

President's Message

Dear Friends!

Well, watch out for what you wish for in regards to weather. During all of those stormy days, some of us longed for the nice heat of summer! Well, summer has arrived with its heat waves. Don't know about you but I do not miss those rainy days. We are Southern Californians and we can take the heat, right?!!!

That being said, we had a great month in July. We had 2 great dances with 2 great callers. Hope you were able to attend! For August we have 2 visitations. Look further in this email for more information. Visitations are always fun and the socialization at the pre-dance dinner is always worth attending.

Now do not forget the big change coming up at our first dance in August! On August 4, we will start our dance at 7:30 and continue dancing to 9:30. So put on your Club colors and let's get this done the good old fashioned square dancing way – dance until the music stops!!

Best Regards,

Karyn

Visitations

- We have multiple visitation opportunities in August: on Friday, August 11th we'll be going to the Western Weavers, at the Joslyn Senior Center, 1301 W. Olive Ave in Burbank. Theme is "Hot-Hot" and Dale Hoppers is calling. Squares start at 8:00; meet at the Talleyrand restaurant at 6:30 if you'd like to join some of the Sets for dinner beforehand.
- On Saturday, August 19th it's a "Luau" with the Grin and Square Its at the El Monte Senior Center, 3120 N Tyler Ave in El Monte. Dale Hoppers is calling this one as well. Square start at 8:00, with a possible dinner beforehand (location tbd).
- An alternate choice for **Saturday, August 19th:** "A Night Under the Stars" with the **Tehachapi Gandy Dancers**, Darren Gallina calling. 7:30 10:00 at the Tehachapi Roller Hockey Rink, 126 S Snyder Ave in Tehachapi.

See signups at our club dances, or, for more information, contact our Visitation Chair: Al York.

Upcoming Sets in Step Dances

Yep, it's warm, so get out your casual summer clothes, and come join us. All the "cool kids" are dancing!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	Theme (for party dances)	<u>Refreshments</u>
AUG 4	Michael Kellogg	NOTE!!! Our new dance time starts Aug 4! 7:30-9:30 pm	
AUG 18	Charlie Fagan	Hot August Nights	Sweet: Al York Salty: Sandy MacLennan Fruit: Connie Yeseta
SEPT 1	Rob Grigsby		
SEPT 15	Steve Woodard	Apple	Sweet: Ileana Shaw Salty: Will Shaw Fruit: Jinger Valenzuela

Please note: sometimes things change after the newsletter is published. To see the most up-to-date information, please go to: www.setsinstep.org/schedule-of-dances-and-events.html

Refreshments

While we always have beverages, we also usually provide light snacks at our party dances (the 3rd Friday dances). Our club's Party Chairperson, Sandy MacLennan, has updated the refreshment rotation for the rest of this year:

September 15 - Sweet: Ilena Shaw

Salty: Will Shaw

Fruit: Jinger Valenzuela

October 20 - Sweet: Arlene Lesh

Salty: Jim Lesh

Fruit: Catherine Budincich

November 17 - Sweet: Pam Goodrich

Salty: Lakshmi de Silva

Fruit: Jay Noell

December 15 is our holiday dance, and we traditionally provide more substantial refreshments than just snacks. All members will be invited to help provide the food, and we'll have a sign-up sheet closer to the date.

Please contact Sandy with any questions about refreshments or our party dances.

Still in our hearts...

We recently received the sad news that long-time club friend and former member Keith Myers passed away in July. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nancy, and to all the Myers' family and friends.

NEW SSD CLASS starting soon!

Weekly (Tuesday) classes for new Social Square Dance (SSD) dancers are starting on September 12th!! This is a 13 week class, ending in early December. Help us get the word out! Please see the class announcement flyer accompanying this newsletter, that you can print and distribute. Copies of the flyers are also available at our dances.

A group from Sets in Step is going to the *Music in the Park* event in Memorial Park, 1301 Foothill in La Cañada, on August 27th, from 6:00 – 8:30 pm, to distribute flyers and tell people about our square dance classes. The theme that night is "Hot August Nights – A Tribute to Neil Diamond" -- This is a fun community event, and we're hoping we can encourage some new folks to try square dancing. So come on out and help us spread the news!

Also, the weekly SSD class will once again this fall be preceded by a weekly Mainstream/Plus workshop, for experienced dancers. The schedule each Tuesday will be:

7:00 - 7:45 pm MS/Plus workshop

7:45 - 9:30 pm SSD class for new dancers.

If you come out for the workshop, please stay and be an "angel" for our new dancers!

For information about the class, or to sign up to help distribute flyers on August 27th, contact lleana Shaw.

REMINDERS:

- **NEW DANCE TIME!** Starting **August 4**th, our regular 1st & 3rd Friday dances will be held from **7:30 9:30 pm**!!!
- The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held via zoom on August 2nd at 7:00 pm
- The 2023-2024 Club Directories are out and have been distributed to club members. Please keep this handy, for when you want to contact others in the club. These also contain other helpful general club information. If you did not receive your copy of the latest directory, please let Susan Collins know.
- If you haven't done so already, please complete and turn in an **Emergency Contact Form**. These are not mandatory, but it is extremely helpful for the club to have someone to contact on your behalf in the event of an emergency. Forms are available at all our dances, classes, or from the link found on our forms page: www.setsinstep.org/membership-application.html



August 3: National Watermelon Day

August 4: Kay Goeden's birthday!

August 8: Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day

August 10: National S'Mores Day

August 18: Joan Walker's birthday!

August 19: Gail Cooper's birthday!

August 20: Jim and Arlene Lesh's Anniversary!

August 31: National Eat Outside Day