



Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club

eNewsletter January 2026

Black and White Ball

at McAbee Center

(3801 Loop Road, Tuscaloosa 35404)

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Music: 5 of a Kind

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 pm

ADMISSION (cash, check, or venmo)

Members: \$8

Non-members: \$15 (\$25/couple)

Students: \$8

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

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

**Attire: Dressy/Formal (Black and White Attire
Invited)**

Co-sponsored by PARA4Life

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Lights! Camera! Action! Picture yourself starring in a classic musical. All the dancers are wearing black and white -- it's movie magic! TDBC proudly presents the Black and White Ball. What a perfect and dramatic way to begin the new year. Come join us for this elegant event. The band 5 of a Kind will be on hand to provide the incredible sounds for tripping the light fantastic. 'Don't miss this one!

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dancing begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m.

Attire: Dressy/ Formal (Black and White Attire Invited).

Admission (cash, check, or venmo): \$8/TBDC member, \$15 non-member (\$25/couple), \$8/student. TBDC's sustaining members are prepaid!

Bring a wrap: Most dance clubs keep their dance spaces a few degrees cooler than normal for the comfort and well-being of their active dancers. So, if you are cold-natured or tend not to dance as much as others, please bring a wrap to all TBDC dances.

Snacks. Water is provided. TBDC invites our regular dancers to bring an item for the snack table.

McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35404): The entrance to McAbee Center's parking lot is at the intersection of Loop Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway. (The VA Hospital is located behind and to the right of McAbee Center.) There is no access to McAbee Center's parking lot from the hospital campus, so please avoid the hospital's main entrance. 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 Parkway. In $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, turn left onto Loop Rd and immediately turn left again to access McAbee Center's parking lot.

Nutcracker Ball

It was the perfect dance to welcome the holiday season. Beautifully attired attendees entered a wonderland filled with nutcrackers. All the tables and the photo backdrop were adorned with nutcrackers. Every table displayed candles, greenery, and several nutcrackers in all shapes and sizes, each one festive and unique. It was perfect for the occasion. Thank you to Kathy and Lewis Cotton for the delightful decorations, all of which came from Kathy's extensive collection of nutcrackers. In keeping with the holiday spirit, the band, Ain't Misbehavin', included many Christmas songs to their usual assortment of lovely music -- perfect for dancing. And, when the dancers got hungry, the refreshment table was overflowing with all kinds of delicious treats brought by our members and guests. Thank you all! Many wonderful door prizes were awarded at the break including a gift certificate from the Blue Plate and gifts from several members. Thank you all for your generosity. It was a truly special evening in every way.

Thank you to the following who worked diligently to make our dances possible:

Lewis Cotton - extraordinary publicist and photographer,

Kathy Cotton - ever efficient and pleasant attendance table manager, and

Kim Brown - excellent venue manager who is always available to help.

Election of TBDC's 2026 Officers and Board Members

Ballots were handed out to TBDC members at the Nutcracker Ball to vote for the TBDC officers and board members for 2026. All the current officers and board members were reelected. We are happy to announce that Xan and Dennis Fields were elected to join the 2026-2027 board. Thank you all for voting. The installation of officers will take place at the Black and White Ball on January 17, 2026.

Thursday and Friday Dances at the Northport Community Center

Dance! Dance! Dance! holds dances every Thursday and Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Come and enjoy live music and dancing with friends! *Attire:* casual. *Admission:* \$7/person.

Looking ahead: Mardi Gras Dance on Saturday, February 21, 2026

Laissez les bons temps rouler! TBDC cordially invites you to our Mardi Gras Dance. If you can't make it to the Big Easy, don't fret. We plan to let the good times roll right here in Tuscaloosa! Music by the Drew White Orchestra will liven up the evening and bring you to the dance floor. Come prepared to have fun!

TBDC's 2025 Sponsors

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(205) 391-9887 and 3420 Hwy 69 N, Northport, AL 35473 (205) 333-8886
Facebook: [Swen Chinese Restaurant](#).

TBDC's 2025 Sustaining Members

Sustaining Members: Pat Atkins; Carolyn and Gary Bishop; Bruce Evans; Bryan Fair; Bonnie and Scott Porter; Diana Secor; Janet and John Weber; and Dr. Albert and Anna White.

Bronze Members: Kathy and Lewis Cotton; Carolyn and Jim Hill; Garry Pearson and Angie Summerlin; and Carol and Tom Russell.

Silver Members: Nita and Scott Hestevold.

Gold Members: Regina and Butch Noland.

Platinum Members: Melody and Wayne Roberts.

TBDC's 2026 Dance Schedule

	Band/CD	Theme	Decorators
Jan 17 (Sat)	5 of a Kind	Black and White Ball	Nita and Scott Hestevold
Feb 21 (Sat)	Drew White	Mardi Gras Dance	Carol and Tom Russell
Mar 21 (Sat)	The Chekmates	Books Come Alive Dance	Tricia Schuster
Apr 18 (Sat)	5 of a Kind	Enchanted Forest Dance	Diana Secor
May 16 (Sat)	The Chekmates	Senior Prom Dance	Ken Lee
Jun 20 (Sat)	Drew White	Anniversary Dance	Janet and John Weber
Jul 18 (Sat)	5 of a Kind	Picnic Dance	Bruce Evans
Aug 15 (Sat)	The Chekmates	Disco Fever Dance	Kathy and Lewis Cotton
Sep 18 (Fri)	Drew White	Tailgate Dance	Regina and Butch Noland
Oct 16 (Fri)	5 of a Kind	Dance	Nita and Scott Hestevold
Nov 20 (Fri)	Drew White	String of Pearls Dance	Janet and John Weber
Dec 19 (Sat)	Ain't Misbehavin'	Christmas Dance	Xan and Dennis Fields

Attire: "Ball" designates a dressy event (with semi-formal wear or formal wear invited), and "Dance" designates a dressy-casual or theme event.

In Case of Severe Weather...

When a severe-weather alert has been issued for the evening of any TBDC event, TBDC will decide by 4 p.m. whether to proceed with or cancel the event. By 4:30 p.m., TBDC will notify friends and members by email and with a post 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 dance floor!

Monthly Listings...TBDC: Facebook, Website, and Email

- ***TBDC's email address:*** TBDC.91@gmail.com
- ***Facebook:*** For announcements, last-minute information, and photos, visit TBDC's Facebook page [Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club – Community Organization]. In the top box, click "Like" to be notified by Facebook when information and photos are posted.
- ***TBDC's website:*** www.tbdc.org [webmaster: Lewis Cotton]
- ***Instagram:*** tusc_ballroom_dance_club
- ***Tuscaloosa Patch:*** Look for our announcements.

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