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Music News

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Coming Up

December 6th
Bob Woods Swing
January 3rd
Larry DeLeon Band



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!
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Letter From The Editor





Ronnie Elkan

Hey Folks, sure was a great afternoon listening to Rhonda Lynn and Edgewood Station. I had such a great time that I looked up where they were playing on their website and I went out to the Valencia Club in Penryn to listen to them. We are lucky to have them come in to WSS to play for our dancers. Rhonda Lynn leads the group with her great vocals; Charlie Nickerenz on vocals and drums; Ron Cook on vocals and guitar; Steve Clark on vocals and bass guitar and Brad barnett on vocals and keyboard.
As usual the house band "the Hall of Famers" came up next. They are Jimmy Baughman on vocal and guitar; Ralph Chase on vocal and keyboard; Bill Cornett and Arron Smith on vocal and drums; Ronnie Elkan on fiddle; Steve Clark on vocal and bass guitar and special guests were Geoff Miller on guitar and vocal and a young man named Max Hart on pedal steel. Max has been on the road with Melissa Etheridge was a joy to have on stage. Guest singers were Rex Barnes, Janice Allen, Nancy Long and Linda Baughman
Big thanks to Arron Smith for running sound and setting it up. BIG JOB.
The Jam Room Band did an awesome job. Folks that just want to sit and listen or get up and sing or play are always welcome. This coming dance we will have more room back there. Our Ralph Chase has done such a great job with the building folks orginzing the jamroom and all the things that make our dance work at the Machinist's Hall.

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HALL OF FAMERS





DOUG WEISS
Born October 1, 1935
Inducted October 6, 2013
#0647

Doug was born October 1, 1935 in Huntington, West Virginia. At the age of five his father and mother took the family across country to live in San Jose, California which remained his home until high school graduation. His love for swing and country music came from listening to his parents radio. Early favorites were Bob Wills and the Maddox Brothers and Rose. As time passed other artists such as Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Merle Haggard, Buck Owens, Wynn Stewart and Dwight Yoakum became influences.

It wasn't until college when a friend taught him how to play the guitar that Doug started his career in music. However, music took a back seat to his aspirations to become a major league pitcher. After success at the University of California, Berkeley Doug played four years of professional baseball in the NY Yankee organization until an arm injury cut short his major league dream.

He went back to college, finished his degree and began an intercollegiate baseball coaching career that spanned 35 years with the last nine as the Director of Athletics at CSU Hayward. Doug converted to bass and began to play with local groups in the East Bay before joining with good friend and guitarist Jim Simon to form the Sounds Country Band. WSS member Bill Smith was a member of the band, and many times Marty James and Bobby Thompson would join them. After 15 years together, the band broke up in 1991 due to job responsibilities.

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KIM BECK
Born June 24, 1937
Died November 17, 2019
Inducted October 5, 201
#0649

Kim Beck was born in Glendale, California, June 24, 1937. He began learning to play the piano at age six. While in his teens, he began to learn to play the guitar and accompanied his father who played the mandolin. He and his sister, who played the bass fiddle, formed their own band. They then joined a Country band named “The Sundowners,” playing three nights a week. As they were under twenty-one, their mother was always with them.

He then played both piano and guitar in various night clubs in North San Diego County, and backed up guest stars such as Skeets McDonald and Hank Locklin.

Kim later moved to the Los Angeles area, and appeared frequently on the Cal Worthington Dodge TV show, backing up a variety of notable musicians including Glen Campbell; and playing with Gene Davis and famed steel guitarist Ralph Mooney. He also played music with the Otwell Twins on the Lawrence Welk TV show.

He also played with the noted Billy Mize and Dee Ford, and he backed Sammi Smith on the piano.

In the late 70s Kim worked in Apple Valley with the well-known late Smokey Rogers. And he played regularly on radio stations, including KOWN and KHY from as early as 1969 through 1985.

In the early 80s, Kim played with Jimmy Lester in the Fallbrook area of Northern San Diego County.

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Free Dance Lesson 1st Sunday of the Month 12pm-1pm

Jam Room

Meet Your Hosts



Chuck Webb



Dave Rietz

Come on in, sing a song, play and instrument and make new friends! Look for the sign up sheet if you'd like to participate or see one of our hosts!













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WOW, holidays come around pretty quick. Bob Woods Swing will be on the main stage Sunday, December 6. I'm sure he'll have a few Christmas songs for us to dance to and that will be perfect for the Toy Drive and Food Drive that we will do. It was a huge success last year, our folks are so generous. Thank you to everyone that makes this dance so great. Ronnie Elkan (Co-editor)



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At that time Doug figured it was the end of his music career. However, after retiring in 2001 and moving to Lincoln, California good fortune struck and another band was formed; Lincoln Highway. He was back in the music business. The band has been together for five years and is currently active in the greater Sacramento area with WSS members Charlie Keeney, Mike Sisemore and Western Swing Hall of Fame member Terry Crouson. Lincoln Highway has been a guest band at the WSS for the past three years and made their first Hall of Fame appearance in 2011.



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He also played guitar with the well-known accordion player, Sam DeFazio. Currently, Kim still plays both piano and guitar in and around Sun City and the Hemet area in Southern California where he resides.



Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2026
Meeting called to Order By President Ronnie Elkan at 6pm via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ronnie Elkan, Treasurer Linda Bentley, Secretary Sandy Robinson, Alicia Fox-West, Arron Smith, Dave Rietz, Chuck Webb, Ralph Chase Guest: Nick Dennis
PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Our November Dance was Outstanding – we continue to say, "Our Monthly WSS Dance is the Best-Kept Secret in Sacramento." We are so blessed to have the continued great working relationship with the Machinist's Hall and the American Legion Association. Our Attendance continues to climb.
TREASURER'S REPORT: October Financial Report was unanimously approved. We had 143 paying guests and 3 new Memberships at our November.
WEBSITE MANAGER: Dave Rietz reported that he has spent many hours cleaning up broken links; photos, HOF Roster and latest inductees , etc., on the Website. Thank You, Dave!
NEW BUSINESS: Alicia Fox-West will be posting reminders of our December Toy and Food Drive on Facebook. Dave West has offered to be Santa again this year. Carol Spiker has offered to help with Toy and Food Drive . Volunteers are Welcome to help Alicia Fox-West to Decorate Our Hall!
Our wonderful Popcorn Volunteer, Rose Fuentes, has moved to the Los Angeles area to be near her children. She will be so missed and we wish Rose the best of everything. We are actively looking for another Volunteer to help Caroline Kennedy with Popcorn, every other month.
After discussion of additional handrails needed for Main Stage, Dave Rietz made Motion, Linda Bentley Seconded, and it was unanimously approved to purchase a second handrail for each side of the Main Stage. Arron Smith will install the handrails.

ADJOURNMENT:

Sandy Robinson
Secretary

Board Meeting Invitation
You can attend the Society's monthly Board meetings; Please contact any board member if you would like to attend on Google Meet or if you have a suggestion.



50/50 Raffle Winners







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Any Changes?

Keep us up to date on any changes in your membership information, especially email addresses. We can't get your newsletter to you unless we have your current information.
You can mail changes in your information to the Society at:
P.O. Box 2474
Carmichael, CA 95609
or email it to
membership@westernswingsociety.net
Thanks! Keep on Western Swingin'

Membership



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OCTOBER DANCE
HTTPS://PHOTOS.APP.GOO.GL/FVYA4GVMYM8FJC5Z7

HALL OF FAME STUDIO
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BANDS









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OTHER WESTERN SWING MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS/MUSIC HAPPENINGS

Buck Ford & Pure Country:
https://buckford.com/events/

Geoffrey Miller Music:
https://www.facebook.com/geoffreymillermusic?mibextid=ZbWKwL
https://www.facebook.com/cadillac.rodeo.90sCountry?mibextid=ZbWKwL

Carolyn Sills Combo:
https://www.carolynsills.com/

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940-452-6300
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Grace Clark and Swingitude:
www.graceAclarkmusic.com. 925-443-5217

Greater Arizona Country/Western Swing Association and Hall of Fame, Inc.:
PO Box 953, Dewey, AZ 86326
Contact Jim Gamble at 928-458-0714.
Hot Club of Cowtown:
https://hotclubofcowtown.com/

The Lincoln Highway Trio:
Every Tuesday, l:15-3:45pm. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr, Carmichael. $10 cover at the door.

Cowtown Birthplace of Western Swing
https://www.birthplaceofwesternswing.com

Slade Rivers Band:
https://sladeriversband.com/events/

Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest:,
PO Box 644, Shattuck, OK 73858.
Meets quarterly. www.wsmss.com.

Cliff Huey 27 Outlaws Band:
https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=cliff%20huey%2027%20outlaws

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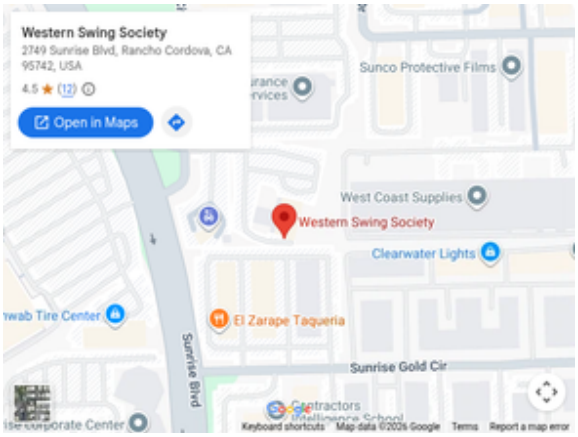
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574883143066&mibextid=ZbWKwL

Kenny and the Crickets
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100062317545410&mibextid=ZbWKwL



MONTHLY MUSIC SESSIONS

The Western Swing Society holds a music/dance session on the first Sunday of each month, featuring guest bands, artists, a jam room and free dance lessons
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
at The Machinists Hall
2749 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova,CA
Donation: $7 for Members; $10 for Non-Members
Food and Drink Available for Purchase
For information, browse to www.westernswingsociety.net
***The address is Sunrise, but the driveway is on Citrus.**



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