

Debonair Dancers Highlights

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Around the Floor

At last, the leaves are beginning to turn and drop! It seemed to me that the fall colors would never come! I certainly love the cool evenings and, well, am adjusting to the cooler days. We even had a bit of rain, which is wonderful.

Laura and I have heard, under good authority, that the Oktoberfest/Halloween dance and beer tasting was a hit. The menu, selected by Rita and created by Juan, was perfect. The music selection from Astrid and Eric kept the dance floor packed as Ross kept the music flowing. Thanks to the board members for all their work preparing and hosting the dance.

A little bit of business.

Threading the needle of Covid has been a delicate task for your board. To that end, we ask that all members be mindful of the 'box' on the registration form, and check it to show it wasn't missed, as we work to keep our club members as healthy as possible.

- *I agree to follow current CDC and Santa Clara County health requirements with regards to vaccinations and masking*
- *I will attend the dance only if I am healthy*

Lastly, if our club is to not only survive, but thrive, we need to grow. Advertising can only take us so far; what is needed are personal invitations. And this can be awkward. For some of us, it is just uncomfortable. For others, we have a table group and don't want to break it up. Regardless of the reason, if we do not grow, we will, through the pain of natural attrition, diminish and close. Growth is a numbers game, the more you invite, the greater chance you have of someone joining. So, please, let's each invite one couple to every dance.

DANCE SCHEDULE

7:00 – 10:30 PM

Theme & Dress	Date
Holiday Dance (formal) Sunnyvale Senior Center	Friday, Dec. 15, 2023
Sweetheart Special (dressy) Sunnyvale Senior Center	Friday, Feb. 9, 2024
Presidents' Ball (formal) venue TBD	Tentatively Friday, Apr. 19, 2024
Island Escape (casual) venue TBD	Tentatively Friday, June 21, 2024
Swinging Summer Social casual, venue TBD	Tentatively Friday, Aug. 16, 2024
Oktoberfest (venue TBD) (casual, costume optional)	Tentatively Friday, Oct. 18, 2024

And lastly, though not least, winter is coming, the holidays are upon us and our annual Holiday Formal, to be held on 15 December, is just over a month away. Our Holiday Formal is a wonderful way to welcome winter! At 6:15, Lesley will be teaching us some steps for the waltz to warm us up. Island Wave will be creating the sounds needed to keep us on the floor and the incomparable Juan and Co will keep us well fortified for the evening.

See you at our Holiday Formal on December 15th.

Jim and Laura Clark-Moore, President

Membership Matters

New Members

Following the October dance, we have one new member couple: Lou Carson & Bobbie Frederickson were sponsored by Campbell & Joyce Scott. Please welcome Lou and Bobbie at the next dance.

Also, your board voted to make Lesley McIntosh, our dance instructor, an honorary member. This allows her to attend our dances, even when she is not teaching, bringing a partner and guests.

Dancing in the Digital Age

Debonair Dancers was founded in 1957 when everyone wrote checks, or even used cash, communicated by wired phone or with stamped letters and Silicon Valley was covered with fruit and nut orchards. Today's technology enables wireless cellphones to communicate by voice and text, to transfer cash, to complete forms and more.

Recently elected board members have been modernizing Debonair's website to exploit these capabilities. They have been developing online reservations and electronic payment using the rest of the board as guinea-pigs, known locally as beta-testers. We hope to start rolling this out to you, our members, for the February dance. In the meantime, there will be changes, so ***please use the most recent versions of the reservation form, and its return address*** included with this newsletter.

We also encourage you to visit our new, improved website <https://debonairdancers.org/> where we will be posting additional information and instructions about the coming procedures.

Your Dance Club Needs Your Help to Decorate

You can help your club by volunteering to lay out the table decorations at a dance. There is a wide selection of decorations to choose from and you are welcome to add your own touches. If you are interested, please contact decorating coordinator: Joyce Malia, jamalia@aol.com.

Music Requests

To request a particular dance tune, please send details to Astrid Yi (music@debonairdancers.org). For a band, the name of the tune is sufficient. For a particular recording to be played by the DJ, you can include the artist and the album. Please do not make requests at the dance.

Email us, info@debonairdancers.org with suggestions or comments regarding the Newsletter.

Dance On.

Editors: Joyce and Campbell Scott

Next Board Meeting

January 4th, at 7:30 pm, hosted by Joyce Malia & Chuck Thuener, 19446 Brockton Lane, Saratoga. Please send email to info@debonairdancers.org if you wish to attend.

Clocks have fallen back and evenings are lit up for the Holiday Dance

Sunnyvale Community Center, Orchard Pavilion
550 East Remington, Sunnyvale
7:00-10:30 pm, Friday December 15th, 2023

Waltz lesson by Lesley McIntosh, 6:15

Attire: Formal

Music by Island Wave Band

Members and new guests: \$140.00 per couple
Repeat guests: \$160

Buffet Dinner: 7:20 pm

Rolls, butter, ice water, coffee, tea
Garden salad

Roast turkey with all the trimmings
Oven poached salmon w/ aioli cream sauce
Sweet peas & Julienne carrots
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Mostaccioli noodles w/ marinara sauce
Dessert table

Decorating: Joyce Malia & Chuck Thuener,
assisted by Bonnie & Mark Mathison

Hosting: Bob and Nancy Wulf

- Please follow all CDC and Santa Clara County health requirements, currently (9/15/23) that vaccines, boosters and masking in crowds are recommended, but not required.
- Kindly respect individual choices regarding vaccinations and masking.
- Do not attend the dance if you have any symptoms of illness, even if you test negative.

Contact regarding reservations:

Email: event@debonairdancers.org
Or call John Taecker, 408-866-0622