



A Message from the Board

This month's message is being brought to you by a substitute reporter. Originally Karyn was going to say hi to y'all, but you get to hear from me instead. If you were at our dance on September 19th, you already heard the news about Don Hugh's dangerous fall and subsequent emergency surgery in September. The surgery went well, and by the time this newsletter gets out, he will be home. We are all holding Don and Karyn in our thoughts and prayers and hoping for a speedy recovery!

Our class for new dancers is underway. Our diligent Treasurer, Will Shaw, and our amazing Class Coordinator, Ileana Shaw, are out of town on vacation for several weeks. While the Shaws are away, Jay Noell and Sandy MacLennan have offered to help with the Treasurer's duties at our dances and classes. Stam Hill and I will be taking turns with the operation of the Rotations Board at our dances and classes. Please be patient with us! Note that the dance class message below under "What does it take to be an Angel?" was written by me and not Ileana. Thanks for your understanding. And, as always, thank you to everyone who has been coming early, staying late, and pitching in to help with the set up and clean up of our dances and classes. You are all amazing!

We have a huge, exciting dance coming up in October!! See below, and also the attached flyer, for details about the Joan Walker Memorial Dance. 'Hope to see *everyone* there!!

Sincerely,

Susan Collins, club secretary

Joan Walker Memorial Dance, October 17th

When our long-time friend and fellow square dancer Joan Walker died in 2024, she left a generous bequest to the Sets in Step. We are using a part of that gift to sponsor a FREE dance in her honor.

Darren Gallina will be calling to the music of a LIVE BAND! We'll have food starting at 6:45 pm. The dancing will start at 7:30 and run till 9:30.

This is going to be a really fun dance: we're expecting a large number of visitors, and hoping that most if not all of our members can come. To accommodate a larger crowd, this dance is going to be held at the **Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, located at 2700 Montrose Ave.** They

have a large parking lot off of Montrose Ave: the entrance to the community room where we'll be dancing is near the far end of the lot. We will have signs posted showing where people should enter... even though this is a free dance, we will still need everyone to sign in at the front desk.

The cost of the pizza is going to be covered by the club treasury, and we are asking club members to sign up to bring salads and desserts to fill out the menu. Please see Sandy MacLennan for food signups. People who are bringing food should arrive by or before 6:30 pm. We will start serving food at 6:45, so that everyone has a chance to eat before dancing starts at 7:30.

Sandy, Marie, and Yukie are coordinating the decorations. People who are helping them with the setup and decorating should arrive by 5:30 pm. We can use lots of "hands" to get the tables, chairs, kitchen equipment, rotations monitor and other things set up. Ditto for the cleanup after the dance. And speaking of setup and cleanup: please remember if you have volunteered to take our "equipment" (coffee pots, water jug, supplies, and the **big rotations monitor!**) from the Knights of Columbus after the October 3rd dance and bring it to the October 17th dance (and take it home and bring it back to the Knights on Nov.7). Many, many thanks, in advance, for everyone's help.



Dance Classes have started!!

Tuesdays (13 weeks, starting September 9th), with Dale Hoppers as our instructor:

7:00 – 7:45 Mainstream and Plus \$4 per session for angels

7:45 – 9:30 Social Square Dance (SSD) \$6 per session for students

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 3561 Foothill Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214.

What does it take to be an Angel?

Come Tuesday nights and dance in the Plus class, then stay to help our new students!

Please note that sometimes we have Angels who have to sit out and don't get to dance very much during the SSD class – this is because we need to make sure that ALL of the new SSD students get assigned to a square *in every tip*. It does help if people are willing to dance as singles rather than as couples, and we need more people who can dance the "left" (aka "lead" aka "men") position. Remember: we are there to welcome the brand new people to square dancing, and help them get started. The 7:45 – 9:30 class is for them. So thank you to everyone who has been an Angel for us, and keep up the good work!

Club Dances

Date	Caller	Theme (for party dances)	Refreshments (for party dances)
OCT 3	Rod Shuping		
OCT 17	Darren Gallina and live band!	Joan Walker Memorial Dance (NOTE: this dance will be held at the Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, located at 2700 Montrose Ave.)	The club will provide pizza!! Additional food will be provided by club members. Please see Sandy MacLennan for signups.
NOV 7	Paul Waters (note this is a change from the original schedule)		
NOV 21	Janienne Kellogg	Theme: Red, White and Blue	sweet: Jinger Valenzuela salty: Pat Engel fruit: Kay Goeden
DEC 5	Shauna Kaaria		
DEC 19	Michael Kellogg	Theme: Winter Wonderland	Food will be provided by club members. Our party chair will have signups ahead of time.
... and coming in 2026:			
JAN 2	Rod Shuping		
JAN 16	Janienne Kellogg	Theme: tbd	

More listings can be found at <https://www.setsinstep.org/schedule-of-dances-and-events.html>

Also please note: the Party Chairperson (Sandy) will soon be creating the list of refreshment assignments for 2026: stay tuned for more information!

Visitations

In October, we are hoping to go to the Boots and Slippers in Simi Valley, on October 11th, with Michael Kellogg calling. This is a PLUS dance, with some A1 tips! Dancing is 7:00 pm – 10:15 PM. Simi Valley Senior Center, 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, CA 93063

Happy October Birthdays!

Oct 10 – Jay Noell

Oct 25 – Yukie Shirtcliff

Oct 28 – Connie Yeseta

Happy Anniversary!

Yukie and Gary Shirtcliff

and a reminder: Board Meeting 10/1/2025 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Social Events

A great big **Thank You!** to Yukie and Gary Shirtcliff for leading us on an adventure in September: six of us went together on the **LA Metro to Santa Monica**. It was a fun day of taking the train, walking around the Farmer's Market and the Santa Monica Pier, then lunch followed by yummy ice cream on the 3rd Street Promenade. Thanks Yukie and Gary for introducing us to how to take advantage of local public transit using our Senior TAP cards, and finding new fun things to do!



And finally -- though not an official Sets in Step social event, here's something fun for those who might be interested: Sets in Stepper Stam Hill is performing in the Stephen Sondheim musical, *Company*, with the JFed Players at the Ahaiah Center, 150 N. El Molino Ave., in Pasadena, CA 91101. Performances are the first three weekends in October (Saturday evenings or Sunday afternoons). For tickets and information go to <https://www.jewishsgpv.org/jfedplayers>

