



Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club

eNewsletter October 2025

Autumn Leaves Dance

at Taylorville Methodist Church

(640 Bear Creek Road, Tuscaloosa 35405)

Friday, October 17, 2025

Music: *Drew White Orchestra*

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 Casual

Co-sponsored by PARA4Life

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After a long, hot summer, the time has finally come to welcome autumn and enjoy the beautiful changes it brings. TBDC and PARA4Life invite you to join us for Autumn Leaves Dance on Friday, October 17, 2025. Come out and dance the night away to the fabulous sounds of the Drew White Orchestra. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the venue for this dance has changed. The new location will be at Taylorville Methodist Church, 640 Bear Creek Road, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405. We look forward to seeing you! And remember, this is a FRIDAY night dance.

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

Attire: Dressy Casual

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.

Taylorville Methodist Church, 640 Bear Creek Road, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405. Take Alabama Highway 69. Travel south of Interstate Highway 20/59. As you ascend a small hill, you will see a McDonald's restaurant across the highway on the left. Turn right at the next stoplight. You will be travelling west on Bear Creek Road. The Taylorville Methodist Church parking lot is on the right approximately 100 feet from the intersection of Alabama Highway 69 and Bear Creek Road.

From Birmingham. Take Interstate Highway 20/59 to Tuscaloosa. Leave the interstate highway at Exit 71A and head south on Alabama State Highway 69. As you ascend a small hill, you will see a McDonald's restaurant across the highway on the left. Turn right at the next stoplight. You will be travelling west on Bear Creek Road. The Taylorville Methodist Church parking lot is on the right approximately 100 feet from the intersection of Alabama Highway 69 and Bear Creek Road.

National Dance Day Dance

TBDC celebrated National Dance Day in style! We danced, and danced, and danced!! Attendees were welcomed with very chic and sophisticated decorations, featuring silhouettes of dancers in various poses. Also adorning each table was a bud vase with a single red flower. The photo backdrop included a life-sized cut-out of a stylish dance couple. The overall effect was perfect! Many thanks to Nita and Scott Hestevold for the fabulous decorations. DJ Richard Richards filled the room with lovely, danceable music, bringing everyone to the dance floor. During the break, he and his lovely wife, Rita Snyder, delighted the crowd by performing two beautifully executed exhibition dances -- a tango and a foxtrot. It was the highlight of the evening!

We were happy to welcome back the University of Alabama Ballroom Dance Team. We love to see them dancing around the floor. We were also pleased to see students from our introductory dance lessons in attendance. The icing on the cake was a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday in honor of our president, Regina Noland. Two door prizes were given away. One was donated by Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac (thank you, Bonnie Porter). The second was donated by the Blue Plate Diner. We thank them for their generosity.

Special thanks to our incredible people who work behind the scenes:

Lewis Cotton - amazing publicist and special photographer; Kathy Cotton - attendance table manager without equal; and Kim Brown - always helpful venue manager.

And a big shout out goes to all the members and guests who bring the delicious treats that give us the energy to dance all night.

Looking ahead: Stardust Dance on Friday, November 21, 2025.

There is just something about old songs that bring back sweet memories. Stardust is one of those songs. It was written by Hoagy Carmichael in 1957 and sung by Nat King Cole - beautiful lyrics and a haunting melody. In tribute to this song, TBDC invites you to join us for the Stardust Dance. Come prepared to experience the incomparable music of 5 of a Kind as you dance "under the stars."

(Please note it is a Friday night dance. The venue for this dance has been changed. It will be held at the Taylorville Methodist Church, located at 640 Bear Creek Road, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405.)

TBDC's 2025 Sponsors

Ruby Sponsors (\$100-299)

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Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac: 3575 Skyland Boulevard East, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
<http://www.barkleygmc.com>

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Budget Mini-Storage, in memory of Don Wright: 9331 Hwy 69, Northport, AL 35473
(205) 330-9098

SWEN Chinese Restaurant: 1130 University Boulevard, Suite B2, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
(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 2025 Dance Schedule

	Band/CD	Theme	Decorators
Jan 18 (Sat)	5 of a Kind	January Frost Dance	Diana Secor
Feb 15 (Sat)	Drew White	Love in Bloom Ball	Carol and Tom Russell
Mar 22 (Sat)	5 of a Kind	Sock Hop	Regina and Butch Noland
Apr 26 (Sat)	Ain't Misbehavin'	Arbor Day Dance	Nita and Scott Hestevold
May 17 (Sat)	DJRR	Birds of a Feather Dance	Ken Lee
Jun 21 (Sat)	5 of a Kind	Blue Hawaii Dance	Janet and John Weber
Jul 19 (Sat)	Drew White	Picnic Dance	Bruce Evans
Aug 16 (Sat)	5 of a Kind	Denim and Diamonds Dance	Tricia Schuster
Sep 19 (Fri)	DJRR	National Dance Day Dance	Nita and Scott Hestevold
Oct 17 (Fri) Taylorville Methodist Church	Drew White	Autumn Leaves Dance	Regina and Butch Noland
Nov 21 (Fri) Taylorville Methodist Church	5 of a Kind	Stardust Dance	Janet and John Weber
Dec 13 (Sat)	Drew White	Nutcracker Ball	Kathy and Lewis Cotton

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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