Swing Times

A Publication of the San Diego Swing Dance Club

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Special Event: Annual Winter Banquet & Dance
Saturday, November 21
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JOIN US SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Warm up at 1:00 PM - Lesson(s) start at 1:30 PM.
Social dancing to follow at 2:30 PM.

November 1
- David Fan teaches Waltz
- Larry Armstrong teaches Intro to WCS
- DJ: Jody
- Halloween Costume Party
- November Birthday Celebration

November 8
- Larry C & Maria T teach Intermediate WCS
- Larry Armstrong teaches Intro to WCS
- DJ: Trish Connery Walkup
- Celebrating Veterans

November 15
- Parker Dearborn teaches Intermediate WCS
- No Intro to WCS lesson
- DJ: Parker Dearborn

November 22
- Demetre Souliotes teaches Intermediate/Advanced WCS
- No Intro to WCS lesson
- DJ: Demetre
- Friendsgiving pumpkin pies

November 29
- Larry C & Maria T teach Intermediate WCS
- Larry Armstrong teaches Intro to WCS
- DJ: Liz

The one thing that can solve most of our problems is dancing.
--James Brown

Let's Dance

Dance Director | David Walkup

November is the time to reflect on all we are thankful for, and our club is especially grateful for each of you who joins us on the dance floor. You bring energy, smiles, friendship, and a love of dancing that makes every dance special. As a volunteer run organization, our club thrives because of the generosity and dedication of so many. Please take a moment to thank those who volunteer their time, instruct, DJ, decorate, or provide birthday cakes. Every contribution, big or small, helps make our club a welcoming and vibrant community. Thank you all for being part of our dance family and for helping make our club such a wonderful place to dance, connect, and share joy!"

November 1: David Fan

WALTZ

David believes ballroom dancing is for everyone! He has been teaching since 2016, and has coached numerous dancers ranging in age from four to ninety-nine, and of all levels from newcomers to other professionals. He has competed in all four styles both nationally and internationally and is committed to giving each student the focus, artistic passion, and excitement that they deserve. He cannot wait to share the joy of ballroom dancing with you!

November 8 & 29: Maria T and Larry C

INTERMEDIATE WEST COAST SWING

Our very own Maria T. and Larry C. will be teaching the Intermediate class this month. They are moving from the social floor to the instructor's circle to share some fantastic patterns and styling. Don't miss this class - come out and support these beloved teachers and dancers!

November 15: Parker Dearborn

INTERMEDIATE WEST COAST SWING

From an early age, Parker found his calling on the dance floor. He is a teacher, judge, emcee and promoter of west coast swing with numerous world titles to his credit. Parker's true talent lies in his ability to make the complex feel simple. He breaks down difficult movements into easy segments, making every lesson an educational experience.

November 22: Demetre Souliotes ($10 extra)

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED WEST COAST SWING

Demetre first found dancing at a young age growing up in Los Angeles in the forms of Hip-Hop, Pop'n'Lock, and later House Dancing. He discovered West Coast Swing in 1995 and has never looked back. He has been performing and competing professionally in the top division in the world, the Champions Division, for over 20 years. Demetre travels the world as a sought after Choreographer, Coach, Teacher, Judge, DJ, and Mentor. He is the current president and founder of SoCal Westy and a founding member of the Rising Star Swing Tour. He is one of a handful of current Champion Dancers who have helped shape what WCS is today. He has twice been nominated to the California Swing Dance Hall of Fame.

NOTES FROM US TO YOU

President | Larry Armstrong

October has come and gone and now we're looking forward to a special November. We start off the month with our Halloween-themed dance on November 1st. Be sure to wear something spooky, or funny, or simply amazing and join in on the fun. On November 8 we will recognize our veterans and on the 22nd the club will host a Friendsgiving party. I understand there will be an abundance of pumpkin pie on that day.

The annual holiday dinner dance will be on the 21st. Our party committee has lined up a great meal with something for everyone. There will be eye-catching decorations to enjoy along with plenty of our favorite dance music. This year the food will be served in the small ballroom so there will be more dance space in the main ballroom than we've had in years past. Be sure to get your tickets from Jody. For the first Sunday dance we will have a lesson on waltz taught by David Fan (one of the owners of the studio) and the fourth Sunday we're looking forward to the pro workshop taught by Demetre Souliotes.

Activities Director | Lisa Simmons

Mark your calendars for these upcoming special events:

- November 1 - Halloween Costume party and birthday celebration
- November 8 - Celebrating Veterans
- November 21 - **Special Event** - Annual Winter Banquet & Dance
- November 22 - Friendsgiving pumpkin pies
- December 6 - Birthday celebration
- December 20 - Holiday themed party

Ask Different People to Dance

Dancing with a variety of partners is one of the best ways to improve. Every dancer has a slightly different connection, timing, frame, and style. When you only dance with the same few people, you may become comfortable, but you may also stop growing. Dancing with different partners helps you become more adaptable and more confident.

It also helps create a more welcoming club environment. Newer dancers feel included when experienced dancers ask them to dance. Experienced dancers benefit from dancing with people of all levels because it sharpens clarity, patience, and communication. A healthy social dance community is built one invitation at a time. Ask someone new, thank them afterward, and help keep the floor friendly.

WHAT'S YOUR SPECIAL TALENT?

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE TEAM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT, PLEASE REACH OUT TO A BOARD MEMBER.

SAN DIEGO SWING DANCE CLUB

Annual Winter Banquet & Dance

Saturday, November 21

Dance Headquarters
5035 Shawline St., San Diego

Doors Open 5:30 PM
Appetizers 6–7 PM
Full Catered Dinner at 7 PM

Dinner • Dancing • Photo Booth

Music by DJ Jody Kravitz
70% WCS · 30% Other Favorite Dances
No lesson — dancing until 10 PM

Dress to Impress!

Members $65 • Non-Members $75
ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY
NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR

Purchase by Sunday, November 15
Buy in person at an upcoming SDSDC dance or pay by Venmo

Pre-pay with **venmo**

@Jody-Kravitz (5068)

In "What's this for?" enter the full name(s) of all attendee(s).

Venmo payments are collected by Jody Kravitz for SDSDC.

Fun times at the San Diego Swing Dance Club!

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Next Board Meeting: November 1 at 12:00 PM

November Birthdays

1 Calvin See
9 Hugh Molesworth
9 Richard Smith
10 Dave Madrigal
10 Flora Mayer
11 Lisa White
12 Annie Johnson
12 Florence Mullins
12 Gail Malone
16 Joan Canonigo
18 Terry Uchida
19 Belinda Young
21 Arlene Miller
22 David Gonzales
25 Micko - Tengmei Stegner
25 Sandi Muir
26 Margo Melton
26 Patty Dalton
27 Sherry Maldonado
30 Howard Heilbrunn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Join us on November 1 for cake as we celebrate all the November Birthdays!

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sadia Brennan
Tui Fundora
Chantal Roché
Calvin See
Cheri Joseph
Flora Mayer
Dan Ross

MEMBER COUNT: 258

We'd love to hear from you. Scan or click the QR code to leave us your feedback.

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