

# Tucson Swing Dance Club Newsletter



The Official Publication of the Tucson Swing Dance Club: Established 1977 by Rose Marie Burrell

## President's Message

Hello everyone.

What a great time of year to live in Tucson. The fall always has the best dancing of the year in my opinion. And speaking of dancing in the fall/winter, our Christmas Dance is just a few short weeks away. We are having our dance earlier in the month so we don't conflict with other busy dates later in the Holiday season. But that means the date can arrive sooner than you expect so mark off Saturday December 2nd, get your tickets and get your best dancing outfit ready to go. The Christmas Dance is a dress up affair. There are dancers from out of town, so it is a great night to dance around the crowd and meet new people. As always we will serve a late breakfast buffet after 10:00 PM. All of our parties are great, but this is the big dance of the year.

I want to encourage everyone, as always, keep your eyes out for new people at the Club. If they are sitting around not knowing what to do, or too shy to ask others, go over and ask them to dance. The learning process can be tough. If people think it's a friendly

group of dancers they will stick out that tough learning period to get to the fun dancing. In learning to dance people use different strategies. I personally think developing some dancing friends that you can practice with or go out to a nightclub produces the best results. At the Club it's easy to try and dance with everyone there. But at a nightclub if you don't know anyone it's harder to get a dance. If you have regular practice partners who are also out that night, then you will have a good night of dancing. Nightclubs can be loud and crowded and dancing with familiar partners for me is the most rewarding and safest experience. So start developing those dance friendships! Ask people from your last class to dance, or somebody you've competed with, or some brand new person at our Club for the first time. It takes some time, but regular partners are worth the time and effort to develop. And this strategy will improve your dancing as well as give you more people to dance with.

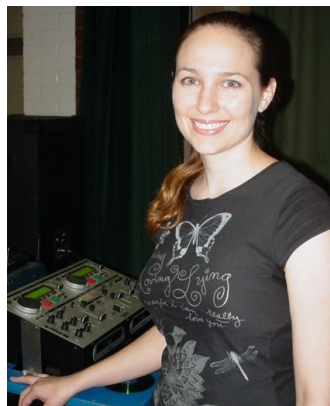
So I hope to see you at the Club, at the Christmas dance or just out dancing.

Until next month. Bill Garrity

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Wendy and Hondo



Tamra



Todd and Kari

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President  
Bill Garrity

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# October Photos



**Brooke and LP**



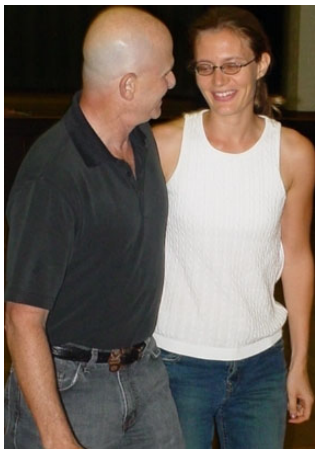
**Chris and Ellen**



**Heather and Jim Davis**



**Jim Shiner and Jane**



**Jim Shiner and Kari**



**Jim Davis and Marta**



**Giuliana and Robert**



**Sue and Steve**



**Ellen and Chris**



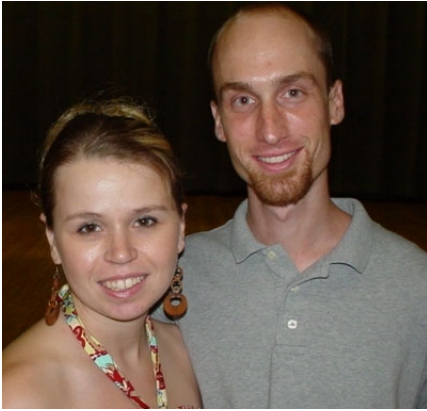
**Giuliana and Robert**



**Jane and Jim Shiner**

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## September Photos



**Christine and Todd**



**Giuliana and Don**



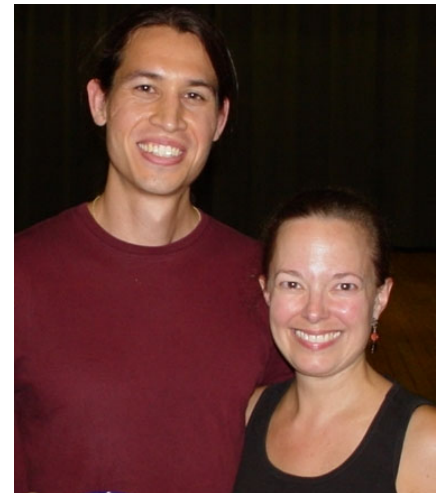
**Harvey and Ellen**



**Betty and Andrew**



**Jesse**



**James and April**



**Happy Spectators**



**LP and Jane**

December 2nd  
TSDC  
Christmas Party

Saturday Night at the Tucson Convention Center in a Banquet Room

Purchase Tickets from Jane or Marta at the Thursday TSDC sign in table

Dress to Impress

Breakfast Buffet served at approx 10pm

Bar Available

Tickets \$25.00 in advance

Volunteers needed to decorate before the party and clean up after  
See Marta

See the website for additional information  
at [www.tsd.net](http://www.tsd.net)

See the Newsletter online in color

Send newsletter input to  
[tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com)

**New Members Membership Special  
Beginning in October**

**New Members can join the club at a discount  
for the remainder of this year  
and the entire calendar year of 2007  
For only \$30.00**

**National Swing Dance Website  
[www.swingdance council.com](http://www.swingdance council.com)**

**The BY LAWS and TSDC Club Rules  
and Jack n Jill Contest Rules  
are available at the sign in desk**

## Volunteer Instructor for the Month of NOVEMBER LP

**Happy Hour FREE from 7pm to 9pm  
3rd Saturday each month  
At The Maverick**

**Contact Cathy Schreiber for information 272-3355  
Or call the TSDC hotline 520 745-0255**



**Brooke and LP**

L Perez was born in NYC and raised in the burbs of Lawngylan and Weschestuh. At age 5 his grandmother taught him his first Swing and Salsa steps thereby giving him the terminal danceitis he still has today. After studying Aero-nautics and Psychology in college he finally chose to pursue Acting and Film Production. One day he went to an audition held at a huge dance club in NYC, the Palladium. There were 1,000 other kids auditioning for 20 dance regular parts. LP won a spot on the late 80s show CLUB MTV and danced for 2 seasons, one of which he later found out was with fellow West Coast Swing notable Deborah Szekely. After earning his Film degree with honors he headed for Hollywood in 1990. In 1992 he received a call from an old flame that lived in Tucson and worked in the Film biz so he packed up and headed for the Old Pueblo to work on a little film called Tombstone. After that ill-fated romance died he could be found dancing at the Cactus Moon where he was recruited to work full-time at Studio West School of dance in 1993 making him one of the longest running full-time instructors in Tucson. LP has many Advanced level Jack & Jill wins but in 1999 in Florida LP and his wife Spider ( R.I.P.) were invited to compete in their first Champion level Jack & Jill and in 2005 LP placed 4th in a Champion level Jack and Jill contest amongst a field of top level WCS competitors. In 2000 LP and Spider opened DANZON! School of dance, their 500 square foot studio attached to their home in northwest Tucson where LP still choreographs and teaches over 20 different partner dances from beginner to professional levels at about half the rates of the "big" studios.

You can reach him at 792-2067 or [LPerez.Dancer@yahoo.com](mailto:LPerez.Dancer@yahoo.com) or his website at [http://www.myspace.com/l\\_perez](http://www.myspace.com/l_perez)

Closed  
for Thanksgiving  
Thursday November 23rd  
Be Thankful  
For the Friends  
That You Have Met  
Through  
Dancing  
Be Thankful For  
The Life Enhancing  
Spirit of Dancing  
Be Thankful!

**FYI:**

**Many West Coast Swing Dancers go to  
The Maverick on Thanksgiving Night.**



**Desert Garden Design**

Landscape Designs  
Horticultural Consulting

**Vicki France, Designer**

**520-519-9342**

*Paid Advertisement for November*

# November 2006

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

			1	2 Jack & Jill Contest Instructor LP DJ LP	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Instructor LP DJ Tamra	10	11
12	13	14 Board Meeting 7pm 5049 E Fairmount	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 Instructor LP DJ LP	17	18 Happy Hour at The Maverick 7-9pm
19	20	21	22	23 Closed for Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Instructor LP DJ Scott		Christmas Party on Saturday December 2nd

**Thursday dances: 6245 E. Bellevue Street 520 745-0255 www.tsdcl.net**

**Beginning lesson 7-7:45pm Intermediate lesson 8-8:30pm Dancing until 10:30pm**

**November Birthdays**

Richard Cridebring  
11/3

Steve Slocum  
11/3

Sandra Fox  
11/4

Phyllis Abrams  
11/11

Joey Barrios  
11/11

Laurence Bonfoey  
11/13

Virginia Felix  
11/13

Donald Ross  
11/14

Giuliana Donnelly  
11/17

Jennifer Chuchul  
11/18

Bill Faris  
11/22

Sheree' Scott  
11/23

Rosanne Crago  
11/29

Sylvia Skinner  
11/29

Al Sipes  
11/30

Support TSDC by advertising in the newsletter. Send camera-ready ads and checks payable to the Tucson Swing Dance Club to: TSDC, P.O. Box 32226, Tucson, Arizona 85751-2226, or email a Postscript file of your ad to [tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com) and drop your check in the mail.

**Must be received by the 15th of the month for the following month's newsletter.**

Issues	1	2	4	6
<b>Business card</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>\$13.50</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>Quarter page</b>	<b>\$14</b>	<b>\$27</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$68.50</b>
<b>Third page</b>	<b>\$19.50</b>	<b>\$37.50</b>	<b>\$65</b>	<b>\$95</b>
<b>Half page</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$45</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Full page</b>	<b>\$40</b>	-	-	-
<b>Single-sided insert</b>	<b>\$50</b>	-	-	-
<b>Double-sided insert</b>	<b>\$80</b>	-	-	-

**TSDC 2005-2006 Board**

**Elected positions:**

President Bill Garrity  
 Vice President Wayne Scheibe  
 Treasurer Don Bennett  
 Membership Vicki France  
 Corporate Secretary Kari Rasmussen

**Appointed directors:**

Music Director L Perez  
 Sergeant-at-arms Jim Buchanan  
 Hospitality/Publicity Director Marta Buchanan  
 Public Relations Steve Slocum  
 Dance Director Lisa Brink  
**Appointed coordinator:**  
 Contest Coordinator Terry Waters  
 Newsletter Editor Jane Morgan

**New Members**

Lynn Carpenter  
 Robert Chang  
 Eleanor Schrandt  
 Peary Polley  
 Nikki Charns  
 Jose Garcia  
 Gene Green  
 Donna Green  
 Gale Harris  
 Barbara Howes  
 Bruce Johnson  
 Andrew Pue

**Greater Phoenix Swing Dance Club**

**Dances are held every Sunday night**

**At the VFW Post 720**

**4853 E. Thomas Road , Phoenix**

**Lessons—5:00 to 7:00 PM**

**Open Dancing - 7:00 to 10:00PM**

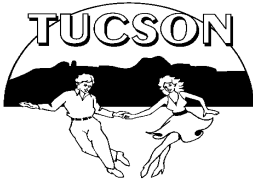
**For more information call the hotline**

**(602) 269—5657**

**or visit the website**

**[www.gpsdc.com](http://www.gpsdc.com)**

**Get in FREE during the week of your Birthday**



P.O. Box 32226  
Tucson, AZ 85751-2226

We're on the WEB!  
WWW.TSDC.NET

*Swing Dance Club*

## **Tucson Swing Dance Club**

**The only place to be on Thursday**

### **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.**

**Tucson Swing Dance Club - 6245 E. Bellevue - 520 745-0255 [www.tsdc.net](http://www.tsdc.net)**

**Beginning Lesson at 7pm**  
**Intermediate Lesson at 8pm**  
**Open dance till 10:30pm**

**Member entry donation \$3.00**  
**Guest and non members \$5.00**

**Annual membership \$25.00**

**Hot Line phone #520 745 0255**

## **Dance Lessons At the Club**

Each month the club dance instructors teach the beginning patterns in West Coast Swing. Students may 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. Intermediate classes teach pattern variations, combinations, and syncopations beyond the basics.