

Mates and Dates May 2026

Notes from the President

After an 'escape the hot weather' vacation to the Campbell Community Center (loving that nice air conditioning on a 90 degree day) in March we are back to the Mountain View Masonic Lodge for the rest of the year. 18 of you completed feedback forms at the last dance, see <https://matesanddates.org/feedback>. The Board's music team led by our VP Ray Farnsworth has been grooming the playlist to set the musical tone for our virtual DJ Otto Madik's debut at our May dance.

May 15 Dance

Our **60's Flower Power Dance** will be Friday May 15 at the **Mountain View Masonic Lodge**, 890 Church Street, Mountain View, CA. Attire will be casual or hippie flower power theme appropriate. Doors open at 6PM, **West Coast Swing** Lesson starts at 6:15, dinner served at 7:00. After quick announcements at 7:45 our pre-recorded dance music led by our virtual **DJ Otto Madik** starts at 8PM. The Board Music Team would really appreciate you filling out your table feedback forms on the new music format and the playlist.

July 17 Dance

We will have our very popular **Joe Ferrari Big Band** back for our July 17 **Serving our Military at the USO** dance. Dust off those uniforms and 1940's attire for another great dance to an excellent big band.

Pre-Recorded Music... how's that going to be different?

- You will be able to preview the playlist (<https://matesanddates.org/playlists>) and give us feedback to suggest changes before the dance. (You can send comments via the Feedback link on the website up to a week before the dance). There will be no requests accepted at the dance.
- Each song is automatically preceded by a 2 second announcement telling everyone what dance it is (e.g. 'This is a Foxtrot') which also allows some time to get up to dance or sit down before the next dance.
- Each table will have at least 3 copies of the playlist. Each playlist has 4 checkboxes for each song where you can rate it. Checking the 'Very Happy Face' check box will ensure that song returns to future playlists and checking the 'Very Frowny Face' check box will invite that song to retire and not return. Writing your favorites (song and performer) on the back will help us add them to the library for future dances. Leave the annotated playlists on the table and the Music Team will collect them to incorporate your feedback.

FYI: Members vs Guests

If you have not paid your annual membership, you are a guest. Guests, according to our bylaws, must be invited by a member. Members can self register and can also register their guests on the website. Guests have no self-registration capability on the website. A guest can fill out and mail in an offline (paper) guest registration form but the form must have the names of their member hosts and they must sit at the same table as their inviting host members.

"You don't stop dancing when you get old, you get old when you stop dancing." -Anon