



Sets in Step March 2023

President's Message

Dear Sets-in-Step members,

February was a fun month for square dancing – we had visitation with Western Weavers where 17 of our members showed up. We had a great time dancing the evening away. We also had a very fun Hearts and Flowers dance celebrating Valentine's Month!!! Thank you all who participated showing our energy and love of square dancing.

Now that we are in March, we have a visitation on March 5 with the Sierra Hillbillies in Santa Carita. More information is later in this newsletter. 'Sure hope you all can come. Also, later this month is the Fiesta 2023 in San Diego. It is a weekend of all levels of square dance and rounds. I know some of us are planning on going. So see the flyers at our next dance to see if you can join us.

March is the time we start to think about the annual election of the new board. Club members can make a nomination (with the nominee's permission) either to the nominating committee or at the general meeting where elections will be held. The board creates a nominating committee in April who make the recommendations for nominees (with the nominees' permission). The final nominee list is presented at the May board meeting, followed by a general member election being held at a dance in May. In June, the Turnover Meeting is held at a private home so the retiring board "turns over" the leadership of the club to the new board members. All club members will be invited to the potluck dinner held after the meeting. More details on the Turnover Meeting will be forthcoming.

With all of this in mind, now is the time for me to let you know that after 5 years of being your President, I think it is time to give someone else the opportunity to lead this wonderful Club. I am stepping down only for the sole purpose of keeping the leadership fresh and give a new president the chance to grow with this Club. I would very much like to stay on the Board but in another position. We have a great and growing Club and it is that way because of all the volunteerism from you all. Without that giving attitude, we would not have the Club we have today. So please think about becoming a board member even if you are new to Sets-in-Step. It's fun, you are giving back, and it is only one board meeting a month and we do that via Zoom/teleconference. In this newsletter, you will find brief descriptions of each of the Board positions. I promise, it is not scary.

Well, I guess I have said enough and it is time to send this letter off for publication. Take care, be kind to others AND yourself. See you on the dance floor.

Regards,
Karyn





Visitation:

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.

Upcoming Club Dances

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Theme (for party dances)</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
MAR 3	Michael Kellogg		
MAR 17	Rob Grigsby	Shamrock Squares 	sweet: Sandy MacLennan salty: Bob Keiter fruit: Estela Rodriguez
APR 7	Bill (Tex) Gipson		
APR 21	Dick Hodnefield	Bouncing Bunnies 	sweet: Kay Goeden salty: Marie Hadaway-Hill fruit: Stam Hill

SSD class and Mainstream/Plus workshop

The SSD class for new dancers is going well. A huge thank you to all the angels -- from our club and also folks who are not members who come to help out. You make the class fun and worthwhile for our new people. A reminder for those of you who come to the before-class workshop: if you'd like a little review of the Mainstream & Plus calls that Dale shows us, Ileana sends out follow-up information and links to helpful websites each week – it's a great way to check and make sure you remember what's been covered, and are ready for the next week's challenge!



Happy Anniversary to

Don Hughes and Karyn Smithson-Hughes, **March 30th**

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

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



Elections are coming up -- If you've ever thought about running for office, now's the time! You can nominate yourself, or you may nominate another member with that person's permission. Below are brief descriptions of the duties of each Board member position. For more details, please consult the ByLaws found on the website (<https://www.setsinstep.org/bylaws-and-constitution.html>) or ask a current Board member.

President: presides at Executive Board meetings and other club meetings, appoints sub-committees when necessary.

Vice President: substitutes for the President when necessary. Also responsible for the purchase and maintenance of supplies for our dances.

Treasurer: Collects the member's dues and guest donations, pays our bills and keeps an accurate accounting of all income and disbursements.

Secretary: keeps minutes at meetings, annually publishes the club directory, publishes a monthly newsletter, handles all business correspondence, maintains a record of membership applications and emergency contact information.

Square Dance Association Representative: periodically attends the meetings of the Association and reports back to the Board.

Publicity Chair: advertises and promotes club activities via printed and social media, flyers, banners, etc.

Social Chair: organizes extra-curricular (other than dancing) activities for the club.

Visitation Chair: organizes official club visits to other clubs' dances.

Party Chair: coordinates refreshments and decorations for our party dances.

Sheriff: collects "fees" from people who forget to wear their badges, and donations from members celebrating special events in their lives.

Digital Historian: takes photos (or collects photos taken by others) to be used on our club website and social media.

Caller Recruiting: responsible for the booking of all our dance callers.

Class Chair: in charge of beginners' classes and ongoing workshops.

A list of our current Board members can be found at <https://www.setsinstep.org/about-our-club.html>

