

# SWING TIMES

A Publication of the San Diego Swing Dance Club



Dear San Diego Swing Club Members,



October is upon us, and the cool autumn breeze brings with it the warmth and energy of our incredible West Coast Swing community. As the days grow shorter, our dance floor lights up with the joy of connection, movement, and music.

First, I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended our September events. Your enthusiasm and support keep our club vibrant and fun. A special shout-out to our guest instructors and volunteers—your contributions never go unnoticed and make every event truly special.

October promises even more excitement! Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Halloween-themed dance party on October 27th, where we'll be dancing the night away in costume. Whether you're a ghost, a superhero, or something completely unexpected, we can't wait to see you on the dance floor. There will be prizes for the best costumes, so get creative!

In addition, our weekly lessons continue to offer something for everyone—from those just stepping into the world of West Coast Swing to our more advanced dancers looking to refine their technique. As always, we're here to support your growth and ensure you have fun every step of the way.

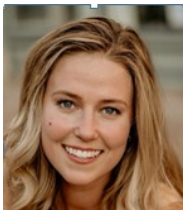
As the year begins to wind down, let's take a moment to reflect on how far we've come as a community and look ahead to all the wonderful things still to come. Whether you've been dancing with us for years or are just finding your rhythm, know that you're an integral part of this family.

Thank you for making this club the fantastic, welcoming place that it is. Let's keep the momentum going and make October another month to remember!

See you on the dance floor!

Warmly,

Vinh Mines, President, San Diego Swing Dance Club



**Hello, SDSDC!**

The sun is still shining but there's a crispness in the air – what a beautiful start to fall! Here's a quick reminder of our exciting upcoming events and activities:

**October 27 – Halloween Potluck:** Last year we had "Swing Dead," but this year we're "Swing'n Alive!" Dress in your best costume for a night of fun and friendly competition in our costume contest.

**November 10 – Veterans Day Dance:** Join us as we honor our veterans with a special day of dancing.

**November 23 – SDSDC Holiday Party (Save the Date!):** This year's theme is An Enchanted Holiday. Picture rich

emerald tones, touches of nature, and of course, the sparkle of the timeless disco ball. Get ready for a magical evening!

**Tickets go on sale Sunday, October 13. \$40 per member, \$60 per non-member.**

If you'd like to join our incredible events committee (a huge thank you to Craig Helm, Lisa Simmons, Chau Mezher, Carla Funk, Terry Uchida, and Kathleen Stevenson) and help with planning, setup, or teardown, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Lastly, keep an eye out for more details on our upcoming California Swing Dance Hall of Fame Fundraiser—exact date coming soon!

Happy fall, y'all!

Taylor, Your activities Director

## Upcoming Lessons at the San Diego Swing Dance Club

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

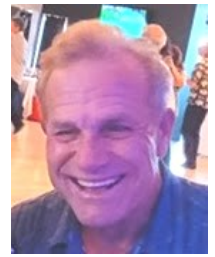
Oct 6	Large Ballroom	Margie Adams & David Walkup — Nightclub Two-Step	Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS
Oct 13	Large Ballroom	Maria Tee & Larry Clendenin — WCS	Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS
Oct 20	Large Ballroom	Maria Tee & Larry Clendenin — WCS	Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS
Oct 27	Large Ballroom	Michele Adams — Adv WCS Workshop	Small Ballroom: No class

## From Our Dance Director Geoff Burns

### Margie Adams Partners with David Walkup to teach Nightclub Two-step on October 6

**Margie Adams** began her dance training in San Diego in her youth, training in classical ballet, tap and contemporary dance. Later she became fascinated with social dancing and the idea of communicating through the connection with a dance partner. Her love of dancing led her to several great dance experiences

Ladies only Dance Technique & Quality of Movement workshop series. For more details, please contact her at (619) 291-3775. You can usually find Margie on the dance floor at the San Diego Swing Dance Club event on Sundays and you may just find her on the dance floor at another of San Diego's west coast swing dance events. Share the joy, keep dancing.



**David Walkup** holds three UCWDC Worlds Championships and a US Open Swing Dance Championship, and together with his wife Trish holds four UCWDC Worlds Championships and is also a California Swing Dance Hall of Fame inductee.

Continuing to compete on the Country and West Coast Swing circuits, he continues to teach a variety of dance styles including Country 2-Step, West Coast Swing, Hustle and Nightclub 2-Step. David and Trish provide teaching, coaching, and choreography services for group classes, private lessons, competitors, wedding dance couples, performance teams, as well as specialty classes and exhibitions for private parties and special events.

### Michele Adams teaches Advanced WCS Workshop on October 27

Michele Adams is a professional dancer, instructor, and studio owner. A 2022 Master US Open Champion. A UCWDC World Champion. Swing hall of fame Inductee and a certified national judge. Trained in lead and follow for all dances including east and west coast swing, ballroom-international and American smooth, latin-International and American Rhythm Country dances, salsa and hustle

U.C.W.D.C Master Level Dancer and Dance Instructor. Champions Level West Coast Swing Dancer and multiple 1st place winner since 1990.

“I love dance... I love how it makes me feel, alive and soulful. I love helping my students feel the same way”. Dont miss this opportunity to learn from the best!



including artistic director & choreographer for her SwingFX performance dance team providing swing dance entertainment for hire for corporate & private events for several years. She also hosted the Swing Jam Friday weekly dance venue for many years and the Jitterbug club weekly dance venue when it moved to the Dance for 2 studio. Margie's skills on the dance floor and her teaching skills unexpectedly also opened the door to becoming an annual international guest instructor at major European dance conventions in France and Germany for 10 years and at requested workshop weekends in Lucerne, London, Brussels, Bern, Paris, Vienna and Edinburgh. Described by those who know her, Margie is an exceptional instructor and stylish dancer. Her students return to her classes and often refer her to others. She offers weekly classes and is available for private lessons in west coast swing, nightclub two step, wedding dance, lindy, balboa, cha cha and foxtrot. She also teaches a special



## Getting to Know Each Other Better Interviews with Meredith Anderson



This month I interviewed one of our first attendees of the San Diego swing dance club. Margret Fazio was there at the first few meetings and has had a long life full of the joy of dancing.

I was born in San Diego in 1936. My father was also born here and the house where he was born in still stands in Logan Heights.

When I was 16 in 1952 and going to San Diego high school, a friend of mine told me about an under 21 dance at the Armed Forces YMCA. That's where I started dancing. I went there almost every Saturday. I still have friends from that time.

After High School I went to beauty school and became a hairdresser. I stayed in the business for 50 years.

I met my husband at the YMCA. He was one of the first Navy Seals. We had two children, a boy Marc and a girl Lisa. I have 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.



I had a hip replacement about 10 years ago. I was diagnosed with colon cancer, which was removed, but they found a little on my liver which they are treating now. That's why I don't dance much. I don't have much energy. I come to the club because it makes me happy. I just sit and watch you have fun. I wouldn't miss it for the world!!!

Love to you all!

*If you see Margaret and her friends at the table by the back door at her favorite seat, stop and say hello!*



After my divorce my girlfriends and I would go dancing at nightclubs that had Jack and Jill contests. I never had dance lessons and just learned by dancing with dancers better than me. I won my fair share of contests.

I was at the first couple meetings of the SDSDC. I remarried and didn't do much dancing but soon I divorced and came back to my dancing. The girls and I would go to conventions and every once in a while I would go to LA to dance. One of the places was the Pressbox in Westminster. What fun!! *(Just as a side note, some of us still go to the Pressbox to dance WCS. It's a great crowd and like she said "What fun!")*



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### **We Welcome Our New Members:**

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Sandy Hafermann

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**  
 Generally on the 2nd Sunday of the  
 Month at 12 pm at Dance HQ.

**OUR NEXT MEETINGS ARE:**

**October 13th 12:00 pm**  
**November 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.



Instructor Jade Bryan with Maria Tee and Meredith Anderson, Sunday Sept 22.

**October Birthdays**

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 02 Ron Huber          | 13 Marie Walsh     |
| 03 Dorie Herndon      | 15 Guinare Omar    |
| 03 Geri Foster        | 18 Elaine Fukuhara |
| 03 Judy Banks         | 20 Brenda Welch    |
| 03 Patrick OConnor    | 20 Karen Melbye    |
| 04 Eric Metzner       | 21 Patrick Plagens |
| 07 Lois Dillman-Scura | 23 Clark Caldwell  |
| 08 David Searl        | 24 Jack Peter      |
| 09 Dean Chavez        | 26 Debbie Dyer     |
| 09 Elizabeth          | 27 Charlete Jones  |
|                       | 27 Coralynn Pierce |
| 09 Elsie Fischer-Tong | 27 Edna ("B") Nuño |
| 09 Johanna Zerboni    | 27 Hanh Teichman   |
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| 11 Linda Matamis      | 28 Kathy Desmarais |
| 11 Rick Navarro       | 28 Lynne Foltz     |
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| 12 Christie Boyd      | 29 Risa Goldberg   |
| 12 Cindy Spiers       | 29 Shiyuan Cheng   |
| 12 Debora Elias       | 30 Joe Cekander    |
| 13 Edna Fugazzi       |                    |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !**

The club will provide a cake and supplies to celebrate birthdays, usually on the 1st Sunday of the month. In October, it will be October 6.

**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,

**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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