

Swing Times

Redwood Empire Swing Dance Club

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President's Message

DANCE CONVENTIONS!! HAVE YOU HEARD?

So what are they you say? What's so good about them?

Well, if you think you are enjoying your local dances, and get a feeling like you're at a fun party, then a West Coast Swing dance convention is a great big party!

If you go to one you will find anywhere from 500 to 1,500 dancers from all around the country, even around the world.

It's so much fun and stimulating to dance with people you never met or danced with before. Each person has their own style and experience. I learn tremendously from other dancers!

I always meet someone I never met before who is a good dancer. I am almost always surprised a great deal.

I also hear music I've never heard before.

Many of the professional dancers we hear so much about attend conventions, too, like Benji Schwimmer—you know, the ace who won the "So You Think You Can Dance" contest on national TV. It's a great opportunity to get a private lesson from someone like him.

I have found that I have made a lot of friends from all over the USA at these conventions. We sometimes share expenses and rooms together. We'll talk about our lives and go out into the city or town and enjoy fine dining or shopping or just walking around and seeing the sights.

There are many different cities you can enjoy while in town for dancing. Recently I have been to Monterey, Fresno, Palm Springs, Orange County (near Los Angeles), Phoenix, Seattle, Denver, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Sacramento, San Diego, Reno, Chico, Dallas, Portland, Miami and Vancouver.

The hotels are usually very nice and have swimming pools, Jacuzzis, cocktail bars with sports TV, and massage services to ease your stress.

Wow! There is no way I could have predicted I



would travel so much just because I took up swing dancing. Funny, I seem to be more motivated at work. Wonder why?? Hmm....

I have ventured out to do many other things at these events. I find hiking trails, or a beach, or a quiet place in a park to read a book. I have even searched out the places where a spiritual practice similar to mine is taking place.

I am also finding that these areas offer an opportunity to market my new product in my business.

Look up the World Swing Dance Council on the web to see all the places where swing dance conventions occur (www.swingdancecouncil.com).

While I was in Monterey the weekend of January 19th and 20th I took the opportunity to go to Clint Eastwood's Mission Ranch Inn in Carmel. I had heard that there was a piano bar there similar to the one in Santa Rosa's Fountain Inn, where people come to have a drink and sing with the piano player. I had so much fun!

The funny thing is I have been having a hankering to write a script for a new western movie. Do you think I landed at Clint's place by accident? Or was it destiny.

I hadn't really thought about it until I got back to the hotel. I was right there with the king of cowboy movies. (That is the king next to, of course, the master John Wayne).

I guess I might find out the next time I go to his ranch. YES!!

Live like there is no tomorrow!

—Michael DiFranco, RESDC President

February Club Nights Out

Saturday, February 9

Mt. Tam Swing at The Mt Tam Racquet Club
1 Larkspur Plaza Drive (at Doherty), Larkspur
Beginner Lesson with Kelly Casanova 7:30-8:30 PM
Dancing 8:30-11:45 PM (see enclosed flyer)

Sunday, February 10

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

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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/

February Birthdays

Dale Billing Kevin Heider
Phil Krieger Terry Tinkler
Mindy Weinrit



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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Welcome New Members

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RESDC Calendar—February, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* Means lesson before or during dance</p> <p>-----</p> <p>☞ Means RESDC Club Night Out</p>	<p>Capitol Swing Dancer's 16th Annual Presidents' Day Weekend Convention/ Sacramento 2/14-17</p>				<p>1 Two Left Feet/ Danville 8:00-12:00*</p>	<p>2 CA Ballrm & Music2Dance2 Mardi Gras party/Monroe Hall 7:00-? -----</p> <p>TNGSDC Dance/ Emeryville 6:30-late*</p>
<p>3 Country & WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 5:00-9:30* every Sunday</p> <hr/> <p>Bayside Swing/Oakland 5:30-10:00*</p>	<p>4 Starlite Dance Club/Sunnyvale 7:00-12:00*</p>	<p>5 Flamingo WCS/ Santa Rosa 7:00-11:00* -----</p> <p>Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 7:15-9:30* -----</p> <p>RESDC BOARD MTG. 6:45PM at Dave Cooper's office, Santa Rosa</p>	<p>6 Top of Beardsley's /San Mateo 7:00-11:30*</p>	<p>7 San Rafael Community Ctr./618 "B" St. 6:30-?*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Allegro Ballroom/Emeryville 7:00-10:00*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The Ballroom/Sacramento 7:30-10:00</p>	<p>8 Two Left Feet/ Danville 8:00-12:00*</p>	<p>9 Mt. Tam Swing/Larkspur 7:30-11:00*☞ -----</p> <p>BLSDC WCS Dance/Reno 7:00-11:00* -----</p> <p>Santa Cruz SDC 8:00-12:00*</p>
<p>10 Kelly Casanova's Dance/ Santa Rosa 5:00-10:00*☞ -----</p> <p>Michelle Kinkaid's Dance/ Redwood City 6:00-10:00* -----</p> <p>Bayside Swing/Oakland 5:30-10:00*</p>	<p>11 Starlite Dance Club/ Sunnyvale 7:00-12:00*</p>	<p>12 Flamingo WCS/Santa Rosa 7:00-11:00* -----</p> <p>WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 7:15-9:30*</p>	<p>13 Top of Beardsley's /San Mateo 7:00-11:30*</p>	<p>14 San Rafael Community Ctr./618 "B" St. 6:30-?*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Allegro Ballroom/Emeryville 7:00-10:00* -----</p> <p>The Ballroom/Sacramento 7:30-10:00</p>	<p>15 Two Left Feet/ Danville 8:00-12:00* -----</p> <p>WCS @ Bay West Ballroom /San Rafael 8:00-11:00*</p>	<p>16 Capitol Swing Dancer's 16th Annual Presidents' Day Weekend Convention/ Sacramento 2/14-17</p>
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FEBRUARY CLUB DANCE

Join us on Saturday, February 23 at the Odd Fellow's Hall in Santa Rosa for our monthly club dance. Music will be courtesy of DJ Kelly Casanova. There will be a Beginner Lesson starting at 7PM with instructors Nick Jay and Tatiana Bourget. Details 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 Ingri Sparling at (707) 328-8758.