



President's Message

We have some very sad news to report, besides the losses Sets In Step had experienced last month: on August 1st, our co-president, Charlie Brandt passed away. He had just turned 59 but had a weak heart. We will be having a memorial for Charlie at 6 p.m. on Friday September 7th led by his friend and our member Terry Neven preceding our Sept 7th dance. There will be refreshments served after the service. If you would like to bring some refreshments, call Connie @ 818-353-4901 for suggestions. We will all miss Charlie greatly. He will be buried next to his parents, grandparents and uncle in the Zion Lippe United Church of Christ cemetery in Mt. Vernon Indiana. In lieu of flowers, anyone who would like to remember Charlie can make a donation to the Braille Institute of their choosing. The regularly scheduled dance that evening with caller, Frank Lescrinier which will begin at 8 P.M. will be dedicated to Charlie.

We want to thank Karyn Smithson-Hughes for accepting the co-presidency position.

There have been a couple of schedule changes, please make a note these, or pick up an up-dated list of the 2018 schedule. On October 5th, Darren Gallina will be calling. On November 30th, Shauna Kaaria will be calling and Bill Berry cueing. On December 7th Dale Hoppers will be calling and on December 21st Michael Kellogg will be the caller.

Connie Yeseta & Karyn Smithson Hughes (co-presidents)

Members and friends updates

Please welcome our newest members: Jim and Arlene Lesh. They plan to spend time at our class starting in September, and we hope to see them at another regular dance soon. And we welcome a returning member who is a long-time friend of Sets: Bob Keiter. Be sure to help these folks feel at home in our club.

We are sorry to report that Joan Walker suffered a severe fall at a dance on July 31st, breaking her left femur. She spent a bit of time in the hospital, then over a week in an urgent care facility where she received physical therapy and prepared for a long recovery. On August 17th she was sent home to continue recovering there, with the help of her son, who will be staying and then visiting her frequently.

We are in need of help filling in all the sudden "openings" in our refreshment committees! If you can help out on September 21st, please let the chair for that evening, Susan Collins, know.

Directory Changes: Along with your September newsletter, you will receive some peel-off stickers, with the contact information for our new members, and some corrections to existing members contact info.... Please put these in your club directories for future reference!

Club Dances	<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Theme</u>
	Sept 7	Frank Lescrinier	
	Sept 21	Rod Shuping	Vacation Memories <i>Karyn Smithson-Hughes, decorating</i>
	Oct 5	Darren Gallina	
	Oct 19	Tim Pepper	Fall Frolic <i>Cathy Bishop, decorating</i>
	Nov 2	Larry McBee	

Refreshment Committees

If the date assigned to you is not convenient, please trade with someone else, and inform the chairman.
Chairs: if there are changes in your team, please inform the club secretary so the list can be updated.

Date	Sept 7	Sept 21	Oct 5	Oct 19	Nov 2
Chair	Carol Grice	Susan Collins	Connie Yeseta	Sandy MacLennan	Susan Collins
Coffee/Tea	Bill Leflang	Open – we’re looking for volunteers!	Vance Nelson	Ileana Shaw	Kay Goeden
Igloo/Punch	Laura Neven	Open – we’re looking for volunteers!	Marguerite Keating	Thea Winner	Open – we’re looking for volunteers!

- Refreshment committees should plan to arrive *before 7:30* to set up before our guests start to arrive – for Fifth Friday dances, please plan to arrive **before 7:00**, as those dances start earlier.
- Refreshment chairs: check our supplies in the kitchen two weeks *before* the dance you are assigned to, and let Cathy or Vance know if we are running low on anything (punch, 7-up, cups, plates, bowls, etc.)
- The Knights of Columbus has an ice maker, and we keep plenty of coffee in our supply cabinet.
- Note that for our 5th Friday dances, we are asking club members to bring something to share as “potluck” for desserts and snacks, and the assigned chairs for those nights will coordinate.

Our Beginning Square Dancers class starts on September 13th

If you haven’t yet invited someone to come to class, time is running out! The first two weeks are free, and kids (8 – 17) who come with an adult are free. Help us get the word out about how fun it is to square dance. Here’s the details:

When: every Thursday, 7:30 -9:30 PM

Where: St. George’s Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Blvd., in La Cañada

After the first two weeks, it’s \$6 per person per week, \$3 for angels (people who already graduated from a class who come to help), John Hyde is our caller/instructor.

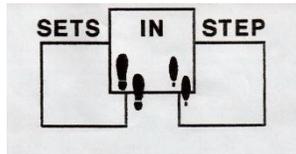
Pick up a flyer at our dances, or download one to print from our website: setsinstep.org

September Executive Board Meeting:

Wednesday, September 5th, at the home of Don Hughes and Karyn Smithson-Hughes

September Birthdays:

4 – Bill Reardon
12 – Bill Geist



calendar for the month of
September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 <i>Labor Day</i>	4	5 7:30 PM Executive Board Meeting	6	7 6:00 PM Memorial for Charlie Brandt 8:00 PM Club dance Caller: Frank Lescrinier	8
9	10	11	12	13 Beginners' Square Dance class starts!!! 7:30 – 9:30 PM	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Class 7:30 – 9:30 PM	21 8:00 PM Club dance Caller: Rod Shuping	22
23	24	25	26	27 Class 7:30 – 9:30 PM	28	29
30	<i>Oct. 1</i>	2	3 7:30 PM Executive Board Meeting	4 Class 7:30 – 9:30 PM	5 <i>Club dance Caller: Darren Gallina</i>	6

- ❖ Club dances are at the Knights of Columbus, 2657 Honolulu, in Montrose
- ❖ Beginners' class is at St. George's Episcopal church: 808 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada
- ❖ August Executive Board meeting is at Karyn and Don's house

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Charles Brandt 7/14/1959 – 8/1/2018

Sets In Step, and the whole Square Dancing community, have lost a good friend. Charles Brandt was taken from us at a much too early age, on August 1, 2018.



Charlie Brandt, 2018

He was born in Evansville, Indiana, and grew up in Mesa, Arizona, and Glendale, California, graduating from Herbert Hoover High School. Charlie started to go to square dances with his parents Melvin and Carrie Brandt when he was a child, and decided to take it up himself as a teenager. He was a wonderful dancer, able to do both the men's and ladies' parts with ease.

Charlie developed Diabetes in his early 40's, and unfortunately because of it he became legally blind. But with his amazing memory and many years of square dancing behind him, that wasn't enough to stop him from continuing to be a great dancer. He joined Sets In Step in 2013 and immediately became a favorite in the club. He was always ready to help be an angel at the classes, announce upcoming dances at visits to other clubs, and be host at our after dance meetings. In June 2017 he was voted in as Co-President of the Club and was still serving in that capacity that at the time of his death.

Charlie had a history of heart problems and in June of 2018 had a pacemaker/defibrillator inserted to help his heart beat properly. Unfortunately, there must have been too much damage to the heart and he passed away quickly in his new home at Broadview Residence for the Retired.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1985, followed by his father in 1995, and his oldest sister, Carol, in 2003. He is survived by his twin sisters, Nancy and Barbara, his beloved Aunt Angless, and numerous nieces and nephews. The family have suggested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Charlie's memory to the Braille Institute.

We will always remember Charlie for his intelligence, good humor, willingness to help in whatever way he could and dedication to Square Dancing. All of his friends in the Square Dance world will miss Charlie and will remember him with love.

There will be a memorial for Charlie preceding the Sets in Step dance on Friday, September 7th, beginning at 6:00 PM, at the Knights of Columbus hall, 2657 Honolulu, in Montrose, California.