



LOS ANGELES SWING DANCE CLUB, INC. (LASDC)

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VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION



Congratulations to
Robert Larson and Stella Cadron
our King and Queen for the day at the
L.A.S.D.C.'s Valentine Party.
Stella also won \$25 in the membership
raffle. The Valentine party also included a
raffle for a club jacket which was won by
Linda Bontemple.



SUPERBOWL PARTY

L.A.S.D.C. contributed \$100 for a free
football pool to first 100 persons. The
winners included **Marlene Ellwood, Gene
Ziff and Bill Parker.** We enjoyed Great
West Coast Swing music by **Swing Shift,**
hot dogs with all the trimmings, yummy
cupcakes made by **Vicki Haywood,**
delicious appetizers made by **Gracie
Barnes.** A big thank you to all your board
members who worked hard to make the
party a great success. Also thanks to
volunteer helper, **Jerry Jacques.**

NOMINATIONS FOR NON-OFFICERS MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

Time: 2:45 p.m. at the club site, Golden
Sails Hotel, Long Beach. This is your
chance to nominate candidates for the four
positions below. Any questions, please see
Nominating Chairman, Nancy Taylor, or
any board member. The incumbents are:



**Membership Chair: Karen
Smith -**
duties include accept
membership apps, keep list of
all active members.....



**Entertainment Chair:
Barbara Wallace –**
duties include book bands
and entertainment...



**Ways & Means Chair:
Martine Whitford-**duties
include handle tickets for
special events, club
raffles....



**Newsletter Editor: Fran
Tassin –** duties include
publisher, editor club
newsletter, gather articles club
activities, photos...

L.A.S.D.C. BOARD MEMBERS @ January 2016

President	Bill Parker	(562) 927-7575	<i>BP7575@ca.rr.com</i>
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Reporter-at-Large: Abbe Fessenden (909) 899-2168 Historian: Colleen Johnson (562) 694-4951
Webmaster: Larry Kroeze Dance Teacher: Terra Jakobsen assisted by Kent Jakobsen

Please support Los Angeles Swing Dance Club 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

Newsletter Editor: frantassin@msn.com or call (714) 826-6712

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY by U.S. MAIL vs. EMAIL

We will continue to send the Newsletter by U.S. MAIL but are asking our members to “**opt-out**” and help save \$\$\$ (and trees) 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 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, videos and our current Newsletter.

Also, please “**like**” us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/LASwingDanceClub 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 at 1:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the club site.

CORRECTION TO LAST NEWSLETTER SENT OUT AT THE END OF DECEMBER 2015. A very observant reader of our Newsletter pointed out that I, the Newsletter Editor, had posted the wrong date on the Newsletter. It should have been Jan./Feb. 2016, Volume 46, Number 1. My deepest apologies.

DANCER'S PROFILE

By Abbe Fessenden



She's the first one we see when we arrive Sunday after Sunday at the Golden Sails and she greets us with a smile from her desk where she pleasantly accepts our entrance fees, and records and

deposits them into our Club account.

She is **LLANA GERARDI** and she has been performing these duties for us for approximately 22 years.

Our Club found her through Ruth Borrelli, a swing dancer, with whom LLANA worked in a beauty salon in Lakewood for many years. The Club was seeking a non-dancer to work the door, someone who would stay put and not be leaving the desk to socialize and dance. LLANA tends to business.

A native Californian, she has lived in Long Beach her entire life and attended Brethren High School in Paramount. Some members might remember her mother, Donna Hernandez, a swing dancer in the Dean Collins era, who was friends with George Christopherson, Al Riley, Barney Noel, Frieda and Bart Bartolo. As a youngster, LLANA hung out with these dancers at the Hamburger shack in Long Beach.

While married, LLANA was a social dancer but never learned to swing dance. As a kid, she danced flamenco and once saw Jose Greco perform. Her former spouse was a horse breeder and gambler who owned race horses, so LLANA knew the race track circuit very well. Her love of animals evolved from that close association. She has had many pets in the past but none now.

Her time now is focused on her job where she is still a cosmetologist, her mother who lives with her and her son who also lives in Long Beach. She also

devotes time to the nursing care center where many of her elderly former clients, some in wheelchairs, require assisted care. LLANA manages to find time to continue to shampoo and style their hair.

The most influential person in her life was a long-time male friend who introduced her to Mediterranean art with which she fell in love, and spent many hours at the Prado in Madrid, Spain. With him, she traveled to Barcelona, Mallorca, England, the Isle of Wight, and Puerto Vallarta. Mallorca and Puerto Vallarta were her favorite and most romantic. LLANA is English and Catalonia Spanish but never learned the language. In Mallorca, she enjoyed listening to the Irish culture brogue.

This same friend also taught her to love history. She likes to read about European history and other historical books. The History TV channel feeds her thirst for more knowledge and provides information about ancient aliens, another topic of which she is curious.

When she does have time to watch TV, she prefers old movies. We both sighed remembering the romantic movies Casablanca, Out of Africa and The English Patient. A favorite sitcom was Two and A Half Men which she considered very clever.

She likes to cook and enjoys Greek food and Spanish food with all the mussels, clams, eels, and paella. With relatives still living in England on Isle of Wight, Mallorca and Barcelona, LLANA would like to return there for visits when she retires.

Now you know a little bit about the lovely lady who learns a lot about us as we come and go, and stand near her desk chatting to each other. She sees who is with whom, who was with whom and is now with whom, but she keeps our secrets. No doubt she has many of her own.

Good Old Age

Don't stress over the little things. You've already overcome so much in your life. You have good memories and bad ones, but the important thing is the present. Don't let the past drag you down or the future frighten you.

JOIN L.A.S.D.C. TODAY

NEW & RENEWABLE MEMBER APPLICATION - Please return this application to address below with payment

FULL NAME _____ Member No. _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ Zip _____

Preferred method of contact: EMAIL ADDRESS _____ or U.S.MAIL _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ BIRTH MONTH _____ DAY _____

COUPLES WITH SAME ADDRESS: RECEIVE ONE (1) NEWSLETTER

FULL NAME _____ MEMBER No. _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ BIRTH MONTH _____ DAY _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Check () Cash () **Please mail to address above.**

DUES Jan thru Dec – Singles \$25, Couples \$40; July thru Dec – Singles \$20, Couples \$30

LASDC Bi-Monthly Newsletter sent to members (also available on our Website)

SPECIAL MEMBER BENEFITS: Discount on Admission, Special drawings for members

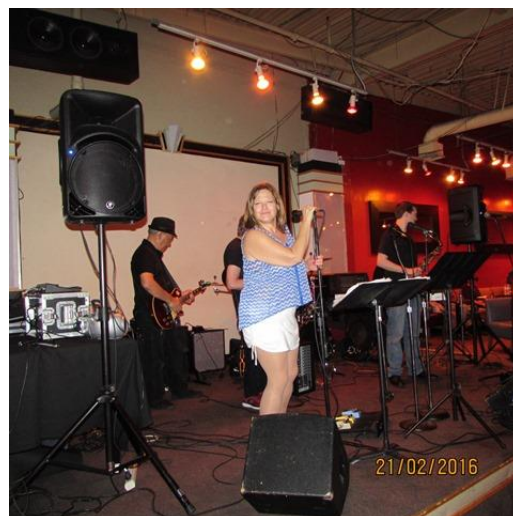
Sunday Dance Admission: Members \$6 and Non-Members \$8

In Case of Emergency, Contact: _____ Phone # _____

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(June 2015)



Good Rocking Daddy was our regular third Sunday of the month band and played on Valentine's day. They were joined by singer **Joana Schulz**, a fantastic blues singer who wowed the dancers.



March 2016

- 6 Gloria Gonzales
- Judy Kadak
- Paula McHam
- Jean Vendetta
- 7 Colleen Johnson
- 12 Heather Armstrong
- Dyke Lansdale
- 13 Jacklyn nICOLETTI
- 14 Jack Drennan
- Robert Larson
- 16 Jerrilyn Cory
- Romero Mendoza
- Carolyn Flynn
- 17 Ruth Ray
- 20 Gloria Potrzuski
- 21 Mary Duffy
- 22 Linda Hiles
- 23 Barbra Tofte
- 24 Grace Hotchkiss
- George Thomas
- 25 Elizabeth Kennedy
- 26 Lenora Harrison
- 27 David Biggs
- 28 Polly Culbreth
- 30 Marjorie Eason
- 31 Sonnie Ellison

April 2016

- 1 Colette Casey
- 3 Lester Davidson
- Sandra Voullaire
- 5 Leon Raper
- Fidel Rocha
- Anna Walters
- 7 Kathy Corcoran
- 8 Charles Bryant
- Rachel Magallan
- 13 Jerry Back
- 14 Barbara Ann Rice
- Anita Gold
- 15 Frank Cornella
- Joyce Geib
- 20 Betty Jo Swank
- 22 Ken Craw
- 24 Tony Romano
- Ron Andrews
- 26 Michael Campagna
- Michael Jonas

**BIRTHDAY
TREATS
EVERY
3RD SUNDAY
OF THE
MONTH**

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 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

Golden Sails Hotel P.C.H. Lounge 5 to 8:30 p.m. DJ's Bill Parker & Flip Phillips

Tuesdays - DSDC 7 - 9

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

Fridays-Press Box, 8p.m.-

12 **Westminster** Bob Brewer www.thepressboxdance.com

Saturday - 2nd Sat. each

month - Starting Gate, **Los Alamitos**, 5052 Katella Ave., 1-4:30 p.m. Music by Don Estep dancindaze@verizon.net

(no dance Nov. 14)
 Holiday schedule: Nov = 11/28, Dec.= 12/12, Jan. 1/1/16

Sundays - OCWCSDC,

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

Las Vegas - for dancing

events, call Lynn Martinez (702) 239-2268 or Ron Meyer (702) 283-1491 or Lila & John Roberts 310-986-5983

California Swing Dance Hall of Fame scheduled for 9/10/16





Continued-Dancing Memories by Mary Collins

Top Cats, Placentia
Top of the West (Golden West Ballroom),
Norwalk
Torrance Civic, Torrance
Trade Winds, MarketManchester, Inglewood
Trianon, Ocean Park, South Gate
Trocadero, Hollywood
Tropicana, Hawthorne
Tropics, Inglewood
Valley Swing Club, Reseda

Venice Ballroom, Venice
Virginia's, L.A.
Water Wheel, West Covina
The York Club, Florence/Western, L.A.
Zarape', Sunset Blvd., L.A.
Zenda Ballroom, L.A.
Zucca's Ballroom, Redondo

If you have memories you'd like to share
please forward them to Newsletter Editor
frantassin@msn.com

DANCING MEMORIES

By MARY COLLINS

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF DANCE HALLS, BALLROOMS AND CLUBS FOR YEARS 1920-2016

Alpine Village, Torrance
Ambassador Hotel-Coconut Grove
Wilshire Blvd., L.A.
Amber Lite, Gardena
Aqua Caliente, 8th & Catalina, L.A.
The Arches, Vermont Ave., L.A.
Aragon Ballroom (Built in 1920's)
On Lick Pier, Venice
Atomic Ballroom, Irvine
Avedon, Pacific Ocean Park
Balboa Pavilion (Estab. 7/1/1906), Balboa
The Barn, Belmont Shore, Long Beach
Barrel House, L.A.
Big Top, Long Beach
Billy Bergs, Hollywood
Biltmore Hotel-Graffiti Room, Hermosa Beach
Bourston's (formerly Melody Club), L.A.
The Buddah, North Hollywood
Carolina Pines, Aviation/Century, Inglewood
Casa Manana, Culver City
Casino Ballroom, Avalon, Catalina Island
Casino Gardens, Ocean Park, Venice
Cinderella, Long Beach
Ciro's, Hollywood
Clover Club, Hollywood
Club Royal, L.A.
The Coliseum Ballroom
Crest Lounge, Reseda
Crossbow, Van Nuys
Crystal Palace, Ocean Park Pier
Del Mar Lanes, Hawthorne/Inglewood
The Den, Imperial/Firestone, Norwalk
The Destiny, Culver City
Diana Ballroom, West Pico, L.A.
Dillon's (formerly Myron's Ballroom) L.A.
Domar Ballroom (1940), On The Strand, Hermosa Bch.
Ebel, L.A.
El Ray, South Gate
5-4 Ballroom, 54th & Broadway/Figueroa, L.A.
Figueroa Ballroom, L.A.
Firefly
The Forge (became Round Robin), Glendale
Gable Ballroom (Green Gables?), L.A.
Glendale Civic Ballroom, Glendale
George's Round Up, Long Beach
Golden Sails Hotel (L.A.S.D.C.), Long Beach
Golden West Ballroom, Norwalk/Downey
Hacienda, El Segundo
Hank & Stans, Norwalk
Henri's Whip, Long Beach
Hillcrest-The Hideway, San Diego
Hollywood Café, Hollywood
The Hut, Hermosa Beach
Hillside, Long Beach
The Ivanhoe, Temple City
The Kabuki Lounge, Glendale
King's Table (became Press Box), Downey
La Madalon, L.A.
Meadowbrook Ballroom
LaMonica, Santa Monica
Lido Ballroom (formerly Majestic Ballroom, Long Bch.
Lion D'Or, Downey, Ca.
Little Hobbit, No. Hollywood
Majestic Ballroom, (later The Lido) Long Beach
Mandarin Ballroom, Redondo Beach
Maywood Legion, Maywood
Meadowbrook Ballroom
Melody Club (formerly Borsten's), Slauson Av., L.A.
Mesa Ballroom, Leimert Park, L.A.
Montebello Ballroom, Montebello
Myron's Ballroom, L.A.
New Yorker, L.A.
The Palladium, Sunset Blvd., Hollywood
The Palomar (prev. Rainbow Gardens),
Vermont Blvd., L.A.
Palomino, No. Hollywood
Pasadena Civic, Pasadena
Paul's Penthouse, South Gate
Peacock Alley, L.A.
Peppermint West Lounge (formerly Tailspin)
Hollywood
Pico Ballroom, L.A.
Phoenix Club, Anaheim
The Pike, Long Beach
The Prelude, No. Hollywood
Prep, L.A.
Press Box (formerly King's Table), Westminster
The Rag Doll, No. Hollywood
Rainbow Gardens (renamed The Palomar),
Vermont Blvd., L.A.
The Regency, Downey
The Renaissance Ballroom
The Rendevous Ballroom (1928), Palm & Wash., Balboa
The Round Robin (formerly The Forge), Glendale
Ross's Ballroom, Huntington Park
Saddle & Spur, Long Beach
Staircase, Downey
Stan's (Hank & Stan's), Norwalk
Stardust Ballroom, Sunset Blvd., Hollywood
Suzy Q, Hollywood
The Tailspin (later Peppermint West), Hollywood

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WEST COAST SWING DANCING - ALWAYS A LIVE BAND

Sun., Mar. 6

Sun., Mar. 20

Sun., April 3

Sun., April 17

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/LASwingDanceClub

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP? IF NOT, DO IT NOW!

DON'T MISS OUT ON: DISCOUNT PRICE AT DOOR, SPECIAL DRAWINGS FOR MEMBERS.

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