

# SWING TIMES

A Publication of the San Diego Swing Dance Club



## From the President's Corner



**Hello SDSDC Members!**

Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes new opportunities to grow and strengthen our dance community! As we step into March, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for being a part of the

San Diego Swing Dance Club. Your passion, energy, and love for West Coast Swing make this club what it is!

### Board Nominations Are Now Open!

As we look ahead, it's time to start planning for the future leadership of our club. **Nominations are now open for all board positions!** This is your chance to get involved, bring fresh ideas, and help guide the club as we continue to grow. Whether you're interested in shaping events, supporting club operations, or helping expand our

community, we encourage you to step up and make a difference.

### Key Election Dates:

- **March & April:** Nominations Open
- **May:** Voting & Elections

If you or someone you know would be a great fit for the board, please reach out to any current board member or email us with your nomination. Serving on the board is a rewarding way to contribute to the club while making lasting connections in the dance community.

Thank you for being a part of this amazing group of dancers. Let's keep moving, learning, and sharing our love for West Coast Swing together!

See you on the dance floor,

**Vinh Mines**

President, San Diego Swing Dance Club



**SDSDC,**

I hope you all had a fantastic time at the Super Bowl Valentine's Dance! Your energy and enthusiasm make every Sunday one for the books. A heartfelt

thank you to everyone who contributed to the potluck, helped with setup or teardown, and made the night extra special. A big shoutout goes to Jon for once again sharing his incredible vintage team pennant flag collection! The space looked amazing.

Here's a list of our upcoming events and activities:

**March 16 – St. Patrick's Day Dance!** Wear your best green and join the fun!

**May 4 – Cinco de Mayo Dance** featuring a Potluck Nacho Bar! Bring your favorites to share.

**May 10 – 55th Anniversary Celebration!** Stay tuned for more details.

I'm still healing from a back and knee injury, so I'll keep cheering you on from the sidelines for now. Looking forward to being back on the dance floor with you all soon!

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

Mar	2	Large Ballroom	Shawn Torgerson — NC2S	Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS
Mar	9	Large Ballroom	Meredith Anderson and Larry Armstrong — WCS	Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS
Mar	16	Large Ballroom	Meredith Anderson and Larry Armstrong — WCS	Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS
Mar	23	Large Ballroom	Trish Connery Walkup & David Walkup — Advanced WCS	Small Ballroom: No class
Mar	30	Large Ballroom	Meredith Anderson and Larry Armstrong — WCS	Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS

## From Our Dance Director Geoff Burns

### Shawn Torgerson — Nightclub Two-Step March 2

Shawn founded Dance For 2 in 2005, which later became San Diego's Dance Headquarters. Initially, it occupied a small room on the top floor of the American Legion in Linda Vista. Over time, it grew into one of San Diego's largest dance studios, spanning 7,700 square feet. He



takes pride in curating an exceptional environment with top-tier instructors, students, flooring, sound, lighting, and location.

While proficient in many dance styles, Shawn specializes in club dances, blending his background in hip-hop and breakdancing to create innovative and stylish partner dance patterns. Although he now primarily manages the studio's ongoing evolution, he continues to teach a select number of private lessons and classes.

Dance Headquarters embodies his vision—a welcoming space for all dance styles and people, regardless of gender, race, size, or background. His philosophy is simple: *"Dance is a form of expression, and everyone should have the chance to express themselves."*

Shawn has worked tirelessly to create a studio that accommodates everything from social partner dancing to high-level competitive training while fostering a warm and inclusive community. Since selling the studio, he has been able to refocus on his greatest passion—teaching dance.



### Margaret Says!

This month Margaret wants everyone to know that there is a line of dance and sticking to the line of dance prevents injuries from people crashing into each other. At our Sunday dance, WCS LOD is parallel to the DJ booth.

Also, if you are walking along the dance floor, or getting on and off, pay attention! There might be dancers coming your way! This isn't a crosswalk! You might get run over.

### Trish Connery Walkup & David Walkup Advanced WCS Workshop March 23



David Walkup and Trish Connery Walkup are trained dancers, teachers, choreographers, competitors, and judges specializing in partner dances. They are based in San Diego.

They began dancing in the mid-to-late 1990's — he in San Diego on the United Country Western Dance Council (UCWDC) circuit, she in Los Angeles on the West Coast Swing circuit. They joined forces in 2006 after meeting at a dance convention.

Both are award winning dancers — David holds four UCWDC worlds Championships and a US Open Swing Dance Championship. Trish holds five UCWDC Worlds Championships, is a California Swing Dance Hall of Fame Rising Star, and many top placements in various WCS competitions

Together they have over 30 years of experience in the dance community, teaching a variety of dance styles including Country 2-Step, West Coast Swing, Hustle, Nightclub 2-Step, Cha Cha, Waltz, and more.

Known for their fun and entertaining teaching style, they teach, coach, and choreograph for group classes, private lessons, wedding dance couples, and performance dance teams, as well as provide specialty classes and entertainment for private and corporate events.



# Getting to Know Each Other Better Interviews with Meredith Anderson

This month I had the pleasure of interviewing Jerry Morrison.



I grew up in Beaverton, Oregon as one of 4 children.

I graduated from Beaverton High School in 1970. I joined the Air Force shortly after that.

After the service I worked for Reser's Fine Foods as their Distribution Manager, 4 years later I moved to Anchorage, Alaska to work for my younger brother. I lived there for 30 years. Alaska is

where I became hooked on DANCING and teaching dance.

My next adventure took me to Central Florida, where I taught dance for 10 years, at the Melbourne Ballroom and the Melbourne Moose Lodge, plus several other places.

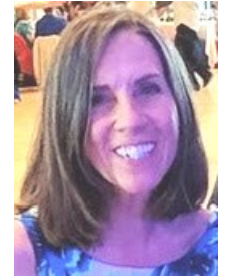
I had an identical twin brother who passed in 2022.



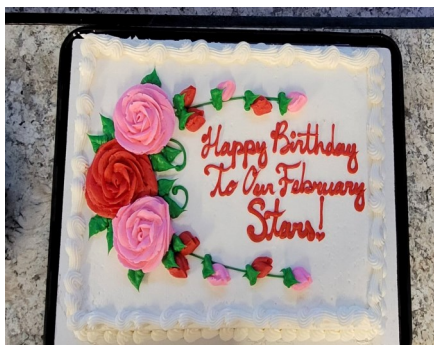
Jerry Morrison shares his feelings and the loss of half of him as his twin brother is with the Lord.

7 months ago I moved here to Spring Valley and joined the SDSC and found my new home.

I am now teaching and hosting a dance on the 2nd and 4th Thursday night at the Kearny Mesa Moose Lodge. My passion for dancing and teaching has been the highlight of my life and I will share it with as many people of as possible. Dance on.



*So if you see Jerry at the club go over and say hello or ask for a dance. You can also ask him about his twice a month dances at Kearny Mesa Moose Lodge.*



Cake in honor of the February Birthdays

**We Welcome  
Our  
New Members:**

- Lucky Monroe
- Madelyn Kunysz
- Brenda Betson
- Gigi Devivar
- Angela Acfalle



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

March 9th 12:00 pm  
 April 13th 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.

**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.

**Virtual Suggestion Box**



PO Box 1954  
 Bonita, CA  
 91908-1954

**March Birthdays**

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 02 Garry Schaeffer  | 20 Julie Harper      |
| 02 Teo Dacanay      | 21 Dennis Panek      |
| 03 Martha Amador    | 22 Rowena Dorsey     |
| 05 Dennis Keith     | 22 Yuinhua Jeng      |
| 08 James Shiner     | 23 Keith Fuller      |
| 09 Dominique Lenoir | 24 Margaret Willette |
| 09 Rodney Friedman  | 26 Dwain Porter      |
| 12 John Seale       | 27 Elliot Gersh      |
| 14 Jordan Taylor    | 27 Malcolm Sunberg   |
| 16 Sarah Cox        | 27 Roger Reynolds    |
| 18 Cathy Lesnick    | 28 Adam Sumilong     |
| 18 Velvita deLeeus  | 28 Sue Kahl          |
| 20 Dennis Selich    | 29 David Rudgers     |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !**

The club will provide a cake and supplies to celebrate birthdays, usually on the 1st Sunday of the month. This time it will be on March 2nd.

**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  
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February Board meeting.