

# Sets in Step February 2024



## President's Message

Hello Sets-in-Steppers!!

January proved to be a fun dance month with us for our dances, new SSD classes and visitations. The Board is hard at work to follow-up month of February!!! Check out the visitations planned later in this newsletter.

February is the month of Love with Valentine's Day right in the middle of the month. In Square Dancing, we hug with both arms wide open then wrap those arms around those you love. We call that Stack the Wood. What a great way to connect with someone! So at our dances this month, let's Stack the Wood (but only with the other person's permission) with those we care about – SIS members and visitors.

The Board is working on some fund raisers for our Club. So stay tuned for upcoming news on that front.

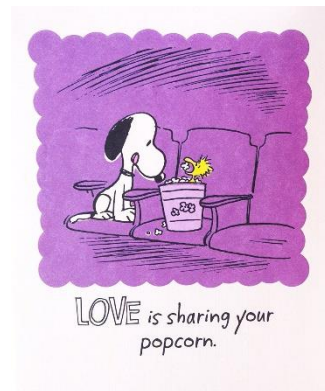
Our new SSD class is in full swing and we are up to 6 squares at times in the class. Thank you to Ileana for her leadership and thank you, Angels!! We could not do any of this with our Angels!!!

Here is a Valentine quote I just saw this week. It says it all ----

"Love is sharing your popcorn." — Charles M. Schulz

Respectfully,

Karyn



## Visitations

Sunday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 5:00 pm, we'll be dancing with the **Sierra Hillbillies**, at the Valencia United Methodist Church, 25718 McBean Pkwy in Santa Clarita. Theme: "80's Let's Get Physical" Caller: **Rod Shuping**. Lunch at 12:30 pm at the Alamo restaurant, 25946 McBean Pkwy (just a few blocks from where we are dancing).

Saturday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 10:00 pm, we're going to the **San Gabriel Valley B'B's**, First United Methodist Church, 5957 Golden West Ave, in Temple City. Caller: **Andy Allemao**. Dinner beforehand at Panera: 3521 E. Foothill Blvd East Pasadena, at 6:00 pm.

## Club Dances in 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Theme (for party dances)</u>	<u>Refreshments (for party dances)</u>
FEB 2	Bill Gipson		
FEB 16	Mike Seastrom	Theme: Swing Your Sweetie Decorator: Sandy MacLennam	sweet: Karyn Smithson-Hughes salty: Don Hughes fruit: Estella Rodriguez
MAR 1	Frank Lescrinier		
MAR 15	Paul Waters	Theme: Western Hoedown Decorator: Jim and Arlene Lesh	sweet: Stam Hill salty: Marie Hadaway-Hill fruit:
APR 5	Dale Hoppers		
APR 19	Steve Woodard	Theme: Crazy Hats Decorator: Karyn Smithson-Hughes	sweet: Susan Collins salty: Carol Grice fruit: Bob Keiter
MAY 3	David Mee		
MAY 17	Darren Gallina accompanied by a Live Band!	Theme: <b>66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary !!</b>	Food to be provided by club members. Our party chair will have signups ahead of time.
JUNE 7	Shauna Kaaria		
JUNE 21	Bill Gipson	Theme: 1980's "Senior" Prom Decorator: Marie Hadaway-Hill and Stam Hill	sweet: Joan Walker salty: Sandy MacLennan fruit: Connie Yeseta
JULY 5	Andy Allemao		
JULY 19	Rod Shuping	Theme: Keeping Cool Decorator:	sweet: Al York salty: Arlene Lesh fruit: Jim Lesh
AUG 4	Janienne Alexander		
AUG 16	Michael Kellogg	Theme: Watermelon Dance Decorator: Sandy MacLennan	sweet: Ileana Shaw salty: Will Shaw fruit: Catherine Budincich
SEP 6	Frank Lescrinier		
SEP 20	Don Schadt	Theme: Fall Leaves Decorator: Sandy MacLennan	sweet: Jinger Valenzuela salty: Lakshmi deSilva fruit: Jay Noell
OCT 4	Phil Farmer		
OCT 18	Steve Woodard	Theme: Toyland Decorator: Jay Noell	sweet: Bill Reardon salty: Gail Cooper fruit:
NOV 1	Mike Seastrom		
NOV 15	Dale Hoppers	Theme: Angel Appreciation Decorator: Susan Collins	sweet: Karyn Smithson-Hughes salty: Don Hughes fruit: Estella Rodriguez

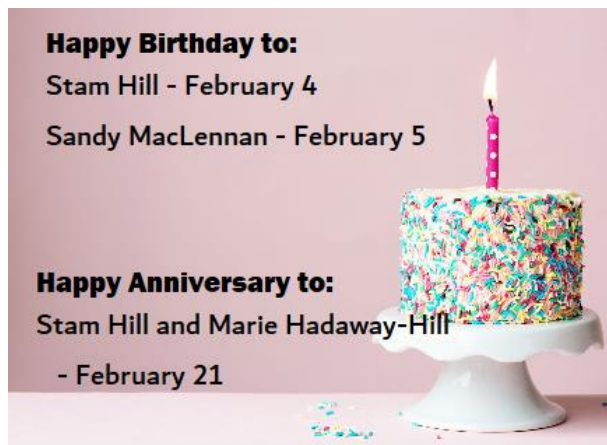
DEC 6	Janienne Alexander		
DEC 20	Michael Kellogg	Theme: Jingle Bell Hop Decorator:	Food to be provided by club members. Our party chair will have signups ahead of time.

Please let Sandy MacLennan know if you can help at any of our “party dances” (third Friday of each month). Note: The schedule above is subject to change. It’s always best to check the latest information about our dance schedule and upcoming visitations on our website: <https://www.setsinstep.org/schedule-of-dances-and-events.html>

## Class for new dancers

Social Square Dance (SSD) class for brand-new dancers: Tuesdays from 7:45 – 9:30 pm. We are still at St. George’s Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Ave., in La Cañada, for a few more weeks. (In March, we will be moving to Mt. Olive Lutheran church, 3651 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.) Cost for students is \$6.

Also on Tuesdays, we are continuing the **class in Mainstream and Plus** calls that Dale started in the Fall. Cost is \$3, and please consider staying for the second half of the evening (at no additional charge), to be an angel for the new SSD dancers!



Executive Board Meeting:  
Wednesday, February 7th, at 7:00, via zoom (the zoom link will be emailed ahead of time, along with the minutes of the January 2024 meeting.)

## Friends and members news

Please keep Kay Goeden in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her recovery from a fall and subsequent hip surgery back in late December. Also, it is with deep sadness that we learned that Hal, Kay’s dance partner and long-time friend of Sets in Step, passed away in late December. And finally, we are sad to announce that Jerry Ferguson is moving to Florida, to live with family there. Jerry, we will miss you very much, and we wish you well in your new home in the Sunshine State.