

President's Message

Happy December Set-in-Steppers!

This is a month of celebrations and here at Sets-in-Step Square Dance Club we will be dancing our celebrations. We have 2 visitations, one with dear friends in Burbank and one for Christmas toys for kids. There is more information later in this newsletter.



At our second dance, on December 16th, we will be having our Holiday Dinner Dance. It is a light dinner that is a potluck. So, if you haven't signed up for a dish, you can call Sandy to volunteer. This should be a fun dance and we are hoping for many of our new and old friends to come and dance, eat, and celebrate the season with us.

In addition, we will be ending our SSD class this month, December 6th, with a graduation at this last lesson. A big "Thank You" to Ileana and all the Angels that have made this a most fun and educational event. All are invited to attend this last lesson as there will be a small but fun celebration with snacks.

I am so thankful for all the friendships in this Dance Club and the wonderful people who we get to dance with twice a month. Merry Christmas everyone and may you have a special celebration in all that you find special this season.

Respectfully,

Karyn

Visitations

December 3rd, the annual **Chips for Kids benefit dance** hosted by the San Gabriel Valley BnB's: First United Methodist Church, 5957 Golden West Ave, Temple City, CA 91780. \$10 or bring an unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more, to be donated to the California Highway Patrol's benefit for children. Dance starts at 2:00 pm. Following the dance, Sets in Step will be going out to dinner at the Dog Haus in Pasadena.

December 9th, Sets in Step will have a visitation to our neighbor club, the **Western Weavers** at the Joslyn Senior Center, 1301 W Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91506. \$10. This is a benefit dance, in support of the Burbank Temporary Aid Center. In addition to the entrance fee, please try to bring an item or two of non-perishable food (canned goods, etc.) for donation. Ken Bower is calling, with Joe Scarlatella cueing. 7:30 pm pre-rounds, 8:00 pm SSD dance.

Signups are available at our dances and classes. For more info about visitations, contact Al York.



Club Dances

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
DEC 2	Shauna Kaaria		
DEC 16	Rob Grigsby	Holiday Joy Karyn Smithson-Hughes decorating	sweet: Sandy MacLennan salty: Bill Reardon fruit: Connie Yeseta
JAN 6	Phil Farmer		
JAN 20	Mike Hogan	PJ Romp	sweet: Ileana Shaw salty: Will Shaw fruit: Jinger Valenzuela

Our Party Chair, Sandy MacLennan, has set up a rotation of assignments so that refreshment tasks are spread out across lots of people, and each of us will only have to do it once in a while. There are three “positions” each party night: we are asking one person to bring something sweet, one person to bring something salty, and one person to bring something healthy like fruit. The refreshment people should also plan to help clean up afterwards, and make sure any leftovers are taken home or thrown away. If you cannot do your assigned night, please swap with someone, and let Sandy know.



SSD class graduation

Congratulations to all of our hard-working students who will be finishing up their 13-week course in Social Square Dance. We’ll be celebrating their graduation on Tuesday, December 6th, during the regular class (7-9 pm) at Saint George’s Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Blvd.

On January 10th, we’ll be starting up our next SSD class for new dancers, which will meet again on Tuesday nights at St. George’s. The first two dances are free for students, and kids under age 17 are free if accompanied by an adult class member. Help us spread the word!! If you know of anyone who might be interested, please give their contact information to our class coordinator, Ileana Shaw.

Kudos to Jerry Ferguson and Gail Cooper for all their diligent work to get dancers from all over Southern California to participate in the Pink Ribbon dances. All-together, square dancers raised **over \$16,000 for the City of Hope!**

It is with sadness that we had to say goodbye to club friend and former member, Richard Seger who passed away last month. Nine of our members went to the funeral at Forest Lawn on November 16th. Please visit <https://www.setsinstep.org/we-remember.html> for our tribute to Richard.

Happy Birthday to...

Bill Garrett – December 22

Estela Rodriguez – December 23

Karyn Smithson-Hughes – December 27

Betty Sharp – December 31

The Executive Board will meet via zoom on **WEDNESDAY, December 7th at 7:00 pm**

Minutes of the previous meeting will be emailed ahead of time, for Board members’ review.

