

Debonair Dancers Highlights

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Around the Floor

Roll out those Lazy, Crazy, Hazy days of Summer!

As the sun blazes down, we find ourselves humming Nat King Cole's timeless tune: "Roll out those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy days of Summer!" But wait, is it "lazy, crazy, hazy" or perhaps "hazy, lazy, crazy"?

Maybe some of you want to escape this heat? Speaking of escaping, at last month's Island Escape we danced to lively tunes and savored tropical Island foods which created an island vibe. The island attire evoked a laid-back, sun-kissed ambiance that whisked us away to tropical shores. Tying the guest attendance record added to the excitement. Here's to more vibrant gatherings in the future!

Now, let's dive into some exciting news. Our 501©(7) club has been hard at work, and we're thrilled to present the updated Constitution. If you've visited our website lately, you'll notice that neither the Constitution nor the By-Laws documents have seen an update in over a decade!

Here's the scoop: The Constitution serves as our foundation, shaping the By-Laws. So, we've tackled the Constitution first, paving the way for subsequent By-Law revisions.

Transparency has always been our goal. As per the club's Constitution, member approval is crucial. Once we secure that, the board can proceed with By-Law revisions, which we'll then open up for comments before finalization.

Now, drumroll, please! We're bringing the Constitution to the Membership for approval at the August Dance. Preview it, jot down questions, and reach out to us. At the dance, we'll seek your vote of approval. If you've got thoughts, please share them before the dance!

DANCE SCHEDULE

7:00 - 10:30 PM

Theme & Dress	Date
Swinging Summer Social (casual) Sunnyvale Sen. Ctr.	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
Presidents' Ball (formal) Venue TBD	Tentatively Friday, Apr. 18, 2025
Island Escape (casual) Venue TBD	Tentatively Friday, June 20, 2025

A couple of reminders:

Dance Etiquette: Let's keep board discussions off the dance floor. Swing with your partners, mingle, and save the serious stuff for emails, calls, or in-person chats.

Line of Dance: Slow dancers, listen up! Imagine the dance floor as concentric racetrack lanes. Fast lanes hug the walls, while slower lanes stay toward the center. Let's keep the flow smooth and respectful.

Warmest regards ;) as we swing into summer. See you at the Swinging Summer Social in August!

Ray and Lynda Barbieri, President

Membership Matters

New Members

One new member couple joined the club at the June dance. Jerry Bowes & Lynn Sanders were guests of, and sponsored by Chiang & Cecilia Lam. Please welcome Jerry and Lynn to Debonair Dancers.

Open Board Positions

There is currently an open position on our Board. We are looking for a couple to become Member-at-Large. This would involve no immediate duties, but rather provide an opportunity to learn how the Club is run, and to shadow a current Board Member.

You will also find out how sociable board meetings can be, with drinks and snacks accompanying the discussions.

Updated Constitution

As discussed overleaf by our Presidents, an update of Debonair Dancers' Constitution is long overdue. We are sure you read the Constitution that was provided to you when you first joined the club :), and may have wondered about some of the Articles that no longer apply.

In this mailing, you will find a proposal for an amended constitution and a letter explaining the changes that your Board has approved and is submitting for a vote by you, our members. This vote will be held at the August dance, so please look it over before then, and contact your Board (info@debonairdancers.org) if you have any questions or comments.

Renewal Reminder

If you have not paid your annual membership dues for 2024-25, this mailing is the last reminder that you will receive. Unless you renew now, you will not receive the invitation and reservation form for each dance.

However, you will continue to receive our Newsletter by email for the remainder of our club year that ends in March 2025. (Make sure that email from domain @debonairdancers.org is not blocked as spam.)

Going paperless

As we noted in the last newsletter, we intend to offer you the option of going to online versions of the Newsletter and Reservation form. This will begin with the mailing for the October dance. You will be asked whether you wish to "go paperless." If you do not opt-in, you will continue to receive the postal mailing as usual.

As always, we encourage you to

Dance On.

Joyce and Campbell Scott, Editors.

Next Board Meeting

August 29th, at 7:30 pm, hosted by Rhonda and Tod Irwin, 2067, Walnut Grove Avenue, San Jose. Please send email to info@debonairdancers.org if you wish to attend.

Summer is Sizzling; Be Cool at our Swinging Summer Social

Orchard Pavilion, Sunnyvale Community Center
550 East Remington Dr., Sunnyvale
7:00-10:30 pm, Friday, Aug. 16th, 2024.

East Coast Swing lesson by Lesley McIntosh, 6:15

Attire: Casual

Music by DJ Steve Tieger

Members and new guests: \$140.00 per couple

Repeat guests: \$160

Buffet Dinner: 7:20 pm

Dairy free Coleslaw salad, Hawaiian rolls
Jamaican curry chicken
Crab cakes
Jamaican peas and rice
Sweet potato hash
Summer vegetable medley
with pine nuts or sliced almonds
Fresh tropical fruit and assorted desserts
Coffee; assorted teas

Decorating: Jill McGillen & Rick Stern

Hosting: Jim & Laura Clark-Moore

- 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.

Contact information:

Reservations: email event@debonairdancers.org
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