

SWING



TIMES

A Publication of the San Diego Swing Dance Club

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"May your heart be light, your feet be swift, and your holidays filled with dance."
– Anonymous

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Westie Groove @ Infinity	4	5	6 Swing Night Out (Oceanside)
 7 Stephen Showers	8	9	10 Westie Groove @ Infinity	11	12 DanceDiego @ DanceHQ	13
14 Jerry Morrison Festive Dance	15	16	17 Westie Groove @ Infinity	18	19 Friday Night Corral @ DanceHQ	20 WCS Dance @ Starlight
21 Jerry Morrison	22	23	24 Westie Groove @ Infinity	25 	26	27 WCS Dance @ Starlight
28 Parker Dearborn New Year Party + ALIAS	29	30	31  Westie Groove @ Infinity			

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

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

BIG BALLROOM

Dec 7 – Stephen Showers: Hustle
Dec 14 – Jerry Morrison: Intermediate WCS
Dec 21 – Jerry Morrison: Intermediate WCS
Dec 28 – Parker Dearborn: Intermediate/Advanced WCS

SMALL BALLROOM

Dec 7 – Intro to WCS
Dec 14 – **No Intro to WCS Class**
Dec 21 – Intro to WCS
Dec 28 – Intro to WCS

NOTES FROM US TO YOU



President | Meredith Anderson

Well, here we are, in the final month of 2025! I don't know about you but I feel like this year just flew by. We have had such an exciting time together this past year! Two wonderful parties, two professional workshops every month, birthday celebrations, potlucks, (I mean who doesn't love a potluck?), and don't forget Mercedes Moore band playing on the 5th Sundays.

I want to thank all my fellow board members and volunteers for all their hard work. I appreciate the support and friendships of all of you. We have lost some longtime



friends and members of the club and will miss them all. And where would we be

without our members? **As we look to the new year, let's try to remember to treat each other well. We really are just here to enjoy each other's company every Sunday and we aren't promised tomorrow so dance every dance like it's your last.** I'll see you all on the dance floor!



PLEASE NOTE: Our "Getting to Know Each Other Better" feature is on hiatus until the new year. In the meantime here is a photo of Artist and treasurer Marlynn Peak with past president Craig Helm showing a custom painting done by Marlynn!



Activities Director | Fatima Zaki

It was an honor and a pleasure to celebrate our Club members who are Veterans from every service branch at the Sunday, 11/9/25 dance. We sincerely thank you for your service. November was a busy and joyful month with both our Club Holiday Party and Friendsgiving, and December promises to be just as exciting! On December 14th, join us for our **Festive Dance!** Wear your favorite

holiday attire and get into the spirit of the season. Then, on December 28th, SDSDC will keep the celebration going with a **special pre-New Year's Eve dance and potluck featuring live music from ALIAS** (thank you for the suggestion, Vinh!). It's a dress-up, sparkly, debonair, little-black-dress kind of Sunday! Let's end 2025 in style – woo-hoo!

WELCOME NEW SDSDC MEMBERS

Roger Yoshioka
Jim Roberts

Cristina Abell

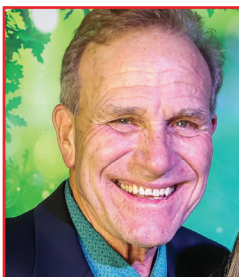
TOTAL MEMBER COUNT

249



Newsletter Editor | **Taylor Frederking**

Wishing all my SDSDC friends a joyful and dance-filled holiday season! I'm so grateful for this incredible community and all the energy, laughter, and connection you bring to the dance floor. **I'll be in town on December 7th** and can't wait to celebrate the season and share some dances with you all!



Dance Director | **Geoff Burns**

December 7th: Stephen Showers teaching Hustle.

Since 1983 Stephen Showers has won acclaim as a professional dance instructor in both Arizona and California. He is accomplished in American and International styles for all of the Ballroom, Latin, Swing, and Nightclub dances. Stephen is one of the

few instructors in San Diego who has competed in nearly every style of dance-sport.



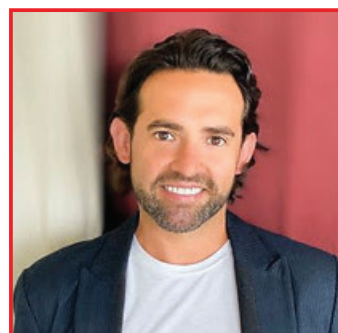
December 14th & 21st: Jerry Morrison teaching Intermediate WCS.

While living in Alaska for 30 years, Jerry became hooked on dancing and teaching dance. His next adventure took him to Central Florida where he taught dance for 10 years at the Melbourne Ballroom and the Melbourne Moose Lodge plus several other places. Since arriving in San Diego, Jerry has become a regular at the San Diego Swing Dance Club, including teaching the beginner class. Jerry is known for his friendly and easy to follow teaching style.



December 28th: Parker Dearborn teaching Intermediate/Advanced WCS.

Parker Dearborn has been a dancer since he could walk, first by learning country & line dances, and then as a teen, participating in both solo and partner dance styles. He eventually gravitated to West Coast Swing, and became a professional dancer, at the age of 17 in his hometown of San Diego, California. Parker has dedicated his life to dance and is grateful to have a successful career that has earned him the most prestigious awards in the world of West Coast Swing. Parker holds the title to every major championship in the nation. He is a three time US Open Swing Dance Champion and two time Grand National Swing Dance Champion. He has also been inducted to several Halls of Fame for his contributions to the style of West Coast Swing. Parker's decorated competition career has since distinguished him as a world-renowned and sought-after choreographer, instructor, and coach.



MEET THE TEAM

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Next Board Meeting: Dec. 14th 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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BIRTHDAYS

05	Katherine Keeling	20	Peter King
06	Mark Dow	25	Debi Reiss
08	Kathy Camper	25	Marlene Hunt
10	Rosamond Blevins	27	Jon Krause
16	Mark Siprut	28	Marc Rubin
17	Russell Hegyi	29	Steve Templeton
18	Sataporn Burwell / Folsom	30	Daniel Santos
19	Renee Carrington	31	Ken Kadansky

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



MARGARET SAYS:

When you are in a dance class there is one teacher and it's not you. Talking or instructing during a dance lesson is rude to everyone and I can't hear what the actual instructor is saying over all your yammering! **Unsolicited advice is just annoying.** This isn't social hour, you can talk after class. Btw, this goes for followers too. Like I said before, "If I don't ask, don't tell!"

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