



**Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club**

**eNewsletter December 2024**

## ***Poinsettia Dance***

**at McAbee Center**

**(3801 Loop Road; 35404)**

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

**Music: *The Chekmates***

**7 - 10 pm**

**ADMISSION (cash or check):**

**Members: \$8**

**Non-members: \$15 (\$25/couple)**

**Students: \$8**

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

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

**Attire: Dressy casual - holiday attire invited**

**Co-sponsored by PARA4Life @ McAbee Center**

## **Poinsettia Dance: Saturday, December 14, 2024**

Are you ready for the holidays? Christmas will be here before you know it. TBDC and PARA4Life would like to help you get into the spirit of Christmas with the Poinsettia Dance! Lovely music will be provided by the Chekmates. So, don your favorite Christmas outfit and join us for this special event. Getting together with friends and dancing . . . it doesn't get any better than this. We hope to see you there. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m.

*Attire:* Dressy casual; holiday attire invited.

*Admission (cash or check):* \$8/TBDC member, \$15 non-member (\$25/couple), \$5/student. TBDC's sustaining members are prepaid!

*Bring a wrap:* Most dance clubs keep their dance spaces a few degrees cooler than normal for the comfort and well-being of their active dancers. So, if you are cold-natured or tend not to dance as much as others, please bring a wrap to all TBDC dances.

*Snacks.* Water is provided. TBDC invites our regular dancers to bring an item for the snack table.

*McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35404):* The entrance to McAbee Center's parking lot is at the intersection of Loop Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway. (The VA Hospital is located behind and to the right of McAbee Center.) There is no access to McAbee Center's parking lot from the hospital campus, so please avoid the hospital's main entrance. 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 immediately turn left again to access McAbee Center's parking lot.

## **November's Prom Night Ball**

Oh, what a night! The ballroom was decked out in shimmering gold and silver with balloons to add to the fun. The dancers looked elegant in their prom best. The fabulous music played by DJ Richard Richards enticed everyone to the dance floor. Guests enjoyed looking through old yearbooks and dance cards. Everyone had fun posing as King and Queen of the Prom. It was a magical evening. We were especially happy to see so many members of the University of Alabama Ballroom Dance Team at our dance. They are so much fun to watch on the dance floor!

Thanks are in order to our invaluable members who helped make this dance possible. First, John and I would like to thank Carolyn and Jim Hill for helping us with the decorations. With their assistance, we were able to finish in record time!

In addition, thanks to our publicist and special photographer, Lewis Cotton, and to our treasurer/attendance manager, Kathy Cotton. We also thank Kim Brown of PARA for managing our venue. And, last, but not least, thanks to our members and guests who bring delicious snacks for our refreshment table.

During our second break, a drawing was held for three door prizes. One was provided by Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac. (Thanks to Bonnie Porter for being our liaison with our Emerald Sponsor). The second was a gift certificate donated by the Blue Plate Diner in Northport. The third gift, a box of chocolates, was from an anonymous donor.

## Election of TBDC's 2025 Officers and Board Members

TBDC's membership will elect 2025 officers and board members at the Poinsettia Dance on December 14, 2024. At the November board meeting, the board approved unanimously the Nominating Committee's slate:

- President: Regina Noland
- Vice President: Scott Hestevold
- Secretary: Diana Secor
- Treasurer: Kathy Cotton
- Board members (two-year term): Ken Lee, John Weber, Nita Hestevold, and Lewis Cotton.  
Board member (one-year term): Janet Weber.

TBDC extends thanks to the Nominating Committee: Regina Noland (chair), Lewis Cotton, and Diana Secor. And if you are a paid 2024 TBDC member, please pick up a ballot at the admission table at the Poinsettia Dance and cast your vote!

*Returning TBDC Board Members.* During 2025, the following board members will serve the second year of their 2-year term: Bruce Evans, Butch Noland, and Carol Russell. Thank you for your ongoing service!

### **TBDC dues are due for 2025!**

Please watch your email: Within the next several days, you will receive an invitation to join TBDC or renew your TBDC membership. You may join or renew on December 14, 2024 at the Poinsettia Dance, at the January Frost Dance on January 18, or by snail mail. Watch your email for details.

### **TBDC's introductory dance lessons return: Tuesday, January 14, 2025!**

On Tuesdays, from January 14, 2025 through April 1, 2025, TBDC will offer a series of 12 introductory ballroom dance classes that cover basic patterns for six dances: Slow Dance, Hustle, Rumba, Single-Step Swing, Foxtrot, and Waltz. TBDC's Vice-President, Scott Hestevold, will teach the classes, assisted by President Regina Noland. **Gift certificates for Dance Lessons will be available at the Poinsettia Dance. What a great Christmas gift!**

*Time and place.* Beginning January 14, 2025, the classes will meet 6:30-7:30 pm on 12 consecutive Tuesdays at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35404). (Here is a map: [Map.](#))

*Do I need a dance partner to attend these classes?* Having a dance partner is preferred but not required; TBDC volunteers will assist those without partners.

*How much do the lessons cost?* \$30 for students, \$45 for current TBDC members, and \$70 for non-members. For non-members, the course fee includes membership in TBDC through the end of 2025. For dances with live music, TBDC members pay \$8 admission [non-members pay \$15]; for DJ dances, members pay \$5 [non-members pay \$8].

*May I take TBDC's introductory lessons a second time?* Yes! Taking TBDC's introductory classes a second or third time is not uncommon for those seeking more confidence with the basic ballroom patterns.

*Do you need additional information?* Contact Regina Noland, [regina001@aol.com](mailto:regina001@aol.com)

## ***Looking ahead: January Frost Dance on Saturday, January 18, 2025***

Brrr . . . winter has finally arrived! TBDC invites you to bundle up and join us for the January Frost Dance. Let the lively music of 5 of a Kind chase those winter blues away. We hope to see you there.

### **Thursday and Friday Dances at the Northport Community Center**

Dance! Dance! Dance! holds dances every Thursday and Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. The Country Gold Band plays on Thursdays and the Over the Hill Band plays on Fridays. *Attire:* casual. *Admission:* \$7/person.

## **TBDC's 2024 Sponsors**

### ***Ruby Sponsors (\$100-299)***

#### ***Emerald Sponsors (\$300-499)***

**Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac:** 3575 Skyland Boulevard East, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405  
<http://www.barkleygmc.com>

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**Budget Mini-Storage, in memory of Don Wright:** 9331 Hwy 69, Northport, AL 35473  
(205) 330-9098

**SWEN Chinese Restaurant:** 1130 University Boulevard, Suite B2, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401  
(205) 391-9887 and 3420 Hwy 69 N, Northport, AL 35473 (205) 333-8886  
Facebook: [Swen Chinese Restaurant](#)

#### ***Diamond Sponsors (\$1,000 or more)***

**Garry Pearson, Inc., Environmental Consulting**

## **TBDC's 2024 Sustaining Members**

***Sustaining Members:*** Pat Atkins; Carolyn and Gary Bishop; Bruce Evans; Butch and Regina Noland; Bonnie and Scott Porter; Diana Secor; and Janet and John Weber.

***Bronze Members:*** Kathy and Lewis Cotton; Carolyn and Jim Hill; and Carol and Tom Russell.

***Silver Members:*** Nita and Scott Hestevold.

## ***Monthly Listings...TBDC: Facebook, Website, and Email***

- ***TBDC's email address:*** [TBDC.91@gmail.com](mailto:TBDC.91@gmail.com)
- ***Facebook: click "Like"!*** For announcements, last-minute information, and photos, visit TBDC's Facebook page [Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club – Community Organization]. In the top box, click "Like": [TBDC Facebook](#) ***NOTE:*** To be notified via Facebook when information and photos are posted, visit 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 2025 Dance Schedule**

	Band/CD	Theme	Decorators
Jan 18 (Sat)	5 of a Kind	January Frost Dance	Diana Secor
Feb 15 (Sat)	Drew White	Love in Bloom Ball	Carol and Tom Russell
Mar 22 (Sat)	5 of a Kind	Sock Hop	Regina and Butch Noland
Apr 26 (Sat)	Ain't Misbehavin'	International Dance Week Dance	Nita and Scott Hestevold
May 17 (Sat)	DJRR	Dance	Kathy and Lewis Cotton
Jun 21 (Sat)	5 of a Kind	Blue Hawaii Dance	Janet and John Weber
Jul 19 (Sat)	Drew White	Dance	TBD
Aug 16 (Sat)	5 of a Kind	Dance	TBD
Sep 19 (Fri)	DJRR	Dance	TBD
Oct 17 (Fri)	Drew White	Dance	Regina and Butch Noland
Nov 21 (Fri)	5 of a Kind	Stardust Dance	Janet and John Weber
Dec 13 (Sat)	Drew White	Ball	Kathy and Lewis Cotton

*Attire:* “Ball” designates a dressy event (with semi-formalwear 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 any TBDC event, TBDC will decide by 4 pm whether to proceed with or cancel the event. By 4:30 pm, TBDC will notify friends and members by email and with a post 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 dance floor!

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