

Debonair Dancers Highlights

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Around the Floor

It Felt Like Home

"The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned." - Maya Angelou

One heartfelt comment we received about the success of the Holiday Ball was: "It felt like home." This beautifully captures the enchanting atmosphere of the dance and the warm connections among members. Our club is truly special, as it weaves together the magic of social interactions and the grace of dancing into a seamless, romantic experience.

Last Dance Highlights:

The Holiday Ball was a resounding success, a night filled with magic and memories. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our board, the setup, the delectable food, enchanting decorations and signage, delightful music, and endless fun—everything flowed seamlessly, almost as if we had always been destined to be there.

However, in a more bittersweet note, our beloved, live band, Island Wave, a long-time favorite, announced they are moving out of the area. This enchanting evening marked their last dance with us, leaving behind a legacy of beautiful melodies and cherished moments.

Did you know?

Worldwide, there are two styles of ballroom dancing: **American Style** and **International Style**. In the American world, you'll find "smooth" and "rhythm" dances, while the International scene goes with "ballroom" and "latin" categories. The major twist? International Style keeps the magic in a closed position throughout the dance.

On our vibrant dance floor, American Style shines bright! From newbies nervously gazing at their feet to seasoned dancers twirling and zipping with flair




DANCE SCHEDULE

*****CAMPBELL COMMUNITY CENTER,
ORCHARD CITY BANQUET HALL,***
7:00 – 10:30 PM**

Theme & Dress	Date
Sweetheart Special, dressy	Friday, Feb. 21, 2025 Wine & chocolate, 6:15 pm
Presidents' Ball, formal	Friday, Apr. 18, 2025
Island Escape, casual	Friday, June 20, 2025
Swinging Summer Social, casual	Friday, Aug. 15, 2025
Oktoberfest, casual, costume optional	Friday, Oct. 17, 2025 Beer tasting, 6:15 pm
Holiday Dance, formal	Friday, Dec. 12, 2025

and elegance. It's a joy to watch everyone having a blast, chuckling at their missteps, and grooving to the beat.

The top social dances in the US are electrifying! Think Salsa, East Coast Swing, Cha-Cha, and Rumba are complemented by the graceful Waltz, FoxTrot and Tango. The first four are known as Rhythm dances, bringing the energy to a smaller space, while the latter three are traveling dances, elegantly gliding counter-clockwise around the floor.

Get ready to dance your heart out and create some unforgettable memories!   

On behalf of the board, we warmly invite you to join us for the Sweetheart Special (dressy). Bring along your friend, partner, loved one or simply someone who enjoys dancing for an enchanting evening filled with love and joy. At the Campbell Community Center - Orchard City Banquet Hall on Friday, February 21!

Ray and Lynda Barbieri, President

Membership Matters

Accolades for our New Venue

We heard nothing but positive comments from our dancers about the new venue in the Campbell Community Center. Our caterer, Juan and his staff really enjoyed setting up in the kitchen. The Orchard City Banquet Hall is a welcoming (and warm) place to dance, to mingle and to enjoy time with fellow dancers. We look forward to many more joyful dances there.

If you have not yet experienced OCBH, check out <https://tinyurl.com/2z3ze7xp>. Please note that although the street address is on W. Campbell Ave., the easiest access to the Hall and closest parking is from the **Winchester Blvd. entrance**.

New Venue, New Mailing Address

In order to qualify for the non-profit rental rate, we are required to have a mailing address in Campbell. Hence, old return envelopes are delayed in reaching us. Please **DO NOT USE** envelopes with the old Sunnyvale address.

Good News on Fees and Dues

Reduced rent and stable attendance at our dances make it possible to reduce membership dues and dance fees. Fees for members and new guests are now \$125. For our next fiscal year, starting in March, dues will be \$75 per member couple, as they were before Covid wrecked the budget. Fees for repeat guests will be \$150.

Election Time

The February dance is when we hold our annual business meeting. The most important item is the election of the Board for the coming year. Most of the current Board has agreed to stand again for election, but there are openings for two Member-at-Large couples. This is an opportunity to attend each (fun) Board meeting, to learn how the club is run, and where you might contribute.

New DJ

Our long-time DJ, Steve, is not available for the February dance, so we are trying out a new one. Jordan River is a seasoned master of ceremonies with many events and celebrations under his belt. Learn more at <https://jordanriverpro.com/>.

New Members

There are no new members to introduce this time. However, with our coming reduced dues and fees, February is an excellent opportunity to bring your friends and fellow dancers to an evening with Debonairs.

Finally, as always, we urge you to ... **Dance On**
Joyce and Campbell Scott, Editors.

Next Board Meeting

March 6th, at 7:30 pm, hosted by Chris & Amy Migdal, 11009 Sycamore Drive, Cupertino. Please send email to info@debonairdancers.org if you wish to attend.

Wine and chocolate, roses optional at our annual Sweetheart Special

Orchard City Banquet Hall, Campbell Comm. Ctr.
W. Campbell Ave. & Winchester Blvd., Campbell
7:00-10:30 pm, Friday, Feb 21st, 2025.

Wine & Chocolate Pairings: 6:15

Attire: Dressy

Music by DJ Jordan River

Members and new guests: \$125 per couple

Repeat guests: \$155

Buffet Dinner: 7:20 pm

Spinach salad

Jamaican curried chicken

Vegetarian lasagna

(spinach, mushrooms, eggplant)

Jamaican peas and rice

Broccoli

Assorted desserts: Valentine theme

Coffee, decaf coffee, assorted teas

Decorating: Ophelia & William Imperial

Hosting: Joyce Malia & Chuck Thuener

- 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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