

SWING



TIMES

A Publication of the San Diego Swing Dance Club

MAY 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Swing Night Out (Oceanside)
3 NO DANCE!	4	5 	6 Westie Groove @ Infinity	7	8 DanceDiego @ DanceHQ	9 Parker's OGSD @ DanceHQ
10 Vinh Mines 	11	12	13 Westie Groove @ Infinity	14	15 Friday Night Corral @ DanceHQ	16 SPRING BANQUET PARTY! WCS Dance @ Starlight
17 Vinh Mines	18	19	20 Westie Groove @ Infinity	21	22	23 WCS Dance @ Starlight
24 Trish & David Walkup	25	26	27 Westie Groove @ Infinity	28	29	30 WCS Dance @ Starlight
31 Mercedes Moore Mercedes Moore Band	"If you stumble, make it part of the dance"					

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

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



BIG BALLROOM

10th – Vinh Mines: Intermediate WCS
 17th – Vinh Mines: Intermediate WCS
 24th – Trish & David Walkup Intermediate/Advanced WCS
 31st – Mercedes Moore: Swing

SMALL BALLROOM

10th – Intro to WCS
 17th – **No Intro to WCS Class**
 24th – **No Intro to WCS Class**
 31st – Intro to WCS



NOTES FROM US TO YOU



President | **Meredith Anderson**

It's May and that means **elections for our new board are coming up**. Please step up and get involved! We need board members to keep this club running smoothly.

This month I want to address **renewing your membership**. As many of you have probably already observed, we have a notice at the front desk informing you of your renewal month coming up. We were being very lax with the renewal process. From now on your membership will be due the month it expires. The first time you come in that month, you will still get in at member prices. The next time you come in, you will either have to renew or pay the non member price. This way you get a **one week grace period**. Its is all coded for Chris at the front desk so **be nice**, it's not her doing! Yellow means it's your month, orange means you have used your one time grace entry and Red means you are expired over a month. "If it's yellow it's mellow, if it's red, it's dead!" (Nothing rhymes with orange.) Remember that we take **cash or check only** and we **don't accept \$100 bills**. Thanks as always for being part of this club!



Newsletter Editor **Taylor Frederking**

Hello SDSDC! Even from afar, I'm reminded that there truly is no place quite like this community. Thank you

for continuing to show up with kindness, energy, and the spirit that makes SDSDC so special. As we head into a new month of dancing, friendship, and fun, I hope you know how much you are appreciated and I can't wait to see you all again soon!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

May 10: Mother's Day

May 16: Spring Banquet Party

May 24: Memorial Day Dance

June 21: Father's Day Celebration

June 28: San Diego Hall of Fame Benefit

GUESS WHO?!

This month's reveal is **Dean Chavez**. Dean spent part of his childhood in Puerto Rico, where his father worked as a Teamsters organizer under Jimmy Hoffa, and grew up surrounded by larger-than-life family stories—including a father who fought on D-Day and an uncle who became a California boxing champion later inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame. After moving to East L.A. and later Wilmington, Dean discovered dancing, eventually falling in love with Salsa before finding West Coast Swing, where everything finally clicked!

UP NEXT →

Answer to be featured in the next newsletter!

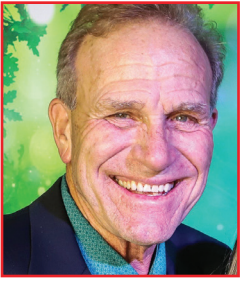


WELCOME NEW SDSDC MEMBERS

Patricia Dalton · Millie Moore · David Walkup

MEMBER COUNT = 234 AND GROWING!





Dance Director | **Geoff Burns**

May 10 & 17: Vinh Mines

TEACHING INTERMEDIATE WEST COAST SWING

Our very own Vinh Mines is back in town and will be teaching!

May 24: Trish and David Walkup

TEACHING INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED WEST COAST SWING

David and Trish began dancing in the 1990s—David on the United Country Western Dance Council (UCWDC) circuit in San Diego, and Trish on the West Coast Swing circuit in Los Angeles. They joined forces in 2006 after meeting at a dance convention, and both are award-winning dancers. David is a four-time UCWDC World Champion and U.S. Open Swing Dance Champion. Trish is a five-time UCWDC World Champion, a California Swing Dance Hall of Fame Rising Star, and has earned top placements in numerous West Coast Swing competitions. Together, they bring over 30 years of experience as dancers, teachers, choreographers, and competitors, specializing in Country Two-Step, West Coast Swing, Hustle, and more.



May 31: Mercedes Moore • TEACHING 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.



LARRY AND MARIA'S VERY SPECIAL JOINT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!



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.

MEET THE TEAM

SAN DIEGO SWING DANCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2025-2026 Executive Board

President..... Meredith Anderson
Vice President Vinh Mines
Membership Jody Kravitz
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Dance Director..... Geoff Burns
Hospitality Director..... Larry Clendenin
Publicity Director..... Maria Tee

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Webmaster..... Jody Kravitz
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Member At Large Lisa Simmons

Next Board Meeting: June 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.

For more information please visit
www.sandiegoswingdance.com

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BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 02 | Michael Wise | 19 | Yumi Derry |
| 06 | Claire Sosna | 20 | Lynne Rendon |
| 07 | Robin Fena | 21 | Sher Sheldon |
| 07 | Tina Moore | 21 | Sue Lathe |
| 08 | Ken Riha | 22 | Allone Twomey |
| 10 | Tisha Trinh | 22 | Amy Frazee |
| 11 | Fatima Zaki | 22 | Michael Belluso |
| 13 | Martha Pelletti | 23 | Leah Hurwitz |
| 13 | Tim Waldowski | 23 | Suzie Avila |
| 14 | Don Woolery | 27 | Vinh Mines |
| 14 | James Morton | 28 | Ida Greene |
| 16 | Brandy Proppe | 30 | Tom Cravey |
| 18 | Cathy Meyn | 31 | Danyeung Wong |
| 19 | Karen McEntire | | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*The club will provide cake and supplies
to celebrate birthdays on May 10th!*

WCS TIP OF THE MONTH

STOP DANCING THE MOVES AND START DANCING THE MOMENT.

Most dancers focus on what comes next, while **advanced dancers focus on what's happening right now**. In your next dance, slow everything down just a touch, complete each anchor, and **truly listen** – to the music and your partner's connection, tone, and timing. Leaders, allow the follower to finish before initiating the next movement. Followers, **stay present** and respond to what is actually led. West Coast Swing is elastic and meant to **breathe**, and when you stop rushing, you create space for musicality, playfulness, and real connection. The best dancers aren't faster... they're more patient, and that's where **style is born**.

**THIS NEWSLETTER WAS
MADE WITH LOVE BY TAYLOR
ON A PLANE HEADING TO NEVADA.**