



# Swing Dance Notes

Spring  
2017

Summer  
2017

Published for the Minnesota West Coast Swing Dance Club

## "35 YEARS"

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Admission:**

Free admission if born in 1982

(Must present ID)

\$12.00 members

\$15.00 guests



301 on Main Event Center

Also known as Ukranian Center

301 Main Street NE

Minneapolis, MN 55413

### ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DANCE

**FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017**

301onMain Event Center, Minneapolis

7:30 pm - Midnight

Dance music all evening -- DJ Hieu Le

Food buffet

Dessert contributions are welcome!

(Food must be from a store or bakery)

Bar service available

Entertainment...

West Coast Swing Spotlight Dance

Performance Team

Raffle drawing

Raffle prizes include private dance lessons

[www.mwcsdc.com](http://www.mwcsdc.com)



YEARS...and counting!!

For directions, go to website: [www.301onmain.com](http://www.301onmain.com) and click on Contact.

## DANCE CALENDAR

### MAY 2017

FRIDAY MAY 12

35th ANNIVERSARY DANCE

301 on Main Event Center  
Minneapolis

FRIDAY MAY 26

### JUNE 2017

FRIDAY JUNE 9

FRIDAY JUNE 23

For dance details, please  
check emails, our website  
and flyers at the dances.

### JULY 2017

FRIDAY JULY 14

FRIDAY JULY 28

### AUGUST 2017

FRIDAY AUGUST 11

FRIDAY AUGUST 25

### SUMMER PICNIC

SATURDAY AUGUST 19

CENTRAL PARK, ROSEVILLE

### SEPTEMBER 2017

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22

### OCTOBER 2017

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27

HALLOWEEN DANCE

### NOVEMBER 2017

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24

### COMING UP...

HOLIDAY DANCE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

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 & students/\$10 guests

## THE PRESIDENT'S SLOT..



**Maryann Kudalis**

Hello Dancers,

This is my third year as President and fourth year as a member of the Board of Directors. A lot has been accomplished since I have been president. For example, we now have a variety of instructors and DJs so that we are exposed to a wide range of talent in the community; we had a dance team to promote WCS and give dancers an opportunity to perform; and dancers are greeted and welcomed at our Friday night dances as they enter so that all dancers can feel that they are part of our dance family.

I hope all of you are having fun and making a point of dancing with as many people as possible! Dancing is such a great way to meet new people and spend time with friends. It is also a way to give newer dancers more opportunities to practice and feel welcome, since some of us know that it can be scary and intimidating when we are just beginning to learn to partner dance. The Board and I hope you feel free to bring friends and encourage other dancers to join us.

On another note, we have been losing money on dances for the last year or so and need to make bigger changes to improve attendance, so tell us...

- Do you like the new membership system, which allows members to join in any given month and pay for twelve months of membership? Is it helpful? Easier?

- Do you like Randy's colorful variations on our logo to depict the season, upcoming theme or holiday on our Facebook page?
- Do you like our new website? Do you use it?
- What do you think of the decorations at dances? Is it important to continue to have decorations?
- How do you like the refreshment table? Is it worthwhile?
- Would you like more "Dancers' Nights Out"?
- Do you like the variety of DJs or should we hire a Club DJ?
- Do you like the variety of dance instructors or would you prefer having the consistency of only one or two? Do you like the format of the lesson or should it change?
- Would you like a "Dear Maryann/President" column where you write in with questions, concerns or ideas?
- Would you like us to change the mixer or the announcements?
- Would you like more themed dances? Fewer?
- In what direction would you like to see us go in order to freshen up the Club?

Please share your ideas with us! Call or text me at 763.442.1618 or just chat with me or any of the other Board members at dances and let us know. There is also a suggestion box, on the table as you enter the dance, that you are welcome to use. We value your thoughts and ideas!

Have fun and enjoy the dances! I look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!

Your President,  
Maryann

## ELECTIONS ARE COMING IN JUNE! ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/DANCE

**Monday, June 12, 2017, 7:30 pm**

B-Dale Club, 2100 N. Dale Street, Roseville

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS/BUSINESS MEETING

- Election of 8 persons to serve for the Club year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018
- Club membership must be renewed prior to the meeting as no renewals that evening.
- The Nominating Committee will solicit names for the slate of officers/ballot.
- Any member can recommend names for placement on the ballot. (Please check with member first.)
- Submission of names for the printed ballot shall be closed as of Friday, June 2, 2017.
- Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.
- All voting shall be done in person at the annual meeting.
- A quorum of 20% of the membership is required for voting.

- Must be a member in good standing with the Club.
- Need to commit to and attend monthly board meetings.

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

### DANCE FOLLOWS MEETING...

**time permitting, until 10-10:30 pm**

**\$1.00 donation requested for snacks!**

Talk with current board members about responsibilities of each position.

### 2016-2017 Officers

**President:** Maryann Kudalis  
**Vice President:** Dorothy Jones  
**Secretary:** Julie Elholm  
**Treasurer:** Jim Bourassa  
**Membership Director:** Michael Checky  
**Directors:** Ellen Werr, Don Roll, Randy Viosca

# ANNIVERSARY DANCE

## 35 YEARS AND COUNTING...

The Minnesota West Coast Swing Dance Club will celebrate 35 years of dancing in May!

A committee of five dancers met in 1982 for the purpose of planning regular dance parties where they could exclusively dance West Coast Swing and Balboa. Many had attended the U.S. Open Swing Dance Championships in Anaheim, CA in the early 1980s and noticed there were a lot of Swing Dance Clubs in California. They thought, "Why can't we have our own club in the Twin Cities?"

West Coast Swing dancing came to the Twin Cities via servicemen returning to the Twin Cities from California after WWII. These dancers received a lot of attention locally and soon several dance studios started offering classes in the dance.



Loren Greenberg has been a major influence in the Club's history. He was one of the founding members, the Club's first president, the Club's DJ until he retired in 2014 and he also taught West Coast Swing dance classes for many years. A big thanks to

Loren for his insight and dedication to the Club!

Dances were held at various locations in the beginning. The first dance at the B-Dale Club was held in January 1984.

## THE CLUB'S 35TH CELEBRATION!

Everyone is WELCOME to attend the Anniversary dance so invite your dancer friends and come and help us celebrate! See details on the first page.

We will again have a potluck dessert table and contributions are welcome.

Great entertainment! One of the Club's board members, Ellen Werr, and Shawn Barneson will be dancing a West Coast Swing Spotlight Dance, choreographed by Todd Paulus. Also we will enjoy a performance team exhibition, choreographed by Donna Edelstein and Jay Larson.

DJ Hieu Le will provide dancing music all evening. There will not be a lesson.

Were you born in 1982? Wonderful news -- you will receive free admission to the dance. Must present ID.

## Raffle drawing

ONE raffle ticket free with each admission

Purchase additional raffle tickets -- \$1.00 each or  
6 for \$5.00

One of the prizes will be private dance lessons generously donated by local dance instructors.

Seven dance lessons will be given out, donated by the following dance instructors (see photos below). The Minnesota West Coast Swing Dance Club thanks each of the instructors for their generosity and participation in the Club's anniversary celebration!



Lois Donnay



Todd Paulus



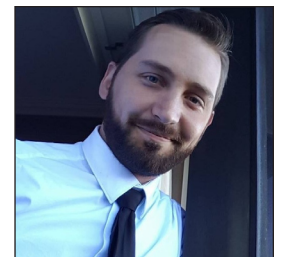
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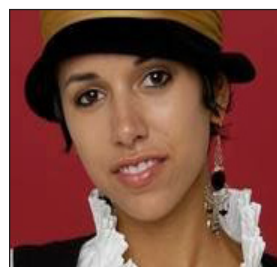
Hieu Le



Erica Berg



Chris Kempainen



Jennelle Donnay



**IT'S PICNIC/DANCE TIME  
EVERYONE WELCOME!  
Need not be a club member!**



- Saturday, August 19
- Central Park, Roseville
- 4-10 pm, we will eat at 5 pm
- Rain or Shine! It's a covered pavilion
- Bring a dish to share with serving utensil, if needed
- Bring your own beverages  
NO alcoholic beverages allowed
- Club provides plates, eating utensils, napkins and coffee
- Dance in the pavilion after eating

**WEBSITE and FACEBOOK**

Have you used the new MWCSDC website? The website was updated last year. A big thanks to Jim Linder, Club member, who developed the new website.

Are you checking the Club's Facebook page? We appreciate your sharing the information about the Club dances with your friends. The Club has had a Facebook presence since 2011. Nancy Viosca is the current administrator..

**ANOTHER WEST COAST SWING WEBSITE**

Check this website for information on other West Coast Swing dances, sponsored by Hieu Le:

<http://wccsmn.net/all-events/dances/>

There is a calendar of dances and a listing of dance classes. The site is maintained weekly by each dance group. Thanks to Jenny Crofton, Club member, who sends information about our dances.

**Spring in Minnesota -- how well we know!**



**HOLIDAY DANCE**



We were back at the 301 on Main Event Center for our Holiday Dance last December.



Niko Salgado was our DJ and provided dance music all evening.





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**Return Service Requested**

**COMING UP.....**



**MAY 12, 2017  
ANNIVERSARY DANCE  
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**AUGUST 19, 2017  
Picnic/Dance**



**OCTOBER 27, 2017  
Halloween Dance**



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