

Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club

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Special Edition

Quarantine Update

Dance Info

First off, the board of TBDC is hopeful that this correspondence finds you and your family doing well. One of the worst parts about the quarantine/stay at home/isolation experience is not getting to see everyone and catch up on everyday news and events in your lives. More about keeping up later in the newsletter.

We have been limited by state and local restrictions for the past few months, and still find ourselves in that situation. Because it is designated as a seniors facility, the McAbee Center has remain closed, and a reopen date is uncertain. In fairness to the band, decorators, and others, the Board has voted to cancel the June dance. We are monitoring reports and updates, and will alert our membership when circumstances allow us to resume our normal schedule of dances. As is the case with many things in our lives right now, future dances may have a different look and feel as we strive to provide an atmosphere of safety for our members. We anxiously anticipate a return to dancing!

Dues

TBDC would normally be in the process of renewing memberships at this time of year. The Board is aware that we have already missed at least four dances, and possibly even more. ***In fairness, the Board has voted to extend the membership of all current member through December 31 of this year.*** You may renew your dues at any time. Renewal of your dues will need to be taken care of by January 1, 2021, and will cover the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. As a result of all the changes relating to the virus, the Board has voted to change our dance year to line up with the calendar year from now on. Instead of June-May, it will now be January-December. If you are a current member, you are covered through the end of

this year. We suggest not worrying about renewal till the Fall, but you are free to renew whenever you feel led to do so.

New Board

In the last newsletter you were advised of a modified process for nominating and electing a new board. Members were invited to submit names by April 27. No nominations were received. On May 4, 2020, the nominating committee submitted a list for consideration by the Board. The list was voted on and approved(see list below). These people will begin serving as the Board for TBDC in June. TBDC membership will have the opportunity to vote to approve (or not) at the first physical dance we hold, whenever that is. Because of the shift by TBDC to following the calendar year, this board will serve until December 31, 2021. Our by-laws have been amended to reflect these changes. Our next elections will occur in October/November of 2021.

TBDC Board beginning June 1, 2020

President - Scott Hestevold

Vice President - Garry Pearson

Secretary - Regina Noland

Treasurer - Kathy Cotton

Board members serving 2-year term

Lewis Cotton

Nita Hestevold

Jimmy Kuntz

Diana Secor

Carol Caffee

Board members serving 1 year

Bruce Evans

Butch Noland

Jim Hill

Carol Russell

Carolyn Ryder Hill

Suspended Dance Lessons

We had to suspend our Spring dance class with four sessions remaining. Originally, we had hoped to resume those lessons in April or May, but that is no longer an option. The board met and decided that we would offer **all who were enrolled in the class** the option of taking the class again in the Fall of 2020 at no charge. Students can take the entire 12 lesson course, or simply pick up where you left off for the last four lessons, at no charge. We trust this will be a satisfactory and fair means of dealing with the suspended lessons.

The board will continue to do all we can to further the purposes of the club. As new information becomes available, we will assess how it impacts the club and make decisions accordingly. We will make every effort to involve and inform our membership. Of course, feel free to contact us with any ideas, concern, or questions you may have. In the meantime,

STAY SAFE!

Keep us informed

Let us know of major life event, sickness, and deaths of loved ones so that we can stay informed and respond appropriately. One of the great things about our club is the feeling of family that we all share. Without regular gatherings, we miss out on not only the fellowship, but the knowledge of what is going on in each other's lives. Even in these times of social distancing, we want to remain close. Thanks for your help in keeping our family up to date!

TBDC's 2020 Dance Schedule

	Band/ CD	Bd. Mtg	Admission s	Theme	Decorators
Jan 18 (Sat) (This is MLK weekend.)	5K	Jan 27		Winter Wonderland Dance	Ken/Janet
<i>Feb 15 (Sat)</i>	<i>DWS O</i>	<i>Feb 24</i>		<i>Valentine's Ball</i>	
Mar 28 (Sat) (Spring Break ends 3/22)	DJRR	Apr 6		Spring Fever Dance Cancelled	Carol
Apr 18 (Sat) (Easter: Apr 12)	CH	Apr 27		April Showers Dance Cancelled	Carolyn/Jim
May 16 (Sat)	DJJK	May 26(TU)		Fiesta Dance Cancelled	Regina/Butch
Jun 20 (Sat)	5K	June 29		TBDC Anniversary Dance Cancelled	Tricha Schuster
Jul 18 (Sat)	AM	Jul 27		America the Beautiful Dance	Kathy/Lewis

Aug 15 (Sat)	CH	Aug 24		(The Cotton's Anniversary) Get Groovy Let's Dance Dan	Diana
Sep 11 (Fri)	DJJK	Sep 21		Sock Hop	Ione Williams
Oct 16 (Fri)	EJSO	Oct 26		Make It A Magical Ball	Diana
Nov 13 (Fri) (Thanksgiving is Nov 26)	DJRR	*Nov V 30		Autumn in New York Dance	Carol
Dec 12 (Sat)	CH	Dec 21		Nutcracker	Nita/Scott

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.

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 2019-2020 Sponsors

Sapphire Sponsor

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

Emerald Sponsors

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

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.