



**Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club**

**eNewsletter**

**March 2018**

# **The Nice n' Easy Dance**

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

**McAbee Center**

**(3801 Loop Road; 35404)**

**Please arrive before 7:00 pm...**

**Waltz/Foxtrot Group Lesson: 7 PM**

**taught by Richard Richards & Rita Snyder**

**Music by DJ Richard Richards: 8:00 - 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 Nice n' Easy Dance & Waltz/Foxtrot Lesson: Saturday, March 24!**

The Nice n' Easy Dance and group class will be Saturday, March 24 at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35404). This will be the third event co-sponsored by TBDC and PARA4Life, and it will indeed be a special evening: please arrive before 7 pm...

***The Waltz/Foxtrot Group Class.*** Next Saturday, please come early to visit the admission table and change shoes for the group ballroom class that will begin promptly at 7 pm. Richard Richards and Rita Snyder will teach a Waltz pattern, giving dancers ample opportunity for practice. Then, during the second half of the class, Richard and Rita will explain how one can adapt the Waltz pattern for Foxtrot, allowing dancers to expand their repertoire for both dances. The group class will be followed by two hours of dancing, 8-10 pm, to nice n' easy ballroom standards mixed by DJ Richard.

***The theme & attire: Nice n' Easy.*** The theme for our March dance is a tribute to Frank Sinatra's 1960 album, which held first place on Billboard's album chart for nine weeks. The songs were arranged and conducted by Nelson Riddle; and, in addition to the title song, the album included "How Deep is the Ocean," "Fools Rush In," and "Embraceable You." You can be sure that DJ Richard's music mix will include some nice n' easy Sinatra music suitable for the dance floor. In keeping with the March theme, attire for the evening will be dressy casual.

***About Richard and Rita.*** Richard and Rita are seasoned dance instructors: they teach UA's Social Dance class, and they are the coaches for the UA Competition Ballroom Team. Richard and Rita are themselves serious ballroom competitors at the national level, ranking at the top of the amateur division for International Standard (Waltz, Viennese Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep, Tango).

***ATTN: Parking on March 24!*** PARA4Life has notified TBDC that, in addition to our Nice n' Easy Dance, there will also be a wedding reception at McAbee Center on the 24<sup>th</sup>. So, there will be more cars in the parking lot than is usual, but don't let this discourage you! Assuring us that there will be plenty of parking space available, our contact at McAbee Center invites you to park on the grass or in any neighboring lot

***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.

***Dance exhibition.*** Around 9 pm, between the two sets of dance music, Richard and Rita will offer TBDC's members and guests an exhibition of international-style Waltz and Quickstep.

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

## **February's Sweetheart Dance**

On February 17, just a few days after Valentine's Day, 67 dancers moved to DJ Jimmy's mix of music at the Sweetheart Dance co-sponsored by TBDC and PARA4Life. For wonderful decorations, TBDC extends thanks to Butch & Regina Noland and to Ricky & Gay Hudson. Our thanks to Kathy Cotton and to Carol & Tom Russell for attending to the admissions table.

***Peter & Shannon Hanf's Dance Exhibition.*** During first break, those who attended the Sweetheart Dance enjoyed Peter and Shannon Hanf's ambitious international-style dance exhibition. Their exhibition opened with a dramatic Tango that resolved with a whimsical segue to Quickstep. The Hanfs made a lovely transition from their lively Quickstep to a majestic English Waltz. The exhibition ended with a subtle move from their English Waltz to a spritely Viennese Waltz. TBDC extends thanks to Peter and Shannon to making the Sweetheart Dance a special evening indeed.

***The Wobble.*** During second break, DJ Jimmy invited dancers to the floor for a group class: The Wobble! Within a very few minutes, he transformed non-Wobblers to Wobblers, and good time was had by all.

### **The Tuscaloosa Big Band: Band of Brothers Brewery, Thursday, March 29.**

TBDC has just received word that The Tuscaloosa Big Band will play for dancing, Thursday evening, March 29 at Band of Brothers Brewery (1605 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave; 35401; in front of the Drish House). The event will be a benefit for veterans. For details, watch The Tuscaloosa Big Band's Facebook page.

### **CTBD's Masquerade Ball: Saturday, April 7!**

The Crimson Tide Ballroom Dancers are sponsoring their final dance of the academic year on Saturday, April 7, 7-9:30 pm in ballroom of UA's Ferguson Center (751 Campus Drive; 35487). *Music:* DJ Jimmy. *Attire:* Semi-Formal (black tie, costumes, and masks are invited). *Admission:* \$5/students; \$15/general admission. *For further information:* 205-394-1493 or [Info@CTBD.org](mailto:Info@CTBD.org)

### **Crimson Pride Chorus: The Wonderful Songs of Disney: Saturday, April 7!**

Members and friends of TBDC will remember that, at a summer dance in 2016, a barbershop quartet from the Crimson Pride Chorus treated us to a delightful mini-concert. If you enjoyed their performance, you will enjoy the Crimson Pride Chorus's evening of Disney music on Saturday, April 7 at the Bama Theater in downtown Tuscaloosa. The concert begins at 7 pm.

### **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 Board Meeting: Monday, April 2, 2018; 7 PM**

The next TBDC meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, April 2, 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, MAR 24	The Nice & Easy Dance (Group class @ 7 pm)	DJRR
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	TBA	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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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)

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

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