

# SWING TIMES



A Publication of the San Diego Swing Dance Club

## JANUARY 2026

*"Tis the season to twirl, sway, and celebrate the rhythm of life." – Anonymous*

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                         | THURSDAY                          | FRIDAY                       | SATURDAY                                  |
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|  |   |         |                                   | 1                                 | 2                            | 3<br>Swing Night Out<br>(Oceanside)       |
| Larry A.<br><br>4 | 5   | 6       | 7<br>Westie Groove<br>@ Infinity  | 8                                 | 9<br>DanceDiego<br>@ DanceHQ | 10  |
| Brianne Cline<br><br>Black & White Ball  | 11  | 12      | 13                                | 14<br>Westie Groove<br>@ Infinity | 15                           | 16<br>Friday Night<br>Corral<br>@ DanceHQ |
| Brianne Cline<br><br>18  | 19<br> | 20      | 21                                | 22                                | 23                           | 24<br>WCS Dance<br>@ Starlight            |
| Aiden-Keith Hynes<br><br>25  | 26  | 27      | 28<br>Westie Groove<br>@ Infinity | 29                                | 30                           |   |

### JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

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

#### BIG BALLROOM

- Jan 4 – Larry Armstrong: Night Club Two Step
- Jan 11 – Brianne Cline: Intermediate WCS
- Jan 18 – Brianne Cline: Intermediate WCS
- Jan 25 – Aiden-Keith Hynes: Intermediate/Advanced WCS

#### SMALL BALLROOM

- Jan 4 – Intro to WCS
- Jan 11 – Intro to WCS
- Jan 18 – Intro to WCS
- Jan 25 – **No Intro to WCS Class**



# NOTES FROM US TO YOU



## President | **Meredith Anderson**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! This January I want to thank you all for continuing to make this club a great success. To consistently have crowds that number over 100 people every week is an amazing accomplishment and it is because all of you show up every week and treat all your fellow members and newcomers with respect and appreciation.

This year we have lots of exciting events and themes for our dances along with our first week birthday cake and first and fifth Sunday of the month workshops. Also, don't forget about our fifth Sunday of the month bands at no extra cost to our members.

This year let's make our New Year's resolution to dance with people that we don't usually dance with at least once every Sunday. Whether it's someone you don't know or someone who you are a little uncomfortable to ask, just do it!

Happy dancing! See you on the dance floor.



## GUESS WHO?!

Answer to be featured in  
the next newsletter!



## Activities Director | **Fatima Zaki**

Happy New Year 2026! We ended 2025 with several festive celebrations. The Holiday Dance Party, the Festive Dance, and the Pre-New Years Eve party bidding farewell to 2025 accompanied by the popular Alias band, all were great hits and well attended. But it doesn't end there, in addition to our first Sunday Birthdays, on **January 11th we ring in the 2026 New Year with a Black and White dance theme.**

Now surely everyone has something white and something black in their wardrobe. Be as informal or as formal as you'd like – it will be a fun time.

## WELCOME NEW SDSDC MEMBERS

Frantz Farreau

Judith (Julie) St. John

Jeanette Sto Domingo

Russel (Russ) Tribe

Rolando (Rollie) Sto Domingo

TOTAL MEMBER COUNT

**243**

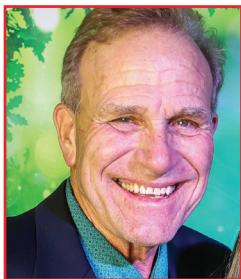


## Newsletter Editor | **Taylor Frederking**

Happy New Year, SDSDC! As we step into 2026, I want to wish you all a year filled with joy, courage, and connection... both on and off the dance floor! This quote by Austin Butler really inspired me, and I hope it does the same for you:

**"Embarrassment is an under-explored emotion. Go out there and make a fool of yourself. Just go for it. Feel the cringe, feel the fear... because everything you want is on the other side of that."**

Let's carry that spirit into our dancing this year – take risks, try new moves, laugh through the stumbles, and celebrate the magic of showing up fully. Here's to an incredible 2026 together!



## Dance Director | **Geoff Burns**

**January 4th: Larry Armstrong** teaching Night Club Two Step.

Larry has been a fixture on the San Diego dance scene for many years. He can be seen social dancing throughout the city, teaching numerous dances at different venues and participating on the board of directors for The Swing Club. His lessons are always fun and informative. Come and join in for a fabulous Night Club Two Step lesson.



**January 11th & 18th: Brianne Cline** teaching Intermediate WCS.

Brianne grew up in Florida where she made her mark as a junior. She continued her dancing voyage where she competed in the pinnacle of dance, The US Open. Brianne has won numerous events. She is currently teaching at Dance Headquarters with Parker Dearborn on Tuesday night. We are lucky enough to have her expertise for two Sunday afternoons this month, so don't miss out. And she might have a special guest partner.



**January 25th: Aiden-Keith Hynes** teaching Intermediate/Advanced WCS.

Aiden has over 20-years of dance experience. He currently competes at the champion level, the highest level of dancing. His lessons are focused, fun, and informative. We are very fortunate to have this Champion level dancer teaching at the club. Do not miss this opportunity. Aiden also teaches private lessons. If you really want to improve quickly, hit him up for a private, you won't regret it!



# BIRTHDAYS

## MEET THE TEAM

SAN DIEGO SWING DANCE CLUB, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### Appointed by the Board

Webmaster..... Jody Kravitz  
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**Next Board Meeting: Jan. 11th 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.

For more information please visit  
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



### MARGARET SAYS:

Not dancing enough? **Get up and ask!**  
Too afraid? Then you will never dance!  
Don't take it personally, this is a busy club and people get distracted. We are all here to have fun so get over it!  
**Get brave and ask someone new.**  
It might be the best dance of the day!

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