



President's Message

Dear SIS members!!

Here we are in September, looking forward to fall! The heat is still with us but we know in the next few months, we will see relief from that heat.

August was a fun month for us! We had 2 great dances with both of the Kelloggs calling for us!! We also had a visitation out in Thousand Oaks, with the Button and Bows Square Dance Club. And we had a social gathering of our members at Music in the Park in La Cañada. Wow! So much fun! See pictures later in this letter.

So onward to the Fall moving toward the end of the year. Keep dancing, hydrate and always be kind.

See you on the dance floor!

Respectfully, Karyn

Good News

The Sets in Step Board voted at the August meeting to *reduce* members' monthly dues from \$16 to \$15, effective September 2024. We know our members work hard to support our club, not only with their dues but also with donations of their time, and food to share at our dances and events. A big thank you to everyone, and remember: **starting in September, monthly dues are now \$15**. For those of you who paid in advance beyond September, please see our treasurer, Will Shaw, to arrange a refund or prorate the extra to future dues.

Welcome

We have a new member! Please welcome Patricia (Pat) Engel to Sets in Step -- Pat attended SSD classes two years ago, and last year was a regular at our Tuesday classes and workshops. Be sure to say hi when you see Pat, and give her a big Sets' welcome.

“Music in the Park” concert from left-to-right:

Sandy, Kay, Connie, Karyn, Ileana, Lakshmi, Jay, and Gail.



Our next class for *new dancers* will start on **September 10th**:
 Tuesdays: 7:45-9:30 for Social Square Dance (SSD). Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in La Crescenta. \$6 per session for the newbies, and the first two are free for new dancers. Invite your family, friends, neighbors!

Also starting on September 10th – Tuesdays from 7:00-7:45: a class in Mainstream/Plus. Come out for the class at 7:00, and stay to be an Angel for the SSD class that starts at 7:45. Only \$3 for both !! This is not just for people who want to learn MS/Plus: experienced dancers are always welcome. It’s a great way to get in a little more exercise, see your square dance friends, and help the new dancers as they learn the ropes.

Sets in Step Club Dances

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Theme (for party dances)</u>	<u>Refreshments (for party dances)</u>
SEP 6	Bill Gipson		
SEP 20	Phil Farmer *	 Theme: Fall Leaves Decorator: Sandy MacLennan	sweet: Jinger Valenzuela salty: Lakshmi deSilva fruit: Jay Noell
OCT 4	Don Schadt *		
OCT 18	Steve Woodard	Theme: Toyland Decorator: Jay Noell	sweet: Bill Reardon salty: Gail Cooper fruit:
NOV 1	Mike Seastrom		
NOV 15	Dale Hoppers	Theme: Angel Appreciation Decorator: Susan Collins	sweet: Karyn Smithson-Hughes salty: Don Hughes fruit: Estella Rodriguez
DEC 6	Shauna Kaaria		
DEC 20	Michael Kellogg	Theme: Jingle Bell Hop Decorator:	Food to be provided by club members. Our party chair will have signups ahead of time.

* note that the callers for Sep 20 and Oct 4 have switched places.



The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 4th, 7:00 pm via zoom. The August meeting minutes will be emailed ahead of time for board members to review.



This month's newsletter graphics come from Have Fun With History's "Facts about September" <https://www.havefunwithhistory.com/facts-about-september/>

Did you know:

The name "September" comes from the Latin word "septem," which means "seven," as it was originally the seventh month in the old Roman calendar. The Roman calendar only had ten months. Later, when two more months were added to create the Gregorian calendar, September became the ninth month, but the name "September" was kept. The autumnal equinox this year will be on September 22nd. September 8th is International Literacy Day, and September 21st is the International Day of Peace. Some of the famous people born in September include Beyoncé, Agatha Christie, Serena Williams, and Stephen King.

And, of course, on September 4th
we celebrate the birthday of our own Bill Reardon!!
Happy Birthday, Bill!!

Visitations



We had a fun visitation to the **Buckles & Bows** on August 24th. Six of us car-pooled out to Thousand Oaks, for a great dance, with caller Shauna Kaaria. At the peak of the evening, they had 12 squares.

Our next opportunity to visit another club together will be on Saturday, September 14th with the **San Gabriel Valley B'n'Bs**, at the 1st United Methodist Church 5957 Golden West Ave in Temple City. Bill Gipson is calling and Bill Berry is cuing. The theme is "Western Days." Rounds start at 7:00, squares at 7:30. \$10. Alternating SSD and Plus. Singles rotation.

For those who would like to carpool: meet at the Chipotle in La Cañada at 6:00 pm, for a light supper and then we'll head over to Temple City together.

Then in October we'll be back at the same location, 5957 Golden West Ave in Temple City, this time to dance with the **Grin & Square Its**. Saturday, October 19th. Rounds start at 7:00, squares at 7:30. \$10. Alternating SSD and Plus. Pat Carnathan is calling and Shauna Kaaria is cuing. See Al York for additional information.