

SWING



TIMES

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"Life is better when you dance."
– Anonymous

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Celebrating 4th of July! Margie Adams 	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Brianne Cline	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Brianne Cline	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Dawne Kiehm	28	29	30	31	32	33

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Lesson(s) start promptly at 1:30 PM. Social dancing to follow at 2:30 PM.

BIG BALLROOM

July 6 – Margie Adams: Single Step Swing
July 13 – Brianne Cline: Intermediate WCS
July 20 – Brianne Cline: Intermediate WCS
July 27 – Dawne Kiehm: Intermediate WCS

SMALL BALLROOM

July 6 – Intro to WCS
July 13 – Intro to WCS
July 20 – Intro to WCS

NOTES FROM US TO YOU



President | **Meredith Anderson**

As we move into the month of July I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for being a part of this dance club. We continue to have a great board that loves to work together to help each other. Fresh faces with new ideas bring fun and interesting things for all of us to look forward to but we wouldn't have a club without all of our members! Thank you for showing up every week and supporting each other. Lots of us look forward to seeing friendly familiar faces every Sunday but our new members and guests help build the club up and make it even more exciting, so bring a friend and pass on the joy. We love all the new faces!

Remember to ask an unfamiliar face to join you, for a dance. It could be the best 3 minutes of your day or theirs. We will keep the music coming and the air conditioning going and don't forget to hydrate!!! Happy July.



Activities Director | **Fatima Zaki**

We can't wait for our annual combined July 4th and Birthday celebration on Sunday July 6th. Sport your red, white and blue outfits to show your post Independence Day spirit. See you on the dance floor.



Newsletter Editor | **Taylor Frederking**

As I spend the rest of the year traveling, I'm so grateful to stay connected with you all as your SDSDC Newsletter Editor! I miss your smiling faces and can't wait to share a dance with you again soon. In the meantime, I'll be keeping up from afar through the crafting of this newsletter (and yes – Maria Tee's Facebook posts, of course!). I hope you enjoy this first edition. The front page was designed to be fridge-worthy, so feel free to post it as a fun reminder of all the wonderful things happening at the club!

WELCOME NEW SDSDC MEMBERS

Bob Muir
Derek Wiback
Ross Beck
Andrea Matsumoto

Amy Frazee
Linn Fraley
Sata Burwell / Folsom

TOTAL MEMBER COUNT

255



Photos from the June 15, 2025 Father's Day Celebration with a Wild Wild West Theme!



Dance Director | **Geoff Burns**

We've got an exciting lineup of instructors headed your way this month!

July 6th: Our very own **Margie Adams** will be teaching Single Step Swing. Margie has spent her life Dancing competitively and teaching. You can find her teaching a variety of classes on Saturday here at Dance Headquarters.



July 13 & 20th: **Brianne Cline** will be teaching the intermediate West Coast Swing Class. Brianne grew up in Florida where she made her mark as a junior. She has competed in numerous competitions throughout the United States, including the US Open. She is an excellent instructor and has teamed up with Parker Dearborn on Tuesday nights at Dance Headquarters teaching West Coast Swing. Contact Brianne for a private lesson and take your dancing to the next level.



July 27th: **Dawne Kiehm** is a nationally acclaimed swing dance professional, known for her elegance, musicality, and dynamic teaching style. She's been a standout competitor and performer on major stages—from Boogie by the Bay to The Open Swing Championships—placing in the top 5 of prestigious "Sophisticated" division routines.



Dawne brings decades of teaching experience spanning West Coast Swing, Nightclub Two-Step, Hustle, and Country Swing. She teaches beginner-friendly single-step formats as well as advanced patterns, making her classes welcoming yet challenging.

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

Interviews with Meredith Anderson

FEATURING: Leah Hurwitz



Leah grew up in Chula Vista, which is close to the Mexican border. Her parents were from Eastern Europe but had immigrated to Mexico where they became citizens and lived until they immigrated to the United States. Her parents were connected to Tijuana socially and financially so she really lived a trans-border life. Her first language was Spanish and she grew up in a home where Spanish was spoken and Mexican customs prevailed. Her mom loved to dance and Leah inherited that love, picking up Cumbia at weddings and other celebrations.

A combo of several heritages, Leah did not only acquire her love of Latin rhythms' and dance from them but also her sensitivity to the immigrant community. Her father achieved great success but only with the help of people in the countries to which he immigrated. Her father was not only grateful for the help he received but his philanthropy inspired Leah to give back, particularly to the immigrant community.

After graduating from UC Berkeley, she attended Cal Western Law School in San Diego with the intention of pursuing a career in immigration law.

Leah represented clients in their immigration matters from 1980 until 2018. She founded and served as the managing attorney at the Law Offices of Leah W. Hurwitz, APLC, and then Hurwitz Holt, APLC. She had an extensive career during which she changed lives and trajectories through her dedicated and passionate work in the immigration field.



While in practice, Leah served within the Immigration Section of the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) as secretary and vice-president and served within the San Diego County Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) as secretary and treasurer.

Leah guest-lectured on Immigration law at the University of San Diego School of Law and served for several years as an AILA mentor for other immigration attorneys. Among her many other awards and speaking commitments, she was rated a 2013 "Top Attorney" by the San Diego



Daily transcript and was a panelist on Business/ Naturalization Derivative Citizenship at the 2016 AILA national conference.

Although currently retired, Leah donates her time as a volunteer legal consultant for the Higher Education Legal Services panel at Jewish Family Services.

Leah is dedicated to keeping healthy and regularly enjoys Pilates, hiking and dancing. She had her first formal Cuban salsa dance class when she

met her partner in 2012. She was next introduced to Lindy Swing Dance and then West Coast Swing Dance. She feels so lucky that her life took a detour, adding dance which brings her much joy and happiness. She belonged to a Lindy performance team called the Early Bird Special which competed in the student teams division at Camp Hollywood Dance Convention, and has been currently honing her West Coast Swing dance skills. She regularly attends the San Diego Swing Dance Club's Sunday Dances and is grateful for those community volunteer dancers who work so hard on providing this wonderful dance venue and experience.



MEET THE TEAM

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

03	Sandy Hafermann	11	Kate Friedman
04	Chau Mezher	13	Gary Grewer
06	Don Piche	16	Cindy Lennon
06	Marlynn Peak	22	Mary Manzella
06	Michele Brannon	23	Margie Stroud
07	Marty Lane	25	Diane Ackerman
10	Gary Hincman	27	Linn Fraley
11	Bob Muir	31	G Whitman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



MARGARET SAYS:

This month I want to discuss **accidents on the dance floor.** If you step on someone or bump into someone, just acknowledge it and say I'm sorry. Accidents happen. And remember, it's always the lead's fault!

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 dance in a while, stop by soon so you can continue to enjoy dancing, fun, and friendliness that makes the SDSDC so special.

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