

# 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

Dear Swing Dance Enthusiasts,



As the leaves start to change and the cool breeze of autumn sweeps through San Diego, we find ourselves in the heart of October, a month filled with vibrant colors, spooky delights, and, of course, sensational swing dancing.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to every one of you for being part of our thriving swing dance community. Our club continues to grow in strength and camaraderie, and it's all thanks to your passion and dedication to this timeless art form. The energy and enthusiasm you bring to the dance floor is what makes our club so special. October promises a cornucopia of exciting events and activities, and we are thrilled to share them with you.

As we step into October, let's savor the beauty of this season, both on and off the dance floor.

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

Julia Przytulski

Mark Eskandar

Gordon Przytulski

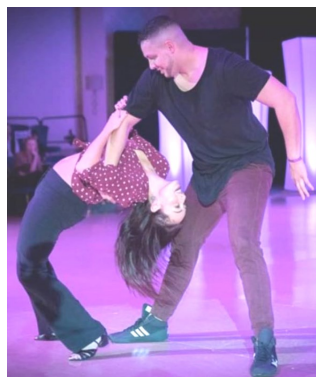
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These new members bring our membership total to 303!

Let's continue to support each other, learn from one another, and dance with all the joy in our hearts.

Thank you for being part of the San Diego Swing Dance Club, and I look forward to seeing you on the dance floor this month. Together, we'll make this October unforgettable.

Keep swingin'!  
Warmest regards,  
Vinh Mines



Please don't miss Jade Bryan's Special WCS Workshop on October 22nd!  
Bio and additional details coming soon.

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

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

Oct 1 Large Ballroom Stephen Showers teaches Rumba  
Oct 8 Large Ballroom Mary Manzella teaches WCS  
Oct 15 Large Ballroom Mary Manzella teaches WCS  
Oct 22 Large Ballroom Jade Bryan — Special WCS Workshop — no Intro to WCS  
Oct 29 Large Ballroom Mary Manzella teaches WCS

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## Greetings from Taylor, Your Activities Director!



As we bid farewell to scorching summer days and welcome the gentle warmth of autumn, I'm thrilled to extend my heartiest wishes to all our wonderful SDSDC members. It's an absolute joy to serve as your Activities Director here in beautiful San Diego, where our vibrant dance community shines just as brightly as our sunny skies!

But guess what? The fun is far from over! The remainder of the year promises a whirlwind of exciting events that will keep our dance floors sizzling. From thrilling dance events to enriching workshops, we've crafted a lineup that's sure to delight. So, stay tuned, polish those dance shoes, and get ready to create unforgettable memories as we dance our way through the rest of 2023, right here in America's Finest City!

Here's a sneak peek at what's on the horizon:

Get ready for a season filled with fantastic music, unforgettable dances, and cherished moments with your fellow San Diego dancers. Let's make this autumn and the upcoming holiday season a dance extravaganza that captures the essence of our sun-soaked city!


Warmest wishes,  
Taylor, Your Activities Director

### From Our Dance Director Meredith Anderson

#### Our October Dance Instructors



Each 1st Sunday of the month, in addition to teaching our "Intro to WCS" class, we always teach one of the other dances that are popular with our membership. We have started inviting local professional instructors to teach these classes and it will be at no additional charge. In October we are pleased to present Stephen Showers. He is a highly accomplished dance instructor with a passion for sharing his love of dance with others. Hailing from the esteemed Balboa Park Dancers, Stephan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our dance community. He is well-known for his mastery of various dance styles. He taught hustle for us in July. This month he will be leading us on an incredible journey to the world of Rumba.



On our 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sundays, please welcome back our very own Mary Manzel-la. Mary is a well known instructor here in San Diego as well as throughout the country. She has taught innumerable workshops and judged at major dance conventions, including the US Open. As a former Western Regional and National Swing Dance Champion, she holds awards for Best Individual Footwork, Showmanship, Choreography, as well as Timing and Execution. She is also a California Swing Dance Hall of Fame inductee. Mary was the owner of the Emerald Ballroom and has been recognized as a specialist in teaching Beginning Intermediate and Motion Study in West Coast Swing. She is a fun and enthusiastic teacher who loves to share her joy of dance. So be sure to join her WCS lesson series during the month of October. All her classes are included in price of admission.



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- **October 1** – Spirit of Aloha Day. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt as we pay tribute to the fires of Maui
- **October 29** – It's almost time for a Halloween party! The theme is **Swing Dead**. Start prepping for the costume contest!
- **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** – Our official party date as we prepare to swing into the holidays! This Holiday Kickoff will be the best one yet. More information on ticket and table pricing coming soon!
- **December 17** – Russell's 2nd Annual Birthday Bash! Get ready for a Winter Wonderland Dance Party. Please plan to wear all-white attire!
- **December 24** – As a reminder, we will be closed for the holiday

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

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

**OUR NEXT MEETINGS ARE:**

October 8th 12:00 pm  
November 12th 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.

**From your Webmaster**

The SDSDC website should be your "go to" address for up-to-the-minute information about upcoming SDSDC events. The top-center section of the website always contains the latest information that has been posted. The most recent newsletter is available by clicking on the Newsletter banner. I am continuing improve the website.

**IF YOU ARE NOT GETTING EMAIL FROM US — PLEASE VERIFY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WITH CHRIS AT THE FRONT DESK. — THANKS!**

Please consider sharing the link to the website with friends that might be interested in attending our events: [www.sandiegoswingdance.com](http://www.sandiegoswingdance.com)

As always, your input on improving the website is welcome,

Jody Kravitz, SDSDC Webmaster

**October Birthdays**

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|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------|
| 01 | Chris Tan             | 15 | Guinare Omar    |
| 02 | Ron Huber             | 18 | Elaine Fukuhara |
| 03 | Dorie Herndon         | 20 | Brenda Welch    |
| 03 | Geri Foster           | 21 | Patrick Plagens |
| 07 | Lois Dillman-Scura    | 23 | Clark Caldwell  |
| 08 | David Searl           | 27 | Charlete Jones  |
| 09 | Elizabeth Van Oosbree | 27 | Coralynn Pierce |
| 09 | Elsie Fischer-Tong    | 28 | Ann Taylor      |
| 10 | Anastasia Belen       | 28 | Kathy Desmarais |
| 11 | Linda Matamis         | 28 | Lynne Foltz     |
| 12 | Beverly Assef         | 28 | Stacie Nowak    |
| 12 | Cindy Spiers          | 29 | Risa Goldberg   |
| 12 | Debora Elias          | 29 | Shiyuan Cheng   |
| 13 | Edna Fugazzi          | 30 | Joe Cekander    |
| 13 | Marie Walsh           |    |                 |

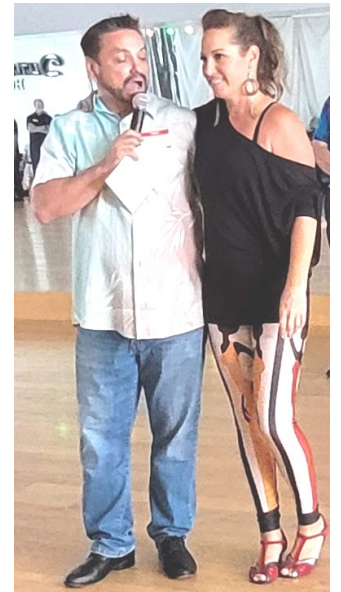
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !**

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

**Swing Live!**

The SDSDC Board has decided to have a band on the 5th Sunday on those months that have a 5th Sunday. On Sunday, July 30, Mercedes Moore and her band played to an amazing attendance of 153 people. Mercedes is an accomplished dancer and dance instructor and knew just what to play for the group. By popular demand, she'll be back as our 5th Sunday band on Oct 29th! It's Halloween weekend, so we'll nickname it:

**Swing Dead**



You are invited to attend the after-dance dinners. Sign up on Larry Armstrong's reservation sheet at the dance on Sunday if you want to attend.





SDSDC Members attending ESS Dance Camp in Phoenix. Don't miss Paradise, Oct 19-22, in Irvine. Lots of SDSDC members will be there!



Back after a medical scare, Past President Craig Helm is back with all his girls!



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Bonita, CA 91908-1954



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the Website!

**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**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Optional Emergency Contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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