

SWING TIMES

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From Our President Vinh Mines

Dear San Diego Swing Dance Club Members,



As we step into the vibrant month of June, I am filled with immense gratitude and excitement. It's a time for new beginnings, but also a moment to reflect on the incredible work and dedication of those who have served our club so diligently.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our outgoing board members Liz Deilke and Larry Armstrong. Your commitment, passion, and hard work have been the backbone of our community. You have organized unforgettable events, fostered a welcoming atmosphere, and ensured the smooth running of our club. Your contributions have left an indelible mark, and for that, we are deeply grateful. Let's give a round of applause to these exceptional individuals who have given so much of their time and energy to make our club the thriving community it is today.

As we bid farewell to our outgoing board, I am thrilled to introduce our incoming board members. These enthusiastic individuals bring fresh ideas, boundless energy, and a shared love for swing dancing. I am confident that their diverse talents and perspectives will guide our club to new heights.

Please join me in welcoming your directors:

Vice President:	Meredith Anderson
Treasurer:	Garry Bowman
Secretary:	Wendy Knight
Membership:	Cristian Flores
Newsletter:	Jody Kravitz
Activities:	Taylor Frederking
Dance:	Geoff Burns
Hospitality:	Larry Clendenin
Publicity:	Maria Tee

Together, we will continue to celebrate our love for dancing, create memorable events, and foster a supportive and inclusive community. I encourage all members to get involved, share your ideas, and contribute to our vibrant club.

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. Here's to a fantastic June and an exciting new chapter for the San Diego Swing Dance Club!

Warm regards,

Vinh Mines
President, San Diego Swing Dance Club

We Welcome Our New Members: Judy Banks and Harold Jefferies

Upcoming Lessons at the San Diego Swing Dance Club

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

June 2	Large Ballroom	Trish Connery Walkup & David Walkup—Nightclub Two-Step	Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS
June 9	Large Ballroom	Larry Armstrong — WCS	Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS
June 16	Large Ballroom	Larry Armstrong — WCS	Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS
June 23	Large Ballroom	Demetre Souliotis — adv WCS Workshop	Small Ballroom: No class
June 30	Large Ballroom	Larry Armstrong — WCS	Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS

Greetings from Taylor, Your Activities Director!



Hello SDSDC,

There is simply nothing better than coming together as a community to do what we love on a sunny Sunday in San Diego. Am I wrong?! I hope each of you were able to enjoy the final moments of May, soaking up the sun, spending time with loved ones, and honoring those who have fallen for our freedom this past

Memorial Day. As we transition into June, I'd like to update you on our exciting upcoming events and activities:

June 16 – Father's Day Celebration

June 30 – Swing Live with the Mercedes Moore Band including our 4th of July Celebration also planned for June 30 as many will be gone on July 7th (details coming soon)

August 11 – Vintage Cali T-Shirt Day

And lastly, if you're looking for digital copies of your 54th Anniversary Celebration photo booth prints, check out the Caribbean Dreams photo gallery. Jody put them on the website as:

<https://sdsdc.smugmug.com>

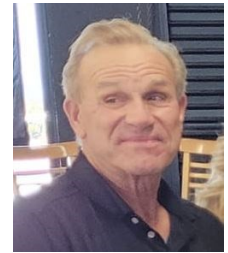
or you can use this QR code from your phone:



Hope to see you on the dance floor soon,
Taylor

From Our Dance Director Geoff Burns

This month our instructor lineup includes Trish Connery Walkup and David Walkup teaching Nightclub Two-Step on June 2nd, Larry Armstrong teaching West Coast Swing on June 9, 16, and 30, and for our Int/Adv workshop on Jun 23, the 4th Sunday, Demetre Souliotis.



Demetre first found dancing at a young age growing up in Los Angeles in the forms of Hip-Hop, Pop'n'Lock, and later House Dancing. He discovered West Coast Swing in 1995 and has never looked back. He has been performing and competing professionally in the top division in the world, the Champions Division, for

over 20 years. Demetre travels the world as a sought after Choreographer, Coach, Teacher, Judge, DJ, and Mentor. He is the current president and founder of SoCal Westy and a founding member of the Rising Star Swing Tour. He is one of a handful of current Champion Dancers who have helped shape what WCS is today, he has twice been nominated to the California Swing Dance Hall of Fame.

David & Trish have over 20 years of teaching, judging, & competition experience. David is a 4-time UCWDC Champion & US Open Swing Dance Champion. Trish is a 5-time UCWDC Champion & California Swing Dance Hall of Fame



Rising Star. David and Trish teach Country Two-Step at Starlight on Wednesday evenings and Trish teaches Nightclub Two-Step at Dance headquarters on Mondays at 11:45am. Most recently David and Trish choreographed for and coached the Nightclub Two-Step Performance Team that danced at our Anniversary Party.

We welcome our new and thank our outgoing board members.



Above, outgoing and new board members. Left to right: Geoff Burns (Dance Director), Taylor Frederking (Activities Director), Larry Armstrong (outgoing VP), Meredith Anderson (VP), Garry Bowman (Treasurer), Vinh Mines (President), Liz Deilke (outgoing Secretary), Maria Tee (Publicity Director), Larry Clendenin (Hospitality Director), Cristian Flores (Membership Director), Wendy Knight (Secretary), Jody Kravitz (Elected: Newsletter Editor, Appointed: Music Director, Webmaster)



David and Trish in the Photo Booth at our 54th Anniversary Party. They are posing in one of the key “picture moments” of the Nightclub Two-Step routine they choreographed.



A group hug at our 54th Anniversary Party.



Dancers at our events seem to come in a variety of sizes!



Such colorful decorations at the party!

**SAN DIEGO SWING DANCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2024-2025
Executive Board**

President.....Vinh Mines
Vice President Meredith Anderson
Membership Cristian Flores
Treasurer..... Garry Bowman
Secretary..... Wendy Knight
Newsletter Editor Jody Kravitz
Activity Director Taylor Frederking
Dance Director..... Geoff Burns
Hospitality Director..... Larry Clendenin
Publicity Director..... Maria Tee
Past President.....Craig Helm

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 11 am.**

OUR NEXT MEETINGS ARE:

June 9th 11:00 am
July 14th 11:00 am

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.



**New Website
Feature**

**Virtual Suggestion
Box**



PO Box 1954
Bonita, CA
91908-1954

June Birthdays

01 Yale Kadesky	16 Jill Curtiss
02 Cristian Flores	19 Mark Dudenhoeffer
05 Ji Kenworthy	21 Paul Twomey
07 Dale Pontow	22 Aspen Wakefield
09 Imjeng Jeng	23 Kristy Bauer
09 Julia Fosman	24 Chris Leavy
09 Paul Ackerman	24 Serena Trumbull
09 Wayne Peleti	26 Paula Perry
10 Wendi Maurer	27 Karen Tabadisto
11 Jay Huff	28 Wendy Knight
12 Judy Bowman	30 Jeff White
14 Josefina Karpecki	30 Raymond Edwards
15 Margo Rodriguez	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

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

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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San Diego, CA 92111

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MAP & DIRECTIONS**
www.sandiegoswingdance.com

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