



Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club

eNewsletter

July 2018

The Five-of-a-Kind Dance

Saturday, July 21, 2018

McAbee Center

(3801 Loop Road; 35404)

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

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: dressy casual

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Due to major unforeseen conflicts involving our scheduled DJ and substitute band, there is an exciting double switcheroo for July! TBDC has changed the theme for the July dance to celebrate the TBDC debut of a popular dance band from Birmingham – *5 of a Kind*! Co-sponsored by PARA4Life, the Five-of-a-Kind Dance will be held on Saturday, July 21, 7-10 pm at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35404). Attire for the evening is dressy casual.

5 of a Kind. Under the direction of Alan Brooks (lab4u@aol.com), *5 of a Kind* is a smooth, jazz-based dance band that plays for dance clubs, weddings, anniversaries, parties, and corporate events. Based in Birmingham, this band's members include Kim Bain (saxophone), Chuck King (trumpet), Pearce Cowart (piano), Herb Forsythe (bass), and Mr. Brooks on bass; the sixth member *5 of a Kind* is vocalist Kathryn Myrick. Ms. Bain's saxophone work is always a treat; and the band usually includes a danceable "Satchmo" medley of Louis Armstrong tunes that feature Mr. King on vocals with a white handkerchief wrapped around his trumpet. TBDC will invite *5 of a Kind* back to Tuscaloosa in 2019, so join us for the July preview.

Line dancing is invited throughout the evening! At McAbee Center, our expanded space can accommodate line-dancers all evening long. Line-dancers should use the dance floor between the tables and snacks; and ballroom dancers should use the space between the tables and the band.

Snacks. TBDC encourages friends and members to bring an item for our snack table. PARA4Life will furnish water and soft drinks at no charge.

TBDC events are for adults of all ages...

TBDC encourages adult dancers of all ages to attend our events! Many years ago, due to liability concerns, TBDC adopted by-laws that restrict admission to those 18 years of age or older. The by-laws do allow for exceptions in the case of young teens who are ballroom enthusiasts. To seek permission to bring a child younger than 18 to a TBDC event, place contact any TBDC board member a week prior to the dance.

Sad news...

Leon and Bobbie Vaughn were among TBDC's charter members who attended the Anniversary Dance in June. TBDC has just received word (7/15/18) that Leon Vaughn passed away peacefully last night. Leon and Bobbie were charter members of TBDC, *and* they were also active members of the Birmingham ballroom community. TBDC extends condolences to Bobbie and to their friends and family.

Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac: Renewal of Emerald Sponsorship

TBDC thanks Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac for renewing its Emerald Sponsorship for 2018-2019. This is the fourth year that Barkley has served as one of TBDC's corporate sponsors, helping us bring ballroom dance opportunities to the community at large. This is appropriate time to remind members and friends that, Barkley has faithfully donated door prizes for most of our dances over the past several years. TBDC remains grateful. And, TBDC also thanks long-time member, Bonnie Porter, for serving as TBDC's contact with Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac.

The Anniversary Dance in June...

TBDC sponsored its annual Anniversary Dance on June 16 -- the night before Father's Day. In celebration of TBDC's 27th year, long-time member, Trisha Schuster, designed appropriate table decorations that included framed descriptions of traditional ballroom dances along with photos of TBDC dancers, demonstrating the frame for each dance. Though a family commitment took Trisha out of town on the 16th, Otha Belcher graciously executed Trisha's delightful decoration plan. Thank you, Trisha and Otha!

Fifty-three dancers enjoyed music provided by the Birmingham-based big band, *Ain't Misbehavin'*. During the band's first break, TBDC's charter members were recognized with a rose. Charter members who were present included Jeri Acton, Bob & Nina Barnes, Bobbie & Leon Vaughn, and Alan Wadsworth (who also served several terms as TBDC president). Recognized *in absentia* were TBDC charter members Mohammed Abdul-Ghany, Jeana Cramer, John Gilliam, Dottie Kotch, Eli & Betty Neidert, Jimmy & Clara Warren, and TBDC's first president, George Winter.

TBDC's 2018-19 officers and board members were installed during the band's second break, and there was a drawing for a door prize – a lovely tiered serving platter donated by our Emerald Sponsor, Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac.

Survey Results

To prepare for booking bands and DJs for 2019 events, TBDC conducted an informal survey among those who attended the Anniversary Dance in June. The TBDC board anticipates honoring the wishes of the decisive majority vote in favor of sponsoring 8 events with bands and 4 events with DJs. A decisive majority also recommended extending invitations again to the *Edd Jones Orchestra*, *The Chekmates*, and *Ain't Misbehavin'* and to DJs Jimmy Kunz and Richard Richards. There is also hope that *5 of a Kind* will accept an invitation to return to TBDC in 2019.

Looking ahead...

- TBDC has received several inquiries about **ballroom etiquette**, and this subject will be addressed in TBDC's August newsletter.
- The Chekmates will play for **TBDC's Summer Knight's Dance on Saturday, August 18**.
- **TBDC's fall dance lessons** will begin the day after Labor Day on the evening of Tuesday, September 4, at McAbee Center. Details will appear in the August eNewsletter.
- The first 2018-2019 dance sponsored by **Crimson Tide Ballroom Dancers** will be held on Friday, September 7 in the Ferguson Center ballroom on the UA campus. Details will likely appear in the next eNewsletter.
- Thanks to Lewis Cotton's efforts, TBDC will produce a revised **2018 eDirectory** within the next month or two. Watch eNewsletters for the announcement. In the meantime, if you would like a copy of the current 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 Dance Schedule

All 2018 TBDC dances & balls will be 7-10 pm @ McAbee Center		
Date	Theme	Music
Sat, JUL 21	The Five-of-a-Kind Dance	5K
Sat, AUG 18	Summer Knight Dance	CH
Fri, SEP 21	Sock Hop Dance	DJJK
Fri, OCT 19	Harvest Ball	EJ Stage orchestra!
Fri, NOV 16	Fly Me to the Moon Dance (Group class @ 7 pm)	DJRR
Sat, DEC 8	The Holly-Day Dance	DJJK

Music: 5K = 5 of a Kind; 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.

TBDC Board Meeting: Monday, August 27, 2018; 7 PM

The next meeting of the TBDC Board will be held at 7 pm on Monday, August 27, 2018 in the Rotary Room of the Tuscaloosa Public Library.

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.

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: 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's 2018-2019 Sponsors

Ruby Sponsors

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 2018-2019 Supporting Members

Sustaining Student Members:

Sustaining Members: Scott & Bonnie Porter; Diana Secor

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

Silver Members: Scott & Nita Hestevold; Garry Pearson

Gold Members:

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.

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