

Sets in Step

April

newsletter

President's Message

Dear fellow Sets-in-Steppers,

April is here! Yippee!! We are starting to see the spring flowers popping into bloom. This is one of my favorite times of year! Walking through Descanso Gardens is an adventure. Seems like each walk new flowers have bloomed! If it is not raining, it is so good to be outside. If you happen to be on a walk, take pictures of your favorite flowers. Please show them to me - I would love to see them!

With Spring comes nominations for our Executive Board. The Board has great folks and we have a lot of fun. Please consider volunteering to run for a position. I promise you that you will not regret it!! If you are interested, you will find brief position descriptions later in this newsletter. We all work together as a team so you are never really working alone!!!! Think about it!! Elections are at the first dance in May.

And then there is our 67th Anniversary Dance in May. There will be a live band and we will be dancing in a bigger hall. So spread the word and let's make Year 67 Celebration a great one!!!

Well, that's about what is happening in our Club for now. Take care of yourselves and remember to always be kind.

See you on the dance floor.

Respectfully,

Karyn

Visitations

On Sunday **April 6th** we will be visiting the **Sierra Hillbillies**, at the Valencia United Methodist Church, 25718 McBean Parkway, in Santa Clarita. The dance is from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. SSD. Paul Waters is calling. The theme is “National Tartan Day.”



On Saturday **April 12th** we will be visiting the **San Gabriel Valley BnB's**, at First United Methodist Church, 5957 Golden West Ave., in Temple City. The dance is from 7:30 – 10:00. SSD and Mainstream. Jim Smith is calling. The theme is “Bunny Hop.”



For more info about visitations, call or text Al @ 818-489-3831

Dance Class

Our Spring SSD class is about to finish up, and the new dancers will graduate on April 1st!



We will continue to have classes on Tuesday evenings, with Dale Hoppers as our caller:

7:00 – 8:15 will be a “Beyond SSD” class. This is for recent SSD graduates (and angels who can come help out) covering some of the Mainstream/Plus.

8:15 – 9:30 will be a workshop for Plus dancers. This is for people who already know Plus but would like to brush up and get better at dancing.

Please see the flyer that accompanies this newsletter for more information.

Club Dances

Date	Caller	Theme (for party dances)	Refreshments (for party dances)
APR 4	Michael Kellogg		
APR 18	Paul Waters	Theme: Bunny Hop 	sweet: Connie Yeseta salty: Jill Jordan fruit: Karyn Smithson-Hughes
MAY 2	Shauna Kaaria	 Sets in Step Elections	
MAY 16	Darren Gallina and a <i>live band!</i>	67th ANNIVERSARY!! (NOTE: this dance will be held at the Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, located at 2700 Montrose Ave.)	Food will be provided by club members. Our party chair will have signups ahead of time.
JUNE 6	Janienne Kellogg		
JUNE 20	Mike Seastrom	Theme: Summertime	sweet: Al York salty: Jim Lesh fruit: Arlene Lesh
Note that we will <u>not</u> be dancing on July 4 th in 2025.			
JULY 18	Don Schadt	Theme: Vacation Tee's	sweet: Gail Poulson salty: Lakshmi deSilva fruit: Jay Noell

AUG 1	Michael Kellogg		
Aug 15	Dale Hoppers	Theme: Angel Appreciation	sweet: Jinger Valenzuela salty: Will Shaw fruit: Ileana Shaw
SEPT 5	Bill Gipson		
SEPT 19	Phil Farmer	Theme: Old MacDonald	sweet: Bill Reardon salty: Mike Pauken fruit: Karen Pauken
OCT 3	Rod Shuping		
OCT 17	Darren Gallina and live band!	Joan Walk Memorial Dance (NOTE: this dance will be held at the Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, located at 2700 Montrose Ave.)	sweet: Don Hughes salty: Karyn Smithson-Hughes fruit: Estella Rodriguez
NOV 7	Janienne Kellogg		
NOV 21	Paul Waters	Theme: Red, White and Blue	sweet: Sandy MacLennan salty: Pat Engel fruit: Kay Goeden
DEC 5	Shauna Kaaria		
DEC 19	Michael Kellogg	Theme: Winter Wonderland	Food will be provided by club members. Our party chair will have signups ahead of time.



to Ileana Shaw!
April 5th

Nominations for next year's Executive Board

During the month of April, the Nominating Committee will be gathering the names of club members who wish to serve on the 2025-2026 Executive Board. At the end of the month, the Nominating Committee will put together a slate of potential officers, and at the first dance in May, we will have a vote. The new Board will be installed in June. Procedures for how we do things can be found in your club booklets, along with the duties of each officer, in the section called "By Laws." The same can be found at <https://www.setsinstep.org/club-bylaws.html>

Questions about the Nominating Committee or the nominations process?

Contact Karyn Smithson-Hughes or Marie Hadaway-Hill.

Here's a brief summary of each job on the Sets in Step Executive Board:

- ✪ **President:** presides over meetings, opens dances, officially represents the club.
- ✪ **Vice-President:** keeps up with the supplies we need for our dances, and fills in for the President when necessary.
- ✪ **Treasurer:** takes care of all the money stuff.
- ✪ **Caller Recruiter:** reaches out to the callers and books them ('way in advance!!) for all our dances.
- ✪ **Class Chairperson:** in charge of all classes and workshops; coordinates the running of the Singles Rotation Board.
- ✪ **Historian:** takes photos of our dances and events, and pass them along to the Secretary for the newsletter and sharing on social media.
- ✪ **Party Chairperson:** makes sure our party dances have themes, decorations; signs up members to bring refreshments.
- ✪ **Publicity Chairperson:** gets our information out into the world via square dance publications and other media, so people know we're here.
- ✪ **Secretary:** takes notes at meetings, publishes newsletter and club booklet, manages the club's Facebook page and website.
- ✪ **Social Chairperson:** arranges non-dancing events where we can get together; sends out "care cards." (Note: we have not had anyone in this position this past year, but we are very grateful to Jinger, who has been sending out the Happy Birthday wishes on behalf of the club.)
- ✪ **Sheriff:** gets after people not wearing badges and other high crimes and misdemeanors, so that fines can be levied (to fund our "care cards").
- ✪ **Square Dance Association representative:** our liaison with the Cow Counties Hoedown Association (through which we are insured with the California Council of Square Dancers).
- ✪ **Visitation Chairperson:** arranges visits to other clubs' dances.

The above are *VERY* abbreviated descriptions; each job actually has a few more things you should know about. Please see the full description of each office in our booklet's By Laws section,

<https://www.setsinstep.org/club-bylaws.html> And the one thing that the list above doesn't really tell you is: we have a lot of fun!



If you are interested in any of the Board jobs, ask the person currently in the position about what they do.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 2nd, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom.

Sets in Step's Board usually meets via Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions when there are conflicts with holidays).

The current Sets in Step Executive Board:

President: Karyn Smithson-Hughes
Vice President: Don Hughes
Treasurer: Will Shaw
Caller Recruiting: Jim Lesh
Class Chairperson: Ileana Shaw
Historian: Stam Hill and Marie Hadaway-Hill
Party Chairperson: Sandy MacLennan
Publicity Chairperson: Jay Noell
Secretary: Susan Collins
Sheriff: Marie Hadaway-Hill
Square Dance Assoc. Rep: Will Shaw
Visitation Chairperson: Al York

Note: The office of Social Chairperson was not filled this past year. It would be great to have someone in this job!