



Sets in Step

September 2021

President's Message

Hello Sets-in-Steppers!!

So far we are still planning on the beginners class starting Thursday, September 16 AND our first dance on Friday, September 17!!! Our club is adhering to the State/County restrictions. See details later in this newsletter. We are so excited to have these events finally starting. Let's all keep our fingers and toes crossed that nothing unforeseen changes our plans.

The workshops called by John Hyde were a success. It was really amazing that we knew and could execute as many of the individual calls as we did. And for the ones that were not so crisp, John was there to help us walk through them until we got them relearned. Thank you, John!! You rock.

Many of us handed out flyers for the upcoming class at the Music in the Park in La Canada on August, 29. We spoke to some folks who were interested in the classes so we are very excited to see if we get new students. Regardless, we had a great time and heard fun music AND got to "visit" with each other. You can say a lot of good things about our club but the Sets-in-Step members are the most kind, caring and fun folks!!

Please, all of you, stay safe and healthy. Hope to see each of you soon as Angels for the classes and/or our September 17 dance!!

Your Co-Presidents,
Jim Lesh
Karyn Smithson-Hughes

Some new safety rules

Please note that we are taking every precaution to re-open safely. To that end, at our club dances and at our dance class we will be requiring all participants to bring proof of vaccination the first time they come. (If you already provided this for the summer workshops, you don't need to bring it again.) We will also require people to wear masks. We will have plenty of hand sanitizer available. For now, we will not be providing refreshments. We may be taking people's temperature at the door, and we will remind everyone that if they aren't feeling well, to please stay home and rest. We appreciate your cooperation -- we know that everyone is eager to get back to dancing, in a fun and safe environment!

Club Dances

Date	Caller	Party theme	Decorator
9/17	Charlie Fagan	Welcome Back Dancers!	Sandy MacLennan
10/1	Dale Hoppers		
10/15	Steve Woodard	Jack-O-Lantern Magic	
11/5	Darren Gallina		
11/19	Bill "Tex" Gipson	Fall Colors	
12/3	Shauna Kaaria		
12/17	John Hyde	Holiday Kickoff, and Class Graduation	

Schedule subject to change. Please see our Schedule page on the club's website, setsinstep.org, for the most recent information. We're also listed on the WheresTheDance.com site.

Social Square Dance class

Our weekly class for new dancers **starts on September 16th, 7:30 – 9:30 PM**, at St. George's Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill, in La Cañada. John Hyde is our instructor. This is a shorter program, called "Social Square Dance," with the goal of getting new people actively participating in real dances as quickly as possible.

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required, and all participants must wear a mask. The first two classes are free, after which the cost is \$6 per person per session. The 12-week class will finish in time for graduates to join us at our December 17th holiday dance.



the next Executive Board meeting

will be on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:30 pm, via zoom. The zoom link will be sent out via email ahead of time. The minutes of the August meeting will also be sent via email ahead of time, for board members' review.



Happy Birthday to Bill Reardon:
September 4th!

Guess who's smilin' at you?



(Whether it's a mask or a scarf, a shirt or a tie, remember to wear our Club Colors!)

Other things happening:

Some other clubs are starting up dancing – mainly in Riverside, Ventura, and Orange counties. Here are a few:

Our friends at San Gabriel Valley B'n'B's have a new location at the First United Methodist Church in Temple City, and they are starting up their regular dance schedule, beginning on Saturday, Sept. 11. Also on Sept. 11, the Shirts and Skirts will host their 62nd anniversary dance, at the Anaheim United Methodist Church. And on Sept. 12, the Sierra Hillbillies have their 54th anniversary dance, at the Valencia United Methodist church. (wow, those Methodists love square dancers!)

Note: vaccination requirements, mask mandates, and other public safety recommendations and actions vary from county-to-county, and even from club-to-club. Please check with the individual clubs before you go, if you have questions or concerns. Most clubs are listed with their contact info in the Blue Book or Open Squares. Please also note: because things have been changing so rapidly this year, dance dates and times listed in the Blue Book and Open Squares' might be out-of-date.

Where's The Dance -- <https://wheresthedance.com/> -- is a good resource.

and lastly, Darren Gallina and his partner Thom continue to host online events, "for some virtual square dancing, trivia questions, and socializing afterwards. You can dance if you have sets of one to 4 dancers in one location. Join us even if you don't want to dance but want some company, listen to the music, and/or play along with the trivia. Feel free to share this with others." People from all over the country and beyond participate! If you are "Zoom-capable" this is a fun option:

Darren Gallina's MS & Plus Virtual Square Dance

Thursdays: USA/CAN 4pm HI, 7pm PT, 8pm MT, 9pm CT, 10pm ET

Fridays: Japan: 11am; Australia: 10am Western, 1pm Eastern

Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/GallinaVSD>

Meeting ID: 899 5722 0612

Passcode: 700800

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/DarrenGallina/Live>

Use this option if you can't get on Zoom or don't want to be recorded.

Mailing List:

If this info was forwarded to you and you'd like to get on the mailing list for future dances, please email Thom:

tc_dang@yahoo.com

Virtual Tip Jar:

Many of you have asked how you can leave tips, which are voluntary and greatly appreciated. Here are a few options.

1. PayPal (please select Family & Friends option): <https://PayPal.me/DarrenGallina>

2. Zelle transfers through many banks to: DarrenGallina@gmail.com

3. Send a paper check. Email Thom for the mailing address: tc_dang@yahoo.com