 14 state parks—an extraordinary number. Another great park is Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. A day pass or camping pass to any park allows you to visit others.

Be aware that in the warm summer months you have to deal with mosquitoes but they are most active at dawn and dusk. If going in the summer, be sure to bring your favorite insect repellent. Our experience, though, is that you are not bothered by these insects while hiking in the middle of the day.

Still, I might try winter or spring on my next visit. The mosquitoes won't be present, the moss will be greener, the streams will be fuller and the waterfalls even grander. ■

Wilderness Adventures Management Committee Election Results

The individuals elected to serve on the management committee were Mark Mitchell, Amanda Horak, Tejinder Dhillon and Terry Ginsberg.

These four plus the current section Chair, Mary Forgione will serve for the next 2 years. Thank you to all the candidates who ran. We really appreciate everybody's participation, both as candidates and as engaged section members. We invite all of you to come to our management committee meetings to help maintain and increase our activities. There is plenty to do and the members of the management committee would love some help. ■

WAS Management Committee Meeting Sunday, January 13, 4:00 pm - All Are Welcome!

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Meeting Location: Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Office
3250 Wilshire Blvd #1106,
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A Different Kind of Island Trip



Moonrise

Wayne Vollaire, long time WAS Channel Island camping trip leader, is now also co-leading the Sierra Club Channel Island sleep-on-the-boat trips along with Joan Holtz who has been offering these outings for over 25 years.

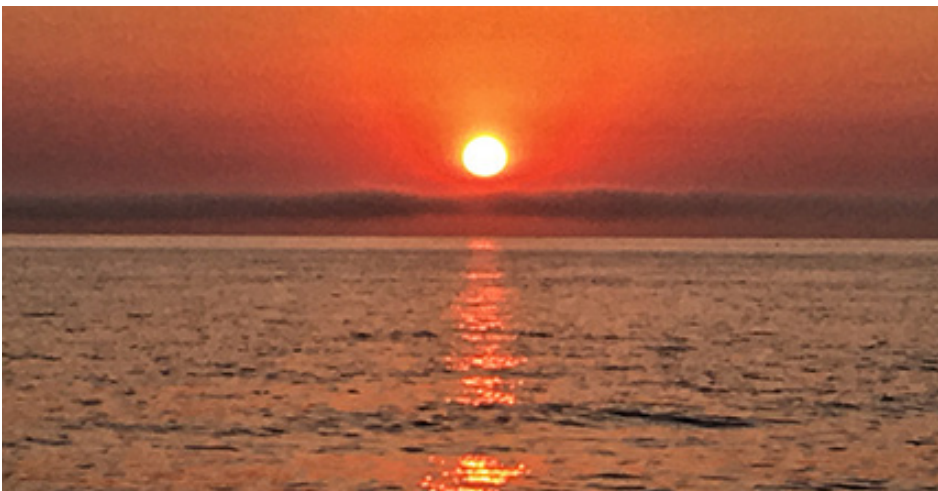
Besides a great adventure of hiking, these trips feature kayaking and snorkeling on Island waters that you cannot access without a charter or private boat.

Sleeping on the boat also offers outstanding photo opportunities. Here, Wayne captured a moonrise, a spectacular sunset, and one early morning sunrise looking east toward the mainland.

Trips run monthly from April through October. ■



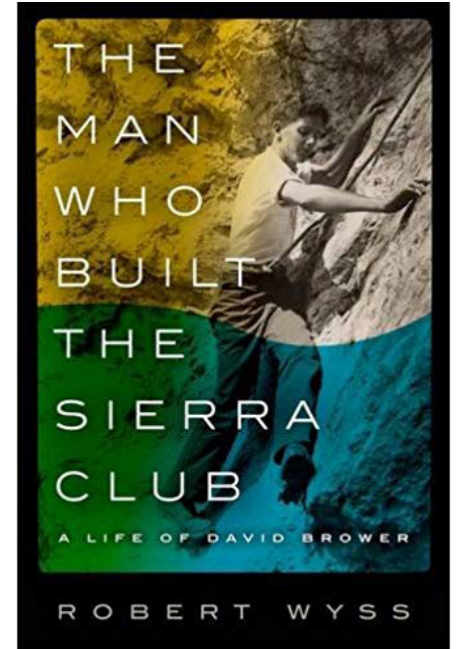
Sunset



Sunrise

The Man Who Built the Sierra Club; A Life of David Brower by Robert Wyss

Book Review by Mark Mitchell



Nowadays, environmentalists take for granted that the Sierra Club works to protect the wilderness in league with a powerful alliance of other similarly minded entities. We also take for granted the fruits of these actions—having national parks free of exploitative activities like building dams, extracting minerals, and hunting, or the existence of Federally protected wilderness areas in which logging and road construction are not allowed. But these environmental common-places became what they are through the actions of people who came before us.

When the Sierra Club's history comes up, reference is often made to John Muir as the Club's founding light. Not so commonly mentioned is the pivotal role of David Brower, the first Sierra Club Executive Director. Robert Wyss provides a portrait of this man whose life started off inauspiciously, but who came into his own by connecting with the cream of the Club's

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mountaineering pioneers. This, in turn, set him on the path towards shaping the American environmental movement during critical years of the mid-twentieth century.

Brower was a pioneer in many ways. He pushed the Sierra Club—which had put advocating for wilderness on a back burner—to take a leading role again, in the process increasing its membership from six thousand to seventy thousand members. He used new tactics, placing advertisements in leading newspapers and publishing large format books with color photography by Eliot Porter that became best-sellers. He strategized how to move key decision makers and engaged in very targeted lobbying to reach them. He convinced leaders of other organizations such as the Wilderness Society to work towards the same goals. These innovations led to amazing successes such as preventing dams in Dinosaur National Monument and the Grand Canyon, expanding the national park service, passing the Wilderness Act, and much more.

So many outdoors touchstones enter his story—first ascents with the likes of Norman Clyde and Dick Leonard, service with the famed 10th Mountain Division skiers in World War II, friendships with Ansel Adams and Wallace Stegner. But his story was not just a series of unbroken

triumphs. To save Dinosaur National Monument from being dammed, he lent support to the idea of a large dam in Glen Canyon. Later, Brower came to regret the flooding of the canyon. He tried to reverse the loss by elegizing it with the publication of *The Place No One Knew* with beautiful color photographs by Porter. But it was too late and the loss of Glen Canyon led him to believe that compromise was a mistake.

As Brower grew both more successful and more committed, he came to believe that he knew better than others in the Club. This led to taking actions and making financial commitments not sanctioned by the Sierra Club's Board. When combined with friendships strained by his take-no-prisoners tactics, Brower's obstinacy finally culminated in his being pushed out of the Club.

Wyss covers all the above ground and more in lucid and well-researched prose that brings this complex, Promethean figure to life. One wonders what Brower would do in our current political climate. To this observer, it feels as if the world could use someone of his caliber and deep-felt love of wilderness to help the Sierra Club and the Country from shifting priorities and come back to being excited about protecting nature for nature's sake. ■

Take that first step and become a Sierra Club Leader!



Offered just twice a year, the next Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Program (LTP) Seminar is scheduled for **Saturday, April 13, 2019**. Apply 2 weeks ahead to guarantee a spot and learn all about the best leadership practices of our outings program. This all-day event covers group management, our ratings system, rules of conduct, safety and much more, from presentations, breakout groups and scenarios.

<https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/leadership-training-seminar>

The leadership levels which the Angeles Chapter recognizes are:

O-Level: comprises the majority of Angeles Chapter activities and includes hikes, nature walks, conditioning hikes, day hikes, and backpacks on trails where minimal navigation skills are required.

I-Level: requires navigation skills for significant off-trail travel, which may include class 2 terrain

M-Level: includes skills for class 3 rock climbs and moderate snow climbs, which may require use of an ice axe

E-Level: for leading class 4 rock climbs with a rope, anchors, protection and belays; steep snow climbs

For more information about the Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Program, contact LTC at:

LTCangeleschapter@gmail.com



Devils Canyon Hike

December 1, 2018

Leaders: Mark Mitchell, Dean Wallraff, David Cuddy, Diana Gonzalez. Photos: Mark Mitchell

“The trail down to Devils Canyon had a few rough patches, but everybody enjoyed themselves and saw some nice Fall color.”



A Tuesday Hike

Caballero Canyon

December 11, 2018

Leaders: Sherry Rendel, Mirit Rabinovitz
Photos and notes: Pixie Klemic

“Bright blue sunny skies, a bit of a breeze, a beautiful Fall day in an unburned section of our Santa Monica Mountains was a delight. Mirit and Sherry choose a very nice substitute for us after we had to cancel Solstice (sigh...) Thank you Ladies.

It was nice and clear on the ridges making nice photos. The Toyon were bright with berries and we even saw a few Cliff Asters hanging on looking festive amongst their dried stems. The recent rain brought out some bright green grass which shone so prettily in the sun.”



Woolsey Fire and Tuesday/Thursday Hikes

Report and photos by Pixie Klemic



Las Virgenes

The Woolsey Fire burned in 14 of the 41 areas we hike regularly on Tuesdays. I imagine it's about the same for Nancy's Thursday hikes. Most of the trails are opening fairly soon, with the exception of those in the State Parks. We don't go too far North though, so that's really only Malibu Creek State Park (MCSP) and Paramount Ranch. However we do approach MCSP from several directions, so it's pretty discouraging. It's still unknown how long it will take for them to be able to open things up.

November 27, 2018 - Frank and I drove around to discover the current status of some of our usual hiking areas. There were still many crews working on power and communications lines.

The Las Virgenes trails were open—I saw folks on it at the beginning. That wonderful Oak at the beginning made it! (see photo below left). Solstice was closed, as were

all the access points to MCSP (including the Grasslands, Cornell, Tapia, and De Anza), Paramount Ranch, and Newton Canyon, too. Hard closures—signs and tape out. King Gillette Ranch is open and unburned.

You were allowed up the Pt. Dume trail from Westward Beach, and access to the beaches themselves were open. There was lots going on at Peter's place—the Malibu Nature Preserve. If you'd like to make a donation to the emergency fire relief fund to help the Preserve see: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/292181331417022/10216335043025022/>

Although it is somewhat distressing to look at, here are some photos I took. We will be on these trails again soon, witnessing the regrowth as it progresses. The wildflowers next Spring should be spectacular. ■



Las Virgenes Oak



Las Virgenes

2019 Outings

In order to participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver, usually included on the sign-in sheet. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see the following: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms> or, call (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

Carpooling/Ridesharing: In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Cancellation Policy: Reservations: For outings costing over \$10, arrange reservations in advance by sending a check payable to Wilderness Adventures. Unless otherwise noted, cancellation is without penalty up to 30 days before departure; thereafter 90 percent refundable only if a suitable replacement is found. For trips where group size is limited by permits or safety, up to a \$50 deposit can be required (in addition to any permit or reservation fees), refundable at the trailhead if you show up, and participate in the outing. No-shows' checks will be forfeited. For all trips that charge a fee to participate, other than a permit fee, the chapter is registered as a California Seller of Travel #CST 2087760-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California. Questions? Contact the leaders.

Weekend & Overnight Outings

Unless otherwise noted, all outings are fully sponsored by the Wilderness Adventures Section. To contact hike leaders, see Leaders, page 15.

January 12, 2019, Saturday

I: Mt. Pinos Backcountry Ski Tour; OCSS, Wilderness Adventures:

Moderately strenuous 4+ mile, 500ft gain to panoramic vista. Ski from end of Mt Pinos Highway to summit at Condor Point. Possible side trips to Inspiration Point, other destinations, or just playing may add a few miles + a few 100 feet elevation loss & gain. May ski lower on mountain if conditions warrant. Part of route may be in pre-existing tracks, but recent snowfall, rutted trail, or aesthetics may require breaking new trail. Intermediate X-C skills required & metal-edged, backcountry skis & backcountry boots highly recommended. Bring winter clothing, water, lunch. No snow or likely blizzard cancel trip. Send e-mail or phone leader w/ experience level/conditioning for trip details in the 2 weeks before trip. Leader: Mark Mitchell, Co-Ldr: Mark Fleming

January 13, Sunday, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Wilderness Adventures Section Management Committee Meeting:

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January 19, Saturday,

O: Saturday Peaks in the Santa Monicas #1 – Mugu Peak (1266’):

Join us for our first peak in our 2019 Saturday Peaks in the Santa Monicas that will take us to the highest and most interesting peaks in the Santa Monica Mountains. Our first peak is to Mugu Peak on a moderately paced 8-mile round-trip, 1800 gain hike. We will start with a steep ascent up the Chumash Trail and then hike through the rolling La Jolla Valley with a snack at the walk-in campground. There will be great views of mountains and see through coastal sage and grasslands. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Chumash Meet at the Chumash Trailhead (PCH 22.7 miles west of Malibu Canyon opposite Navy Firing Range orange tower). Park free in dirt lot. Leaders: John Kross john.kross@yahoo.com, Bob Cody bcodyman@aol.com.

January 19-21, Saturday to Monday

I: Anza-Borrego Carcamp: Spend 2 nights at campsites in the pretty and comfortable Borrego Palms Campground in Anza-Borrego state park (running water and showers). Optional early arrival Friday night. Day hikes include a beautiful desert slot canyon hike (about 7 miles, 1000 gain), an interpretive trail to a palm oasis (3 miles, 500 gain), and a section of the Pacific Crest Trail (8 mi, 1000 gain). Slot-canyon hike will require some moderate rock scrambling. Optional group dinner in the town of Borrego Springs Sun. night, happy hour and campfire Sat. night. Campground fee will be split among participants, max \$40/person, collected on trip. Send email address, experience, conditioning, phone numbers, rideshare information to Leader: Dean Wallraff. Co-leaders: Beth Martin, Keith Martin

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January 25-27, Friday to Sunday

I: Winter Combo Getaway Bus Trip to Mammoth Lakes; OCSS, Wilderness Adventures: This trip has it all: Learn to cross-country ski in the backcountry with our instructors; enjoy backcountry ski touring and snowshoe touring with leaders; XC ski or snowshoe on your own at Tamarack Nordic Ski Center; Downhill ski or snowboard on Mammoth Mtn. Newcomers and Non skiers Welcome, tons of stuff to do in Mammoth! Stay at Sierra Nevada Resort (2 per rm, 2 beds, priv.bath) close to shopping, night life, free shuttles. Leave O.C. 2 PM with pickup in San Fernando Valley. Return O.C. Sunday 10 PM. Includes. bus, lodging, breakfast bagels, happy hour, Sunday dinner, bus refreshments and driver gratuity. Send email address (or 2 SASE), phones, \$315 with Sierra Club number or \$330 non-members (check payable OCSS) to Reservationist/Asst Leader: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. Just need a ride or a room? Ask about Transportation or Lodging only cost. Leader: Mark Fleming, Ski Leaders: Homer Tom. Backcountry Ski Instructors: Julie Smith-Meek & Scott Meek. Snowshoe Leaders: Todd Clark and Sylvie Cote

February 16, Saturday

O: Saturday Peaks in the Santa Monicas #2 - Simi Peak (2403'): Join us for our second peak in our 2019 Saturday Peaks in the Santa Monicas that will take us to the highest and most interesting peaks in the Santa Monica Mountains. Our second peak is to Simi Peak via the China Flat and Suicide Trails, a moderate, 7-mile loop, 2000' gain hike. We will hike through China Flat, and there are many great views along the way! Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the China Flat trailhead on Lindero Canyon Road between King James Court and Wembly Street. Free parking on Lindero Canyon Road at the trail head. Do NOT go to the trail head at the end of King James Court. Leaders: Craig Percy r.craig.percy@gmail.com, Bob Cody bcodyman@aol.com

February 23, Saturday,

O: SoCal Seven Summits #0 - Saddle Peak. Join us on the introductory hike for the 2018 SoCal Seven Summits hike series to Saddle Peak (2,805). Meet the leaders of the SoCal Seven Summits and get any and all of your questions answered. This is our tenth year for the SoCal Seven Summits, a series of hikes where each hike builds on the previous hike going further, higher, and steeper. The introductory outing is a strenuous 10 mile, 2,300 gain loop hike, taking the Mountaineers Route to Topanga Lookout from Stunt Road. Lunch will be on Saddle Peak. Return via Stunt High Trail. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Stunt Road trailhead (101 to Las Virgenes Rd, S3.2 mi, or PCH to Malibu Cyn Rd/Las Virgenes Rd, N 7.5 mi Las Virgenes Rd, E on Mulholland, 4 mi to L on Stunt Rd, 1 mi to parking.). Park free in dirt lot on right side of road. No beginners. Bring

water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain or Red Flag alert cancels. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub.

March 15-17, Friday, to Sunday I: Winter Combo Getaway Bus Trip to Mammoth Lakes; OCSS, Wilderness Adventures: Ski Downhill or Snowboard on Mammoth Mtn. Daily backcountry ski tours and snowshoe tours with the leaders. XC Ski or Snowshoe on your own at Tamarack Nordic Center. Past Beginner Backcountry ski lesson students, Newcomers & Non skiers Welcome. Tons of stuff to do in Mammoth in Winter. Sierra Nevada Resort Lodging, two per room, 2 beds/private bath, Close to shopping, night life, casual and fine dining, free shuttles. Leave Orange County 2:00 pm, Sylmar pick-up later. Return Orange County Sunday approx 10pm. Includes bus, lodging, breakfast bagels, happy hour, bus refreshments, Sunday dinner. Send 2 large sase, OR E mail address, phone, cell phone, pick up location (Orange County or San Fernando Valley), \$315 with Sierra Club #or \$330 for non members (check payable to OCSS) to Asst Leader/Reserv: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 (donnaspecht@juno.com). Ask about Transportation or Lodging only costs. Leader: Mark Mitchell. Staff: Mark Fleming, Dave Black, Fran Penn

March 16, Saturday

O: SoCal Seven Summits #1 Brown Mountain: Join us for hike #1 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits to Brown Mountain (4466'). A 12 mile 2700' gain hike starting from Millard Canyon. Meet at 8 am. From Loma Alta Drive in Altadena, turn north on Chaney Trail Drive (blinking light). Continue over ridge and down to parking area at bottom of Millard Canyon. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Adventure Pass required. Rain cancels. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub

March 30, Saturday

O: Mt. Zion, Hoegees Trail Camp: Loop hike, 10 miles, 1800' gain, in Big Santa Anita Canyon, similar to Robinson #43. Upper Winter Creek trail to Hoegees Trail Camp, Mount Zion. Meet 8 AM to carpool in REI Arcadia Parking Lot, 214 N. Santa Anita Ave., 91006. Bring lunch, hiking footwear, layers, 10 essentials. A short walk along the road may be needed if parking not available at Chantry Flats parking lot. Rain cancels. Leaders: Dean Wallraff, Mark Mitchell, David Cuddy, Diana Gonzalez.

April 6, Saturday

O: SoCal Seven Summits #2 Mt Pinos: Join us for hike #2 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits, a 16 mile hike

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to Mt Pinos (8831') with 3000' of elevation gain. Located in the Los Padres National Forest. Meet at McGill trailhead at 8am. Take 5 freeway north to Frazier Park exit. Turn left (west). Keep straight on Cuddy Valley Road past fork with Lockwood Valley Road. Continue on Cuddy Valley .5 mile after intersection with Mil Potero Road. Park on right in turn out. Meet for carpool at 6:45am at Sierra Club Sylmar carpool point. Roxford St exit from 5 fwy. Turn right onto Roxford. First right onto Encinitas Ave. Park on street near McDonald's. Adventure pass required in National Forest. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub

April 27, Saturday

O: SoCal Seven Summits #3 Liebre Mtn (5,760): Join us for hike #3 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits, a 16-mile round-trip hike to Liebre Mtn. with 2000' of elevation gain. Located in the northern section of Angeles National Forest near Antelope Valley. Beautiful spring hike on the Pacific Crest Trail to the high point of the Liebre Mtn. Range. Hike through forests of Black oaks while enjoying wildflowers and great views of the Tehachapi Mtns. and the San Gabriel Mtns. 6 miles of dirt road driving. High clearance vehicles required. Meet at 6:30 am at the Sierra Club Sylmar carpool point. Roxford St exit from 5 fwy. Turn right onto Roxford. First right onto Encinitas Ave. Park on street near McDonald's. Bring 3 liters of water, lunch, and lugsoles shoes. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub.

May 18, Saturday

O: SoCal Seven Summits #4 Mt Markham (5742'), Mt Lowe (5603') San Gabriel Peak (6161') Mt Disappointment (5994'): Join us for hike #4 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits. This is a four peak loop hike in the San Gabriel mountains. 13 miles 3600' elevation gain. We will start at Red Box on Angeles Crest Hwy, go down to Valley Forge, then up to Eaton Saddle. From there we will hike the peaks and head back down to Red Box via trail from Mt Disappointment. Meet at 8am at Red Box Picnic Area. 14 mi from La Canada on Route 2, Angeles Crest Hwy. Meet for carpool at 7:30am at La Canada carpool point. Corner of Milmada Dr and Flanders Rd, just north of 210 frwy at Angeles Crest Hwy exit. Adventure pass required in National Forest. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub

June 8, Saturday

O: SoCal Seven Summits #5 Will Thrall Peak: Join us for hike #5 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits, a 16-mile round trip at a moderate pace with 3700 feet of gain to Will Thrall Peak (7,845). Take the Angeles Crest Highway north 43 miles from La Canada (19 miles pass the intersection with the Mt. Wilson Road at the Red Box Ranger Station) to a parking area on the left at the Cloudburst Summit trailhead near mile marker 57.10. Email leaders for meeting time and carpooling options. Adventure pass required on Angeles Crest Hwy. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub.

June 29, Saturday

O: San Jacinto Peak. SoCal Seven Summits #6: Join us for hike #6 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits, Mt. San Jacinto (10,804'). 17 miles round trip at a moderate pace with 5,000 feet of gain on the Deer Springs, Marion Mountain, and Pacific Crest trails in the San Jacinto Wilderness. We will start at the Marion Mountain trailhead and exit at the Deer Springs Trailhead with a car shuttle required. Meet at the Deer Springs Trailhead to set up the car shuttle (Trailhead parking is on the left (north) on Highway 243 just before entering the town of Idyllwild). Permit limited. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. Email leaders for meeting time, carpooling options, and permit count. Adventure pass required. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub.

July 20, Saturday

O: SoCal Seven Summits #7 Mt Baldy (10,064'), Dawson Peak (9575'), Pine Mountain (9648'): Join us for hike #7 of the 10th annual SoCal Seven Summits. This is a strenuous 16 mile 6750' gain hike to Mt Baldy, Dawson Peak, and Pine Mountain. We will meet at Manker Flats and take the ski hut trail to the top of Mt Baldy. From the summit we will follow the north backbone trail as it goes down and up to Dawson, then down and up to Pine. Returning on the same trail back to the Baldy summit. Return to Manker Flats via the Devil's Backbone trail. No beginners. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. Email leaders for meeting time, and carpooling options. Adventure pass required. Leaders: Amanda Horak, Bob Cody, Jeff Taylor, Ladislav Czernek, Mary Forgione, Shana Rapoport, Ted Lubeshkoff, Tejinder Dhillon, Terri Straub.

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Tuesday & Thursday Hikes

January 3, 2019, Thursday,

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Cheeseboro Canyon: Moderately paced 9-10 mile hike in Agoura Hills to Shepherds Flat, over grasslands and along an old ranch road following a streambed. Meet 8:30 AM at trailhead. Updated directions (the Woolsey fire burned the bridge on Cheseboro Rd): From 101 Ventura Fwy take Cheseboro Rd, exit 35, turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd, go straight through intersection with Cheseboro Rd and turn right on Colodny Dr, go north 3/4 mile to Balkins Dr and turn right, then on Cheseboro Rd turn right again, and then left into park entrance, and follow road to dirt parking area at end. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

January 8, Tuesday,

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Pico Canyon: Moderately paced 7 mile, 1200 ft gain. Hike through historic Mentryville with ruins of California Star Oil #4. Great views of the Santa Clarita Valley and beyond. Meet at 8:30 AM at trailhead. From Interstate 5, take Lyons Ave west. It will become Pico Canyon; continue on Pico Canyon until it ends at dirt parking lot. Pay fee before green entry gate or park outside gate and walk mile in to trailhead. Rain cancels. Leaders: Richard Shamban, Asst: Pixie Klemic

January 10 Thursday,

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Caballero Canyon, Topanga State Park: Moderately paced 8 - 10 mile hike in northern Topanga State Park. Meet 8:30 AM at Caballero trailhead in Tarzana (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd, exit 23, go south 2 miles to east side across from Braemar Country Club entrance). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

January 15, Tuesday,

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Malibu Creek State Park / Grasslands Trail: Moderately paced 4 mile, 300 ft gain hike over Grasslands Trail to the Rock Pool and Century Lake. See the sites where many movies were shot. Meet 8:30 AM at Trailhead on Mulholland Hwy just west of Malibu Canyon and over bridge. Park along road. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd/Malibu Canyon exit, go south 5 3/4 miles to Mulholland Hwy. Turn right, go over bridge and park. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Sherry Rendel, Asst: Rita Okowitz

January 17, Thursday,

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Chumash Trail to Fossils: Moderately paced 8 (optional 10) mile 1500 gain hike

in rolling hills of Santa Susana Mtns. Meet 8:30 AM at trailhead. From 118 Fwy take Yosemite Ave, exit 29, north 0.4 mile, turn right on Flanagan Dr, continue 0.8 mile to end and park. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Reaven Gately Asst: Nancy Krupa

January 22, Tuesday,

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Hummingbird Creek Trail: Moderately paced 4.6 mile, 1000 ft gain hike up Hummingbird Creek through a narrow canyon and open chaparral, past sculpted caves and the magnificent sandstone rock formations of the Santa Susana Mountains. Meet 8:30 AM at Hummingbird Trailhead. From westbound 118 Fwy take Kuehner Dr. exit, north .3 miles to posted street parking. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Sherry Rendel, Asst: Richard Shamban

January 24, Thursday,

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Johnsons Motorway to Rocky Peak: Moderately paced 9 mile 1700 gain hike on picturesque trail in Santa Susana Mtns. Meet 8:30 AM outside Iverson gate to Indian Springs Estates (from 118 Fwy take Topanga Canyon Blvd south in Chatsworth, turn right on Santa Susana Pass Rd and go about 1 mile to Iverson Rd (just past Rocky Peak Church), turn right, go mile and park on dirt shoulder outside gate. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mimi Knights, Reaven Gately

January 29, Tuesday,

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Weldon Overlook to East Canyon - Santa Clarita: Moderately paced 6 mile 725 ft gain/1,150 ft loss hike. Hike up lovely trail to the Weldon Canyon Overlook with views of Santa Clarita and San Fernando Valleys, then pass BFI planted oaks as a condition of landfill expansion and drop down into East Canyon through native oaks, black walnut and relict bigcone Douglas fir trees. Meet 8:30 AM East Canyon trailhead, Newhall. Take the Calgrove exit from Interstate 5, turn west under the freeway and take the Old Road south about 1 mile to parking entrance after church on right, and continue past trailhead sign to parking area. Short car shuttle to start. Fee parking lot. 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Pixie Klemic, Asst: Richard Shamban

January 31, Thursday,

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Hondo Canyon Backbone Trail & Fossil Ridge: Moderately paced 9 mile 1800 gain hike in scenic canyon and along ridge with great ocean, mountain and valley views. Meet 8:30 AM at trailhead, located on Old Topanga Canyon Rd 0.4 mile west of

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intersection with Topanga Canyon Blvd. Limited roadside parking, so ridesharing is suggested. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

February 5, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Palo Comado and China Flat: Moderately paced 6 mile, appx. 1000 ft gain hike in scenic Simi Hills, through chaparral, grasslands and oaks, with great views, to the vernal pool at China Flat. Meet 8:30 AM at Sunnycrest trailhead. From 101 Fwy take Kanan Rd exit and go north 2.2 miles to Sunnycrest Dr. and turn right. Continue 0.8 miles to the Public Recreation Trail sign on right and park along curb. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Rita Okowitz, Asst: Sherry Rendel

February 7, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Doubletree to China Flat, Simi Peak: Moderately paced 8 mile 1200 gain hike in scenic Simi Hills, through chaparral, grasslands and oaks. Meet 8:30 AM at Doubletree trailhead in Oak Park (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd north 2.1 miles to Sunnycrest Dr, turn right and go 0.8 mile to signed trailhead on right and park along street). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMARCO Asst: Nancy Krupa

February 12, Tuesday,

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Paramount Ranch: Moderately paced 5 mile, 400 ft gain hike around the old (and still active) movie set and environs of oak savannas, Medea Creek, chaparral canyons. Meet 8:30 AM at Paramount Ranch parking lot. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd exit, go south on Kanan Rd mile, turn left on Cornell Way and veer to right continuing south 2 miles to Paramount Ranch entrance on right. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Rita Okowitz, Asst: Dotty Sandford

February 14, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Trippet Ranch, Musch Trail, Eagle Rock Loop: Moderately paced 8 mile 1200 gain hike in Topanga State Park. Meet 8:30 AM at Trippet Ranch parking lot (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Topanga Canyon Blvd, exit 27, south to Entrada Rd, turn left (east), go about one mile making two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd, and park along Entrada Rd outside lot or pay to park in lot). Bring \$ for parking, 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Ted Mattock, Diane DeMarco

February 19, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Placerita Canyon State Park: Moderately paced 4 mile 400 ft gain hike

through Placerita Canyon Park with shaded oak groves and a willow and sycamore-lined seasonal stream to Walker Ranch. Meet 8:30 AM at Placerita Nature Center parking lot. From Hwy 14 in Newhall take Placerita Cyn Rd exit and turn right (east) 1 miles to park entrance. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Pixie Klemic, Asst: Richard Shamban

February 21, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Stunt High Trail to Saddle Peak: Moderately paced 8 mile 2000 gain hike to Saddle Peak from Stunt Road in Calabasas. Meet 8:30 AM at Stunt High trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Valley Circle/Mulholland Dr, exit 29, go south, turn right on Valmar Rd (becomes Old Topanga Cyn Rd), then right on Mulholland Hwy for 3 miles, left on Stunt Rd for 1 mile, and park on dirt shoulder on right. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

February 26, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Newton Canyon (W) / Backbone Trail: Moderately paced 5 mile, 800 ft gain, hike into Zuma Canyon on a scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Meet 8:30 AM Newton Canyon Trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd exit, go south on Kanan Rd appx. 8 mi. to paved trailhead parking area on west side just north of Tunnel 1 (3rd tunnel from 101 about 1 miles past Mulholland Hwy; 4 mi. north of PCH). Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mirit Rabinovitz, Asst: Rita Okowitz

February 28, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Newton Canyon Backbone Trail: Moderately paced 8 mile 1400 gain hike on scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Meet 8:30 AM Newton Canyon Trailhead (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd, exit 36, south to paved trailhead parking area on west side just north of Tunnel 1 (3rd tunnel from 101 about 1 miles past Mulholland Hwy). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

March 5, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Malibu Creek State Park – Cornell to MASH site, and Reagan picnic area: **See how the fire recovery is coming.** Meet 8:30 AM at Cornell & Mulholland dirt parking area. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd exit, go south on Kanan Rd mile, turn left on Cornell Way and veer to right continuing south 3 miles (past Paramount Ranch) to paved entrance for dirt parking area on east side of street just south of Mulholland Hwy. (Entrance on Lake Vista Rd.) Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Sherry Rendel, Asst: Mirit Rabinovitz

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March 7, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Weldon Canyon Overlook"

Moderately paced 8 mile 1200 gain hike through oaks, black walnut and fir trees, passing BFI planted oaks as a condition of landfill expansion, to overlooking views of Santa Clarita and San Fernando Valleys. Meet 8:30 AM East Canyon trailhead of Santa Susana Mtns. Take Calgrove Blvd, exit 166, from northbound Interstate 5, turn left (west) under the freeway and take the Old Road south about 1 mile to parking entrance after church on right, and continue past trailhead sign to parking area. Bring \$5 for parking, 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mimi Knights, Reaven Gately

March 12, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / East and Rice

Canyons: Moderately paced 5 mile, 800 ft elevation gain by year-round streams into two canyons of the Santa Clarita Woodlands. Explore the wide variety of plant communities. Meet 8:30 AM at East Canyon trailhead, Newhall. Take the Calgrove exit from Interstate 5, turn west under the freeway and take the Old Road south about 1 mile to parking entrance after church on right, and continue past trailhead sign to parking area. Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mirit Rabinovitz, Asst: Richard Shamban

March 14, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Solstice Canyon:

Moderately paced 7-8 mile 1600 gain hike on Rising Sun trail to Tropical Terrace, then Sostomo Trail, Deer Valley Loop, and down Solstice Canyon to start. Meet 8:30 AM at parking lot kiosk. From Malibu Canyon Rd intersection go west on Pacific Coast Hwy 2 miles, turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd (at 76 station), drive mile to park entrance, and continue on paved park road to parking lot at end. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Ted Mattock, Diane DeMarco

March 19, Tuesday

O: Tues Moderate easy pace Hikers / Top of Reseda

to Nike Site: Moderately paced 6 mile, 600 ft gain hike along old dirt Mulholland to cold war Nike site. Great views of SF Valley and Encino Reservoir. Meet 8:30 AM at top of Reseda Blvd in Tarzana. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd exit, turn south and go 3 miles to Mulholland Gateway Park. Choice to park along street below the white line at beginning of fee area or pay fee and park above. Meet at trailhead at the top. Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Sherry Rendel, Asst: Mirit Rabinovitz

March 21, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Pico Canyon:

Moderately paced 8 mile round trip 1600 foot gain hike through historic Mentryville with ruins of California Star Oil #4 and great views of the Santa Clarita Valley. Meet at 8 AM at trailhead (from Interstate 5 take Lyons Ave west. It will become Pico Canyon, continue on Pico Canyon until it ends at dirt parking area right before green entry gate and park outside gate. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mimi Knights, Reaven Gately



March 26, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Point Dume to

Paradise Cove Beach Walk: Moderately paced 5-6 mile, 400 ft gain, low tide beach walk over the bluff at Pt. Dume to Paradise Cove. **See how the fire recovery is going along the coast.** Beautiful cliffs, sparkling surf, soft sands and tide pools. Meet 8:30 AM at entrance to Westward Beach parking lot. From PCH and Kanan Rd., go north appx. ¾ mile and turn left into Westward Beach Rd (just before Zuma Beach), go ½ mile and park on side of road or pay to park in lot at end of road. Bring water, snack, sandals or tennis shoes OK, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mirit Rabinovitz, Asst: Sherry Rendel

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March 28, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Malibu Creek State Park: Moderately paced 8 mile 1000 gain hike including Lookout Trail with great views, Century Lake, and Reagan picnic area. Meet at 8am at Cornell & Mulholland dirt parking area (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd, exit 36, south mile, turn left on Cornell and veer to right continuing south 3 miles, past Paramount Ranch, to paved entrance of dirt parking area on east side of street just south of Mulholland Hwy). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Diane DeMarco Asst: Nancy Krupa

April 2, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / O'Melveny Park to Mission Point: Moderately paced 5 mile 1400 ft gain/loss hike with great views of SF Valley and way beyond, depending on visibility, in our second largest city park. Meet 8:30 AM at trailhead. From 118 Fwy take Balboa Blvd exit north about 2 miles to Orozco St, turn left continuing mile to end, then left on Sesnon, pass parking lot, and go about 4 blocks to Neon. Turn right and park at end of street. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Rita Okowitz, Asst: Sherry Rendel

April 4, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Towsley Cyn, Santa Clarita Woodlands: Moderately paced 8 mile 1500 gain (optional 6 mile 1200 gain) hike with great vistas, a chilly narrows, diverse plant life and tar seeps. Meet 8 AM Ed Davis Park in Santa Susana Mtns. Take Calgrove Blvd, exit 166, from Interstate 5, turn west under the freeway and take the Old Road south mile to Ed Davis Park on right, drive past Santa Clarita rideshare parking area outside entrance, go through gate and park in large dirt parking area 100 yds beyond the gate. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leader: Mimi Knights Asst: Nancy Krupa

April 9, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Red Rock Canyon from Stunt Rd: Moderately paced 4 mile, 800 ft gain hike up a fire road and then down into hidden Red Rock Canyon with bright brick red rock formations. Seasonal streams, good views, chaparral and sage habitats. Meet 8:30 AM at Stunt Road trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Valley Circle/Mulholland Dr exit south, turn right on Valmar Rd (becomes Old Topanga Cyn Rd), right on Mulholland Hwy for 3 miles, left on Stunt Rd for 1 mile, park on dirt shoulder on right. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Richard Shamban, Asst: Sherry Rendel

April 11, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Ahmanson Ranch: Enjoy Santa Monica Mtns Conservancy land of rolling grassy hills with oaks on 8 mile (shorter option available) 800 gain hike. Meet 8:00 AM at Victory trailhead (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Valley Circle Blvd, exit 29, north 2 miles, turn left (west) on Victory Blvd continuing mile to parking lot at end). Bring \$3 for parking, 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Muddy when wet. Rain cancels. Leader: Richard Shamban Asst: Nancy Krupa

April 16, Tuesday

O: Tues Moderate easy pace Hikers / Bear Divide to Walker Ranch: 6 mile, 500 ft gain, 1300 ft loss hike. We will start at the top of the San Gabriel Mtns at Bear Divide; hike the ridge to the Wilson Saddle with great views of the Valleys, then down the Los Pinetos Trail into the oaks at Walker Ranch in Placerita Cyn SP. Meet at Walker Ranch trail head parking area for car shuttle to Bear Divide at 8:30 AM. From Hwy 14 in Newhall take Placerita Cyn Rd exit and go east about 3 miles, passing Placerita Cyn Park entrance, to dirt shoulder parking for Walker Ranch on right. Do not block gate. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Reaven Gately, Asst: Pixie Klemic

April 18, Thursday

O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Valley to the Sea: Moderately paced 11 mile 1600 gain 3000 loss hike across Topanga State Park from Tarzana to Sunset Blvd/PCH in Pacific Palisades. Ride 3 buses back to start. This is an all day adventure, lots of fun. Meet 8 AM on Mecca Ave just south of Ventura Blvd for car shuttle to trailhead (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd, exit 23, south to Ventura Blvd, turn right and then left at next corner, Mecca). Bring \$ for bus fare, 2 quarts water, lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mimi Knights, Richard Shamban

April 23, Tuesday

O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Cheeseboro Canyon: Moderately paced 6+ mile, 500 ft elevation gain in the lovely Simi Hills, first through ridge grasslands, then along an old ranch road following a streambed/multiple stream crossings with lovely oak woodlands to Sulfur Springs. Meet 8:30 AM at trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Cheeseboro Rd exit, turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Cheeseboro Rd, and continue 1 mile to park entrance, turn right and follow road to second parking lot at end. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Leaders: Mirit Rabinovitz, Dottie Sandford

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