

# Swing Times

Redwood Empire Swing Dance Club

www.resdc.org

**MARCH 2008**

## President's Message

THE BLACK AND WHITE BALL IS HERE.

Get ready dancers. Our favorite dance of the year is coming up on Saturday night, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Petaluma Veterans Building on the big 7200 sq. ft. 50-year old dance floor. Dancing starts at 7PM and ends at 12 midnight. Who will be the last one standing?

This is a yearly favorite because the turn out is big—upwards of 200 dancers from Sacramento to San Francisco, our traditional POT LUCK with lots of finger food brought in by all of you, fun decorations by SUSAN CONWAY, and the hot tunes of nationally recognized DJ MIKE PYLE!

Please remind and invite your fellow dancers to join us for this FANTASTIC party!

JUST GOT BACK FROM THE "CAPITAL SWING DANCE" CONVENTION.

Our neighboring club from Sacramento puts on one of the biggest Swing Dance conventions in the country. I went along with many others from our club, and I had the best time.

Many of us competed—those I can remember include Christine Love, who made finals out of 90 women in the Novice Division. Kelly Casanova took 1<sup>st</sup> in Masters Jack & Jill. Sean McKeever took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Junior Routine and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Advanced Jack & Jill. Brina Cimino, Kyoko Morrison, Ezra and Jill Kantor, Rachel Baumgardner, Pat and Kathy Powers, Dave Cooper, and Terri Haley all participated in the competitions. (If I left anyone out please contact me and I'll include your name in next month's newsletter.)

There were 20 or more teen dancers from the Stephen Nordquist Studios, and many of them competed. To mention a few, Nate Woodward made it to the Junior Jack & Jill finals. Also included were Andy Ferrera, Amy Foreaker, Jason Taylor, Michelle Stone, Jessica Greer, Gabe Case, MacKenzie Brew, Jenna Lynch and Rosalyn.

There were a couple of contestants from the former Stars Ballroom group, including Caitlin



Lawson, who took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Juniors Strictly Swing and was in the finals for Juniors Jack & Jill. Payton Fedrick took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Juniors Jack & Jill, and along with Daniel Clifton took 5<sup>th</sup> in Juniors Strictly Swing. Daniel also finaled in Juniors Jack & Jill.

On a sad note we lost one of the great pro dancers, Wayne Bott. Wayne passed away on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, from sudden heart failure. He was always smiling and full of entertaining antics on the spotlight dance floor. He will be greatly missed. Let us dance in his loving memory.

—Michael DiFranco, RESDC President

Dave Cooper, RESDC Vice President, passes along these reminders for the Black & White Ball:

1. Our hall rental agreement prohibits hall users from bringing alcohol in. The landlord requested that we notify everyone for our future dances.

2. We've had comments from some folks concerned about stepping on or falling over kids running about. If you bring children, please caution them on the dangers to themselves and others, and make sure you provide supervision.

## March Club Nights Out

### Friday, March 7

Monroe Hall

1400 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa

Intermediate Lesson with Dick & Edna 7:15-8:15 PM

Dancing with DJ Steve Luther 8:15-11:00 PM

\$1 off admission with RESDC membership card

### Tuesday, March 25

Flamingo Hotel

4<sup>th</sup> & Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa

Beginner Lesson with Kyoko Morrison 7:00-7:40 PM

Intermediate Lesson with Dick & Edna 7:45-8:30 PM

\$9 Lesson & Dance; \$7 Dance only

## Welcome New Members

*Jenny Boyle*

*Roy Engle*

*Glen Gulick*

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## RESDC Member West Coast Swing Dance Instructors

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### California Ballroom

(Formerly Emily's Dance Center)  
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dancectr@pacbell.net      www.emilydance.com

### Yvonne Benavidez

(415) 897-7976  
www.yvonnebdance.com

### Kelly Casanova

(707) 838-0388  
Kelly@kellydance.com      www.kellydance.com

### Susan Conway SRJC Instructor

(707) 291-5777 (private lessons)

### Tony & Marina Gutsch

(707) 484-4970 or (707) 484-6966  
Gutsch@att.net

### Edna Lucero & Dick Jensen

(707) 523-4336  
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### Kyoko Morrison

www.resdc.org/flamingohotel.html

### Elizabeth Mustaro

(707) 548-4603  
www.baywestballroom.com

### Dyana Foldvary

private & couple lessons  
(707) 887-9480  
www.resdc.org/InstDyana2.htm

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### Membership Benefits

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- 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

Contact Ingri Sparling, the RESDC Membership Secretary, at (707) 328-8758, or at Ingri.Jean@yahoo.com.

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### March Birthdays

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Joanne Fisher      Maria Monti  
James Gafford      Kyoko Morrison  
Edna Lucero      Maureen Tischler

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## RESDC Officers and Directors-At-Large

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# RESDC Calendar—March, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* Means lesson before or during dance</p> <p>☞ Means RESDC Club Night Out</p>	<p><b>Mario Robau</b> Intensive workshop/Santa Rosa—11:00 AM-7:00 PM 3/8 (Sat.) &amp; 11:00 AM-3:30 PM 3/9 (Sun.) Contact: <a href="mailto:kellycdancer@aol.com">kellycdancer@aol.com</a></p>		<p><b>RESDC BOARD MEETING &amp; NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION</b>—March 1, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at Coco's Restaurant, Farmers Lane South at Highway 12, Santa Rosa</p>			<p><b>1</b> TNGSDC Dance/Emeryville 6:00-late*</p> <p>☞ <b>RESDC BOARD MEETING</b></p>
<p><b>2</b> Country &amp; WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 5:00-9:30* <b>Every Sunday</b></p> <p>Bayside Swing/Oakland 5:30-10:00*</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> Flamingo WCS/Santa Rosa 7:00-11:00*</p> <p>WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 7:15-9:30*</p>	<p><b>5</b> Top of Beardsley's/San Mateo 7:00-11:30*</p>	<p><b>6</b> San Rafael Community Ctr./618 "B" St. 6:30-?*</p> <p>Allegro Ballroom/Emeryville 7:00-10:00*</p> <p>Bay West Ballroom/San Rafael 7:00-10:30*</p>	<p><b>7</b> Two Left Feet/Danville 8:00-12:00*</p> <p>Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 7:15-11:00*☞</p> <p>WCS @ Bay West Ballroom w/Mario Robau /San Rafael 8:00-11:00*</p>	<p><b>8</b> BLSDC WCS Dance/Reno 7:00-11:00*</p> <p>Santa Cruz SDC/Santa Cruz 8:00-12:00*</p>
<p><b>9</b> Kelly's Dance w/Mario Robau/Santa Rosa 5:00-10:00*</p> <p>Michelle's Swing Joins Country Dance/Redwood City 4:30-10:00*</p> <p>Bayside Hustle/Oakland 5:30-10:00*</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p><b>RESDC Dance Team's First Public Performance at Kelly's 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Dance 3/9</b></p> </div>	<p><b>11</b> Flamingo WCS/Santa Rosa 7:00-11:00*</p> <p>WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 7:15-9:30*</p>	<p><b>12</b> Top of Beardsley's /San Mateo 7:00-11:30*</p>	<p><b>13</b> San Rafael Community Ctr./618 "B" St. 6:30-?*</p> <p>Allegro Ballroom/Emeryville 7:00-10:00*</p> <p>Bay West Ballroom/San Rafael 7:00-10:30*</p>	<p><b>14</b> Two Left Feet/Danville 8:00-12:00*</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b> Bayside Swing/Oakland 5:30-10:00*</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> Flamingo WCS/Santa Rosa 7:00-11:00*</p> <p>WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 7:15-9:30*</p>	<p><b>19</b> Top of Beardsley's /San Mateo 7:00-11:30*</p>	<p><b>20</b> San Rafael Community Ctr./618 "B" St. 6:30-?*</p> <p>Allegro Ballroom/Emeryville 7:00-10:00*</p> <p>Bay West Ballroom/San Rafael 7:00-10:30*</p>	<p><b>21</b> Two Left Feet/Danville 8:00-12:00*</p>	<p><b>22 RESDC Black &amp; White Ball/Petaluma Vet's 7:00-12:00</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> Bayside Swing/Oakland 5:30-10:00*</p> <p>Capitol Swing Dance Club/Fair Oaks 5:30-?*</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> Flamingo WCS/Santa Rosa 7:00-11:00*☞</p> <p>WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 7:15-9:30*</p>	<p><b>26</b> Top of Beardsley's /San Mateo 7:00-11:30*</p>	<p><b>27</b> San Rafael Community Ctr./618 "B" St. 6:30-?*</p> <p>Allegro Ballroom/Emeryville 7:00-10:00*</p> <p>Bay West Ballroom/San Rafael 7:00-10:30*</p>	<p><b>28</b> Two Left Feet/Danville 8:00-12:00*</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> Bayside Swing/Oakland 5:30-10:00*</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>Conventions:</b> Mid-Atlantic Dance Jam/Washington, DC 3/6-9</p>	<p>High Desert Dance Classic/ Lancaster, CA 3/14-16/ Chicago Dance Classic/Chicago, IL 3/14-16</p>	<p>Seattle Swing Dance Classic/Seattle, WA 3/20-23</p>	<p>Boston Tea Party/Danvers, MA 3/27-30</p>	<p>For instructor contact information please see page 2 of this newsletter</p>



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### **Conventions & Events**

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*For a listing of conventions, and general WCS information go to: [www.wcs-dancer.com](http://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](http://www.swingdance-council.com).*

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### **Other Web Links**

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*Sonoma County dancing connections and information available through Yahoo groups at: [groups.yahoo.com/group/northbaydancers/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/northbaydancers/)*

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### **MARCH CLUB DANCE—ANNUAL BLACK & WHITE BALL**

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Join us on Saturday, March 22 at the Petaluma Veterans Memorial Hall, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. South, Petaluma, for our annual Black & White Ball. Music will be courtesy of DJ Mike Pyle. Dancing starts at 7PM and continues until midnight. Details are on the enclosed flyer, and on the club web site: [www.resdc.org](http://www.resdc.org).



**The Redwood Empire Swing Dance Club** ([www.resdc.org](http://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.