



## President's Message

Happy New Year! Well, we made it through all the parties, wine, and rich foods to 2024! Now it is time to look forward to a wonderful year dancing together. As a Club we will be looking at even more exciting visitations and dances. I predict that we will be growing a bit as a Club in 2024 which adds to the excitement! It is going to be a great year!

Speaking of growing the club. Wasn't it nice to have so many of our new graduating students as the dance? And I think they danced well for their first dance. Thank you to all of you that made them feel at home at the dance.

Well, that is about it for this month. I think I have hit the high points. Look later in this newsletter for information on our classes starting this month. Again, the last class was such a success due to Ileana's leadership and also due to all the Angels participating in the class. What a great and wonderful combination! Let's do it again in 2024!

Karyn

## Visitations

Sunday, January 7, from 2:30 - 5:00 pm. We will be visiting the Sierra Hillbillies. Theme is "Remember the Alamo" with Mike Seastrom calling. Mostly SSD format. Valencia United Methodist Church, 25718 McBean Parkway, in Santa Clarita. Lunch beforehand at 12:30, just down the street at the Alamo Restaurant, 25946 McBean Pkwy.

Saturday, January 13, from 7:30 - 10:00 pm. We will be dancing with the San Gabriel Valley BnB's. Darren Gallina is calling, in mostly SSD format, and Bill Berry will be cuing rounds. This is their club's 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and they're celebrating with a "Black and White Ball"! First United Methodist Church, 5957 Golden West Ave, Temple City. Dinner beforehand at Chipotle in La Cañada at 6:00, then we can carpool to Temple City.



## Club Dances in 2024

Date	Caller	Theme (for party dances)	Refreshments (for party dances)
JAN 5	Rod Shuping		
JAN 19	Phil Farmer	Theme: Lunar New Year (year of the Dragon) Decorator: Susan Collins	sweet: Bill Reardon salty: Susan Collins fruit: Sandy MacLennan

2024 club dances, continued:			
Date	Caller	Theme (for party dances)	Refreshments (for party dances)
FEB 2	Bill Gipson		
FEB 16	Mike Seastrom	Theme: Swing Your Sweetie Decorator: tbd	sweet: Karyn Smithson-Hughes salty: Don Hughes fruit: Estella Rodriguez
MAR 1	Frank Lescrinier		
MAR 15	Paul Waters	Theme: St. Paddy's Day Decorator: tbd	sweet: Stam Hill salty: Marie Hadaway-Hill fruit: Kay Goeden
APR 5	Dale Hoppers		
APR 19	Steve Woodard	Theme: Crazy Hats Decorator: tbd	sweet: Susan Collins salty: Carol Grice fruit: Bob Keiter
MAY 3	David Mee		
MAY 17	Darren Gallina accompanied by a Live Band!	Theme: <b>66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary !!</b>	Food to be provided by club members. Our party chair will have signups ahead of time.
JUNE 7	Shauna Kaaria		
JUNE 21	Bill Gipson	Theme: Western Hoedown Decorator: tbd	sweet: Joan Walker salty: Sandy MacLennan fruit: Connie Yeseta
JULY 5	Andy Allemao		
JULY 19	Rod Shuping	Theme: Keeping Cool Decorator: tbd	sweet: Al York salty: Arlene Lesh fruit: Jim Lesh
AUG 4	Janienne Alexander		
AUG 16	Michael Kellogg	Theme: Watermelon Dance Decorator: tbd	sweet: Ileana Shaw salty: Will Shaw fruit: Catherine Budincich
SEP 6	Frank Lescrinier		
SEP 20	Don Schadt	Theme: Fall Leaves Decorator: tbd	sweet: Jinger Valenzuela salty: Lakshmi deSilva fruit: Jay Noell
OCT 4	Phil Farmer		
OCT 18	Steve Woodard	Theme: Toyland Decorator: tbd	sweet: Bill Reardon salty: Gail Cooper fruit: Jerry Gerguson
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	Janienne Alexander		

DEC 20	Michael Kellogg	Theme: Jingle Bell Hop Decorator: tbd	Food to be provided by club members. Our party chair will have signups ahead of time.
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Please let Sandy MacLennan know if you can help with decorating for any of the themed party dances (where it says “decorator: tbd” in the list above). Refreshment Committees: If you swap with someone, please let Sandy know. Things can change, it’s always best to check the latest information about our dance schedule and upcoming visitations on our website: <https://www.setsinstep.org/schedule-of-dances-and-events.html>

## Class for new dancers

Congratulations to the recent graduates of our Fall 2023 Social Square Dance class!



We were delighted to see our grads at the December Holiday dance party.

Starting on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, we’ll have a *new* Social Square Dance (SSD) class for brand-new dancers. The class will run from 7:45 – 9:30 every Tuesday for 13 weeks. We are going to start the new class at our former location: St. George’s Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Ave., in La Cañada. (Note: later, in March, we will be moving to a new location.) Cost is \$6 but the first 2 classes are free to new people.

Also starting on Jan. 9, and continuing on Tuesdays, we will continue the class in Mainstream and Plus calls. Experienced dancers, and anyone who attended the Fall class, can come to learn more MS/Plus. Cost is \$3, and please consider staying for the second half of the evening (at no additional charge), to be an angel for the new SSD dancers.

Help us spread the word: A flyer for the new class accompanies this newsletter. Print it out (or get one at our first Friday club dance) and post it anywhere you think it might be noticed, and let our community know about square dancing!



January 11<sup>th</sup>: Al York

Executive Board Meeting:  
Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00, via zoom (the zoom link will be emailed ahead of time, along with the minutes of the December 2023 meeting.)