



LOS ANGELES SWING DANCE CLUB, INC. (LASDC)

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ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DANCE SUNDAY, May 17, 2015

Join us in celebrating and remembering our dancing friends
who are dancing in the Ballroom in the Sky

Share memorabilia and photos, dance to SwingShift 3-6:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided.
Golden Sails Hotel, Long Beach (2:00 p.m. free dance lessons with paid entry)

LASDC 45TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

BAND - RAY & THE IDOLS at ELKS CLUB, SANTA ANA

OFFICER NOMINATIONS/ELECTION RESULTS

No nominations were made, therefore the current officers will serve two more years:

President: **Bill Parker**, Vice President: **Nancy Taylor**, Secretary: **Carol Camasta**

POSITIONS OPEN – LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Treasurer and Ways and Means Chairman

Our Treasurer, Carolyn Flynn is resigning when her term is over in May.

Please contact any board member if you are interested in these positions.



GOOD ROCKIN DADDY

At Los Angeles Swing Dance Club,
Sunday, May 31, 2015 (5th Sunday guest
band).

Join us for some West Coast Swing
Dancing good time.

Band: 3 – 6:30 p.m.

Dance Lessons: 2 p.m. (free with entry
fee)

L.A.S.D.C. BOARD MEMBERS @ October 2014

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Webmaster: Larry Kroeze Dance Teacher: Terra Jakobsen assisted by Kent Jakobsen

Please support Los Angeles Swing Dance Club by advertising in our bi-monthly newsletter. We have 300 members who share an enthusiasm for West Coast Swing Dancing. Our members are interested in dancing items, businesses, services, real estate, food, etc. The new, reduced rates are:

Full Page \$30, One-half Page \$25, One quarter page \$20, and Business card \$10.

To advertise in our Newsletter, please email notification and/or ready to print copy to

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NEWSLETTER DELIVERY by U.S. MAIL vs. EMAIL

We would like to save our club money for live bands, anniversary dances, remembrance dance, and other celebrations. **We will continue to send the Newsletter by U.S. MAIL** and but are asking our members to "**opt-out**" and help us save \$\$\$ by requesting your bi-monthly **Newsletter by email**. The Benefits: Your email Newsletter will be in color, you'll receive it faster, and it will help us defray postage costs. ***Please contact your Newsletter Editor*** at frantassin@msn.com, sign-up sheet at front desk, or call 714-826-6712. Thank you

L.A.S.D.C. FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE

For more information on our club, please view **our Website and Facebook pages**. Our Website, **Los Angeles Swing Dance Club**, is updated regularly by our Webmaster, **Larry Kroeze**. Current posts include photos, special events, places to dance and our current Newsletter.

Also, please "**like**" us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/LosAngeles Swing Dance Club](http://www.facebook.com/LosAngelesSwingDanceClub) for latest news. To sign up for a new Facebook account, enter your name, birthday, gender and email address into the form on www.facebook.com. Then pick a password. After you complete the sign up form, they will send you an email. Just click the confirmation link to complete the sign up process. Now all you need to do is search for the *LosAngelesSwingDanceClub* and click on the **LIKE** button. You will then be notified automatically when we post something to Facebook. **You can also** post pictures or news to our Facebook account.

COMPLAINTS

If you have any complaints regarding our dance club,
you must present them in person at the club board meetings.
The board meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at the club site.

HAPPENINGS in MARCH/APRIL 2015

Thanks **Bob Valarik** for sharing your dancing tapes with the gang on Sundays... **Vicki Haywood** – the fudge candy was yummy and the St. Patrick's day cupcakes made the day-thank you... **Abby Estacion** won \$25 in a Sunday raffle but contributed money to bartender; Abby again won \$25 and contributed it to band – such a nice man... **Carolyn Ross** is a new member introduced by her neighbor **Joanne Harrold**... **Ron Meyer**, from Las Vegas, back after recovering from pneumonia... **Raven**, new visitor bought \$20 worth of raffle tickets and won \$25... **Oscar**, former board member now living in Texas, says hello per **Dee Cheston**... glad to see **Carol Klasing** out and about...

A big thank you to some unsung heroes: Bob Valarik and Marlene Elwood and Molly Prager –for setting up tables every Sunday; and **Terra and Kent** for contributing their time to teach West Coast Swing. **Thank you to Linda Smith** for filling in for Terra and Kent...thank you to **Dan Snyder** who is always there to help with the newsletter... **Armand Gonzalez** feeling much better... **Danny Darryl** says hello; would love visits...

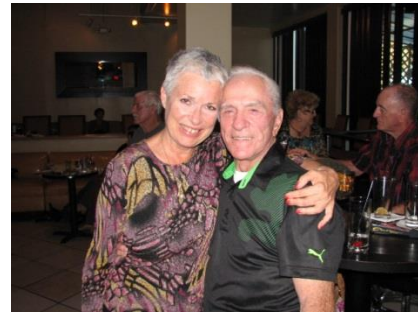
SUNSHINE WISHES TO:

...**Mary Duffy's** son in serious condition after a motorcycle accident in New Mexico... **Molly Prager, Ray Leiva, and Richard Presta**—hope you are all better... **Valerie Noel** - cardiac problems... **Donna McDiarmid**, tests pending... **Bill Maloof** undergoing chemo...

CONDOLENCES TO:

Les Davidson on the loss of his sister...family and friends of **Caroline Frey**, who passed away April 26, day after her birthday, and lengthy illness... **Richard (Pizza) Bonura's** sister, Tina died; she had been in ill health for sometime...

May 23rd – San Diego West Coast Swing Club's 45th Anniversary Spring Fling with Jim Woodard & The Backwater Blues Band. Contact Bob Pomeroy (858) 274-6422, Robpom1@sbcglobal.net



Places to Dance

Sundays 1st, 3rd, & 5th - LASDC, Great Western Golden Sails, 6285 E. Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach. Dancing to a Live Band 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. (Dance lessons 2 - 3 p.m. included with paid admission) www.laswingdanceclub.com Visit & "Like" Facebook. com / Los Angeles Swing Dance Club (562) 927-7575

Sundays - SDSDC, 3 - 7 p.m. **El Cajon** - Elks Lodge - 1400 East Washington Av. (619) 444-1812, or (858) 274-6422 - www.elks.org

Tuesdays - 1st of each month - Hacienda Hotel, Near LAX-Jumpin' Jack, www.haciendahotel.com

Tuesdays - DSDC 7 - 9 p.m. Pavilion Dance Studio, 401 S. Pavilion Way, **Palm Springs** 92262 (760) 323-8272

Thursday Khoury's, Long Beach 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Live Band \$5 cover charge \$5 Dinner-Call Linda Hiles (562) 818-7547 www.khourys.net

Fridays-Press Box, 8p.m.-12 **Westminster** Bob Brewer www.thepressboxdance.com

Saturday - 2nd Sat. each month – Starting Gate, **Los Alamitos**, 5052 Katella Ave., 1 - 5 p.m. Non-stop dancing to music of Don Estep dons dancindaze@verizon.net

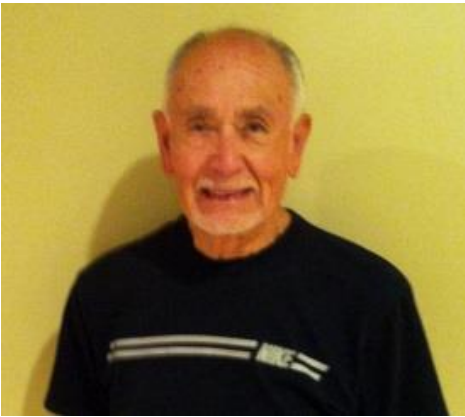
Saturday - 2nd Sat. each month – **Placentia** Clubhouse 8:00 p.m. www.swingpit.net

Sundays - OCWCSDC, The Clubhouse 6pm -12 Jumpin' Jack Smith - 733 Dunn Way • **Placentia**, CA 714-528-8331 - www.theclubhousedancestudio.com

Las Vegas - for dancing events, call Lynn Martinez (702) 239-2268 or Ron Meyer (702) 283-1491

DANCER'S PROFILE

By Abbe Fessenden



Very articulate, RUBE FRANCO explained his full and complex career so even I could understand it. His calm disposition belies a wide-ranging background full of unusual experiences which make him unique.

Presently living in Stanton and in California for 50 years, he was born in Bisbee, AZ, about 100 miles south of Tucson. He grew up in Los Angeles and went to James Garfield High. In college, he played tenor sax and engaged with small groups who “jammed” together and played private parties.

Health conscious, he doesn’t drink or smoke. Trim and slim, RUBE stays fit by working out at the gym and taking walks on the beach/sand which provides strenuous and stimulating leg exercise. In his youth, he boxed. He did confess, however, that he always has ice cream in his fridge – but along with veggies. West Coast Swing is his preferred dance but he also does Latin.

Following Air Force basic training, he was assigned to Ft. Belvoir Engineering School. He was subsequently stationed in South Korea during the Korean War, and trained in Japan in auxiliary generators operations. Back in the states, he was assigned to a communications squadron providing auxiliary power for spy communications in field operations at Ft. Bragg. After leaving the military, RUBE worked as an environment tech and tech writer at McDonald Douglas and North American Rockwell. While at Douglas, RUBE was involved with others in developing the bomb release doors for the atom bomb military aircraft, and single-point fueling system on commercial aircraft.

Leaving government work behind, an enterprising RUBE owned and operated several small businesses, and worked for various large banks and insurance companies for whom he traveled extensively. Before retiring, he was an investment broker and an underwriter for a nationwide mortgage company.

Besides business travel, he vacationed in the Bahamas, the New England states and all the Hawaiian Islands, of which Maui is his most romantic and favorite. RUBE has three children and counts his role as a parent high among his life achievements.

His humor is dry and says Jay Leno makes him laugh. He strongly dislikes people who lie. When asked what his “bucket list” consists of, he said he wanted to live another ten years. Not fond of cooking, he doesn’t like waiting for food in restaurants either which goes along with his hyper busy personae. RUBE loves to read and leans toward the technical, mechanical and investment fields along with biographies of successful business people and military men.

Although a bit hesitant to have this interview, I found RUBE open, honest, and well-spoken with integrity in all he said. In short, RUBE is one happy guy with himself and with his life.

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ABBE FESSENDEN reports....

Everyone came out for Good Rockin’ Daddy on March 29, our 5th Sunday of dancing at LASDC. Energy was high and the dance floor was alive with dancers. Comments heard around the room: “Very Good I like it.” “Heart and soul.” “A good variety.” “It is great, I love their music.” “Very tight! When I’m not dancing, I enjoy listening.” “Really fantastic, wish they would come more often.” “Definite energy. Definite feeling.” “Nice spin on the oldies.”

A brief conversation with Eddie, the leader of the band (and very charming) said they like coming here. They feel welcome and it’s a fun Sunday afternoon. He wishes they could come more often.



NICKY MINASH – SORRY

We forgot your birthday
April 11th. Special Happy
Birthday!!

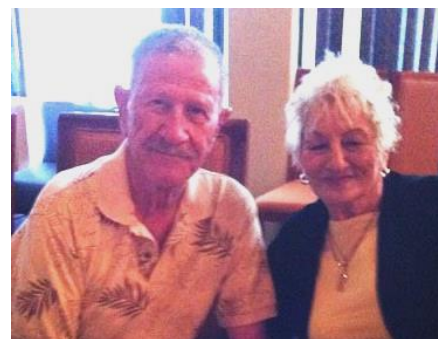


May Birthdays

- 01 Ellen Van Buskirk
- 02 Sandra Harris
- 03 Al Dyer
Valerie Ann Noel
- 04 Sherry Baskin
James Boire
Michael Dan McNeal
- 05 Ruth Borrelli
- 10 Joe Anfuso
- 12 Sylvia Hodge
- 15 Ray Yanagita
- 19 Abby Estacion
- 20 Alice Mendoza
- 21 Elaine Spencer
- 22 Judy Voltmer
- 23 Jane Coday
Abbe Fessenden
- 24 Chuck Manzetti
Fran Tassin
- 25 Judith Ebrahimi
- 26 Walt Potrzuski
- 28 Mary Fogle
- 31 Jane Hand

June Birthdays

- 01 Linda Davis
- 02 Kent Jakobsen
- 03 James Jackson
- 04 Molly Prager
- 08 Guo Mali
- 12 Jerry Rettke
- 13 Shirley McNamara
- 15 Geraldine Medway
Robert A. Lehmann
- 16 Gladys Reich
- 17 Vicki Haywood
- 19 Diana Gillis
- 20 Kellie Hubert
- 21 Peggy Martinez
- 23 Edmund Schuster
- 25 Kenneth Meek
Fred Miller
- 26 Paul Cruz
- 27 Richard (Pizza) Bonura
- 28 Jacqelyn DeFord
- 29 James Davis
Mary Quagletti
- 30 Arnold Aguilar



Liz Devorik has joined her
husband, John Devorik in that
great Ballroom in the Sky. Our
condolences to her family and
friends.



Sandra Taber

So sorry to report that
after a lengthy illness,
Sandra is joining our friends in
that Ballroom in the Sky.
Family and friends will miss
her.

TRAVEL PLANS 2015

I have been many places, but
I've never been in Kahoots.
Apparently, you can't go alone.
You have to be in Kahoots with
someone...Also never been in
Cognito. I hear no one
recognizes you there...I would
like to go to Conclusions, but
you have to jump and I'm not
much on physical activity
anymore.

***Cake Served on the 3^d
Sunday of every month
to celebrate the
current month's
birthday honorees***

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....

As President, there are a few things I would like to get off my chest.

I would like all of our members to know we are an open Board of Directors.

We have no hidden agenda. The board meetings are open to all. The minutes and the financial reports are available for all to see. We will have a copy of the board minutes and financial reports at the front desk for all to see.

There is a small faction of members that seem to want to micro-manage this board. We make mistakes and we don't mind having them pointed out to us. We will fix them!

It has become a problem with this faction seeming to want to run the club, without holding office. We will respond to all requests, but the requests and suggestions will be done either at our board meetings or by U. S. Mail. **No email!**

Requests will be filled on a month-to-month basis. A new request must be made each month. This board works hard for the club. We want only the best for the club. We love this club and want it to be the best it can be.

Thank you. Your President, Bill Parker



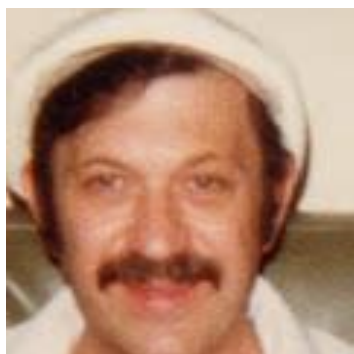
RICHARD BOUCHER

Our handsome Richard passed away after a lengthy illness. We will miss his smiling face. Many dancers attended his Memorial celebration at the Starting Gate. Our condolences to family and friends.



ABBY ESTACION

Generous, likable Abby succumbed after a heart attack in April. He was a staunch supporter of the L.A.S.D.C. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends. Abby's memorial is May 31st, 1 p.m. at the Santa Ana Elks.



Mark Traversino aka MARK ANTHONY

Is now leading the band in the Ballroom in the Sky. Our beloved musician died of cardiac arrest in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was an accomplished musician. His band played for L.A.S.D.C. for many years. Our condolences to his family and friends.



Doris Parrish Villegas

So sorry to report that lovely, newlywed Doris passed away in March. Our sincere condolences to her husband, Hugh Villegas, and her family and friends.



Home as Your Disaster Kit: May, 2015

(Thank you to Dan Snyder for information below)

In 2011, FEMA polled civilians on barriers to emergency preparedness. When asked why they did not prepare for disasters, the most common response was that preparing was too expensive. Using items already in your home reduces cost and time spent preparing. Items around the house can also be used for the secondary effects of earthquakes such as fires, electricity disruption, or water service / sewer system damage.

In this month's bulletin, with the support of Councilmen Tom LaBonge and Mitchell Englander, the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department (EMD) lists the uses of common household items immediately following an earthquake.

- **Water heater:** A typical home water heater can provide 30 or more gallons of clean drinking water. To use the water in your tank, first turn off the electricity or gas to the water heater. Then, close the supply valve to preserve the cleanliness of the water in the tank. Next, get the air out of the tank by opening any hot water tap such as the kitchen sink. (Caution: The water coming out of the tank may be very hot.) You can use a short water hose (e.g., the supply hose to a washing machine) to drain the water from the tank. Use a screwdriver or coin to operate the drainage valve. If you do not have a hose to transfer the water to jugs or pots, use a shallow pan to collect the water. Allow the tank to fill before restoring power to the water heater.
- **Inexpensive Styrofoam coolers** filled with **ice** can prolong the shelf life of meat and dairy products if your refrigerator is not operating because of a power outage.
- Use **insulated lunch bags** with ice to keep temperature sensitive **medications** cool if power is out.
- A **bucket with a lid** can serve as a portable toilet.
- **Household chlorine bleach** can be used as a disinfectant (dilute 9 parts water to 1 part bleach) to purify water. Use 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented or color safe bleaches, or those with added cleaners.
- **Trash bags** make good ponchos. Remember to poke a breathing hole over the mouth and nose before putting the bag on. Trash bags are also useful for sanitation and separating dry goods from wet ones.
- Use **sticky notes** and **markers** to notify family members where to meet, or to inform rescue workers that the home has been evacuated.
- A **tape and ruler** splint can temporarily immobilize an arm. Alternatively, cardboard and nylon socks or a book and tape can immobilize a limb.
- **Hydrogen peroxide** or **vinegar** can be used to clean wounds. Clean water can also be used to clean wounds.
- **Diapers** and **sanitary pads** can be placed over wounds.
- Holding a **scarf** over your mouth will reduce smoke inhalation in the event of a fire.
- **Baking soda** helps to neutralize acids.
- Use **plastic wrap** to dress burn wounds. The wrap prevents infection.
- Do not forget **can openers** if relying on **canned food**. **Granola bars, dry unsalted nuts, seeds and dried fruit (like raisins)** are all options when refrigeration is unavailable. Avoid foods with high salt content. **CDs** or other shiny objects can be used as mirrors. Their reflections in the light can also be used to signal for help.

**FUN, DANCING, CAMARADERIE AT
LOS ANGELES SWING DANCE CLUB**



Colleen
Johnson and
Leon Raper –
Remember??



St.
Patrick's
Gal,
Bonnie
celebrating
in green.



All "Fran" Dancers



Hot,
wonderful,
crazy –
Annie

Cinco de Mayo fun with
El Jefe (Don), salsa & chips, fruit and
Mexican Cookies.



Bill "the bartender". Miss you.



WEST COAST SWING DANCING - ALWAYS A LIVE BAND

Sun., May 3, 2015 Sun., May 17, 2015 Sun., May 31 Guest Band *Big Rocking Daddy*

Sun., June 7, 2015

Sun., June 21, 2015

West Coast Swing dancing, every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday of each month from 3 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: P.C.H. Lounge at Best Western Golden Sails Hotel, 6285 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA. 90803. WEST COAST SWING DANCE LESSONS at 2 p.m. are included in the price of admission: Members \$6 and Non-members \$8, lowest price in town with a LIVE BAND!! See our Website: www.laswingdanceclub.com, or call Bill (562) 927-7575 and/or “Like” us at www.facebook.com/Los Angeles Swing Dance Club

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