

President's Message

Dear Sets-in-Step members,

Do you believe we are in February 2023. January was a real wet one for us and hoping that some rain still comes our way this month. But maybe more spread out and not all at once!!

Our class on Tuesday nights has been going strong and we hope that all the students and all those wonderful Angels keep coming. If you haven't been to the class, you might want to think about joining us. The first 45 minutes is a workshop on mainstream/plus for us seasoned dancers. Then the beginners' class begins. It is really a lot of fun. We have been having 5 squares at the beginners' class!!!! Thank you to Ileana who has designed, coordinated and pushed through all the obstacles to get where the class is today. Ileana, you are amazing!!!

Also, welcome to our new member Lakshmi De Silva who joined us in January. Lakshmi comes to us as a past experienced dancer and also dances "Rounds". She has been coming to our dances while taking our last class session. Lakshmi is a delight and please welcome her when you see her at our dances.

Visitations are up and running. Make sure you see the announcement later in this newsletter. A big thanks goes to Al on his research and organizing all of these visitations.

We all had a great time at our PJ Romp dance in January. Sandy always does a great job of getting innovative themes to our 2nd Friday dances. Thank you, Sandy!

Hope your 2023 year is starting out well. Looking forward to dancing with you and maybe even seeing all of you at our 2023 social events which are now in the planning stages. So if you have any good ideas, just let one of your board members know.

Take care, be kind and see you all soon.

Best Regards,

Karyn
President, Sets-in-Step



Group photo from the PJ Romp dance on January 20th. Mike Hogan is not only a terrific world-class caller, he was also a good sport: changing into his own pajamas when he found out our evening's theme!

Thank you to our club digital historian, Stam Hill, for the photo, and thanks all, for a wonderful evening.



Visitations

On Friday, February 10th, we'll be going to Burbank to dance with the **Western Weavers**: Joslyn Adult Center, 1301 W. Olive Ave, Burbank. 8:00 – 10:00 pm. SSD/Plus. Dinner beforehand: meet at 6:00 at the Talleyrand Restaurant, 1700 W. Olive Ave., Burbank.

On Sunday, March 5th, our visitation will be to the **Sierra Hillbillies**: Valencia United Methodist church, 25718 McBean Parkway, Santa Clarita. 2:30 – 5:00 pm. Theme: "Pot O' Gold" caller: Vic Cedar. SSD. Lunch beforehand: meet at 12:30 at the Alamo Restaurant, 25946 McBean Parkway, Santa Clarita.

REMEMBER to wear your club colors and club badges!
Contact Al York for more info about our club's visitations.

Upcoming Club Dances

Date	Caller	Theme (for party dances)	Refreshments
FEB 3	Steve Woodard		
FEB 17	Charlie Fagan	Hearts and Flowers 	sweet: Arlene Lesh salty: Jim Lesh fruit: Catherine Budincich
MAR 3	Michael Kellogg		
MAR	Rob Grigsby	Shamrock Squares 	sweet: Sandy MacLennan salty: Bob Keiter fruit: Estela Rodriguez

See page 3 of this newsletter for additional information about our party dances.

SSD class and Mainstream/Plus workshop

The class for new dancers is going strong – we've had 5 squares, with the help of lots of angels, and a wonderful group of enthusiastic new folks. Come out on Tuesday nights for a refresher class in MS/Plus, starting at 7:00, then stay to help be an angel for the SSD class, which starts at 7:45.

Happy Birthday to

Stam Hill – February 4th
Sandy MacLennan – February 5th

Happy Anniversary to

Stam Hill and Marie Hadaway Hill – February 21st

The Executive Board will meet via zoom on **WEDNESDAY, February 1st, at 7:00 pm**

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



Sets in Step Party Dances

As we all know, Sets in Step dances on the first and third Fridays of every month. The second dance of each month (the one held on the third Friday) is our “Party Dance” where we have a theme and assigned members bring decorations to help the hall look a little more festive. The themes for this year are listed in the chart below. Please let our Party Chair, Sandy MacLennan, know if you would like to help decorate at any of these dances.

Refreshments (updated 1/24/2023!)

Our Party Chair has set up a rotation of assignments so that refreshment tasks are spread out across lots of people. For each party dance, we ask one person to bring something sweet, one person to bring something salty, and one person to bring something healthy like fruit. When it is your turn to help with refreshments, you should also plan to help clean up afterwards, and make sure any leftovers are taken home or thrown away. Below is the updated list of refreshment assignments for the rest of this year; reminders about upcoming assignments are also published in each month’s newsletter. If you cannot do your assigned night, please let Sandy know as soon as possible.

FEBRUARY 17	Hearts and Flowers	sweet: Arlene Lesh salty: Jim Lesh fruit: Catherine Budincich
MARCH 17	Shamrock Squares	sweet: Sandy MacLennan salty: Bob Keiter fruit: Estela Rodriguez
APRIL 21	Bouncing Bunnies	sweet: Kay Goeden salty: Marie Hadaway-Hill fruit: Stam Hill
MAY 19	61 st Anniversary!!	Everyone
JUNE 16	Disney Night	sweet: Al York salty: Karyn Smithson-Hughes fruit: Don Hughes
JULY 21	Picnic Baskets	sweet: Susan Collins salty: Joan Walker fruit: Carol Grice
AUGUST 18	Hot August Nights	sweet: Sandy MacLennan salty: Bill Reardon fruit: Connie Yeseta
SEPTEMBER 15	Apple Time	sweet: Ileana Shaw salty: Will Shaw fruit: Jinger Valenzuela
OCTOBER 20	Perky Pumpkins	sweet: Arlene Lesh salty: Jim Lesh fruit: Catherine Budincich
NOVEMBER 17	Fall Colors	sweet: Bill Garrett salty: Lakshmi de Silva fruit: Jay Noell
DECEMBER 15	Happy Holidays	Everyone