



**sets in step
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President's Message

Dear Sets-in-Steps members -- Happy New Year!!

December was a very busy dancing month for us and January is shaping up to be nearly as busy. So make sure you check this newsletter for our visitation with the Sierra Hillbillies on January 8th, and the new class that will be beginning January 10th with our new Instructor Caller: Dale Hoppers. We will be having some mainstream/plus instruction as well as a beginners' class. So come be an Angel and brush up on those more complicated calls.

Speaking of our class instructor – John Hyde has decided to retire and will not be teaching our class in January. John has been with us, teaching us and supporting the Club, for over a decade. We wish John and Nancy well. In fact, at our January 20 dance, we plan on honoring John and Nancy. So come to the dance and wish the couple well. We can never truly express how much John has impacted our Club. We would not be the Club we are today without John. So let's make the January 20 dance a grand tribute to John and Nancy!!!

We have a new member who joined in December, Jay Noell. Jay had just finished the Beginners' Class that ended in December. He is a delight and will fit in well with our Club. So when you see Jay at a dance make sure you welcome him.

Well, that's it for now. Be safe and keep dancing!

Respectively,

Karyn

Visitation

On Sunday January 8th, 2023, we will be visiting the Sierra Hillbillies:

Callers: Mike and Lisa Seastrom

Theme: "Old Fashion Barn Dance"

at the Valencia United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall

25718 McBean Parkway, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Social Square Dance program

2:00 – 5:00 PM.

Anyone who would like to have lunch before the dance: we will meet at 12:30 at The Alamo restaurant, 25946 McBean Parkway.

For more info about visitations, contact Al York.



Club Dances

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
JAN 6	Phil Farmer		
JAN 20	Mike Hogan	Pajama Romp	sweet: Ileana Shaw salty: Will Shaw fruit: Jinger Valenzuela
FEB 3	Steve Woodard		
FEB	Charlie Fagan	Hearts and Flowers	sweet: Arlene salty: Jim fruit: Catherine

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.

If you would like to help with the decorations on our party nights, please let Sandy know.

SSD class

We are starting up a new class, that will be held on Tuesday evenings at Saint George’s Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Blvd. From 7:00 – 7:45 (the first 45 minutes) we will have a refresher workshop in the Plus calls that weren’t covered in the refresher class in the fall. Following that, at 7:45 – 9:30, we will host a Social Square Dance (SSD) class for new dancers. New folks are welcome to come early to watch, and people who come to the Plus workshop are encouraged to stay and be angels for the SSD class.

A flyer is attached to this month’s newsletter – please feel free to make copies and distribute it to your friends and neighbors. The best way to get people to come out for the class is to personally invite them, so help us spread the word!



Al York – January 11

The Executive Board will meet via zoom on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th, at 7:00 pm**

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

Greetings from square dancers in Philadelphia! On a recent trip to Philly, Susan Collins had the opportunity of dancing with the friendly people of “The Independence Squares” club. They know some of our favorite California callers, including Darren Gallina and Michael Kellogg! It was a wonderful reminder that square dancers belong to one big world-wide family.