



**Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club**

**eNewsletter**

**December 2017**

# **Sleigh Ride Dance**

**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

**7:00 - 10:00 pm**

**Taylorville United Methodist Church**

**(640 Bear Creek Road; 35405)**

**Music by The Chekmates**

## **ADMISSION:**

**Standard Members: \$8 per person**

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

**Students: \$5 per person**

**Guests: \$12 per person**

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

**ATTIRE: Holiday Casual**

## **Sleigh Ride Dance: Saturday, December 9**

Beginning with the Sleigh Ride Dance on December 9, TBDC's dances return to Saturday nights. The Chekmates will provide dance music, 7-10 pm at Taylorville United Methodist Church. Dress for the evening is holiday casual. Yes, ugly holiday sweaters are invited! (This will be our last dance at TUMC; TBDC moves to McAbee Center in January.)

*The Chekmates.* With great pleasure, TBDC welcomes the return of The Chekmates to Tuscaloosa! Tony Marino formed The Chekmates in 1957, and the band became known as Birmingham's best variety band. The Chekmates played for a number of TBDC dances during our club's early years. Though the band members have changed over the decades, the core sound has remained the same. When Tony Marino retired in 2014, his son, Anthony, became the band's leader, and The Chekmates continues to play for ballroom dances, wedding receptions, and various corporate events. They offer a fine mix of dance music that includes standard ballroom favorites, oldies, jazz, and more recent tunes.

*Do you need a quick review of dances steps before the dance?* TBDC extends a special invitation to our Holiday Dance to those who have been enrolled in our fall dance classes. If you would like to review any of the basic dance steps before the dance begins, please come to Taylorville United Methodist Church just past 6 pm on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Go to the end of the gym where the white lattice barricades are located and look for Scott and Nita Hestevold. They will have music and will review, by request, any of the basic dance patterns.

*The Tuscaloosa Ballroom Holiday Hand Bell Choir.* During first break, under the direction of Regina Noland, there will be a rare appearance by the Tuscaloosa Ballroom Holiday Hand Bell Choir, playing several of your favorite holiday tunes. This is a performance that you don't want to miss: someone *you* know will be performing in the choir!

## **A Salute to Veterans Dance**

DJ Jimmy (Kunz) provided the music for TBDC's Salute to Veterans Dance on November 17. Unfortunately, only forty-four dancers (including two veterans) were present to enjoy the inspiring Presentation of the Colors by the Hillcrest High School AJROTC Color Guard. TBDC extends thanks to Hillcrest AJROTC Cadets Sarah Falls, Tara Franks, Caitlyn Lewis, and Jacquelyn Samuel. For coordinating the ceremony, a special word of thanks also goes to AJROTC director Colonel (Retired) James E. Lackey, assistant director 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant (Retired) Walter Davis, and TBDC board member Regina Noland. Following the Presentation of the Colors, TBDC recognized veterans Dave Lewis (Navy) and Ray Pollard (Army) along with parents and grandparents of those currently serving in the armed forces. Throughout the evening, dancers enjoyed photographs, memorabilia, and other veteran items on the Memory Table.

## **The Christmas Parade, Monday, December 4: *Dancers are needed!***

Weather permitting, TBDC will have an entry in Tuscaloosa's 42nd Annual West Alabama Christmas Parade on Monday evening, December 4. Our VP Ken Lee has mounted TBDC banners on his bright blue truck, which he will park on 13<sup>th</sup> Street at 4 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help decorate the truck, please join us at 4 pm. And, if you would like to waltz down University Boulevard (and enjoy a sprightly holiday swing during parade pauses), please send email to [Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com](mailto:Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com) for details. If weather forces cancellation of our participation, then on the afternoon of the 4th, TBDC will post a notice on its Facebook page.

## **TBDC Introductory Ballroom Dance Lessons: January 9 – March 27**

TBDC's twelve-week introductory ballroom dance course will begin at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 9 in the gym at Taylorville United Methodist Church. Once again, classes will be taught by professional instructor, Victoria DaCosta (from Let's Dance Studio in Northport). The fee is \$25 for students, \$40 for TBDC members, and \$60 for non-members. Dances to be taught: Waltz, Hustle, Rumba, Swing, Cha Cha, Foxtrot. *Note:* To reach one's desired level of comfort, it is not uncommon for a ballroom dancer to take the full introductory series more than once. *For further information:* contact Regina Noland ([regina001@aol.com](mailto:regina001@aol.com) or 758-4567).

***About Victoria DaCosta.*** Victoria is a former ballroom-dance competitor, who won several state championships. She has been a professional dance instructor for the past twenty-two years, teaching for studios in Minnesota, North Carolina, and Alabama. She has taught at Let's Dance for more than thirteen years.

## **TBDC Intermediate Couples Ballroom Dance Lessons: register now!**

If at least ten couples register, TBDC will sponsor a series of intermediate couples lessons from January 9 through March 27, 7:30-8:30 PM at Taylorville United Methodist Church. The deadline for registering is Thursday, January 4. The instructor will be Victoria DaCosta (Let's Dance, Northport). The fee is \$120/couple. The class *is* for couples, so please round up a partner! To facilitate new patterns, dancers should bring ballroom or leather-soled shoes; no rubber-sole or open-back shoes, please.

*Note:* These classes will be taught at the intermediate level and are for those who have completed TBDC's introductory series (or the equivalent). Those who enroll for this class should be smooth and confident executing at least three basic patterns for each of these dances: waltz, foxtrot, rumba, cha cha and swing.

***Dances to be taught:*** Intermediate Waltz, Intermediate Foxtrot, Intermediate Rumba, Intermediate Cha Cha, Introductory Triple-Time Swing, plus a sixth dance (e.g. West Coast Swing? Mambo? Tango?) to be determined by the interest of the students. *Further information:* contact Regina Noland ([regina001@aol.com](mailto:regina001@aol.com) or 758-4567).

***Must register by Thursday, January 4 for Intermediate Lessons!*** A minimum of ten couples is required to make this intermediate series feasible. If you wish to enroll, contact Regina Noland no later than January 4: [regina001@aol.com](mailto:regina001@aol.com) or 758-4567. (If the class is canceled, those who registered will be notified before January 9.)

## **Friday, December 1: CTBD Holiday Dance @ Natural History Museum**

The Crimson Tide Ballroom Dancers will host a holiday dance on Friday, December 1 in Smith Hall – Museum of Natural History on the UA campus (427 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 35487). *Music:* DJ Jimmy Kunz. *Attire:* Semi-Formal (black tie and holiday attire welcome). *Admission:* \$5/student, \$10/general admission. *Information:* 205-394-1493 or [info@ctbd.org](mailto:info@ctbd.org).

## **Saturday, December 2: PARA4Life's Jingle Bell Dance @ McAbee Center**

Vintage Gray will provide the music for PARA4Life's Jingle Bell Dance on Saturday, December 2 at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa); 7-9:30 pm. *Admission:* \$7/single, \$12/couple. *For further information:* contact Carole Taylor, 562-3235; or [ctaylor@tctpara.org](mailto:ctaylor@tctpara.org)

## **Thursday, December 21: PARA4Life's Christmas Dance, Northport**

Bob Sullivan & the Country Gold Band will provide the music for PARA4Life's Christmas Dance on Thursday, December 21 at the Northport Community Center (2100 Park Street; 35476); 6:45-9:30 pm. *Admission:* \$5. Snacks will be provided. *For further information:* contact Carole Taylor, 562-3235; or [ctaylor@tctpara.org](mailto:ctaylor@tctpara.org)

## **The Tradewinds' Christmas Night Dance on December 25, Birmingham**

The Tradewinds will provide the music for the annual Christmas Night dance on Monday, December 25, 7-10 PM at Concordia Beneficial Society (3400 1st Ave. N; 35222) in Birmingham. *Attire:* Christmas casual. Bring leftovers for the snack table. *Admission:* \$10/dancer. Information: [hestevold@att.net](mailto:hestevold@att.net). [Note from Scott: Nita and I have attended this Christmas Night dance several times; with plenty of holiday spirit and warmth, it is one of the loveliest dances of the year.]

## **Saturday, December 30: PARA4Life's Night Before New Years Dance**

Bob Sullivan & the Country Gold Band will provide the music for PARA4Life's Night Before New Years Dance on Saturday, December 30 at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa); 8 pm - Midnight. *Admission:* \$7/single, \$12/couple. Snacks will be provided. *For further information:* contact Carole Taylor, 562-3235; or [ctaylor@tctpara.org](mailto:ctaylor@tctpara.org)

## **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@tctpara.org](mailto:ctaylor@tctpara.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@tctpara.org](mailto:ctaylor@tctpara.org).

## **TBDC makes a move in January!**

In January, TBDC moves all dances to McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; next to the VA Hospital). To celebrate this transition, the expanded Edd Jones Orchestra will provide the music. This will be the nine-piece ensemble that has, for many years, been the featured band at the Southern Rhapsody Dance Society's ballroom dance weekend at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis. There will be a special dance exhibition at first break!

## **TBDC Board Meeting: Monday, January 29, 2018; 7 PM**

The TBDC will not meet in December; the next meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, January 29, 2018. The location will be announced in the January eNewsletter.

## **TBDC's 2018 Dance Schedule**

For those planning their 2018 dance schedule, the dates for next year's dances appear below. All 2018 TBDC monthly events will be held at McAbee Center, 7-10 pm.; themes will be announced later.

<b>All 2018 TBDC dances &amp; balls will be 7-10 pm @ McAbee Center</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Music</b>
Sat, JAN 20	The Puttin'-on-the-Ritz Ball	EJ Expanded orchestra!
Sat, FEB 17	Sweetheart Dance	DJJK
Sat, MAR 24	TBA (Group class @ 7 pm)	DJRR
Sat, APR 21	TBA	CH
Sat, MAY 19	Movie Dance	DJJK
Sat, JUN 16		AM
Sat, JUL 21	Second Time Around Dance	DJJK
Sat, AUG 18		CH
Fri, SEP 21	Sock Hop	DJJK
Fri, OCT 19	Harvest Ball	TBA
Fri, NOV 16	TBA (Group class @ 7 pm)	DJRR
Sat, DEC 8	TBA	DJJK

*Music:* 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.

## **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.

## **TBDC Directory**

To request an electronic copy of TBDC's photo directory, please send email to [Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com](mailto:Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com) and type "Send directory" in the subject line. Send email to the same address if you would like to be added to or deleted from the directory.

## TBDC: Facebook, Website, and Email

- **TBDC's email address:** [Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.tbdc.org) [webmaster: Lewis Cotton]

## TBDC's 2017-2018 Sponsors

### Ruby Sponsors

Lester's Electrical Service (Lester Leonard), 205-752-2583

Steve Richardson & Company CPAs, 205-349-3580; [www.srcocopa.com](http://www.srcocopa.com)

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### Sapphire Sponsors

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

## TBDC's 2017-2018 Supporting Members

### *Sustaining Student Members*

*Sustaining Members:* Nina & Bob Barnes; Regina & Butch Noland; Bonnie & Scott Porter; Richard Richards & Rita Snyder; Anonymous (2)

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

*Silver Members:* Scott & Nita Hestevold

*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](mailto:Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com) if you would like your name included in the next newsletter.**

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