







# SWING TIMES



A Publication of the San Diego Swing Dance Club

## FEBRUARY 2026

*"On with the dance! Let joy be unconfined." – Lord Byron*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 1 <b>Russ &amp; Souraya</b>	2	3	4 Westie Groove @ Infinity	5	6	7 Swing Night Out (Oceanside)
 8 <b>Maria T. &amp; Larry</b> Super Bowl Potluck	9	10	11 Westie Groove @ Infinity	12	13 DanceDiego @ DanceHQ	14 WCS Dance @ Starlight 
 15 <b>Maria T. &amp; Larry</b> Valentine's Dance	16 	17 	18 Westie Groove @ Infinity	19	20 Friday Night Corral @ DanceHQ	21 WCS Dance @ Starlight
22 <b>Yolanda Vargas</b>	23	24	25 Westie Groove @ Infinity	26	27	28 WCS Dance @ Starlight

### JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

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

#### BIG BALLROOM

Feb 1 – Russ & Souraya: Country Two Step  
 Feb 8 – Maria T. and Larry: Intermediate WCS  
 Feb 15 – Maria T. and Larry: Intermediate WCS  
 Feb 22 – Yolanda Vargas: Intermediate/Advanced WCS

#### SMALL BALLROOM

Feb 1 – Intro to WCS  
 Feb 8 – Intro to WCS  
 Feb 15 – Intro to WCS  
 Feb 22 – **No Intro to WCS Class**



# NOTES FROM US TO YOU



## President | Meredith Anderson

Here we are in February and it's still mostly sunny. No excuse not to get out of your house and come join us at the SDSDC! We are always happy to see so many people sharing their Sundays with us. I want to thank Vinh for his idea to bring in Alias as a gift to all our members for our last dance of 2025. We had a huge crowd of 169 followed by 119 people for our first dance of the new year (could it be the cake?!). It means so much that members and guests old and new support this club. We wouldn't be here without you. Let's take the time and make it a point to welcome new guests. Remember, membership is only \$35 a year and you save \$5 per admission so seven dances and you've already paid for your membership. See you on the dance floor!

*It's that time of year to start putting names in the hat! If you're interested in serving on the SDSDC Board please reach out to a board member.*



## Fatima Zaki

The Board would like to extend our gratitude to Fatima for her dedication, creativity, and service during

her time on the board. While she is stepping down to be more present with family, her contributions will continue to be felt throughout our community. Fatima has been a great addition to the SDSDC and we're so grateful to have her as part of our dance family!

### UPCOMING EVENTS REMINDER:

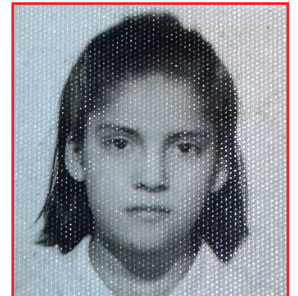
**Feb 8:** Super Bowl Potluck

**Feb 15:** Valentine's Dance

**March 15:** St. Patrick's Day Dance

## GUESS WHO?!

If you guessed **Julie Harper** last month you were right! Here's a little about Julie: I was born in Trujillo, Peru. I came to America when I was 17 years old and became a US citizen in 1998. I ran a profitable cleaning service many years. I found the SDSDC through friends in 1996 and the passion still thrives. I met my husband Mel, who has to play second fiddle to my precious poodles Kona and Maui, at the club. Besides dancing, I create artistic crafts for holidays and gifts for my small business "Gifts by Julie."



## UP NEXT

Answer to be featured in the next newsletter!



## WELCOME NEW SDSDC MEMBERS

Dennis Kane  
Steve McSkimming  
Susan Donovan

Millie More  
Patricia Dalton

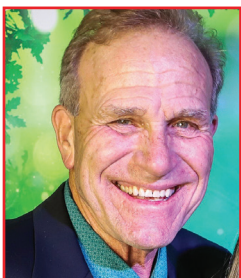
## TOTAL MEMBER COUNT

# 251



## Newsletter Editor | **Taylor Frederking**

It's so fun keeping up with all the club photos from afar! You all bring so much much life to the dance floor. I recently came across this photo with Ann Taylor, and it reminded me just how special this community is. **Let's all do a joyful dance in her honor** as her impact on this community will forever endure!



## Dance Director | **Geoff Burns**

### **February 1st: Russ Bradchulis + Souraya Lorenz** **TEACHING COUNTRY TWO STEP**

Russ Bradchulis and Souraya Lorenz 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. Russ and Souraya 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. Always a crowd favorite. Come on out and enjoy the most entertaining country two step lesson one can imagine.

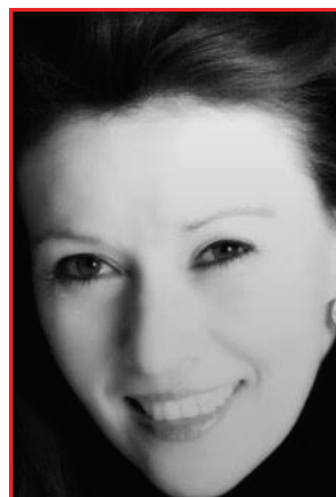


### **February 8th and 15th: Maria T. + Larry** **TEACHING INTERMEDIATE WCS**

Our very own Maria T. and Larry will be teaching the Intermediate class this month. Consummate professionals with a flare for the dramatic as well as some good ole fun. So suit up, get HIP and CATCH all the fun!

### **February 22nd: Yolanda Vargas** **TEACHING INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED WCS**

Yolanda developed a passion for dance and has studied and won many top-level competitions in Latin and Ballroom. Yolanda has both trained and taught top professionals, as well as organized and hosted countless ballroom, West Coast Swing and Salsa events and dances. Yolanda teaches beginning, intermediate and advanced classes and is now the proud owner of Infinity Dance Sport Center. Yolanda is a registrant with the National Dance Council of America, and President of the Professional Dancers Federation. She has been a Ballroom Dance Instructor for UCSD for the past 37 years, and is a Certified Dance Instructor with the most respected and leading ballroom dance organization in the world, Terpsichore. So come on out and learn from the best. If you are interested in procuring a private lesson contact Yolanda at Infinity Dance Studio in Kearney Mesa.





# 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: March 8th 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

10	Harvey Clark	28	Audrey Afrouzi
15	Bob Avila	28	Millie Moore (Milvena)
22	Howard Bossert	28	Peggy Fults
24	Romi Troftgruben	29	Carla Funk
27	Paul Ferguson		

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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



## MARGARET SAYS:

Do you love cologne? I do too, but not when I'm dancing 6 inches from another person. Some people are allergic, and no two people have the same taste in smells. As a general rule, **a shower and deodorant yes**, cologne or perfume no. If you must then go very light. Sweat and cologne don't mix so, if you find that people tend to shy away from you, consider if maybe you're overdoing the cologne (**or underdoing the deodorant**).

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

