

Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club

eNewsletter August 2019

Back to School Dance

Saturday, August 17, 2019

7:00-10 PM: Music by
5 of a Kind

PARA's McAbee Center

(3801 Loop Road; 35404)

ADMISSION:

Basic Members: \$8 per person

Sustaining, Bronze, Silver, Gold, & Platinum Members: *Prepaid!*

Students: \$5 per person

Guests: \$15 per person/25 per couple

Members and guests must be at least 18 years of age.

ATTIRE: **Casual**

The Back to School dance Saturday, August 17, 7-10 PM

TBDC and PARA4Life are sponsoring the Back to School Dance **Saturday, August 17, 7-10 PM** at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35405). **5 of a Kind** will provide a mix of songs appropriate for ballroom dancing. This band has become a favorite of many of our members. *Attire for the evening is casual. We encourage members and guests to wear their school colors, shirts, and caps.*

Air Conditioning is fixed! The parts came in and the AC is doing its job. Remember, this is August in Alabama and the outside temperatures make it difficult to provide a level of comfort that suits everyone. Some will probably find it too warm, while others may be a little cool. If you are prone to be on the cool side, even in hot summer weather, ***please consider bringing a wrap or sweater in case you need it.*** Also, some of the tables are directly under a vent, so test a few tables before you select your seats to maximize your comfort.

President - Ken Lee

Board (2 years) - Carol Russell

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Board (2 years) - Carolyn Ryder

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Board (1 year) - Nita Hestevold

Board (2 years) - Cathy Guzzo

Board (1 year) - Jimmy Kuntz

Board (2 years) - Butch Noland

Board (1 year) - Diana Secor

Board (2 years) - Garry Pearson

Board (1 year) - Don Wright

This Dance Is Special!

We know of at least two couples who will be celebrating anniversaries this weekend. To celebrate their 40th, ***Scott and Nita Hestevold*** have asked permission to provide the snacks for this dance. They will be serving items from their favorite eateries around Tuscaloosa, and perhaps a few homemade delicacies as well. You may still bring items if you wish, but Scott and Nita plan to bring enough to cover the crowd.

In addition, they have invited a number of couples from the Birmingham dance clubs. These are friends they regularly dance with in Birmingham. They are expecting a number of guests to join us, which should make for a very festive evening. There may be some tables that are "reserved" for these guests, so watch for those signs as you select a table.

Line dancing is invited throughout the evening. Though the space between the tables and the DJ is reserved for ballroom dancers, the space between the tables and snacks is reserved for line dancers. This space can also accommodate couples who would like to practice dance patterns.

Directions. The entrance to McAbee Center's parking lot is at the intersection of Loop Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway. As one faces McAbee Center, the VA Hospital is located to the right of and behind McAbee Center. Avoid the hospital's main entrance: there is no access to McAbee Center's parking lot from the hospital campus. For a map, click here: [Map](#).

From Birmingham, take interstate Exit 79 for University Blvd. At the end of the exit ramp, bear right onto University Blvd. After 4.6 miles, turn left at the traffic light onto Veterans Memorial Pkwy. In ½ mile, turn left onto Loop Rd and then take an immediate left turn to access McAbee Center's parking lot.

July's Red, White, and Blue Dance

TBDC and PARA4Life sponsored the Red White and Blue dance on Saturday, July 20 at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35405). Music was provided by Ain't Misbehavin'. Due to air conditioning problems in the gym, we had to move the dance to the Community Room. Though that room is much smaller, everyone adapted well and it was a very enjoyable evening. Many thanks to Carole Taylor of PARA, and her staff for helping make the move work so well. Thanks also to Tricia Schuster for great decorations under the strain of last minute changes!

Once again, Bonnie Porter provided a door prize from Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac, as they do at almost every dance. Thanks Bonnie! Thanks also to Ginny Perry for passing along gift certificates to two local restaurants.

Decorations were provided by Tricia Schuster with help from a few friends.

Dance lessons are just around the corner!

Our next round of dance lessons is coming! Lessons begin the Tuesday after Labor Day, so go ahead and mark your calendar. If you have questions contact Regina Noland or any other board member. The fee for the introductory lessons will be \$60 for non-members taking lessons for the first time. This will include membership in the club for a year. Intermediate lessons will be offered if at least ten couples sign up. The cost will be \$60 per person. Both groups will consist of 12 lessons.

Annual Dues

TBDC's dance year extends from June 1 through May 31. The official date for renewing your dues ended on June 15. However, you may certainly renew your dues, or join the club. Just see Treasurer Kathy Cotton, or one of the board members and we will be glad to assist you. See the last page of this newsletter for a copy of our membership/renewal form.

Reduced admission to DJ dances!

Beginning with the Spring Fling Dance on May 18, the admission fee for all DJ dances will be reduced to \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members! For all band dances, TBDC members will continue to pay \$8, but the admission fee for non-members will increase from \$12/person to \$15/person and \$25/couple. The student admission fee will continue to be \$5 for any DJ or band dance.

Summary of TBDC Membership Options

TBDC Basic Membership. You are invited to join or renew as a TBDC Basic Member for \$40 (\$80/couple), which allows you to attend TBDC DJ dances for \$5 and band dances for \$8 paid at the door. In 2019-20, you will likely save more than \$25 (\$50/couple) over non-members.

What you can do to support TBDC. Please consider a Sustaining, Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Membership, which includes prepaid admission to all dances! These special members pre-pay for all dances, helping us pay our band bills on rainy nights and during vacation season when attendance is lower than usual. Below are the available membership levels:

TBDC Student Sustaining Membership. Most students can attend no more than eight TBDC dances during our dance year. The fee for a Student Sustaining Member is \$25, which includes prepaid admission to all twelve 2019-20 TBDC dance events: Student Sustaining Members pay nothing at the door!

TBDC Sustaining Membership. In May/June, Sustaining Members may continue to join TBDC for \$115 (\$230/couple), which includes prepaid admission to all twelve 2019-20 TBDC dance events: Sustaining Members pay nothing at the door!

(The Sustaining Member who attends all twelve dances should anticipate an annual savings of at least \$7 (\$14/couple) over Basic Members and \$25 (\$50/couple) over non-members.) Unless one requests otherwise, Sustaining Members will be recognized in TBDC's monthly newsletter.

TBDC Bronze Membership. In May/June, Bronze Members may join TBDC for \$150 (\$300/couple). The Bronze Member pays nothing at the door; and, unless one requests otherwise, TBDC Bronze Members will be recognized in TBDC's monthly newsletter. Bronze Membership averages \$12.50/dance (\$25/couple/dance).

TBDC Silver Membership. In May/June, Silver Members may join TBDC for: \$200 (\$400/couple). The Silver Member pays nothing at the door; and, unless one requests otherwise, the TBDC Silver Member will be recognized in TBDC's monthly newsletter.

TBDC Gold Membership. In May/June, Gold Members may join TBDC for: \$250 (\$500/couple). The Gold Member pays nothing at the door; and, unless one requests otherwise, TBDC Gold Members will be recognized in TBDC's monthly newsletter.

TBDC Platinum Membership. Would you like to pick the theme and music for a dance? If so, the Platinum Membership is for you! The Platinum Membership is \$1000, which includes the opportunity to pick the theme and music for a dance and prepaid admission for two to all twelve TBDC dance events. (The music selection could be a DJ or a band comparable to The Edd Jones Orchestra, 5 of a Kind, or The Chekmates. Please notify a TBDC board member with your preferences as soon as possible; music for 2020 will be booked before summer's end.) Platinum Members pay nothing at the door; and, unless one requests otherwise, Platinum Members will be recognized in TBDC's newsletters.

How to pay your dues. You may complete a membership form and pay your dues at the Spring Fling Dance. Or, print the membership form at the bottom of this newsletter (or send an email request to receive a membership form via email

attachment); then mail the completed form with your check to:

Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 2664

Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

Looking ahead: TBDC's Tailgate Dance September 13 (Friday)

The TBDC/PARA4Life will sponsor the Tailgate Dance September 13

(Friday). Music will be provided by DJ Jimmy Kuntz.

TBDC Board Meeting: Monday, September 23, 2019 at the Tuscaloosa Library.

TBDC's 2019 Dance Schedule

| All 2019 TBDC dances & balls will be 7-10 pm @ McAbee Center | | |
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| Date | Theme | Music |
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| Sat, AUG 17 | Back to School Dance | 5K |
| Fri, SEP 13 | Tailgate Dance | DJJK |
| Fri, OCT 18 | The Edd Jones Black & White Ball | EJ |
| Fri, NOV 22 | Autumn Leaves Dance (Group class @ 7 pm, music @ 7:30 pm) | DJRR |
| Sat, DEC 14 | Mistletoe Ball | CH |

Music: 5K = 5 of a Kind; AM = Ain't Misbehavin'; CH = The Chekmates;

EJ = Edd Jones; DJJK = DJ Jimmy Kunz; DJRR = DJ Richard Richards

Attire: "Ball" designates a dressy event (with semi-formal wear or formalwear invited), and "Dance" designates a dressy-casual or theme event.

MONTHLY LISTINGS...

Do you have a Silver Sneakers card?

If you are a retiree with a Silver Sneakers card, a few seconds of your time can help McAbee Center. When you attend TBDC/PARA4Life dances or dance lessons at McAbee Center, please stop at the information desk and allow a staff member to scan your Silver Sneakers card: United Healthcare will make a donation to McAbee Center each time that you scan your card!

PARA's Dances; Northport Community Center: Every Thursday

PARA continues to sponsor dances every Thursday, 6:30-9:30 PM, at the Northport Community Center (2100 Park Street; 35476). Bob Sullivan and the Country Gold Band will provide the music. Attire: casual. Admission: \$5/person. For further information: contact Carole Taylor, 562-3235; or ctaylor@tcpara.org.

PARA's West Alabama Dances; Northport Community Center: Every Friday

PARA continues to sponsor the West Alabama Dances every Friday, 6:45-9:45 PM, at the Northport Community Center (2100 Park Street; 35476). Music is provided by The Over the Hill Band. Attire: casual. Admission: \$5/person. For further information: contact Carole Taylor, 562-3235; or ctaylor@tcpara.org.

PARA offering a Free Dance

Monday, August 19, 2019 PARA and the McAbee Center will offer a **Hoe Down Dance** in the gym at the McAbee Center. Keith Porter and the Over the Hill Gang, weekly performers at the West Alabama Dance on Friday nights at the Northport Community Center, will provide the music. Admission is free and food will be provided by PARA.

In Case of Severe Weather...

When a severe-weather alert has been issued for the evening of a TBDC event [lessons or a dance], TBDC will make a late-afternoon decision to proceed with the event or to cancel it. TBDC will then notify friends & members by 4:30 PM: TBDC will send the decision by email and will post the decision on its Facebook page. Note: As a rule, TBDC cancels events only when tornadic or winter weather poses a serious safety concern; a mere rainstorm does not stop the sun from shining on the dancefloor!

TBDC: Facebook, Website, and Email

- **TBDC's email address:** Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com
- **Facebook:** *click "Like"!* For announcements, last-minute information, photos, and videos, go to TBDC's official Facebook page [Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club –

Community Organization]. In the top box, click

“Like”: <https://www.facebook.com/tuscaloosaballroomdanceclub?fref=ts>. **NOTE:** To be notified via Facebook when information and photos are posted, go to the TBDC Facebook page and click on “Following” down-arrow. In the drop-down window under Notifications, click “On (Events).”

- **TBDC’s website:** www.tbdc.org [webmaster: Lewis Cotton]

TBDC Directory

If you would like a copy of the current TBDC directory, send your request to: Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com. And, send email to the same address if you would like to be added to or deleted from the directory.

TBDC’s 2018-2019 Sponsors

Ruby Sponsors

Steve Richardson & Company CPAs

Victoria DaCosta's Let's Dance Studio

Emerald Sponsors

Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac: <http://www.barkleygmc.com>

Sapphire Sponsors

A-1 Mini-Storage (Don Wright), 9331 Hwy 69; Northport, AL; 35473; 205-292-2182

TBDC’s 2019-2020 Supporting Members

Sustaining Members: Butch & Regina Noland; Scott & Bonnie Porter; Diana Secor; John and Mary Frances Slaughter; Janet Lee

Bronze Members: Lewis & Kathy Cotton; Anonymous (4)

Silver Members: Scott & Nita Hestevold; Garry Pearson

Gold Members: Ken Lee

Platinum Members:

If you are a supporting member of TBDC and your name does not appear above, please send a note to Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com if you would like your name included in the next newsletter.

-- Ken Lee

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TUSCALOOSA BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

Ken Lee, President
Kathy Cotton, Treasurer

Scott Hestevold, Vice President
Regina Noland, Secretary

TO APPLY FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019-2020, PLEASE SELECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP OPTION, COMPLETE THE APPLICATION, AND INCLUDE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO **TUSCALOOSA BALLROOM DANCE CLUB, INC.** MEMBERSHIPS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM JUNE 2019 THROUGH MAY 2020. MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK TO: **Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club, Inc.; P.O. Box 2664; Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.**

- Basic Member: \$40/person; \$80/couple. (Each person pays monthly dance admission at door: \$8 Band Dances; \$5 CD Dances.)
- Sustaining Member: \$115/person; \$230/couple. This includes prepaid admission to all twelve dances.
- Bronze Member: \$150/person; \$300/couple. This includes prepaid admission to all twelve dances.
- Silver Member: \$200/person; \$400/couple. This includes prepaid admission to all twelve dances.
- Gold Member: \$250/person; \$500/couple. This includes prepaid admission to all twelve dances.
- Platinum Member: \$1,000. This includes TBDC membership for *two*, prepaid admission for two to all twelve dances, and the opportunity to pick the music and theme for one dance.

{Sustaining, Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum members will be recognized in monthly e-newsletters. If you prefer *not* to be recognized, please check below.}

_____ Please do **not** acknowledge my/our TBDC Sustaining, Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum membership in a newsletter.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

_____ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL _____ NEW MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____ SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME # _____ CELL # _____ BUS. # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (please print) _____

OCCUPATION _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A COMMITTEE: YES _____ NO _____

PARTNER INFORMATION, IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE INFORMATION

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME # _____ CELL # _____ BUS. # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (please print) _____

OCCUPATION _____, SIGNATURE: _____

IF A NEW APPLICANT, HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TUSCALOOSA BALLROOM DANCE CLUB?

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU GIVE PERMISSION FOR YOUR PHOTO TO BE INCLUDED IN CLUB INFORMATION. YES _____ NO _____

Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club Use Only:

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

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