



Sets in Step December 2025



A Message from the Board

What an awesome, exciting and eventful year 2025 was for Sets in Steps. We had 2 beginner classes and welcomed 2 new members, Yukie and Gary Shirtcliff, who joined our club and now serve as our social chairpersons. On September 10th Gary and Yukie arranged an exciting and memorable outing to Santa Monica aboard the metro. Thank you to all who joined us.

The Knights of Columbus Hall was decorated on the 3rd Friday of each month with fun and creative themes, including the Ugly Tie Dance, Candy Land, Swing into Spring, Bunny Hop, Anniversary Dance, Vacation Tee's, Sock Hop, Old McDonald, Joan Walker Memorial Dance, Red White and Blue, Winter Wonderland.

The Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church was the site for both our Anniversary celebration and The Joan Walker Memorial Dance. We were honored to have Doug and Madeline Walker join us, along with 70 friends and fellow dancers. Everyone enjoyed dancing to Darren Gallina & the Cross Fire Band.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the clubs who danced with us this year, including the Sierra Hillbillies, San Gabriel B&B's, Grin-in-Square Its, Boots-N-Slippers, Tinseltown Squares, Thunderbirds, Valley Trailers.

As we close the year, we want to send our warmest wishes to everyone for happy holidays and a prosperous new year! Thank you for joining us throughout 2025. We look forward to seeing you on January 13th when we begin our new class and please feel free to invite friends and family.

The more the merrier!

Marie Hadaway-Hill
Sets in Step Vice President



Visitation

This December we will again be supporting the **annual CHiPs for Kids toy drive**, hosted by the San Gabriel B-n-B's. Saturday, December 6th at the First United Methodist Church, 5957 Golden West Ave in Temple City. The dance is from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. **Bring a new, unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more....** The toy is your entry ticket to the dance, but if you prefer, they will also accept cash at the door. There will also be a silent auction. All proceeds from the dance, along with the toys, will go to benefit the kids who receive holiday gifts from the California Highway Patrol (CHP). If you cannot make it to the dance but would still like to make a donation to CHiPs for Kids, you can bring your toy to our club dance on December 5th, and someone will take it to the Temple City dance on the 6th.



Dance Classes



Our SSD students are graduating on Tuesday, December 2nd!!! Come on out to congratulate them, and encourage them to come to our December dances.

And we are hoping they all come back to the **classes starting on Tuesday January 13th**, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 3561 Foothill Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214:

7:00-7:45 pm This will be a class for people who graduated the SSD class in the Fall, and also for anyone else who wants to learn the Plus calls that will be taught. Angels are always welcome! The cost for this class in the Spring “semester” will be only \$3 – a real bargain for an evening of learning, exercise, and fun. Our newly graduated students will be encouraged to come to this class as well, and then they (and everyone) can stay to be angels for the next part:

7:45 – 9:30 pm This will be a new SSD class for brand-new dancers! The sessions on Jan. 13 and Jan. 20 will be free to new people. After that, the cost of the class is \$6 per person per session. People who come to the 7:00 class do not have to pay anything extra to stay and help with the SSD class.

Please help us get the word out. Ileana has yard signs you can put up in your yard (or in a neighbor's yard, with their permission), and there are flyers you can hand out or post wherever it is allowed. But the best way to get people to come out for dancing is word-of-mouth, so tell all your family, friends and neighbors.

Square Dancing is Friendship set to music!

Club Dances

Date	Caller	Theme (for party dances)	Refreshments (for party dances)
DEC 5	Rod Shuping		
DEC 19	Michael Kellogg	Theme: Winter Wonderland	Food will be provided by club members. Our party chair will have signups ahead of time.
JAN 2	Shauna Kaaria		
JAN 16	Janienne Kellogg	Welcome New Dancers	sweet: Carol salty: Susan fruit: Sandy
FEB 6	Don Schadt		
FEB 20	Mike Seastrom	Sock Hop '50's (decorator: Marie)	sweet: Stam salty: Marie fruit: Connie
MAR 6	Dale Hoppers		
MAR 20	Paul Waters	Spring Fling	sweet: Al salty: Karyn fruit: Don
APR 3	Phil Farmer		
APR 17	Bill Gipson	Hippity Hop	sweet: Gail salty: Jim fruit: Arlene
MAY 1	Janienne Kellogg		
MAY 15	Darren Gallina and the Cross Fire Band	68 th Anniversary Dance!	Sandy will have signups for everyone to bring something.
JUNE 5	Shauna Kaaria		
JUNE 19	Michael Kellogg	Angel Appreciation	sweet: Estela salty: Lakshmi fruit: Jay
JULY 3	Andy Allemao		
JULY 17	Rod Shuping	Novelty T-shirts	sweet: Pat salty: Will fruit: Ileana
AUG 7	Dale Hoppers		
AUG 21	Don Schadt	Aloha Night	sweet: Yukie salty: Gary fruit: Jinger

SEPT 4	Bill Gipson		
SEPT 18	Phil Farmer	Baseball Fever	sweet: Bob salty: Carol fruit: Sandy
OCT 2	Paul Waters		
OCT 16	tbd	Guys N Ghouls	sweet: Susan salty: Stam fruit: Marie
NOV 6	Mike Seastrom		
NOV 20	Mike Haworth	Turkey Trot	sweet: Connie salty: Karyn fruit: Don
DEC 4	Shauna Kaaria		
DEC 18	Michael Kellogg	Holiday Joy	Food will be provided by club members. Our party chair will have signups ahead of time.

The information above is subject to change! Check the latest info on our website:

<https://www.setsinstep.org/schedule-of-dances-and-events.html>



December Birthdays:

- 2: Lakshmi deSilva
- 21: Pat Engel
- 23: Estela Rodriguez
- 27: Karyn Smithson-Hughes



**and a reminder: Board Meeting 12/3/2025 at 7:00 PM via Zoom
... minutes and zoom info will be emailed ahead of time.**