



Sets in Step

October 2021 newsletter

Presidents' Message

Happy autumn to all Sets-in-Step members.

It is really great that we have been able to restart our square dancing activities. For the time being we have done this under some strict safety protocols to protect all our members and new students. These actions have taken a lot of work and we would like to thank our board members for all their fine work setting up these measures and all our club members and new students for constructively respecting those measures for the good of us all.

Our new square dance classes started on Sept 16 with a bang. With new students and returning angels we were able to form 4 squares on the very first class session and three squares (with people rotating in and out) on the second. John Hyde continues to provide excellent and informative instructions and set a tone for us to all have a great time. We are so lucky to have him.

We were also able to have our first Friday night square dance at the KC hall. Charlie Fagan did a great job as our caller and even threw in a few challenging maneuvers to keep us thinking. We had three squares in operation and had a wonderful time. We also had a surprise as Jerry Ferguson presented California Council of Square Dancers "Golden Dancer" certificates to club dancers over the age of 80. Congratulations to all the recipients. AND, get ready as our next square dance is almost here. On Friday night (Oct 1) we will be kept hopping with caller Dale Hoppers.

Look forward to seeing you at the classes and dances.

Your Co-presidents
Karyn and Jim

Golden Dancers

As Jim mentioned in this month's Presidents' Message, some of our club members who have reached the awesome milestone of 8 decades were honored at the September 17th Welcome Back dance with a special *Golden Dancers* certificate from the California Council of Square Dancers. Many thanks to Jerry Ferguson for making all the arrangements and presenting the awards. Our club's Golden Dancers: Connie Carper, Bill Garrett*, Kay Goeden, Carol Grice, Bob Keiter, Vance Nelson, Bill Reardon, Betty Sharp, and Joan Walker.

(* Bill Garrett will be getting his certificate at a later date. Our sincere apologies, Bill!!!)



Safety First – some reminders: A big thank you to everyone for being conscientious about safety protocols and helping our club provide a way for folks to dance while still remaining careful. Please remember to always sign in whenever attending any club dance or class. Make sure the club has your correct contact information. Also, if you are injured at a dance or class, or witness someone getting hurt, please inform either Karyn Smithson-Hughes or Jim Lesh right away. Our club has a first-aid kit handy, but always immediately let the presidents know if anything happens.

Club Dances

Here’s our upcoming schedule, for club dances at the Knights of Columbus in Montrose. First & Third Fridays, 8:00 – 10:00. Remember to bring your mask! Sign-in, temperature-taking, and entrance will continue to be at the back door. No refreshments -- water will be provided, or you can bring your own water bottles, but all drinks must remain outside on the table provided at the front door.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Decorators</u>
Oct 1	Dale Hoppers		
Oct 15	Steve Woodard	Jack-o-Lantern Magic	Susan Collins
Nov 5	Darren Gallina		
Nov 19	Bill “Tex” Gipson	Fall Colors	tbd **
Dec 3	Shauna Kaaria		
Dec 17	John Hyde	Holiday kickoff, and Class Graduation	tbd **

**On the second dance of each month, we like to have some fun with theme-appropriate decorations... and we’re looking for volunteers! The club has some decorations and tablecloths in storage, or you can purchase them at a local dollar store. Our party chair can provide guidance for the kinds of things to get for covering and decorating the tables. Decorators need to arrive early to set up. If you would like to volunteer to be a decorator, please speak with our party chair, Sandy MacLennan. Sandy has the signup sheet with the assigned themes for the coming year.

Class news.... Shout-out to Illi Shaw for a tremendous job organizing the classes, sending out reminders, and providing follow-up tips and guidance to everyone about the calls John has been teaching. We’ve been having a good turnout of new class members, and some returning class members from the year before last, and of course, our club angels. Remember to greet the new folks and help them to feel welcome. Thank you everyone, and keep up the good work!



Happy Birthday!!

October 6: Jan Pilgreen

October 28: Connie Yeseta



The next meeting of the club’s Executive Board will be on Tuesday, October 5th at 7:30 PM via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out via email, along with the September meeting minutes, ahead of time.