

Debonair Dancers Highlights

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Around the Floor

Développé with the Dirndl and Lunge with the Lederhosen

I'm sure many of you are familiar with what a dirndl is, but I had to look it up! As we step into early September, your board is thrilled to announce the upcoming Oktoberfest dance on October 18th. Get ready to join us for an evening of beer tasting, delicious German food, and plenty of fun dancing!

Swinging Summer Social Recap:

Our Swinging Summer Social was a tremendous success! We received numerous positive comments about the food, music, decorations, and the overall fun atmosphere. And the swing lesson from Lesley was super cool looking and fun! This event tied the record for the most guest attendees, so keep up the great work inviting new folks to join our dances.

Important Announcement:

Starting in **December**, we will be relocating our dances to the Campbell Community Center - Orchard City Banquet Hall! (aka OCBH) Many of you may recall that we raised our dance fees last year due to rising costs and post-CoVID attendance decline. Even before that, your board had been searching for a better venue, and we found one! The Campbell facility has recently been refurbished with new heating equipment (yeah!) and offers a reduction in rental costs. It's also newer, slightly larger, and has easier freeway access. According to our treasurer's analysis, this location is centrally located for our current membership.

The rate charged by the new venue lowers our costs per dance. Therefore, your board is currently assessing our income and expenses to determine changes to annual dues and dance fees that will keep the club's finances healthy for the future, including building a suitable reserve for unforeseen expenses.

DANCE SCHEDULE

7:00 - 10:30 PM

Theme & Dress	Date
Oktoberfest, Sunnyvale Senior Center (casual, costume optional)	Friday, Oct. 18, 2024
Holiday Dance (formal) Campbell Community Center, Orchard City Banquet Hall	Friday, Dec. 13, 2024
Sweetheart Special, (dressy) Campbell Community Ctr, OCBH	Friday, Feb. 21, 2025
Presidents' Ball (formal) Campbell Community Ctr, OCBH	Friday, Apr. 18, 2025
Island Escape (casual) Campbell Community Ctr, OCBH	Friday, June 20, 2025
Swinging Summer Social (casual) Campbell Community Ctr, OCBH.	Friday, Aug. 15, 2025

Please Note:

We will still meet as usual in Sunnyvale for the Oktoberfest dance. The move to Campbell will take place for the Holiday Ball in December. Stay tuned for more information via email as we get closer to the date.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the same old location for Oktoberfest!

Ray and Lynda Barbieri, President

Membership Matters

New Members

Following the August dance, we have two new member couples. Gene Esswein and Michiko Cooley were sponsored by Ted and Debora Yamashiro. Neil & Joan Holland were sponsored by Chris & Amy Migdal. Please welcome Gene and Michiko, Neil and Joan to our dance club and thank Ted, Debora, Chris and Amy.

Both new couples were invited to the dance by their membership sponsors, showing again that inviting guests is by far the most effective way to recruit.

Suggestions, Requests and Complaints

We remind you that requests to the DJ for a particular piece of music should be sent, at least a week before the dance, to music@debonairdancers.org. They will be collected and incorporated into the playlist generated by our music liaison and the DJ.

Also, if you, or your guests, have a suggestion or a complaint regarding any aspect of the arrangements at our dances, please do not address them directly to the catering staff, nor to the DJ; rather pass it along to a Board Member, or send an email to info@debonairdancers.org, so that we can handle it appropriately.

We welcome your feedback and understand that you may want to express your preferences. However we need to maintain good relationships with our service providers. Replacing providers is time-consuming and not easy for DD's Board. Therefore, we respectfully request that you allow your elected Board to manage these relationships.

Board Position – Member-at-Large

There is still an open position on our Board. We are looking for a couple to become Member-at-Large. This involves no immediate duties, but rather provides 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.

Progress on going paperless

We are happy to report that 18 couples opted to “go paperless.” Starting with the October dance, they will receive their invitations and this newsletter via email. Online reservations seem to be working well, and the numbers there are also increasing. All this saves trees and saves the club some money. Try it, you'll like it.

As always, we encourage you to
Dance On.

Joyce and Campbell Scott, Editors.

Next Board Meeting

November 7th, at 7:30 pm, hosted by Kathy and John Taecker, 981 Dry Creek Road, Campbell.
Please send email to info@debonairdancers.org if you wish to attend.

All the leaves are turning brown; celebrate fall in CA at Oktober

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

Beer tasting: 6:15

Attire: Casual, costumes optional

Music by DJ Steve Tieger

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

Buffet Dinner: 7:20 pm

German cucumber salad
Bratwurst
Chicken with mustard sauce
German potato salad
Red cabbage
Green beans
Assorted desserts
Coffee, decaf, assorted teas

Decorating: Nancy and Bob Wulff

Hosting: Ray & Lynda Barbieri

- 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
or call Event Director, John Taecker, 408-866-0622
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