

SWING TIMES

A Publication of the San Diego Swing Dance Club



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From Our President Vinh Mines

Dear San Diego Swing Dance Club Members,



Happy New Year, swing enthusiasts! As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome the promises of a brand new year, I am thrilled to kickstart 2024 with an abundance of swingin' vibes and exciting updates for our beloved San Diego Swing Dance Club.

New Year, New Groove: Classes and Workshops

Let's dust off those dance shoes and set the rhythm for an unforgettable year ahead. We're excited to announce a fresh lineup of swing dance classes and workshops that cater to dancers of all levels. Whether you're a seasoned or a beginner eager to learn, our instructors are geared up to share their passion and expertise with you. Stay tuned for more details on class schedules and registration!

Volunteer Opportunities: Get Involved!

Our club thrives on the collective efforts of our

members, and we're always looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our volunteer team. Whether you have skills in event planning, social media management, or simply want to lend a hand during our dance, your contributions are invaluable. Contact us if you're interested in becoming a part of our dedicated volunteer community.

Looking Ahead: A Year of Dance and Community

As we step into 2024, I am filled with gratitude for the warmth and camaraderie that defines our San Diego Swing Dance Club. Let's make this year a celebration of dance, friendship, and shared joy. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a newcomer, there's a place for you on the dance floor.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. Wishing you all a year filled with laughter, fantastic dance moves, and the enduring magic of dance!

Swingingly yours,

Vinh Mines

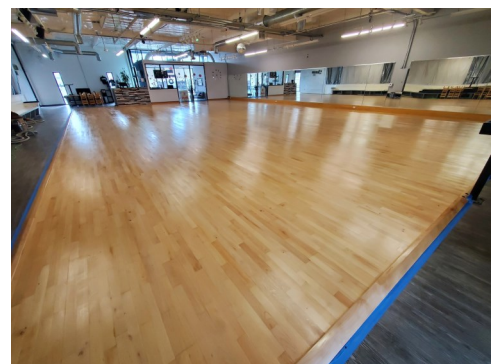
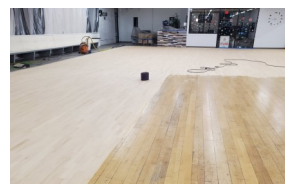
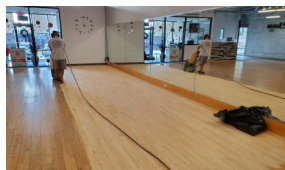
President, San Diego Swing Dance Club

Call for "Club SWAG" Suggestions

"SWAG" — Stuff We All Get ... In the past, the club has made some club logo items available for purchase. We still see a few jackets embroidered with the club's logo. We're interested in your suggestions for SWAG items that club could make available. If you have a suggestion, please let us know through the club's virtual suggestion box.



The Floor has been refinished!



Upcoming Lessons at the San Diego Swing Dance Club

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

Jan 7 Large Ballroom Kurt Popp — Foxtrot

Jan 14 Large Ballroom Vinh Mines — WCS

Jan 21 Large Ballroom Vinh Mines — WCS

Jan 28 Large Ballroom Mark Pablo and Christann Heidmann—adv WCS Workshop

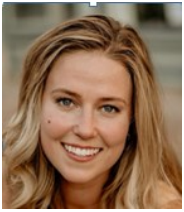
Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS

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Small Ballroom: No class

To the one and only SDSDC,



As we embrace the new year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful memories we've created together in 2023. Your presence, the moments connection, and the shared love of partner dancing have etched unforgettable memories. From vibrant

themed parties to lively classes, you made the dance floor come alive, making 2023 a standout chapter in our journey. Beyond the dance floor, I'm certain each of you have achieved remarkable milestones and personal growth. It's the perfect time of year to not only celebrate our dance achievements but also the triumphs and lessons from our individual paths in the past year. Cheers to YOU!

In anticipation of the year ahead, the board has been

dreaming up some unique ideas to make 2024 an exceptional year for our community. Stay tuned for more updates! But hey, we're not the only ones with brilliant ideas... your thoughts and suggestions are invaluable! Feel free to reach out to me directly or drop your ideas in the suggestion box. Your input will help mold the fantastic experiences we'll create in the year ahead.

As we step into 2024, let's set our sights on new horizons. Take a moment to reflect and set some goals—both dance-related and personal—for the upcoming year. Let's strive to make 2024 the best year yet.

Wishing you a very happy New Year!

Taylor, Your Activities Director

From Our Dance Director Meredith Anderson

Kurt Popp — As a dance teacher, Kurt was originally trained in Germany where he got his ADTV certification. He has over 50,000 hours of experience training amateurs and professionals in international and American style ballroom dance. He is an adjudicator for international and Latin dance with the national Dance council of America. As a dancer, Kurt is trained in ballet, jazz, tap, and modern dance. He is a 10 Dance professional competitor as well as a pro-am competitor in



international standard, and Latin in Europe and the US. Kurt has done numerous performances and shows in the US and abroad.

Not only is Kurt a dance pro, he also has certification in health and exercise (strength training), health and fitness (cardio and group training) from UCSD and has a double personal trainer certification with over 15 years experience.

We are so pleased to be able to bring his grace and knowledge to the San Diego swing dance club. Do not miss the opportunity to learn from a teacher of his caliber.

Kurt will teach Foxtrot on January 7.

Mark and Christann

(affectionately known as MAC) have been teaching together for 7 years and are known for always adding a unique and fun twist to traditional WCS patterns. This is due to their diverse dance backgrounds including Latin, Ballroom, Argentine Tango, and Hip Hop. They've partnered with various organizations including The Wheelchair Dancers Organization, Chartered Schools



of San Diego, Catholic Charities, Broadway San Diego Awards, various WCS dance conventions, and have even had their own WCS Dance Team. You can find them each month as the resident dance instructors and co-hosts of Dance Diego.

Mark and Christann will teach the Intermediate WCS Workshop on January 21.



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**SAN DIEGO SWING DANCE CLUB, INC.
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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

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

OUR NEXT MEETINGS ARE:

January 14th 12:00 pm
February 11th 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.

Membership Report

Normally we welcome our new members here. In December, there were no new members, but a huge number of renewals. Thanks everyone for keeping your memberships current. We have 328 active members plus 17 "friends" of the club receiving newsletters by email. Our outbound email has been fixed so you should receive a reminder when your renewal is due. Chris at the front desk also has your renewal date on the front desk report, so you are welcome to ask her if you are not sure what your renewal date is.
—Cristian

Right: Marines from the Toys For
Tots collection drive.



We set records for both the WCS Workshop attendance and general attendance on Dec 17. Thanks Russell for paying for the Alias band!





Group photos after the lesson with Parker on December 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.

Dance Headquarters
5035 Shawline St.
San Diego, CA 92111

SEE WEBSITE FOR
MAP & DIRECTIONS
www.sandiegoswingdance.com

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

January Birthdays

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| 01 * | 14 Mary West |
| 03 Eldon H. Gloor | 15 Rhonda James |
| 03 Rebecca Lane | 17 Mark Christenson |
| 04 Karen Oyanguren | 21 Jody Kravitz |
| 05 Alan Wright | 21 Ron Dunsmore |
| 06 Liz Deilke | 22 Lisa Lecko |
| 07 Kathy Hord | 23 Peggy Shoval |
| 07 Maggie Shin | 23 Prancee Biggane |
| 08 John Croff | 24 Denise Wilhite |
| 10 Kim Fogg | 24 Margaret Willette |
| 11 Dan Harrison | 26 Linda Schaeffer |
| 11 Eva Meier | 29 Peter Felber |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

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

* If your birthday is on January 1st, please let us know. Due to a technical issue, we can't tell who's birthdays are on January 1st! We'll try to fix that for next year.

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 _____