



Swing Dance Notes

Fall 2016

Winter 2017

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"HOLIDAY MAGIC"

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DANCE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016

301onMain Event Center, Minneapolis

7:30 pm - Midnight



No lesson
Large wooden dance floor
Food buffet
Potluck dessert table
Dessert contributions are welcome!
(Food must be from a store or bakery)
Bar service available
Entertainment -- Bolero Spotlight Dance
West Coast Swing and variety dance music
DJ Niko Salgado



EVERYONE WELCOME!

Dress to impress in
Holiday attire!

Admission -- \$10.00 members
\$15.00 guests

Dance to be held at:
301onMain Event Center
Also known as Ukranian Center
301 Main Street NE
Minneapolis, MN 55413

For directions, go to website: www.301onmain.com and click on Directions

DANCE CALENDAR

For dance details, please check emails, the Club's website and Facebook, as well as flyers at the dances.

DECEMBER 2016

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HOLIDAY DANCE

301onMain Event Center
Minneapolis

JANUARY 2017

FRIDAY JANUARY 13

FRIDAY JANUARY 27

Member Appreciation Dance

FEBRUARY 2017

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10

Valentine's Day Dance

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24

MARCH 2017

FRIDAY MARCH 10

St. Patrick's Day Dance

FRIDAY MARCH 24

APRIL 2017

FRIDAY APRIL 14

FRIDAY APRIL 28

MAY 2017

FRIDAY MAY 12

35th ANNIVERSARY DANCE

7:30 pm-Midnight

FRIDAY MAY 26

Club dances held at B-Dale Club, 2100 N. Dale Street, Roseville, MN
Dance lesson 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30 pm Admission: \$7 members/\$10 guests

THE PRESIDENT'S SLOT...



Hello Dancers,

It's been an exciting year! The second MWCSDC Performance Team (the first one was in 1986) danced from March through May and then some of the team members continued to dance through September, performing at the antique car show on the state fairgrounds, competing at the Twin City

Maryann Kudalis Open, and then dancing at the state fair. We are planning to have another team for 2017. Tryouts will be in January. Todd Paulus, WCS dance instructor at DanceLife Ballroom, will be our choreographer and teacher.

Jim Linder, club member, has continued to volunteer. He has launched our new website and continues to maintain it. A big thank you to Jim for his continuing work and maintenance of our website and to his son for the use of server resources and for his advice to Jim. Visit the new website at www.mwcsdc.com.

This year's Holiday Dance, "Holiday Magic," will be at the 301onMain Event Center on December 9th. Our DJ will be Niko Salgado. He will be playing music that caters to all of the dancers, which should please all ages. Like last year, there will be entertainment, prizes and lots of fun! We hope to see you there!

The Board of Directors has changed. It was sad to see Ray Stiff retire after 32 years of tireless contributions to the Club and to receive Christine DeGonda's resignation after 10 years of participating on the Board. The good news is that we have new and vibrant members with the addition of Don Roll and Randy Viosca. Don Roll and Michelle LaBelle have been doing a great job decorating the room for every

dance. Randy has created a new Facebook page, so please be sure to "like" it so that you transfer over to it and stay abreast of the latest news. Many thanks to Colleen Cosgrove for maintaining the previous Facebook site which she started when she was on the board in 2011 and has maintained it until now. As always, it is good to have the combination of new and experienced members. The newer members bring a fresh perspective, energy, enthusiasm and new ideas; the experienced members keep things in perspective, adding the history and needed details.

The Club would like to continue to have a varied schedule of instructors and DJs so that all of you, the dancers, get exposed to them and what they have to offer in our dance community. It is also a nice way to vary our dances with music and lessons that cater to your different tastes!

Changes are coming up too. After many years, the Club will only be offering individual memberships. The cost will also be increasing from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per year. This new membership fee reflects the increasing costs of putting on a dance while still keeping the costs reasonable for the dancers.

Please keep your comments coming to me and any of the other Board members. This is your Club and it is all about making every dance exciting and fun.

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!

Your President,
Maryann

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Directors Ellen Werr
Don Roll
Randy Viosca

Board meetings are held on the Monday following the first dance of the month at 7 pm at the B-Dale Club in Roseville.

NEW WEBSITE

Check it out -- www.mwcsdc.com. Also from the website, click on the new Facebook site -- and LIKE it, so you will see the current news.



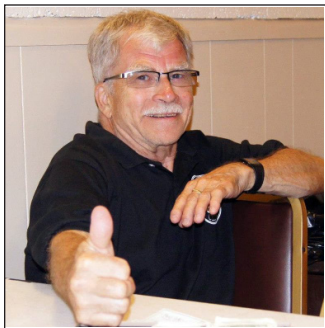
L to R: Dorothy Jones, Jim Bourassa, Maryann Kudalis, Mike Checky, Ellen Werr, Don Roll. Absent: Julie Elholm and Randy Viosca.

"SWING IT" ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DANCE



The Club's annual Anniversary Dance was held at the 301on-Main Event Center in Minneapolis in May. DJ Gail Zimmerman provided great swing and variety dance music to tie in with the theme, "Swing It."

RAY STIFF RETIRES FROM THE BOARD



AFTER 28 YEARS... Ray Stiff retired as the Club's Treasurer. He joined the Club in 1982, just 10 months after the Club began; he was member #50. Ray took over the Treasurer's job in 1986 and has served in that position until June 24, 2016. A retirement party was held for Ray at the Club's dance that evening.

Ray also wore many other hats! He ran the front desk admission table. He was responsible for the setup and take-down of room decorations at the B-Dale dances, many of the decorations he had made himself. He used his craftsman skills to make elaborate displays for the Club Anniversary and Holiday dances. Ray also coordinated the food menus and picked up and delivered the food for those dances. In the Club's early years, Ray also served as the backup for the DJ. Ray was awarded a Lifetime Membership for his dedication and long-time service to the Minnesota West Coast Swing Dance Club.

Ellen Werr, board member, presented a bouquet of roses to Ray and Dolores Houle.



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Ray also received a Certificate of Appreciation and congratulations from President Maryann Kudalis, on behalf of the Club.



A "Thank You" cake was part of the celebration and shared with the dancers!

Ray and Dolores enjoyed dancing the rest of the evening.



Ray is missed on the board but we still see him! He now comes to our dances ...and dances...dances...and dances!!!

CLUB NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

After many years of no increase in Club membership dues, the Board has voted to increase membership dues starting January 1, 2017 to help the Club meet the increasing costs of holding dances. Individual memberships will increase from \$15 to \$20 per year.

Couple membership dues have been discontinued so everyone will pay the \$20 individual membership rate. The application fee of \$1.00 has also been discontinued.

If your membership renewal is due in 2017, renew before December 31 of this year and your membership will be extended at the 2016 rate to your next renewal date.

YOU CAN RENEW BY MAIL Make your check out to MWCSDC and send to Minnesota West Coast Swing Dance Club, PO Box 131913, St. Paul MN 55113.

The membership year has also been changed. Dancers can join anytime throughout the year rather than only starting April 1. Memberships will be for one year from the date of joining.

The Club's Membership Appreciation Dance will be coming up January 27. Members receive FREE admission. Any dancer joining the Club the night of the dance will also receive FREE admission to the dance.

PERFORMANCE TEAM TRYOUTS

The Club would like to have another Performance Team in 2017. Todd Paulus will be the teacher and choreographer again.

Tryouts will be Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 pm at DanceLife Ballroom, 6015 Lyndale Avenue S, Minneapolis, with Todd Paulus. Come as singles or with a partner.

Practices will be every Tuesday at 6:30 pm for one hour at DanceLife Ballroom beginning January 17.

To read about last year's performance team and see photos, go to the Club's website -- www.mwcscdc.com -- and click on the Home tab.

THE LAST DANCE...



One of the Club's Lifetime Members, Dorothy Hoffman, 93, passed away October 5, 2016. Dorothy loved dancing and was an assistant instructor for the last 10 years of Loren Greenberg's West Coast Swing dance classes at the Hazel Park Commercial Club in Maplewood,

She attended many of the out-of-state swing dance conventions in the 1980s/90s and was a member of the Club's first performance team which was started in 1986. Dorothy was the Club's president from 1991-1993.

Dorothy and Elle Van coordinated the refreshment table at the dances for 16 years; Dorothy started bringing popcorn to the dances, which she did for 20 years. Health conditions prevented her from dancing in recent years.

PICNICKERS AND DANCERS AT THE PICNIC

The picnic was held at the same location as last year: Central Park in Roseville.



The Club provided grilled meats, in addition to the potluck dishes brought by the dancers.

Mike Checky was our "grilling chef!"



KICK-OFF DANCE -- LOGO NIGHT



To start off a new fall-season, the Club held a Logo Night dance in September with ice cream floats as a treat!

Christine and Mike dish ice cream for the floats.



Enjoying the floats, are Don, wearing his Club logo shirt, and Michelle,

AT THE STATE FAIR, WE WERE ON THE STAGE FOR 3 DAYS...OUR SEVENTH YEAR OF DANCING!

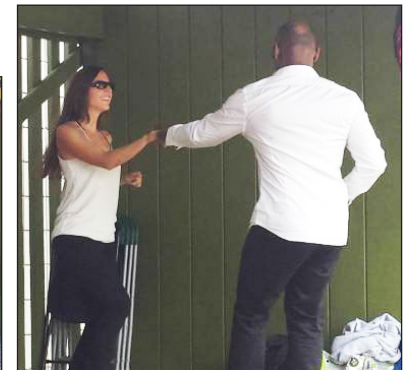


Thanks to everyone who participated and helped with the dancing! We continue to introduce West Coast Swing to new audiences!

Larry Ablin, Skip Schletz and Tricia Wood were DJs for our dancing at the fair and Dorothy Jones served as announcer. All of our instructors who were dancing at the fair did a spotlight dance -- in addition to Larry, Skip and Tricia, Lois Donnay and Kelsy and Damon Stone were also highlighted. The DJs also demoed basic WCS steps to help the audience understand the dance. Above right: Tricia Wood and Doug demo basic steps.



Right: Spotlight dances.
Top photo: Larry Ablin dancing with Julie.
Lower photo: Kelsy and Damon Stone



Our dancers were also dancing on the sidewalk in front of the stage!



SUPERMOON



Did you see the bright full moon referred to as the Supermoon or "perigee" moon last month? It's interesting that the moon has not been this close to the earth since January 26, 1948 -- and won't be again until November 25, 2034! Put that date on your calendar!!



Dancers resting...and waiting to dance!



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COMING UP.....



**DECEMBER 9, 2016
HOLIDAY DANCE
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Website: www.mwcsdc.com



WE HAD A SPOOOOOOOOOOTACULAR TIME AT THE HALLOWEEN DANCE!

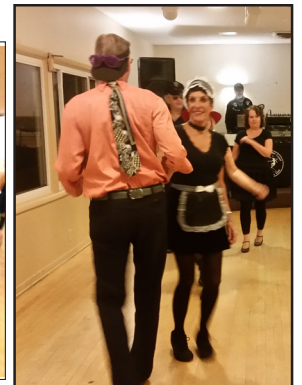
Here are the winning costumes!



Best couple -- Dan & Christine
Best female -- Ann Marie, Best male -- Rick



We had a parade of costumes.
Here's the entire group!



Backward?



Costume contest judges.