



Sets in Step News

December 2021

Presidents' message

Happy December everyone! Hope your Thanksgiving celebration was filled with lots of tasty food and thankful memories.

November was a busy and productive month for our club. Our class has continued to learn more advanced calls and to integrate those into a steady flow with the more familiar ones. The students have risen to the challenge and are really doing well. It is such a joy to see everyone's progress. Thanks to Ileana for continuing to coordinate and document those classes and to John Hyde for his patience with us all (angels included).

Our regular two Friday night dances were filled with lots of energy and fun calls. And thanks Marie for the fabulous Thanksgiving decorations at the November 19 dance. In addition, Gail Cooper and Jerry Ferguson set up a "Plus calls" workshop for the club with Dale Hoppers doing the calling. Dale got us in the mood for Thanksgiving by feeding us all a little humble pie. Thanks Gail and Jerry for the initiative and for inviting the other square dancers so we could have three full squares. A fun time was had by all.

Now we move into an exciting time as we finish our class series (on December 16) and have our graduation dance on Friday December 17. Graduating students will be invited to all future dances and to formally join the club. AND, don't forget to reach out to friends and encourage them to sign up for our next class series beginning in January. Graduating students can also hone their skills and build a stronger memory of calls by returning to the classes as new angels as well.

Finally, on behalf of the Sets-in-Step club, we would like to wish you all a happy, blessed, safe, and fun-filled Christmas season.

Your Presidents

Karyn and Jim

Reminder: It's that time of year again when our annual club insurance is due. Please remit \$5 to the club treasurer (Will Shaw) – checks should be made out to Sets in Step. Note this is an annual charge, separate from the monthly dues. Your prompt attention to this relatively small matter is appreciated.



Club Dances

Here's our upcoming schedule, for club dances at the Knights of Columbus in Montrose. First & Third Fridays, 8:00 – 10:00. Remember to bring your mask. Sign-in, temperature-taking, and entrance will continue to be at the back door. No refreshments -- water will be provided, or you can bring your own water bottles, but all drinks must remain outside on the table provided at the front door.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Caller</u> | <u>Theme</u> | <u>Decorators</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Dec 3 | Shauna Kaaria | | |
| Dec 17 | John Hyde | Holiday kickoff, and Class Graduation | Karyn Smithson-Hughes |
| Jan 7 | Phil Farmer | | |
| Jan 21 | Michael Kellogg | Cookie Jamboree | tbd |
| Feb 4 | Johnny Preston | | |
| Feb 18 | Tim Pepper | Be Mine, Valentine | Joan Walker |

Our class is getting ready to graduate!! What's more fun than a graduation dance?

How about a
graduation dance



AND



a Christmas dance!

Come to the dance on December 17th, and welcome our newest dancers to the world of Square Dancing. For health and safety reasons, we will not be hosting our traditional Christmas dinner before the dance this year. We will have some holiday goodies to hand out at the end of the evening, and we hope you can all come and join in the fun.

AND

Help us spread the word: we're starting up a new Social Square Dance (SSD) class for beginners, Thursdays at 7:30, starting on January 13th 2022. We have convenient business cards with all the info... pick up a few and hand them out to your friends and neighbors.



Happy Birthday to:

Bill Garrett, December 22

Karyn Smithson-Hughes, December 27

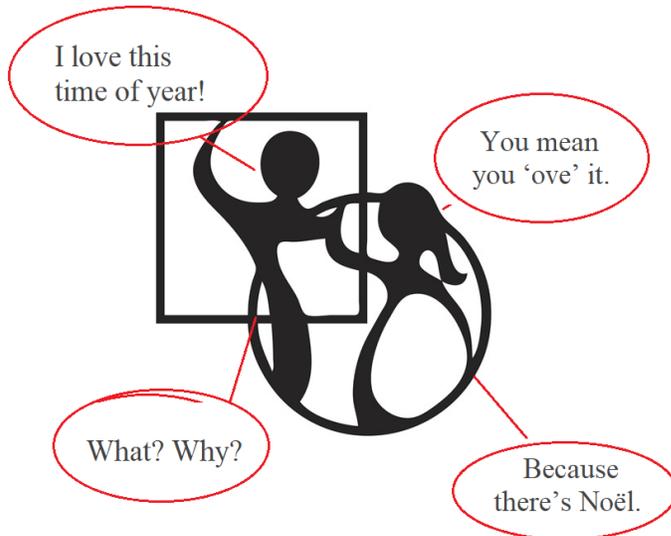
Betty Sharp, December 31

January Executive Board meeting:
Tuesday, January 4th
at 7:30 pm via zoom
Link, number, and December meeting
minutes will be sent out ahead of time.

Thank you to everyone who donated toys for the annual California Highway Patrol Holiday gift drive (CHiPs for Kids), hosted by the San Gabriel Valley B&Bs club. The toys are being delivered to their dance on Saturday, December 4th where they'll be presented, along with the donations from other clubs and individuals, to CHP officers for later distribution throughout the community.



We hope you and your loved ones find time to enjoy lots of holiday traditions, like gathering for a meal or spending time with friends, ... and lots of old dad jokes....



What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? ... *Claustrophobic.*

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa? ... *A rebel without a Claus.*

What kind of Christmas music do elves like? ... *Wrap music.*

What's the sheep's favorite Christmas song? ... *Fleece Navidad!*

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? ... *Frostbite.*

What do you call a bunch of chess masters bragging about their skill in a hotel lobby?

... *Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.*

And speaking of chestnuts: here's an old story about some holiday mice.

Once upon a time not so very long ago, three buildings in town were overrun by mice—the town hall, the hardware store, and the church.

The town hall brought in some cats. But the felines, predictably, knocked everything off every desk and shelf. The frustrated mayor returned the cats to where they came from, and the mice happily remained.

The hardware store humanely trapped the mice and set them free outside town. But three days later, the mice moved back in.

Only the church came up with an effective solution. They baptized the mice and made them members. Now they see them only on Christmas and Easter.

A blessed and wonderful holiday to everyone!

