

President's Message

Happy May!!

First of all, I have to give a shout out on the Crazy Hats Dance last month. What crazy hats showed up! Thanks to all that grasped the theme of the night and showed off their silly and fun top-wear. It made the dance just a bit more joyful!!

Our Plus Workshops on Tuesday nights are jammed packed with dancers. Dale Hoppers gives us a good workout refreshing and teaching these more complex calls. It is so much fun. Thanks to Ileana on her organization of this workshop!

We have so much going on this month of May! First is our election night on May 3 at the first dance. Hope you can attend and cast your vote for the 2024/2025 Sets-in-Step Executive Board. The Board is actually a lot of fun so consider next year about volunteering for a position. I promise you that you will not regret it.

And then we have our 66th Anniversary Dance on May 16! If you haven't signed up for a food donation, please contact Sandy. She is still looking for food donations. Come and dance with us and to the live music band! See more information later in this newsletter.

Hoping you all are well. See you on the dance floor.
Respectively,
Karyn

Congratulations to our recent SSD class graduates:



Back row: Dale Hoppers, Mike Pauken, Gail Poulson, Bill Zander, Brent Eriksen, Ileana Shaw, Bob Snyder, Eva Wu,
Front row: Dan Thomas, Carli Simons, Karen Lee, Mary Sue Hendricks, Jan Cohen, Lilit Danelyan, Grayce Liu, Judy Snyder
Not pictured: Mark Beasom, Lesli Birnkrant, and Mary Pagone

Welcome to our newest member

Say hello to Gail Poulson, who just joined our club in April... Gail graduated from the SSD class this spring, and has been attending the Tuesday workshop with Dale. Be sure to say hi when you see Gail!

Sets in Step Club Dances

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Theme (for party dances)</u>	<u>Refreshments (for party dances)</u>
MAY 3	David Mee	Note: we will be holding elections for the 2024-2025 Sets in Step Board at this dance	
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: Jinger Valenzuela 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 Lesclinier		
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>

Visitations

Sunday May 5th, from 2:30 – 5:00 pm: the **Sierra Hillbillies**, at the Valencia United Methodist Church, 25718 McBean Pkwy in Santa Clarita. SSD and Plus. Theme: “Cinco de Mayo” Caller: Rob Grigsby

On Saturday May 11th, from 7:30 – 10:00 pm: **San Gabriel Valley B’n’Bs**, at 5957 Golden West Ave in Temple City. SSD and Plus. Theme: “Flower Power” Caller: Steve Woodard

Please sign up ahead of time, so that we know who’s going. Sign-up sheets are available at our regular club dances, and have additional information, e.g., where club members will be dining together prior to the visitations, etc. Contact Al York, for more information.

Anniversary Dance

We will be celebrating our 66th anniversary at the Friday May 17th dance. Dance starts at 7:30 and we’ll have the food out throughout the evening. You don’t want to miss this one! Darren Gallina is calling, accompanied by the “Cross Fire Band.” Good food, live music, and everyone who comes will get a special Sets in Step “Route 66” badge dangle.



Our party chairperson, Sandy MacLennan is coordinating the decorations and all of the food...If Sandy hasn’t already contacted you, please reach out to her to find out how you can help with refreshments. Let’s make this an extra special dance!



In May we have lots of birthdays to celebrate:

- 9th – Bob Keiter
- 28th – Jerry Ferguson
- 31st – Carol Grice
- 31st – Marie Hadaway-Hill
- 31st – Jim Lesh

Executive Board
Meeting: Wednesday,
May 1st, at 7:00, via
zoom (the zoom link
will be emailed ahead
of time, along with the
minutes of the April
2024 meeting.)

Workshop

Reminder: we are at a NEW LOCATION. Our workshops and classes are now at Mt. Olive Lutheran church: 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. 7:00 – 9:00 Tuesday evenings, through the end of June. \$6 per person per class – come on out to get some extra practice with the Mainstream and Plus calls.

Elections

We will be holding an in-person election at the dance on Friday, May 3rd. **You must be a member, and you must be present at that dance to vote.**

This year's nominating committee:

Susan Collins, Karyn Smithson-Hughes, and Jinger Valenzuela.

The nominating committee will have a prepared slate of officers for distribution at the May 3rd dance. Club members in attendance will be asked to vote yes or no on the entire list.

If you would like to volunteer to run for any of the Board positions, it's not too late! In particular, we are still looking for someone to be the club's **Social Chairperson**. The description of Social Chairperson and all of the other Officers are listed below, and can also be found in our club's Bylaws (see <https://www.setsinstep.org/club-bylaws.html>). Please let someone on the nominating committee know if you are interested. Even if you don't want to run for office this year, please still take a look at the job descriptions, and consider running for office next year. Any of the current Board members would be happy to describe what they do, and they will all tell you that it's a really fun way to help keep our club going strong.

From the Sets in Step Bylaws:

SECTION III: OFFICERS

A. The Officers of this Club will be:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Party Chairperson
6. Square Dance Association Representative
7. Visitation Chairperson
8. Publicity Chairperson
9. Sheriff
10. Social Chairperson
11. Digital Historian
12. Class Chairperson
13. Caller Recruiter

B. Executive Board

1. The offices listed in Section III A will constitute the Executive Board of the Club.

C. Requirements of the Executive Board

1. A term of office will constitute a year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th.
2. All members, to be eligible for office whether elected or appointed, will have been a Club member for a minimum of six (6) months. A member with less than 6 months and a unique fit for an office may be approved by the board.
3. Any Executive Board member unable to fulfill his/her position will be dropped from the Board and a new member will be appointed to that office by the President and ratified within (1) month by the Board. If a replacement cannot be found the position will remain empty until the next election. The President will appoint other board members to complete any needed duties.

D. The Duties of the Officers in line will be:

1. The **President**, or the President's designee, will preside at all meetings. The President, with the consent of the Executive Board, may appoint such committees as may be necessary. The President will be responsible for the fulfillment of the duties of all the other officers. The president is also responsible for completion of any and all accident reports.
2. The **Vice President** will assist the President in all meetings and act in the absence of the President. The Vice President will be responsible for the purchase and maintenance of general supplies.
3. The **Secretary** will keep complete minutes of each board meeting, annually publish a Club Roster, publish a monthly calendar of events/newsletter, and be responsible for all Club correspondence and update the club directory. The Secretary will maintain the list of current members, along with applications for membership.
4. The **Treasurer** will be custodian of all funds, collecting the Club members' dues, keeping a record of dues owed, and collecting guest donations. The Treasurer will pay all bills and keep an accurate accounting of all income and disbursements, including a bank reconciliation of said inflows/outflows. The Treasurer will present a written report of expenditures and income for the current month at the monthly board meeting. The Treasurer will keep the Club dance attendance records. The Treasurer will also maintain the insurance records for members and class attendees, and is responsible for the renewal of the Club's insurance policy. The Treasurer will maintain a checking account in the name of the Club.
5. The **Party Chairperson** will oversee coordinating parties and other special events at the club, including decorations, and will appoint members or seek volunteers to serve on the refreshment committee.
6. The **Square Dance association Representative** or a volunteer member will attend meetings of the association on a quarterly basis. A report of said meeting will be given at the following Executive Board meeting.
7. The **Visitation Chairperson** will be responsible for setting up a club visitation for the Club as a group. This could also include organizing a lunch/dinner for the group on those occasions. Sign up sheets should be utilized. The Visitation chairperson will keep a visitation binder to pass on to the next chairperson.
8. The **Publicity Chairperson** is responsible for coordinating all of the Club's publicity.
9. The **Sheriff's** responsibility is to collect a nominal fine from members not wearing their badges or for any other misdemeanors. The Sheriff will give the collected monies to the Social Chairperson, or another designated volunteer, for cards, flowers, and gifts.
10. The **Social Chairperson** will coordinate special Club activities, such as restaurant dinners, progressive dinners and parties held on other than regular dance nights. The Social Chairperson will be the holder of monies collected by the Sheriff and which will be spent purchasing and sending cards, flowers, and/or gifts to members who are ill and/or who have had a death in the immediate family. The Social Chairperson is responsible for reporting to the Board on a monthly basis.
11. The **Digital Historian** will be responsible for and maintain the Club history as it occurs in digital pictures form and set up a visual program on special occasions. The Digital Historian may appoint an alternate if unable to attend an event.
12. The **Class Chairperson** will be in charge of the classes and workshops which are sponsored by the Club. The Class Chairperson will, subject to Executive Board approval, set the class night, the starting time and date, and will obtain the instructor and hall. The Class Chairperson will maintain an attendance record, collect the weekly student and Angels' donations, and pay the caller fees, if adequate from this income. The Class Chairperson will report monthly to the board.
13. The **Caller Recruiting Chairperson** will be responsible for the contracting of all guest callers. The Caller Recruiter will contact the guest caller in advance to confirm.