

Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club

eNewsletter: July 2019

Red, White, and Blue Dance Saturday, July 20, 2019

7:00-10 PM: Music by Ain't
Misbehavin'

PARA's McAbee Center
(3801 Loop Road; 35404)

ADMISSION:

Basic Members: \$8 per person

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

Students: \$5 per person

Guests: \$15 per person/25 per couple

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

ATTIRE: Dressy Casual

The Red, White, and Blue Dance: Saturday, July 20, 7-10 PM

TBDC and PARA4Life are sponsoring the Red, White, and Blue Dance on Saturday, July 20, 7-10 PM at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35405). *Ain't Misbehavin'* will provide a mix of songs appropriate for ballroom dancing. This will be the largest band we will have this year, so get ready for that "big band" sound. *Attire for the evening is dressy casual.*

Carol Taylor from the McAbee Center has alerted us to the fact that they have ordered a new air conditioning system for the gym, but it may not be installed by this Saturday. Therefore, you may want to consider this fact when choosing your attire.

President	Ken Lee
Vice-President	Scott Hestevold
Secretary	Regina Noland
Treasurer	Kathy Cotton
Board Member, 2-year term	Cathy Guzzo
Board Member, 2-year term	Butch Noland
Board Member, 2-year term	Garry Pearson
Board Member, 2-year term	Carol Russell
Board Member, 2-year term	Carolyn Ryder

Returning TBDC Board Members. In 2019-20, these board members will serve the second year of their 2-year term: Lewis Cotton, Nita Hestevold, Jimmy Kunz, Diana Secor, and Don Wright. Thank you for your ongoing service!

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

Line dancing is invited throughout the evening. Though the space between the tables and the DJ is reserved for ballroom dancers, the space between the tables and snacks is reserved for line dancers. This space can also accommodate couples who would like to practice dance patterns.

Directions. The entrance to McAbee Center's parking lot is at the intersection of Loop Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway. As one faces McAbee Center, the VA Hospital is located to the right of and behind McAbee Center. Avoid the hospital's main entrance: there is no access to McAbee Center's parking lot from the hospital campus. 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 then take an immediate left turn to access McAbee Center's parking lot.

June's Anniversary Dance

TBDC and PARA4Life sponsored the Anniversary Dance on Saturday, June 15, 7-10 PM at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35405). Music was provided by the Chekmates, who gave us an enjoyable evening of music in spite of the fact that they had to do without the services of their drummer and lead singer due to illness.

Thanks to Jimmy Kuntz for providing music for the "Cupid" line dance during the break.

Decorations were provided by Butch and Regina Noland. Thanks!

Additional thanks to Kathy and LewisCotton & Scott and Nita Hestevold for manning the

admissions table.

Dance lessons are just around the corner!

Our next round of dance lessons is coming! Lessons begin the Tuesday after Labor Day, so go ahead and mark your calendar. If you have questions contact Regina Noland or any other board member. More info will follow in next month's newsletter.

Annual Dues

TBDC's dance year extends from June 1 through May 31. The official date for renewing your dues ended on June 15. However, you may certainly renew your dues, or join the club. Just see Treasurer Kathy Cotton, or one of the board members and we will be glad to assist you. See the last page of this newsletter for a copy of our membership/renewal form.

Reduced admission to DJ dances!

Beginning with the Spring Fling Dance on May 18, the admission fee for all DJ dances will be reduced to \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members! For all band dances, TBDC members will continue to pay \$8, but the admission fee for non-members will increase from \$12/person to \$15/person and \$25/couple. The student admission fee will continue to be \$5 for any DJ or band dance.

Summary of TBDC Membership Options

TBDC Basic Membership. You are invited to join or renew as a TBDC Basic Member for \$40 (\$80/couple), which allows you to attend TBDC DJ dances for \$5 and band dances for \$8 paid at the door. In 2019-20, you will likely save more than \$25 (\$50/couple) over non-members.

What you can do to support TBDC. Please consider a Sustaining, Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Membership, which includes prepaid admission to all dances! These special members pre-pay for all dances, helping us pay our band bills on rainy nights and during vacation season when attendance is lower than usual. Below are the available membership levels:

TBDC Student Sustaining Membership. Most students can attend no more than eight TBDC dances during our dance year. The fee for a Student Sustaining Member is \$25, which includes prepaid admission to all twelve 2019-20 TBDC dance events: Student Sustaining Members pay nothing at the door!

TBDC Sustaining Membership. In May/June, Sustaining Members may continue to join TBDC for \$115 (\$230/couple), which includes prepaid admission to all twelve 2019-20 TBDC dance events: Sustaining Members pay nothing at the door! (The Sustaining Member who attends all twelve dances should anticipate an annual savings of at least \$7 (\$14/couple) over Basic Members and \$25 (\$50/couple) over non-members.) Unless one requests otherwise, Sustaining Members will be recognized in TBDC's monthly newsletter.

TBDC Bronze Membership. In May/June, Bronze Members may join TBDC for \$150 (\$300/couple). The Bronze Member pays nothing at the door; and, unless one requests otherwise, TBDC Bronze Members will be recognized in TBDC's monthly newsletter. Bronze Membership averages \$12.50/dance (\$25/couple/dance).

TBDC Silver Membership. In May/June, Silver Members may join TBDC for: \$200 (\$400/couple). The Silver Member pays nothing at the door; and, unless one requests otherwise, the TBDC Silver Member will be recognized in TBDC's monthly newsletter.

TBDC Gold Membership. In May/June, Gold Members may join TBDC for: \$250 (\$500/couple). The Gold Member pays nothing at the door; and, unless one requests otherwise, TBDC Gold Members will be recognized in TBDC's monthly newsletter.

TBDC Platinum Membership. Would you like to pick the theme and music for a dance? If so, the Platinum Membership is for you! The Platinum Membership is \$1000, which includes the opportunity to pick the theme and music for a dance and prepaid admission for two to all twelve TBDC dance events. (The music selection could be a DJ or a band comparable to The Edd Jones Orchestra, 5 of a Kind, or The Chekmates. Please notify a TBDC board member with your preferences as soon as possible; music for 2020 will be booked before summer's end.) Platinum Members pay nothing at the door; and, unless one requests otherwise, Platinum Members will be recognized in TBDC's newsletters.

How to pay your dues. You may complete a membership form and pay your dues at the Spring Fling Dance. Or, print the membership form at the bottom of this newsletter (or send an email request to receive a membership form via email attachment); then mail the completed form with your check to:

Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 2664
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

Looking ahead: TBDC's Back to School Dance August 17

The TBDC/PARA4Life will sponsor the *Back to School Dance on August 17*. We will be dancing to the music of *5 of a Kind* from Birmingham.

TBDC Board Meeting: Monday, July 29; 7 PM

TBDC's 2019 Dance Schedule

All 2019 TBDC dances & balls will be 7-10 pm @ McAbee Center		
Date	Theme	Music
Sat, JUL 20	Red, White, & Blue Dance	AM
Sat, AUG 17	Back to School Dance	5K
Fri, SEP 13	Tailgate Dance	DJJK
Fri, OCT 18	The Edd Jones Black & White Ball	EJ
Fri, NOV 22	Autumn Leaves Dance (Group class @ 7 pm, music @ 7:30 pm)	DJRR
Sat, DEC 14	Mistletoe Ball	CH

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.

MONTHLY LISTINGS...

Do you have a Silver Sneakers card?

If you are a retiree with a Silver Sneakers card, a few seconds of your time can help McAbee Center. When you attend TBDC/PARA4Life dances or dance lessons at McAbee Center, please stop at the information desk and allow a staff member to scan your Silver Sneakers card: United Healthcare will make a donation to McAbee Center each time that you scan your card!’

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@tcpa.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@tcpa.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. 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 dancefloor!

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 2018-2019 Sponsors

Ruby Sponsors

Steve Richardson & Company CPAs

Victoria DaCosta's Let's Dance Studio

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 2019-2020 Supporting Members

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.

-- Ken Lee

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