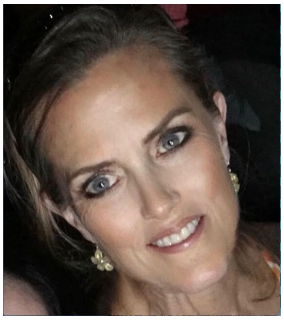
PRESIDENT - MB Swikard

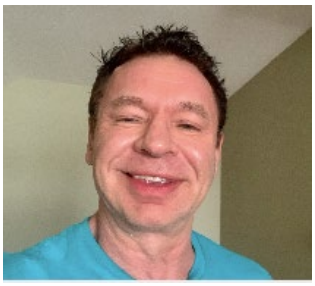


Dancing has been a life-long passion and through my SDNLD club participation I have been able to share that love of dancing- by teaching line dance classes and serving as a board member for SDNLD.

I hope to continue that mission in the coming year by serving as your President.

I hope we can continue to grow the club by making line dancing accessible to all levels of dancers and keeping our Socials and Workshops fun for all members. I will continue the mission of seeking more active participation in club activities by the members- the club will only continue to thrive with cooperation and volunteerism.

VICE PRESIDENT – Tom Wood



I started line dancing in one of our local country dance clubs in San Diego over 15 years ago. I was first introduced to popular line dance at the 2016 Windy City Line Dance event in Chicago. After searching local groups that dance at the level I saw in Chicago, I discovered San Diego ‘N’ Line Dancers. Since then, I enjoy dancing regularly at the SDNLD workshops and socials. I have served as vice-president on the SDNLD board for the last year, helping out with our web site and social media.

SECRETARY – Maxine Miller

I have been a resident of San Diego for 37 years. I retired from a career in nursing in 2021. My introduction to Line Dancing was in 2022 at a “Dance For Fun Workshop” in Balboa Park. I currently attend classes offered by MB Swikard and attend SDNLD events. I enjoy volunteer work and, if elected, would like to give back to SDNLD community by serving on the board.

TREASURER – Carole Bennett

-Born and raised in New Orleans, LA
-Served one enlistment in the US NAVY
-Graduated Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA with a BA in Business
-Worked in Biotech for 20 years

I started line dancing about 11 years ago and currently attend classes with MB and Carol Stroecker.

I look forward to serving on the SDNLD Board as your treasurer to help with making the club activities fun and exciting.

IDA DELEGATE – John Knapp

My name is John Knapp. I've lived in the San Diego area since '77 courtesy of the USN from which I retired in '95. I started dancing in '79 with Israeli Folk Dancing and added International Folk soon after. I am currently on the board of the Folk Dance Center. I started doing Country Western dancing (couple and line) in 2006 at In Cahoots, then the Wagon Wheel in 2008 and joined the SDNLD in 2009 with whom I have participated in many County Fair and IDA festival performances. I have both helped and organized the SDNLD's participation in the IDA Festival and San Diego Fair for a number of years. I am teaching a line dance class in Lakeside. I was the IDA (International Dance Association) alternate delegate for a few years and am now the primary IDA delegate and am running again for the position.

IDA ALTERNATE DELEGATE – Jim Wellnitz

I started line dancing back in 2012 to meet new, like-minded individuals. It was at this time that I joined SDNLD. My first instructor was Diane Rojas, then Cathie Lopez with a sprinkling of a few others, and finally MB Swikard.

My love of line dancing developed into a three-pronged reward: I met many wonderful people but the mental challenge, as well as physical challenge, and the ability to express the love of music with dance, brought it all together.

As a former Treasurer of SDNLD (2013-2016) and President in 2017, I'm familiar with the workings of this club. Having retired from the publishing/distribution business, I have more free time and would enjoy giving back to this club that has so richly rewarded me.