



**Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club**

**eNewsletter**

**March 2019**

# **THE SPRINGTIME IN PARIS DANCE**

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

**PARA's McAbee Center**

**(3801 Loop Road; 35404)**

**7:00-7:30 PM: Group Lesson (Tango)**

**by Rita Snyder & Richard Richards**

**7:30-10 pm: Music by DJ Richard Richards**

## **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 Springtime in Paris Dance: Saturday, March 23**

TBDC and PARA4Life will sponsor the Springtime in Paris Dance on Saturday, March 23 at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35405). This special evening will begin with a group dance lesson that will start promptly at 7:00 PM! Please arrive earlier than usual, allowing time to stop at the admission table before the lesson. Dancing will begin at 7:30 PM, and DJ Richard Richards will provide his elegant mix of music until 10 PM.

**Attire:** dressy casual.

**Group Lesson: Tango.** If you would like to expand your American Tango repertoire, please join Richard Richards and Rita Snyder for their group lesson at 7 PM. They will teach a practical pattern that involves elements from Argentine Tango.

**Richard and Rita** serve as the instructors for UA's Social Dance class, and they were the founding coaches for the UA Competition Ballroom Team. Though they enjoy social dancing and promoting social dance, they are themselves serious ballroom competitors: They will be competing at the highest, Championship, level in International Standard and Latin at USADance Nationals in April.

**Exhibition.** Richard and Rita have graciously accepted TBDC's invitation to offer an exhibition at our Springtime in Paris Dance! During first break, they will offer exhibitions of International Rumba *and* Paso Doble!

**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.

## **February's Mardi Gras Ball**

80 dancers enjoyed The Chekmates' music at the Mardi Gras Ball on February 16, and it was a festive evening indeed! TBDC extends thanks to Diana Secor and Garry Pearson for the spectacular purple, green, and gold Mardi Gras decorations and to Nita Hestevold for leading the Second Line while The Chekmates played "When the Saints Go Marchin' In." TBDC also extends thanks to Kathy Cotton and Nita for tending to the admissions table.

During first break, members of Victoria DaCosta's group class at Let's Dance shared a complex Waltz formation. For this lovely exhibition, TBDC extends thanks to Victoria DaCosta, Ron McKay, Garry Pearson, Diana Secor, Jamie & Michael Stanley, Alan & Ione Williams, and Jeff & Perry Wood.

Two appropriate door prizes were given away during second break: A set of “tango” coasters and a “ballroom” vase hand-painted and donated by Birmingham artist and ballroom dancer, Trish Benedict. Thank you, Trish! To see more of Trish’s hand-painted creations, visit the website for [Decorative Designs by Trish](#).

### Upcoming CTBD dances...

- ***Swing Dance: March 29.*** The Crimson Tide Ballroom Dancers will host a swing dance on Friday, March 29, 7-10:00 PM in the gym at Calvary Baptist Church. *Attire:* Dressy casual. *Admission:* \$5/student; \$10/non-students. *Music:* DJ Jimmy. *For further information:* 205-394-1493 or [info@CTBD.org](mailto:info@CTBD.org).
- ***Masquerade Ball with Patton James & the Synchronomatics: April 13.*** CTBD’s final event for the spring semester will be a Masquerade Ball on Saturday, April 13, 7-9:30 PM in the Ferguson Center ballroom on the UA campus (751 Campus Drive). Music will be provided by Patton James & the Synchronomatics, a high-energy swing band from Nashville. For a preview of what Patton James offers, have a look and listen [here](#). *Attire:* Semi-Formal. *Admission:* \$5/student; \$10/non-students. *For further information:* 205-394-1493 or [info@CTBD.org](mailto:info@CTBD.org).

### Looking ahead...

- ***The TBDC/PARA4Life Novel Night Dance: April 27.*** From Birmingham, Alan Brooks’ *5 of a Kind* will provide the music TBDC’s Novel Night Dance on Saturday, April 27, at McAbee Center.

### 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!’

### A word of thanks...

TBDC extends thanks to Ken Lee, Lewis Cotton, and Kathy Cotton for replacing all the shelves at TBDC’s storage shelter!

### TBDC Board Meeting: Monday, April 1, 2019; 7 PM

The next meeting of the TBDC Board is scheduled 7 pm on Monday, April 1, 2019 in the Rotary Room of the Tuscaloosa Public Library. To confirm the meeting, contact [Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com](mailto:Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com).

## TBDC's 2019 Dance Schedule

All 2019 TBDC dances & balls will be 7-10 pm @ McAbee Center		
Date	Theme	Music
Sat, MAR 23	Springtime in Paris Dance (Group class @ 7 pm, music @ 7:30 pm)	DJRR
Sat, APR 27	Novel Night Dance	5K
Sat, MAY 18	Spring Fling Dance	DJJK
Sat, JUN 15	Anniversary Dance	CH
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...

### 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!

### 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: 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 Directory

If you would like a copy of the current TBDC directory, send your request to: [Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com](mailto: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.barklevgmc.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:* Bob & Nina Barnes; Butch & Regina Noland; Scott & Bonnie Porter;  
Richard Richards & Rita Snyder; Diana Secor

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

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