

Swingcopations

Short and sweet from the President

Hello Dancers,

My favorite thing to do in my monthly spiel is to thank all the deserving volunteers from the preceding month. Well, the list is longer this month than ever! I've said it before, but some things are worth repeating. We are so blessed at TSDC to have such an extraordinary group of talented, friendly and willing volunteers.

To begin with, congratulations to Hondo Velasco for being awarded the Honorary Life Member award at the Christmas party December 13th. Hondo has given us many years of teaching, dancing, heavy lifting and bad jokes! Thank you, Hondo!

And speaking of the Christmas party, Marta Buchanan did an amazing job organizing and orchestrating our 2003 Christmas dance. We had raffle prizes, entertainment, breakfast and a full night of dancing to the tunes of Jim Buchanan and Bob Brown. Rhythm Express put on a great show, as always, while choreographer Linda Lowell stood proudly by, and rightfully so! And Jesse and Autumn danced a west coast/salsa with their usual fun and entertaining flair. Thank you so much to Marta and her crew for giving us such an exceptional party!

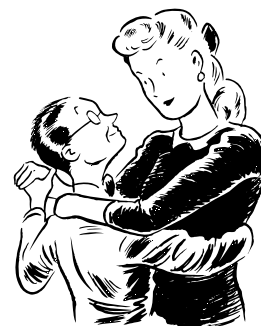
A large group of us braved the cold at the TSDC hayride through Winterhaven... well, minus the hay, much to Brooke's dismay! We had young and young-at-heart on the mule-drawn wagons trotting through the streets filled with holiday spirit. Thank you, Rosanne, for arranging such a festive event!

A new year is upon us, the traditional time to make resolutions and set goals for ourselves. What better time than now to think about running for office in 2004. We always need volunteers and election time is coming quickly. We need your nominations by the end of the month, so if you're interested in running for office, please let a current board member know right away!

Happy New Year, y'all!

Peace and Harmony,

— Ellen



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Open Jack & Jill winners

Nine couples competed in December's Open Jack & Jill. Instead of the usual Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced winning couples the judges selected the top three from all the couples.

First place: Wendy Lowe and L Perez

Second place: Spider Perez and Bill Garrity

Third place: April Amstutz and Hondo Velasco.

The January Jack & Jill will return to the conventional format, and will be on the second Thursday instead of the first since there is no dance on January 1st.

New members:

***Cheryl
Brayton***

***Christine
Erkman***

Deck the Halls Meets Eat, Drink and Be Merry...

The TSDC Christmas Party took place on Saturday, December 13th. Three cheers to Marta Buchanan for doing such an amazing job with every aspect of the party. There were festive decorations and fabulous food. The excellent music was provided by DJs Jim Buchanan and Bob Brown. There were almost 100 people in attendance, including lots of our friends from Phoenix. All the ladies were looking especially lovely that night, many in long sparkling dresses. The entertainment was provided first by Linda Lowell's dance team from Studio West, Rhythm Express (Mary B., Jeff Cook, Christa DeVitt, Bob Firl, Bob Holloway, Kathie & Sam Logan, Rhoda Quijada, Sheldon Ross, Victor Schneider, Linda Stickley, and Kathleen Ward), who did a wonderful job of performing their routine. Then, Jesse Dickson and Autumn Bear did a combination West Coast/Salsa exhibition that wowed the crowd. That was not a routine, folks, that was a spontaneous demonstration of connection and talent.

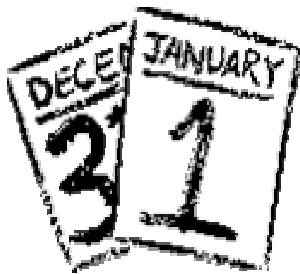
A little added attraction throughout the evening was the drawing of fun prizes including dance lessons, movie tickets, meals, services, and Wendy's handpainted notecards (not everyone knows she's an accomplished artist as well as a beautiful dancer). We would like to thank Aqua Vive Massage, Arizona Ballroom Company, Bob Brown, Century Theatres, Dez DiPaola, Wendy Lowe, Pappoule's, Park Place Mall, L Perez, and Studio West for their generous donations.

A merry time was had by all. Be sure to make plans to be there next year!

— *Rosanne Crago*

January birthdays

Scott Eaton	January 1st	Britta Sneep	January 22nd
Faye Satterfield	January 1st	Cathy Schreiber	January 22nd
Michelle Phillips	January 4th	Francis Hart	January 25th
Judith Jackson	January 7th	Linda Denniston	January 26th
Evelyn Textor	January 12th	Chris Dixon	January 28th
Carol Debis-Harren	January 13th		
Mary "Monte" Smith	January 15th		
Pat Manion	January 19th		
Martin Fricke	January 19th		
Wayne Scheibe	January 20th		



Dancers! Have you renewed your membership for 2004?

For only \$25 you can receive a weekly \$2 discount on Tucson Swing Dance Club's Thursday night dances and lessons! Plus, there are other benefits offered throughout the year, *exclusively for members*. So sign up now to start receiving *your* membership benefits!

— Jo Getchen, Membership Secretary

Help wanted!

Do you collect swing music? Do you like playing music for the enjoyment of dancers? Are you interested in becoming one of the prestigious TSDC DJ's? Call Jim B. @ 603-1002 or see him Thursday at the Club for more information.



Spanish Guitar

Larry Mason

different styles

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Dance lessons at the club

Each month the club dance instructors teach the beginning patterns in West Coast Swing. Students can start the lesson sequence on any Thursday.

First Thursday of the month: Left side pass, underarm turn, underarm turn with a hand change, and the right side pass.

Second Thursday: 4-beat starter step, throwout, closed basic.

Third Thursday: Sugar push, tuck throwout, turning basic.

Fourth Thursday: Basic whip, whip with an inside turn, whip with an outside turn.

Fifth Thursday: Basket whip and variations.

We recommend taking the basic class for three months before going on to the intermediate class, though beginning students are welcome to watch the intermediate class and stay for the open dance afterwards.

Intermediate classes teach pattern variations, combinations, and syncopations beyond the basics.

Dance spots

Cactus Moon	748-0049
DV8	885-3030
The Keys	888-8084
Smugglers Inn	296-4551
Studio West	747-9464

Dance motion for West Coast Swing class every Monday night from 7-8 pm. Contact Wendy Lowe, 318-9236.

Intermediate WCS lesson every Monday night from 8-9 pm. Contact L Perez, 792-2067.

Swingzone	290-2990
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Beginning WCS lesson from 7-8 pm and an intermediate lesson from 8-8:30 pm every Wednesday night followed by open dancing until 10:30 pm.

Westward Look	297-1151
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Greater Phoenix Swing Dance Club, 4853 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix

Beginning WCS lesson every Sunday night from 5-7 pm; open dancing until 10pm. <http://www.gpsdc.org>

Dance spot information is provided as a service to TSDC members and is not an endorsement.

Dancing is like bank robbery, it takes split second timing.

— Twyla Tharp

TSDC 2003-2004 Board

Elected positions:

Ellen Colonna, President

Swngdans@aol.com

548-6777

Bill Garrity, Vice President

Elly Cummings, Treasurer

Jo Getchen, Membership Secretary

DanceMe@cox.net

Darian Barrett, Corporate Secretary

Appointed directors:

Jim Buchanan, Music Director

Rosanne Crago, Publicity Director

Al Henderson, Sergeant-at-arms

323-7547

Wayne Scheibe, Hospitality director

Appointed coordinators:

Linda de la Torre, Jack & Jill coordinator

Carrie Rodriguez, Web site coordinator

L Perez, Judges coordinator

Jim Davis, Newsletter editor

jaydavis1@earthlink.net

Basic West Coast Swing Lessons

By Al Henderson and Jane Morgan

6-week class at Robinson's May

El Con Mall 3rd floor — Oasis Center

7-9 pm Mondays

520 206-6468

Refer to the Pima Community College
Catalog for class registration dates.

Partners not required

***Change of
address?
Contact the
Membership
Secretary and
keep the
newsletter
coming!***

Tucson Swing Dance Club

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www.tsdc.net



Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Nominations meeting, Thursday, January 29th:** candidates for the elected Board positions for 2004–2005 will be nominated that evening. The elected board positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corporate Secretary, and Membership Secretary.

Any club member who wants to be nominated should contact a current board member this month.

- ◆ **Workshop weekend in Phoenix with Angel and Debbie Figueroa, January 30th– February 1st, sponsored by the Greater Phoenix Swing Dance Club.** <http://www.gpsdc.org>

Free pass

This pass entitles _____

to a free beginner's lesson at the Tucson Swing Dance Club, compliments of

_____ who is a club member. Good for the first visit only.

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January 2004

Tucson Swing Dance Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day NO DANCE!	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Club dance DJ Jim Buchanan Jack & Jill contest	9	10
11	12	13	14 Board meeting, 7pm 1651 N. Nancy Rose	15 Club dance DJ Ron Gonzales	16	17 Happy Hour, 7-9pm The Keys 445 W. Wetmore Rd.
18	19	20	21	22 Club dance DJ Jim Buchanan	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Club dance DJ Jim Buchanan	30	31

6245 E. Bellevue Street • 520 745-0255 • www.tsdsc.net

Beginning lesson 7-7:45 pm • Intermediate lesson 8-8:30 pm • Dancing to 10:30 pm • January instructors Ellen and Hondo

Support TSDC by advertising in the newsletter. Send camera-ready ads (or a disc containing a Postscript or PDF file of your ad) and checks payable to the Tucson Swing Dance Club to:

TSDC
P.O. Box 32226
Tucson, Arizona 85751-2226

Or email a Postscript or PDF attachment of your ad to jaydavis1@earthlink.net

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Spring price sale! Place an ad in the February, March, or April issues at these special low rates!



The Greater Phoenix Swing
Dance Club Presents:



Champion of Champions:

*Angel & Debbie
Figueroa*

2-Day Weekend Workshop!

Saturday, Jan 31st
12:00 - 5:00

Sunday, Feb 1st
1:00 - 4:00

Three Workshops

Two Workshops

\$12.00 Per Workshop or Weekend Pass (\$50.00!)

See Bob Brown for advanced tickets or call 602.499.2616 for more info!!!!

VFW Hall, 4853 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix

Private Lessons Available!

Friday, January 30 and Saturday, January 31
\$75.00/hour - /individual - \$130/hour for both Angel & Debbie

Instruction available in:

Latin, Argentine Tango, Ballroom, Country
Western, Hustle or West Coast Swing.
Teacher Training & Choreography also available.