

# Debonair Dancers Highlights

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## Around the Floor

Spring is almost here, and by the time we are dancing in April, at the Presidents Masquerade Ball, it will be spring officially. Spring is a reminder that the future is full of new beginnings, and our club is certainly looking toward a new beginning after this 'long winter' of COVID.

Through the support of all of our members, and the hard work of our board, we are still dancing! Any new beginning is preceded by an ending, and it has come time for us to step down as Presidents and to make way for new leadership and new ideas! We are grateful for all that our club has given us and we are excited to follow and support our new leaders, Ray and Lynda Barbieri, into this new season. See you in April.

**Jim and Laura Clark-Moore, Past-President**

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Hello to you from Ray and Lynda! We are very excited and honored that you have selected us to serve as Presidents of the Debonair Dancers' Board of Directors for the upcoming year. We are awed by the service of your prior Presidents Jim & Laura Clarke-Moore who served you during, arguably, the most difficult period of the club's history. We feel incredibly blessed that they were able to right the ship and got the club on the recovery tack that we see today. It is with great honor that we try to continue the great work done by them.

Lynda and I have lived in Silicon Valley for most of our adult lives. We've been married for 35 years and have 3 adult sons. We joined the club with two other couples back before the pandemic. We enjoy a group lesson with these other couples every month and we try to meet weekly to practice together. We would never consider ourselves good enough to enter dance competitions, but we enjoy learning together – albeit slowly! We were asked to join the board a little more than a year ago and have enjoyed getting to know the other board members and have branched out to attend other events, including dance, with them as well.

## DANCE SCHEDULE

7:00 – 10:30 PM

Theme & Dress	Date
Presidents' Ball (formal) Sunnyvale Senior Center	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
Holiday Dance (formal) Venue TBD	Tentatively Friday, Dec. 13, 2024
Sweetheart Special, (dressy) Venue TBD	Tentatively Friday Feb. 21, 2025

We have always found the club members at our dances very welcoming and accepting – no matter what folks' dance skills are. This is the secret sauce of our club. We have great food, a nice venue, really good music and truly fun and welcoming members.

In the coming months, we anticipate some changes. In particular, once we receive our 501(c)-7, we hope to cut costs by moving to another venue. As Jim and Laura told you last year, we plan to be able to reflect the savings on the venue with a reduction in dance fees so be on the lookout for that.

Additionally, we are moving forward to bring more of the registration and information delivery online, which we believe is essential to encourage younger dancers to join us.

Finally, please keep up the work in promoting the club. More members and attendees at the dances enlivens the event and reduces the costs for all.

**Ray and Lynda Barbieri, President**

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## Membership Matters

### *New Members*

In February, one new couple joined our club. Tom and Darlene McCalmont were sponsored by Campbell and Joyce Scott. Please give a warm welcome to the McCalmonts when you meet them at a future dance.

### *Election Results*

Our annual election of the Board was held at the February dance. There were no nominations from the floor, so the slate as listed was elected by acclamation. Results can be found in the [About Us](#) section of our website.

You will see that there is one position still open: Catering Liaison. This couple is responsible for choosing the menu from a list provided by our caterer, and for asking for table linen colors suggested by our decorators to match the theme of the dance.

We encourage you to volunteer for this open position. The Board meets every other month and when business is over, we enjoy socializing with our colleagues.

### *Going Digital*

Online reservations seem to be popular: more than half of the couples coming to the February dance used the online option, and some of those also used the electronic option for payment. We will therefore continue to accept either paper or electronic reservations, and we encourage you to try the latter if you have not already done so.

### *Time for Membership Renewal*

Debonairs' fiscal year ends with the February dance, and so it is time to renew your membership. You may now do this either, as usual, by returning the enclosed paper form with your check or online by clicking on the link provided in email from Debonair Dancers. Be sure that [info@debonairdancers.org](mailto:info@debonairdancers.org) is on your contact list so that our email to you is not blocked or sent to spam.

If you choose to renew online, you will have the opportunity to check and update your contact information and also the option to pay by Zelle or other electronic-funds-transfer service.

### *Late Update on Non-profit Status*

We are pleased to report that after the Presidents wrote their column, the IRS has finally approved our application as a non-profit social club – 501(c)-7. The Board is now in the process of revisiting potential venues to ensure that we obtain the best possible rental rate.

As always, we encourage you to

### **Dance On.**

Joyce and Campbell Scott, Editors.

## Next Board Meeting

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 pm, hosted by Astrid Yi and Eric Dacquay, 2205 Denise Drive, Santa Clara. Please send email to [info@debonairdancers.org](mailto:info@debonairdancers.org) if you wish to attend.

## Come to the Presidents' Ball and celebrate the election of our new Board

Sunnyvale Community Center, Orchard Pavilion  
550 East Remington Dr., Sunnyvale  
7:00-10:30 pm, Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Salsa lesson by Lesley McIntosh, 6:15**

**Attire: Formal (Masked Ball)**

**Music by Island Wave, band**

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

**Buffet Dinner: 7:20 pm**

Spinach salad with candied walnuts, goat cheese  
Roll with butter  
Paella Española (GF)  
Tilapia Veracruz (DF, GF)  
Rice pilaf  
Vegetarian pasta (V)  
Cauliflower and yellow squash  
Dessert bar  
Coffee, assortment of teas

**Decorating:** William & Othelia Imperial,

**Hosting:** Tod & Rhonda Irwin

- Please follow all CDC and Santa Clara County health requirements, (posted, 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.

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