

# SWING TIMES

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## From Our President Vinh Mines



Dear San Diego Swing Dance Club Members,

As we gather in the spirit of dance and community, it's a time to reflect on the blessings of the past year, express gratitude for the joy and connections we've shared on the dance floor, and look forward

to the festive season ahead.

I am immensely grateful for the vibrant and passionate community that makes the San Diego Swing Dance Club so special. Your enthusiasm, energy, and commitment to the art of swing dance have created an environment where friendships flourish and memories are made. Thank you for being the heartbeat of our club.

**Year in Review:** I can't help but marvel at the incredible journey we've embarked upon together. From the exhilarating dances to the enriching workshops and social events, our community has grown in both size and spirit. Your dedication to learning, sharing, and spreading the joy of swing dance has

made this year an absolute delight. We've grown not only as dancers but as a family united by the joy of dancing.

**New Class Starting:** Exciting new dance class, FUN-“dah”-mentals of WCS will be starting in January from 12:00-1:00 pm before our regular workshops at 1:30 pm.

**Best Wishes for the Holidays:** As we approach the holiday season, I wish each of you joy, laughter, and moments of dance-filled bliss. May this festive season be a time of connection, reflection, and celebration with your loved ones.

**Closing Thoughts:** As we bid farewell to 2023, let's continue to dance into the new year with passion, positivity, and a shared love for swing. Thank you for being a part of the San Diego Swing Dance Club family. Here's to many more years of joy, friendship, and, of course, fantastic dance moves!

Wishing you a joyful holiday season!

Warm regards,  
Vinh Mines



Virtual Suggestion Box

### New Website Features

Mailing List Signup  
For non-members



### We Welcome our New Members

Ana Smith  
Cindy Lennon  
Malcolm Sunberg  
Rhonda James

Tina Keester  
Tracey Dalton  
Valerie Lake

## Upcoming lessons at the San Diego Swing Dance Club

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

Dec 3 Large Ballroom Trish Connery Walkup and David Walkup  
— Single Time Swing  
Dec 10 Large Ballroom Vinh Mines  
Dec 17 Large Ballroom Parker Dearborn & Melissa Rutz—adv WCS Workshop  
Dec 24 — No Dance —  
Dec 31 Large Ballroom Dance Only—No Classes

Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS  
Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS  
Small Ballroom: No class

## Greetings from Taylor, Your Activities Director!



Wowza. The Holiday Kickoff Party was an absolute blast! Thanks to each and every one of you who made it a night to remember. As usual, we could not have done it without our wonderful volunteers who offered to lend a hand with the setup and tear down of the event – we are so grateful for you! We'd love to hear your thoughts on the event—please take a moment to complete the short survey that Jody will email to you early in December so we can continue to craft exceptional events for you!

Between Doug's camera and the photo booth, there are literally hundreds of wonderful photos from the event. Jody has made these available on our website under the "Photo-Gallery" menu entry. Here's a QR code to access the Gallery:



There are links to the photos now (via Dropbox) but in a few days there will be a user-friendly photo-



Top Row: Mary & Jim, Craig, and Taylor & Vinh.

Bottom Row: Geoff & Meredith, Yelena & Bob, and Linda & Jim

viewer, so please check back if you find the Dropbox links hard to use.

**Now that the holiday season is officially in full swing, it's safe to say we're ready to boogie through the rest of 2023!** Here is a reminder of what's in store:

- December 17 – Join us for Russell's 2nd Annual Birthday Bash! Alias will be live and legendary!
- December 24 – Heads up, we'll be closed for the holiday.
- December 31 – Let's start the New Year's party early with our afternoon New Year's Eve dance! Skip the evening rush and celebrate with us!

As we make our way towards the end of 2023, be sure to reflect and appreciate the awesome progress we've made—individually, as a community, and on the dance floor.

**Cheers to good times and great dancing!**

**Taylor, Your Activities Director**





**SAN DIEGO SWING DANCE CLUB, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2023-2024  
Executive Board**

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**Appointed by the Board**

Webmaster ..... Jody Kravitz

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**

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

**OUR NEXT MEETINGS ARE:**

**December 10th 12:00 pm  
January 14th 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.

## December Birthdays

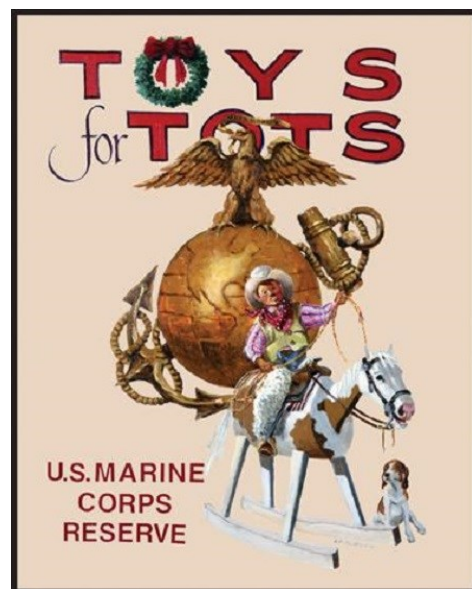
08	Kathy Camper	19	Jean Welser
09	Andrea Sorrentino	21	Ron Shankles
10	Greg Good	25	Beth Bloomfield
10	Rosamond Blevins	25	Marlene Hunt
11	Pamela White	27	Jon Krause
16	Mark Siprut	29	Steve Templeton
17	Russell Hegyi	30	Daniel Santos
18	Chris Coulapides	31	Ken Kadansky

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

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

Immediately below: Parker and Melissa will be teaching on Dec 17 @ 1:30 before the Alias Band plays as part of Russ' 2nd Annual Birthday Bash. We're continuing our Toys for Tots drive that day.

Bottom Row: Photos from the Pre-Holiday Kickoff Party which included a fabulous surprise performance by Susie Lotzof.







Top Row: Judy & Garry, Ann & David, and Denise, Larry, Maggie, & Meredith.

Middle Row: Appetizers and Mary & Mike.

Below: All the board members we could round up: Larry, Maria, Jody, Garry, Larry, Cristian, Vinh, Taylor & Meredith. Farther below Alias Band who will play Dec 17.

#### 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.

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MAP & DIRECTIONS  
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