

Swing Times

Redwood Empire Swing Dance Club

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President's Message

Once upon a time there was a young boy who grew up with 6 sisters. He was the only boy in the family. Every day he was bored with all the things his sisters liked to say and do.

They were always giggling and talking under their breath. They talked about shopping and jewelry and little babies and the boys at school.

What made it worse was when Mom put on the radio at home they would all sing and dance as if they hadn't a care in the world. That made him mad.

Didn't they know that he was in pain? It was painful to be envious of his sisters and feel that he could never do what they could do. "Life can't be that easy," he said to himself.

And besides that's girly stuff. Guys don't sing and dance. Why, that's too embarrassing.

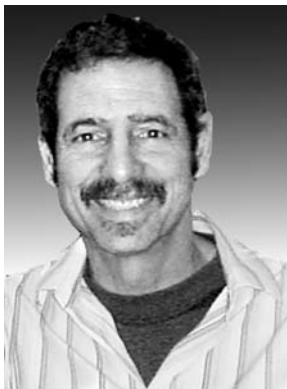
Then one day he decided he was going show them that he could do anything they could do. He mustered up all his courage and marched down to the local dance studio and signed up for dance lessons.

At first he was confused because they put him in the pole dancing class. This didn't seem right. Luckily the teacher discovered this and moved him into the Waltz class. But right next door was this other class where they were hopping and jumping and next to them was a group dancing to some sassy blues and pop music.

He couldn't help but be attracted. He went in and was captured by what he saw. Dancers were smiling and having a lot of fun. In fact the guys were holding hands with and putting their arms around the gals and seemed to be in charge of the dance.

Well this had to be for him. He signed up for a bunch of lessons and started to go to some dances. At first he was very, very nervous. Everybody seemed really good at it and he was afraid to ask a gal to dance.

The longer he sat there the harder it became to stand up and try. Finally one of the regulars came over and encouraged him and introduced him to another dancer. She asked him if he would like to dance and he said he would. It was awkward at first but he tried his best.



When the music was over she walked him to the edge of the floor and introduced him to another gal. The new gal asked him if he would like to dance, and he said he would.

Some time has passed since those first days of beginning dance and now his dancing is a little better and he feels more confident and willing to ask gals to dance. In just a few months, with persistence on his part, he is going to all the local dances and dancing with lots of different gals who think he is the greatest, and he is having the time of his life.

Now, months later, he participates in national competitions and travels all over the country and is going broke doing it. But he sees sights he has never seen before, like the Rocky Mountains, and Saguaro desert cactus, and meets people he has never met before.

He now likes to spread the word about West Coast Swing Dancing all over town and tries to help new dancers out on the floor because he remembers how nervous he was when he was new. He even shows his sisters the dance, and now, they are envious of him.

He is very proud of himself and grateful to have been inspired to find those things that make him happy. He thanks his girly sisters for that.

—Michael DiFranco, RESDC President

Conventions & Events

For a listing of conventions, and general WCS information go to: www.wcs-dancer.com.

For a full list of World Swing Dance Council (WSDC) registry dance events & location information go to: www.swingdance-council.com.

Other Web Links

Sonoma County dancing connections and information available through Yahoo groups at: groups.yahoo.com/group/northbaydancers/

November Birthdays

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www.yvonnebdance.com www.starsballroom.com

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www.resdc.org/flamingohotel.html

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RESDC Calendar—November, 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* Means lesson before or during dance</p> <p>☞ Means RESDC Club Night Out</p>	<p><i>Out of state Conventions:</i></p> <p>Music City Swing Dance Championship/Nashville, TN 11/2 to 11/4</p>	<p>Tampa Bay Classic/ Tampa Bay, FL 11/1-11/4</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Swingin' New England Dance Festival/N. Falmouth, MA 11/9-11/11</p>	<p>Dallas Dance Festival/Dallas, TX 11/9-11/11</p> <p>-----</p> <p>C.A.S.H. Bash Weekend/ Twinsburg, OH 11/23-11/25</p>	<p>1 WCS @ Stars Ballroom/Novato 6:30-11:30*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WCS@Allegro Ballroom/Emeryville 7:00-10:00*</p>	<p>2 Two Left Feet/ Danville 8:00-12:00*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Mountain Magic Dance Convention/ S. Lake Tahoe, NV</p>	<p>3 WCS @ Stars/Novato by Freddie Marsh-Lott (Music2Dance2) 7:00-11:00*☞</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Mountain Magic Dance Convention/ S. Lake Tahoe, NV</p>
<p>4 Country & WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 5:00-9:30* every Sunday</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Mountain Magic Dance Convention/ S. Lake Tahoe, NV</p>	<p>5 WCS @ Steppin Out/Sunnyvale 7:00-11:45*</p>	<p>6 RESDC BOARD MEETING Flamingo, Santa Rosa 6:30</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Flamingo WCS/ Santa Rosa 7:00-11:00*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 7:15-9:30*</p>	<p>7 Top of Beardsley's /San Mateo 7:00-11:30*</p>	<p>8 WCS @ Stars Ballroom/Novato 6:30-11:30*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WCS@Allegro Ballroom/Emeryville 7:00-10:00*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WCS @ The Ballroom/Sacramento 7:30-10:00 (every Thurs.)</p>	<p>9 Two Left Feet/ Danville 8:00-12:00*</p>	<p>10 Metronome/SF monthly WCS 8:00-12:00*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Reno Monthly WCS Dance/Reno 7:00-11:00*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TNGSDC Dance/ Emeryville 6:30-10:00*</p>
<p>11 Kelly Casanova's Dance/ Santa Rosa 5:00-10:00*☞</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Michelle Kinkaid's Dance/ Redwood City 6:00-10:00*</p>	<p>12 WCS @ Steppin Out/Sunnyvale 7:00-11:45*</p>	<p>13 Flamingo WCS/Santa Rosa 7:00-11:00*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 7:15-9:30*</p>	<p>14 Top of Beardsley's /San Mateo 7:00-11:30*</p>	<p>15 WCS @ Stars Ballroom/Novato 6:30-11:30*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WCS@Allegro Ballroom/Emeryville 7:00-10:00*</p>	<p>16 Two Left Feet/ Danville-Special Event: SMAK through Sunday 8:00-12:00*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WCS @ Bay West Ballroom/San Rafael 8:00-11:00*</p>	<p>17 Stars Fall Ballroom Showcase/Novato all day event</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Capital Swing Dancers/Fair Oaks 5:30-10:30*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Mt. Tam Swing/ Larkspur 7:30-11:00*</p>
<p>18 Bayside Swing/Oakland 5:30-10:00*</p>	<p>19 WCS @ Steppin Out/Sunnyvale 7:00-11:45*</p>	<p>20 Flamingo WCS/Santa Rosa 7:00-11:00*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 7:15-9:30*</p>	<p>21 Top of Beardsley's /San Mateo 7:00-11:30*</p>	<p>22 WCS @ Stars Ballroom/Novato 6:30-11:30*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WCS@Allegro Ballroom/Emeryville 7:00-10:00*</p>	<p>23 Two Left Feet/ Danville 8:00-12:00*</p>	<p>24 RESDC Dance @ Oddfellows/ Santa Rosa</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Santa Cruz SDC 7:00-11:00*</p>
<p>U. S. Open Swing Dance Championship Anaheim, CA (Thurs. - Sun.)</p>						
<p>25 Bayside Swing/Oakland 5:30-10:00*</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 10px;">U. S. Open (Through Today)</p>	<p>26 WCS @ Steppin Out/Sunnyvale 7:00-11:45*</p>	<p>27 Flamingo WCS/Santa Rosa 7:00-11:00*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 7:15-9:30*</p>	<p>28 Top of Beardsley's /San Mateo 7:00-11:30*</p>	<p>29 WCS @ Stars Ballroom/Novato 6:30-11:30*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WCS@Allegro Ballroom/Emeryville 7:00-10:00*</p>	<p>30 WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa-☞ 7:15-11:00*</p>	<p>For instructor contact information please see page 2 of this newsletter</p>



Redwood Empire Swing Dance Club
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November Club Nights Out

Saturday, November 3

Freddie Marsh-Lott/Music2Dance2
 at Stars Ballroom
 1559 South Novato Blvd., Suite C, Novato
 (415) 897-7976
 Lesson 7-8 PM, Dancing 8-11 PM
 \$1 off admission with RESDC card

Sunday, November 11

Kelly Casanova's 2nd Sunday Dance
 Ellington Hall, Santa Rosa
 Lesson 5-6:30 PM, Dancing 6:30-10 PM

Friday, November 30

Monroe Hall
 1400 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa
 Lesson with Dick & Edna 7-8 PM,
 Dancing with DJ Steve Luther 8-11 PM
 \$1 off admission with RESDC card

Membership Benefits

- Discounts on most RESDC dances (\$3 off adult rate)
- Discounts on affiliated club dances (Next Gen, Sacramento, Santa Cruz)
- Receive "Swing Times" monthly newsletter
- Borrow dance tapes from our video library (Contact Shelly at: (707) 579-4364. Check out the list of available videos on the web page!)
- Join other club members for Club Night Out (CNO)
- Become an Exhibition Dance Team member
- Obtain tickets to dance conventions at RESDC tables, with preferred seating—Receive early notice of workshops taught by local and national dance talent
- Can apply to serve on the RESDC Board of Directors
- Receive e-mail updates about dances
- New members receive one free dance pass



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NOVEMBER CLUB DANCE

Join us on Saturday, November 24 at the Oddfellow's Hall in Santa Rosa for our regular monthly club dance. **Fodie Baker** will teach the Beginner Lesson starting at 7PM. Details are on the enclosed flyer.



The Redwood Empire Swing Dance Club (www.resdc.org) is a social non-profit incorporated club dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Swing Dancing, and in particular the California State Dance, West Coast Swing. For this purpose, we hold monthly dances, special dances, parties and sponsor workshops throughout the year. Membership dues are \$30 per year. Club members receive the RESDC "Swing Times" and receive discounts at RESDC events and events sponsored by other swing dance clubs.

If you are not already a member, join today! Contact Denise Suzuki at (707) 837-8335.