

# Swing Times



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**A Publication of the San Diego Swing Dance Club which was established  
on May 10, 1970 by Paul Benton**

## From Our President Vinh Mines

Let's Swing into the Holidays Together!

Dear San Diego Swing Dance Club Members,



As the President of our vibrant Swing Dance Club, I am delighted to bring you the latest news and exciting updates for November. We have a fantastic event on the horizon, and I can't wait to share the details with you!

### **Pre-Holiday Dinner Dance: A Night of Swing and Celebration**

The holiday season is upon us, and what better way to celebrate than by dancing the night away at our Pre-Holiday Dinner Dance? This event promises an enchanting evening filled with the spirit of swing, delightful company, and a delicious dinner to boot.

#### **Event Details:**

- **Date:** Saturday, November 18th, 2023
- **Time:** 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- **Venue:** Dance Headquarters

Our Pre-Holiday Dinner Dance is the perfect opportunity to dress in your finest attire and showcase your dancing skills. We've curated a playlist to keep the dance floor alive. So, bring your dancing shoes and your partners, or come solo – there will be plenty of dance partners to join you.

Here's the exciting part: this event is **limited to the first 100** dancers who register! Early sign-up is essential to secure your place at this exclusive evening. **Reserve your spot today!!!**

### **Get Involved: Volunteer Opportunities**

We treasure the active involvement of our members. If you're keen to volunteer for club events or take on a more active role within our community, please reach out to us. Your contributions are invaluable to the success of the San Diego Swing Dance Club.

### **Upcoming Events and Workshops**

Stay tuned for more thrilling events, workshops, and dance opportunities as we move into the holiday season and beyond. We aim to provide a diverse array of dance experiences suitable for all skill levels.

Thank you for being a part of our dynamic San Diego Swing Dance Club community. We're eagerly looking forward to seeing you at the Pre-Holiday Dinner Dance and all our upcoming events. Remember, the first 100 dancers to register will secure their spots for this memorable evening, so be sure to register early!

Let's make this holiday season truly unforgettable with the magic of swing dancing.

Swing on,

Vinh Mines

President, San Diego Swing Dance Club

### **We Welcome our New Members**

Ali Afrouzi  
America Olivieri  
Annie Johnson  
Audrey Afrouzi  
Dave Madrigal  
Deborah Fountain

Denise Wilhite  
Hugh Molesworth  
Steve Sims  
Velvita (Velle) de Leeuw  
Yale Kadesky MD



#### **New Website Features**

Virtual Suggestion Box

Mailing List Signup  
For non-members



## **Upcoming events at the San Diego Swing Dance Club**

Join us every Sunday afternoon. Lesson(s) promptly at 1:30, Dance at 2:30

Nov 5 Large Ballroom Vinh, WCS **12:30**, John Nagel, Cha Cha, **1:30**  
Nov 12 Large Ballroom Larry and Maria teach WCS  
Nov 19 Large Ballroom Larry and Maria teach WCS  
Nov 26 Large Ballroom Larry and Maria teach WCS

Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS  
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## Greetings from Taylor, Your Activities Director!



### Hello SDSDC Community!

First of all, I'd like to thank you for all your support, generosity and festive contributions at the club over the course of this month. This community is simply the best. I've had a heavy amount of travels in my

schedule recently but the photos and stories of our magical Sunday dances are so inspiring to see online and I certainly have been with you in spirit! Big thanks to Maria for posting each week to keep us all connected, near and far!

As this spooky season comes to an end we certainly have no shortage of things to look forward to as we enter the Holiday season. As I mentioned last month... I hope your dance shoes are ready for because we're dancing our way through the rest of 2023!

Here's a reminder about our upcoming events:

- **November 12** – We will be celebrating Veterans Day – Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and more!

If you served in the military and have old photos you'd like to share please bring them so they can be posted on our display boards! We will be doing a toy drive for Toys for Tots so don't forget to bring your donations!

- **November 18** – The official SDSDC Holiday Kickoff! Don't forget to purchase your tickets!
- **December 17** – Russell's 2nd Annual Birthday Bash! Get ready for a Winter Wonderland Dance Party. The plan to wear all-white attire has been vetoed but be sure to come dressed to impress!
- **December 24** – As a reminder, we will be closed for the holiday.
- **December 31**— There IS a dance on the afternoon of NY Eve. Avoid the NY Eve rush and dance with us!

As promised, the season will be full of fantastic music, unforgettable dances, and cherished moments with your fellow SDSDC community! Cheers to that!

Best wishes,  
Taylor, Your Activities Director

## From Our Dance Director Meredith Anderson

Dear Swing Dance Enthusiasts,

As the holiday season approaches, we have an exciting lineup of workshops planned for the month of November that are sure to keep you on your toes!

**November 5th - 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM** Special WCS Workshop with Vinh



Get ready for a special treat! Vinh, a seasoned dancer and instructor, will be leading a West Coast Swing (WCS) workshop that promises to elevate your skills and bring a new level of excitement to your dance. Don't miss this chance to learn from one of the best in the business.

**November 5th - 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM** Cha-Cha Workshop with John Nagel

Following Vinh's workshop, we have a fantastic Cha-Cha workshop with the one and only John Nagel. John's energy and expertise in Cha-Cha will make you fall in love with this lively Latin dance all over again. This workshop is perfect for dancers of all levels, from beginners to advanced.

**November 12th, 19th, and 26th - 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM** WCS Workshops with Larry & Maria

Larry and Maria are back by popular demand! Throughout the month of November, they will be teaching a series of West Coast Swing workshops. Their dynamic teaching style and extensive knowledge of WCS will help you refine your technique and add new patterns to your repertoire. Join us every Sunday to master the art of West Coast Swing.

We encourage all our members to take advantage of these workshops to enhance your skills and enjoy the vibrant world of dance. These workshops are open to dancers of all levels, so whether you're a beginner or an experienced dancer, there's something for everyone.

Remember, dancing is not just about the steps; it's about the joy and connection it brings to our lives. We look forward to seeing you at these workshops and creating unforgettable dance moments together.

Stay tuned for more exciting events and updates in the world of swing dance. As always, your feedback and suggestions are invaluable to us, so feel free to share your thoughts with us.

Happy dancing, and see you on the dance floor!

Sincerely,  
Meredith Anderson  
Dance Director San Diego Swing Dance Club





**SAN DIEGO SWING DANCE CLUB, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2023-2024  
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Due to endless SPAM attacks, a single email address is now offered for contacting board members. This email box is checked regularly and forwarded to the correct member if it is not SPAM. You may address the entire board also using this address:

[SDSDCBoard@sandiegoswingdance.com](mailto:SDSDCBoard@sandiegoswingdance.com)

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS  
Generally on the 2nd Sunday of the  
Month at Noon**

**OUR NEXT MEETINGS ARE:**

**November 12th 12:00 pm  
December 10th 12:00 pm**

**Location: Dance Headquarters  
5035 Shawline St  
San Diego, CA 92111**

**All members welcome.**

If you wish to address the Board you must be on the agenda one week prior to the meeting. Members may approach any of the Executive Board members to be placed on the agenda.



## November Birthdays

01 Janeen Johnson	14 Brian Sussan
02 Alex Aleshin	16 Joan Canonigo
02 Donald Walker	18 Terry Uchida
03 Barbara Ham	19 Belinda Young
03 Declan Cordova	21 Christann Heideman
08 Kary Lynn Vail	22 David Gonzales
09 Hugh Molesworth	25 Micko - Tengmei Stegner
09 Richard Smith	25 Sandi Muir
10 Carolyn Mein	26 Janet Johnstone
10 Dave Madrigal	26 Margo Melton
12 Annie Johnson	26 Patty Dalton
12 Gail Malone	27 Sherry Maldonado
12 Kikue Ainslie	28 Mark Crosby
13 Lynn Mallery	30 Howard Heilbrunn

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

The club will provide a cake, ice cream, and supplies to celebrate birthdays on the 1st Sunday of the month.



Photos above and left taken at recent SDSDC events.

Thank you Maria for all these wonderful photos which you posted on the San Diego Swing Dance Club's Facebook Group page.



Photos below and right were taken at the Paradise Dance Festival Oct 19-22 in Irvine. We had a LARGE club presence at the event and some of our members competed. Fantastic lessons and lots of social dancing We announce these events on our Facebook Group page. Please join us for one of these!



#### About SDSDC:

The San Diego Swing Dance Club is a private, non-profit organization. Its specific and primary purposes are to enjoy, promote, preserve, encourage, and teach West Coast Swing. Members receive discounts to weekly dances and special events and each issue of *Swing Times* newsletter. If you haven't been to the Club dances in a while, stop by soon so you can continue to enjoy the dancing, fun, and friendliness that makes SDSDC so special.

## The San Diego Swing Dance Club Inc.

The SDSDC meets on Sunday afternoon and is open to the general public. **No Partner Needed!** Admission is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members. Except on the 4th Sunday, lessons are free with paid admission to the dance. On the 4th Sunday, we have a special workshop before the dance for an additional charge. Mid-month Sundays have both Intro and Intermediate WCS lessons that are free with paid admission to the dance. Schedule is subject to change. Lesson is always prior to regular dance.)

(See Flyers posted and/or the website for further information)

**Classes: Sunday - . . . . . 1:30 - 2:30 P.M.**

**Dances: Sunday . . . . . 2:30 - 5:00 P.M.**

**Dance Headquarters**  
5035 Shawline St.  
San Diego, CA 92111

**SEE WEBSITE FOR**  
**MAP & DIRECTIONS**  
[www.sandiegoswingdance.com](http://www.sandiegoswingdance.com)

**HOTLINE — Voice or Text — (619) 333-6603**

### Membership Application

To join the San Diego Swing Dance Club  
Complete the information below and mail to:

San Diego Swing Dance Club Inc.  
P.O. Box 1954, Bonita, CA 91908-1954

Or bring the form and cash or check to the next dance you attend.

- ☐ New member . . . . . \$35
- ☐ Renewal . . . . . \$35
- ☐ Info Update (Existing Member) Free

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date (month/day) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Emergency Contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find us \_\_\_\_\_