



## April 2024 with the **Sets in Step**

### President's Message

Dear SIS members,

Spring is in full swing and the blooming flowers are always a welcomed sight. Hope this new season will bring all of us joy and peace.

On top of our agenda is our upcoming 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance on May 17. You are able to sign up for food donations at the upcoming dances. Sandy is the coordinator of the food so see her for any questions. The Anniversary Dance is one of the most popular dances of the whole year. I love the food, of course, but even more so, I love the live music. Hope to see you there.

Now it is election time again. At the Board Meeting in April, we will be appointing the nominating committee. From there, the nominating committee will contact members to see if there are any volunteers to serve on the Board for one year. The election will be at the first dance in May which is May 3. So please think about serving for this next year. It is actually quite fun.

On a personal note, Don is doing quite well. All his treatments have been completed and all he has do now is heal. So our goal is to be on the April 5 dance. We have missed you all so very much.

That is it for now, take care and see you on the dance floor.

Respectively,

Karyn

### Visitations

Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 – 5:00 pm: the **Sierra Hillbillies**, at the Valencia United Methodist Church, 25718 McBean Pkwy in Santa Clarita. SSD and Plus. Theme: "60's Flower Power"  
Caller: **Paul Waters**.

On Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 10:00 pm, we're going to the **Grin & Square Its'** "Spring Fling" at the El Monte Senior Center, 3120 Tyler Ave., El Monte. 7:00 – 10:00 pm. SSD and Plus. Caller: **Frank Lescrinier**.

Contact the club's visitation chairperson, Al York, for more information.

## Sets in Step Club Dances

We have some great dances coming up:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Theme (for party dances)</u>	<u>Refreshments (for party dances)</u>
APR 5	Dale Hoppers	Theme: <i>The Beatles!</i> ...a special evening of fun music	
APR 19	Steve Woodard	Theme: Crazy Hats Decorator: Karyn Smithson-Hughes	sweet: Susan Collins salty: Carol Grice fruit: Bob Keiter
MAY 3	David Mee	Note: we will be holding elections for the <b>2024-2025 Sets in Step Board</b> at this dance	
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: "Senior" Prom Decorators: Marie Hadaway-Hill and Stam Hill	sweet: Jinger Valenzuela salty: Sandy MacLennan fruit: Connie Yeseta
JULY 5	Andy Allemao		
JULY 19	Rod Shuping	Theme: Keeping Cool Decorator:	sweet: salty: Arlene Lesh fruit: Jim Lesh
AUG 4	Janienne Alexander		
AUG 16	Michael Kellogg	Theme: Watermelon Dance Decorator: Sandy MacLennan	sweet: Catherine Budincich salty: Will Shaw fruit: Ileana Shaw
SEP 6	Frank Lescrinier		
SEP 20	Don Schadt	Theme: Fall Leaves Decorator: Sandy MacLennan	sweet: Jinger Valenzuela salty: Lakshmi deSilva fruit: Jay Noell
OCT 4	Phil Farmer		
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	Janienne Alexander		
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.

Please let Sandy MacLennan know if you can help at any of our "party dances" (third Friday of each month). Note: The schedule above is subject to change. See updates at <https://www.setsinstep.org/schedule-of-dances-and-events.html>

## Graduation for new dancers / workshop for experienced dancers

Our wonderful new SSD dancers will have a Graduation at the class on April 2<sup>nd</sup>! St. George's Episcopal Church 808 Foothill Blvd. in La Canada. Please come out to celebrate our new grads, and also please encourage them to come to our dances, and any visitations where there will be SSD tips. We want them to keep on dancin'! If you have been assigned as a "buddy" for one of our new dancers, be sure to give them a call or send an email reminder whenever possible, encouraging them to come dance with us.

Starting on April 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing through the last Tuesday in June, we will once again have a Mainstream/Plus workshop. This is not for brand-new dancers – it is intended for people who are already proficient in SSD and who have been taught Mainstream/Plus.

**NEW LOCATION:** starting on April 9<sup>th</sup>, our workshop will be held at Mt. Olive Lutheran church: 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

## Friends and members news

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to our dear friend and longtime dancer, Joan Walker, last month. Joan died on March 7<sup>th</sup> after a prolonged illness. A remembrance for Joan can be found on our "We Remember" page: <https://www.setsinstep.org/we-remember.html>

Please keep thinking good thoughts for Gail Cooper, Don Hughes and Kay Goeden as they each are recovering from surgery and working on getting better so they can join us again.

If you have news you would like to share in an upcoming Sets in Step newsletter, please let Susan Collins know.



**Happy Birthday  
to...**

Ileana Shaw, April 5<sup>th</sup> !

Executive Board Meeting:  
Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00, via  
zoom (the zoom link will be emailed  
ahead of time, along with the minutes  
of the March 2024 meeting.)

## Elections

**Please consider serving on the Sets in Step Board!** A list of offices that make up our Board, and the job descriptions for each, can be found in the Sets in Step directory booklet published and distributed each June, and also on our website: <https://www.setsinstep.org/club-bylaws.html>