



Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club

eNewsletter

April 2018

The Frolic in the Forest Dance

Saturday, April 21, 2018

McAbee Center

(3801 Loop Road; 35404)

Music by The Chekmates: 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

The Frolic in the Forest Dance: Saturday, April 21 @ McAbee Center

The Frolic in the Forest Dance will be Saturday, April 21 at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35404). The Chekmates will provide a swell mix of dance music, 7-10 pm; and attire will be dressy casual. The dance is co-sponsored by TBDC and PARA4Life.

The Chekmates. Under the direction of Anthony Marino, The Chekmates is known as Birmingham's best variety band. They play for ballroom dances, wedding receptions, and various corporate events, featuring ballroom standards, jazz, oldies, and more recent tunes as well.

Line dancing is invited throughout the evening! With TBDC's move to McAbee Center, our expanded space can accommodate line-dancers all evening long. The ample dance floor between the tables and snack tables is reserved for line-dancing; the space between the tables and DJ is reserved for ballroom dancing.

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

March's Nice n' Easy Dance

At the beginning of the evening on March 24, Richard Richards and Rita Snyder taught a group class for enthusiastic dancers. Offering ample time to practice, they taught Swivels for Waltz, and they included a number of tips regarding technique. Once dancers were comfortable with waltz Swivels, Richard and Rita carefully explained how one could adapt the Swivels pattern for Foxtrot, using the Slow-Quick-Quick rhythm. At 8 pm, Richard switched hats, moving from instructor to DJ, providing 64 dancers with two hours of ballroom standards, highlighting the nice n' easy music of Frank Sinatra.

At 9 pm, between the two sets of music, Richard and Rita offered exhibitions of international-style Waltz and Quickstep performed at the gold level. The exhibitions were beyond dazzling! Thank you, Richard and Rita!

For making the evening a success, additional words of thanks are in order. The delightful "Ol' Blue Eyes" decorations were provided by Carol and Tom Russell. Thank you, Carol & Tom! TBDC thanks Kathy Cotton and Butch & Regina Noland for tending to the admissions table. And, TBDC also thanks Kathy & Lewis for assisting with the newsletter and TBDC flyer.

Bryan Fair & Alan Hartley: Thank you!

TBDC extends thanks to two long-time friends of TBDC for their professional assistance over the past several months. In March, long-time friend of TBDC, Bryan Fair, kindly offered his legal expertise as TBDC acquired an official licensing agreement with ASCAP. Thank you, Bryan!

During his busiest time of the year, CPA and long-time TBDC friend, Alan Hartley, graciously set aside time to assist TBDC with filing the requisite tax documents. Thank you, Alan, for your assistance!

Fundraiser Dance for Easter Seals: Saturday, May 12; McAbee Center

Easter Seals and PARA4Life will co-sponsor a dance to raise funds for Easter Seals on Saturday, May 12 at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35404). The Tuscaloosa Big Band will provide the music, 7-10 pm. *Attire:* casual. *Admission:* donation to Easter Seals. *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.

Looking ahead: Election of 2018-2019 officers & board members

The election of 2018-2019 officers will be conducted at TBDC's Movie Dance in May. In accord with TBDC's by-laws, the Nominating Committee will consider nominees up until the April board meeting.

TBDC Board Meeting: Monday, April 30, 2018; 7 PM

The next meeting of the TBDC Board will be held at 7 pm on Monday, April 30, 2018 in the Rotary Room of the Tuscaloosa Public Library.

TBDC's 2018 Dance Schedule

All 2018 TBDC dances & balls will be 7-10 pm @ McAbee Center		
Date	Theme	Music
Sat, APR 21	Frolic in the Forest Dance	CH
Sat, MAY 19	Movie Dance	DJJK
Sat, JUN 16	Anniversary Dance	AM
Sat, JUL 21	Second Time Around Dance	DJJK
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: 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.

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.

TBDC Directory

To request an electronic copy of TBDC's photo directory, please send email to 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
- **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 2017-2018 Sponsors

Ruby Sponsors

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

Steve Richardson & Company CPAs, 205-349-3580; www.srcocopa.com

Emerald Sponsors

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

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 if you would like your name included in the next newsletter.**

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