



## President's Message

Merry Christmas Sets-in-Steppers!

This is the season of love and good tidings. This President Message this month is to wish all of you a magical and blessed Holiday Season.

Even after the chaos of the recent elections, this is still the most wonderful country on the planet. We are so lucky to be here where we can live how we want to live. So let's all show how thankful we are by showing kindness and love wherever you may be this season.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn

## A Very Special Gift



**The Sets in Step would like to extend our love and gratitude to the family of Joan Walker.** Joan's son Doug and daughter-in-law Madeline joined us at our November 15<sup>th</sup> dance, to give us Joan's square dance badge which now resides on our club banner. They also presented a very generous gift to our club, in the amount of \$5,000, that Joan bequeathed to the Sets in Step. We were blessed to have had Joan's warmth and enthusiasm and many years of dancing, and her memory continues to be a blessing.

## Holiday party dance

This year our Christmas dance is a "Jingle Bell Hop" on **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. If you have not already done so, please see Sandy MacLennan for the food signups. The incomparable Michael Kellogg is our caller. See more details on the attached flyer. We are hoping our newest dance class graduates will be joining us. This will be a fun dance – you don't want to miss it!

## Visitation

**Come join us for the annual Chips for Kids dance! Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**

(note this is a time change: they were originally going to start at 2:00 but have had to move it to 1:00 due to hall scheduling conflicts.) First United Methodist church at 5957 Golden West Ave in Temple City. Multiple callers. Bring a new, *unwrapped* toy, minimum value of \$10 – a toy gets you into the dance (or you can just donate \$10). This is a benefit dance for the California Highway Patrol's toy collection program. If you cannot come but would still like to donate a toy, Al York is collecting toys at our next dance and will take them to the Chips for Kids dance on behalf of our club. Be sure to sign up ahead of time so that our visitation chair will know who's coming.



## Graduation!

**The class on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the SSD (Social Square Dance) graduation!**

Come out to celebrate the accomplishments of these folks, and encourage them to keep dancing with us. For people who attended the Mainstream/Plus class (7-7:45 pm), that class is continuing in January and will have a separate graduation in the Spring.

## Dance classes in January

We will again be hosting a brand new Social Square Dance (SSD) class, starting on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> for people new to square dancing. The SSD class will run from 7:45 to 9:30 pm. The first two sessions are free for new dancers.

The Mainstream/Plus class will pick up where we left off in the fall, for those who are continuing with this class. 7:00 – 7:45 pm, on Tuesdays, starting on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Please help us promote our classes to as many people as possible!!!!** A flyer is included with this newsletter. If you cannot print that out, pick up some flyers at our classes and dances. Give them to friends, neighbors, and *anyone you meet* who you think might like dancing!

## A celebration of life for Terry Parks

Terry was a wonderful supporter of square dancing in Southern California. He and Tammy kept the Farmer's and Charmer's Square Dance club going through the pandemic and before. Terry often came to Angel for the Sets in Step class before he became ill. We will all miss his friendly can-do spirit. Below is the information about how you can come celebrate his life with our square dance community:

Location: Wilkinson Center at 8956 Vanalden Avenue, Northridge

Date: December 14, 2024


Time: 3:00 - 4:30 pm time for sharing stories, stories and desserts, 4:45 - 6:30 pm square dancing with Dale Hoppers and Rod Shuping calling

## a Sets in Step minute...

This is a new feature for our newsletter, in which you'll find important club-related reminders. December's "Sets in Step minute" is about club dues:

All members pay monthly dues – which are currently \$15 per person -- regardless of how many dances the member attends. The dues cover the expenses of running the club (callers' fees, hall rental, supplies, insurance, and other ongoing expenses). Membership includes the cost of dances. In other words, for dues-paying members, the regular Sets in Step dances are free.

## Sets in Step Club Dances

Date	Caller	Theme (for party dances)	Refreshments (for party dances)
DEC 6	Shauna Kaaria		
DEC 20	Michael Kellogg	Theme: Jingle Bell Hop 	Food to be provided by club members. Our party chair will have signups ahead of time.
JAN 3	Phil Farmer		
JAN 17	Mike Seastrom	Theme: Ugly Tie Dance	sweet: Sandy MacLennan salty: Pat Engel fruit: Kay Goeden
FEB 7	Don Schadt		
FEB 21	Dale Hoppers	Theme: Candy Land	sweet: Carol Grice salty: Susan Collins fruit: Sandy MacLennan
MAR 7	Bill Gipson		
MAR 21	Rod Shuping	Theme: Swing into Spring	sweet: Stam Hill salty: Marie Hadaway-Hill fruit: Bob Keiter
APR 4	Michael Kellogg		
APR 18	Paul Waters	Theme: Bunny Hop	sweet: Connie Yeseta salty: Jill Jordan fruit: tbd
MAY 2	Shauna Kaaria		
MAY 16	Darren Gallina	67 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!! ... we'll have lots of delicious food, and we'll dance to a live band	Food to 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 <sup>th</sup> 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: Sock Hop 50's	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	Tbd	Theme: Pumpkin Pie	sweet: Don Hughes salty: Karyn Smithson-Hughes fruit: Estella Rodriguez
NOV 7	Janienne Kellogg		
NOV 21	Paul Waters		sweet: Sandy MacLennan salty: Pat Engel fruit: Kay Goeden
DEC 5	Shauna Kaaria		
DEC 19	Michael Kellogg	Theme: Winter Wonderland	Food to be provided by club members. Our party chair will have signups ahead of time.

Our party chairperson, Sandy MacLennan, has been working hard to get the themes, decorations, and refreshment assignments set up for 2025.



**Please look carefully at the refreshment assignments listed above, and note the date and type of refreshment that has been assigned to you.**

If you have any questions about your assignments, please see Sandy.

The caller and theme information above is subject to change. Please see our website for the most up-to-date list: <https://www.setsinstep.org/schedule-of-dances-and-events.html>



### Happy Birthday to:

Dec 2 - Lakshmi deSilva  
Dec 21 - Pat Engel  
Dec 22 - Bill Garrett  
Dec 23 - Estela Rodriguez  
Dec 27 - Karyn Smithson-Hughes



### A Thank You to the Sets in Step

I wanted to take a few minutes to thank you all for your help in making my 80th birthday very special. I also wanted to thank everyone who helped supply food for the celebration. And a special Thank You to Sandy MacLennan for organizing (and supplying) so much of it. I hope you enjoyed the Thai Chicken prepared by my daughter-in-law, Asia, and the vegetarian stew that my daughter, Leslie, provided. I was so happy that most of my local friends came and enjoyed watching you square dance. Also a big Thank You to my son Aaron for staying until the end of the evening to help the cleaning-up. Again, thanks to you all,

*Connie Yeseta*

p.s. - I've really been enjoying the balloons that someone brought. Thanks so much!



The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via zoom. The November meeting minutes will be emailed ahead of time for board members to review.