



President's Message

While Karyn and Don are away enjoying a much-deserved vacation, this month's President's Message is brought to you by the club secretary.

We had two great dances in February, and it was especially wonderful to see some of our new dancers and recent graduates join us. Please encourage these new folks to keep coming! In March we will have two terrific callers: Frank Lescrinier on the 1st, and Paul Waters on the 15th. We are lucky to have a really good caller recruiter for our club: Jim Lesh, who lines up some of the best talent to come out and call for us.

We also have two fun visitations planned in March – see below for details, and if you have questions, you can contact our visitation chairperson, Al York.

Coming up a little later in the Spring: we will be having our annual nominations and elections for Board members. Please consider helping our club by serving as an officer on the Board. If you can, let Karyn or really anyone on the current Board know, and we'll make sure your name gets on the slate for the election, which will be held in a couple of months. Sets in Step wouldn't exist without the diligence and enthusiasm of the people who do all the coordinating and make the magic happen. On top of that, being on the Board is fun!! So please do give it some serious thought -- your club needs you!

Also coming up: we are going to be celebrating our 66th anniversary in May, and this year, we'll have a Route 66 theme:



In June, we have a "Senior Prom" theme planned. Ladies, if you would like to purchase a vintage outfit for that night, at a great price, please get in touch with Marie Hadaway-Hill. Finally, please see further down in this newsletter for news about Sets in Step members and friends. Let's keep in touch,

'Regards,
Susan Collins
substituting this month for Karyn Smithson-Hughes

Visitations

Sunday March 3rd from 2:30 – 5:00 pm: the **Sierra Hillbillies**, at the Valencia United Methodist Church, 25718 McBean Pkwy in Santa Clarita. Theme: "Lucky Leprechauns" Caller: **Phil Farmer**. Lunch at 12:30 pm at the Alamo restaurant, 25946 McBean Pkwy.

Visitations, continued:

On Saturday March 9th 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: **Frank Lescrinier**. This is going to be a very special dance, with a tribute to Frank who is celebrating his 40th year as a square dance caller!

Club Dances

We have some special dances coming up:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Theme (for party dances)</u>	<u>Refreshments (for party dances)</u>
MAR 1	Frank Lescrinier		
MAR 15	Paul Waters	Theme: Western Hoedown Decorators: Jim and Arlene Lesh	sweet: Stam Hill salty: Marie Hadaway-Hill fruit: Al York
APR 5	Dale Hoppers	Theme: <i>The Beatles!</i> ...a special evening of fun music to dance to	
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: 66th Anniversary !	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: "Senior" Prom Decorators: 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: salty: Arlene Lesh fruit: Jim Lesh
AUG 4	Janienne Alexander		
AUG 16	Michael Kellogg	Theme: Watermelon Dance Decorator: Sandy MacLennan	sweet: Catherine Budincich salty: Will Shaw fruit: Ileana Shaw
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. See updates at <https://www.setsinstep.org/schedule-of-dances-and-events.html>

Class for new dancers

Social Square Dance (SSD) class for brand-new dancers continues on Tuesdays from 7:45 – 9:30 pm. We are still at St. George’s Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Ave., in La Cañada. (We will be moving to Mt. Olive Lutheran church, 3651 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta at some point, but the exact start date at the new location is still TBD) Cost for students is \$6.

Also on Tuesdays, from 7:00 – 7:45: Dale is continuing the **class in Mainstream and Plus**. 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!

Friends and members news

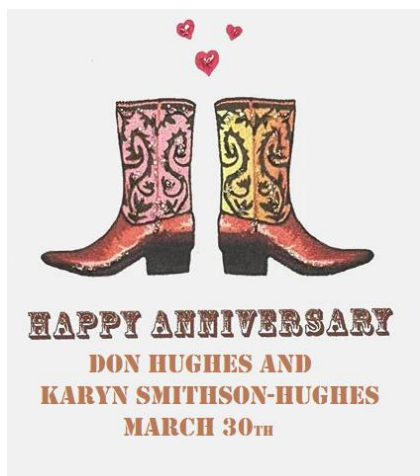
Please keep thinking good thoughts for Don Hughes’ recovery from his recent surgery.

Kay Goeden is back home now, as she continues her recovery from a fall and subsequent hip surgery back in late December.

Joan Walker has entered into hospice care, and is currently at Adventist hospital.

Jerry Ferguson sends his greetings from Florida: he recently got to attend his son’s graduation from Officer Candidate School in Georgia.

If you have news you would like to share in an upcoming Sets in Step newsletter, please let Susan Collins know.



Executive Board Meeting:
Wednesday, March 6th, at 7:00, via zoom (the zoom link will be emailed ahead of time, along with the minutes of the February 2024 meeting.)