

SWING



TIMES

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"November is for being thankful... and for dancing."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Swing Night Out (Oceanside)
Russ + Souraya  2	3	4	5 Westie Groove @ Infinity	6	7	8
Vinh Mines 9	10	11 THANK YOU  VETERANS	12 Westie Groove @ Infinity	13	14 DanceDiego @ DanceHQ	15 WCS Dance @ Starlight
Vinh Mines 16	17	18	19 Westie Groove @ Infinity	20	21 Friday Night Corral @ DanceHQ	22 SDSDC Holiday Party!
Demetre Friendsgiving Dance! 23	24	25	26 Westie Groove @ Infinity	27 HAPPY Thanks giving 	28	29
Mercedes Moore 30						

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

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

BIG BALLROOM

Nov 2 – Russ Bradchulis and Souraya Lorenz: Country Two-Step
Nov 9 – Vinh Mines: Intermediate WCS
Nov 16 – Vinh Mines: Intermediate WCS
Nov 23 – Demetre Souliotes: Intermediate/Advanced WCS
Nov 30 – Mercedes Moore: Single Time Swing

SMALL BALLROOM

Nov 2 – Intro to WCS
Nov 9 – Intro to WCS
Nov 16 – Intro to WCS
Nov 23 – **No Intro to WCS Class**
Nov 30 – Intro to WCS

NOTES FROM US TO YOU



President | Meredith Anderson

Happy November?!? How did that happen? This year is flying by! This month I want to send my appreciation out to all the new people who are showing up each week and bringing their friends. **We love newcomers** and encourage all of our members to share the fun that we have each week with someone new. SDSDC is a fantastic place to try out WCS. With our free beginner lessons and first time free (except the 4th Sunday of each month), what do you have to lose? A big thank you to everyone who shows up each week, whether a long time member or first timer. We love you all!

PHOTOS FROM THE HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY: OCTOBER 26, 2025



Activities Director | Fatima Zaki

Hello Dancers! What an incredible Halloween dance! A huge thank-you to everyone who dressed up... your creativity, energy, and spirit made the dance unforgettable! Festive season is just around the corner, and we have so many fun events and activities planned to keep the celebration going! From cozy fall dances to our upcoming holiday party, there's plenty to look forward to:

November 9: Veterans Day Dance – If you're a veteran, we'd be honored to celebrate you! Please bring a printed photo so we can display it proudly and recognize your service throughout the dance.

November 22: Holiday Party – Tickets on sale now!

November 23: Friendsgiving + Dessert Potluck

WELCOME NEW SDSDC MEMBERS

Yvonne Davis
Sue Brady

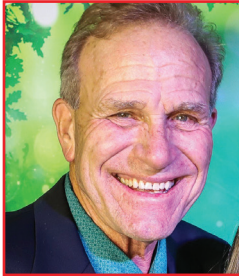
TOTAL MEMBER COUNT

261



Newsletter Editor | **Taylor Frederking**

I miss you all and have loved seeing the photos shared while putting this newsletter together. You all make the SDSDC community so special, and I can't wait to see you soon! A couple of my favorite photos from Halloween! 



Dance Director | **Geoff Burns**

November 2nd: Russ Bradchulis and Souraya Lorenz teaching Country Two-Step.

Russ and Souraya each started out dancing in their hometown bars around 2010 and began competing in the UCWDC in 2016 with different partners. They met a couple of years later at Paradise Country Dance Festival when Russ famously missed a restart on a line dance during warmups — a story they still enjoy telling today. They teamed up to compete together in 2022 and quickly moved up to Division 2 in the UCWDC, where they continue to compete in Couples and Line Dance. Souraya has also partnered with Russ in teaching workshops at various regional and local events. Come learn from two of the best and take your Country Two-Step to the next level!



November 9th & 16th: Our very own **Vinh Mines** will be teaching Intermediate West Coast Swing!



November 23rd: **Demetre Souliotes** teaching Intermediate/Advanced WCS.

"Dancing is the thing I am most passionate about and so teaching allows me to give people that same passion. I love being able to adapt to my students and to figure out how they learn, whether auditory, visually, or kinesthetically. By teaching dance, I am able to pass on to people something they can carry with them the rest of their lives. I think back so fondly of all the teachers I have had and to think that people may view me that same way, is really gratifying."



November 30th: **Mercedes Moore** teaching Single Time Swing.

Known for her friendly and approachable teaching style, Mercedes is passionate about helping students master the fundamentals of swing dance while having fun. Her encouraging nature inspires dancers of all levels to bring their best to the dance floor. Whether you're just starting or looking to refine your skills, Mercedes creates a welcoming environment that makes learning swing dance an enjoyable and rewarding experience.



GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

Interviews with Meredith Anderson

NOVEMBER FEATURE: **SDSDC NEWBIES!**

This month I want to welcome some new faces to the club. We have been getting a lot of new first time guest in the last few months. The best thing is that they keep coming back! Our beginner class is always growing which is why our club is so successful.

I want to thank everyone who gives our club a try and tell you all to just keep coming back! We are here almost every Sunday of the year and we have lots of fun activities throughout the year. **Joining the club before November will ensure that you can buy a ticket to our winter holiday party for the member price and save \$25.** You will also save \$5 each time you come to the club. Don't forget that we hire a live band when we have a 5th Sunday in the month and it doesn't cost you any more!



GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE HOLIDAY DANCE



As a reminder our beloved Holiday Dinner Dance Party will be on **SATURDAY, November 22nd**. Doors open 5:00 PM. This is the real deal: music, dancing, laughter, and memories that last longer than fruitcake. Grab your spot on Sunday before tickets sell out!

Ticket Pricing:

Member Ticket: **\$50** | Non-Member Ticket: **\$75**

FYI: Membership Renewal Forms will be available at the welcome desk for anyone who needs to renew and take advantage of this special member-only pricing!

Volunteers Needed! If you're interested in helping with set-up or tear-down, we'd love your support! In appreciation of your time, you'll receive **one free entry** to a regular Sunday dance. Please reach out to any board member if you're interested, and we'll connect you with our event team.

MEET THE TEAM

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Next Board Meeting: Nov. 9th at 12:00 PM

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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FEEDBACK FORM:



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BIRTHDAYS

02	Alex Aleshin	16	Joan Canonigo
02	Marsi McGurn	17	Maria Luisa Ramirez
03	Declan Cordova	18	Gigi Devivar
09	Hugh Molesworth	18	Terry Uchida
09	Richard Smith	19	Belinda Young
10	Dave Madrigal	22	David Gonzales
10	Virginia Miller	25	Charlotte Hemmer
12	Annie Johnson	25	Martha Schwartz
12	Florence Mullins	25	Micko Tengmei Stegner
12	Gail Malone	25	Sandi Muir
12	Sistiana Chestnut	26	Margo Melton
13	Lynn Mallery	26	Patty Dalton
15	Liza Marians	30	Howard Heilbrunn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



MARGARET SAYS:

Let's talk about washing hands. Snacks are great but if you eat with your hands PLEASE wash them before dancing with someone. If you do a drive by snacking, let it be on the way to wash your hands and not on the way back.

***In Loving Memory of Margaret – forever in
our hearts and on the dance floor.
9/29/1936 - 9/30/2025***