

Debonair Dancers Highlights

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Around the Floor

"There is nothing permanent except change."

- Heraclitus

As I sit and write this, it's dark and overcast in the early mornings. Mornings are getting sleepier, and a cool breeze is starting to drop by now and then: fall is gearing up for its big debut. We even had real rain! So begins the change of seasons from summer to winter. And while change can be awkward and even painful, a simple internet search will yield hundreds of results indicating that it is good for us.

Are there changes you would like to see at our dance events? By now, you have received an email with a link to our opinion survey. Please take five minutes to fill it out. You can even do this from your phone. We will use the results to guide decisions by the board for future dance events. Your answers are anonymous and we encourage both members of each couple to answer separately.

One thing that hasn't changed over the years is the form of our dance events. For more than 60 years, the club has hosted a dinner dance fostering ballroom dancing and social interactions. The August Boots and Bandanas Ball epitomized this formula. Most people got into the swing by wearing western attire which, combined with the tasteful decorations from Amy and Chris, created a festive and lively time. Lesley kicked it off with a combined Country Two-Step and Texas Ten-Step lesson that was both engaging and instructive. We saw many people using these steps again after dinner when the music by Jordan River started. The dance was well attended and we continue to see lots of new guests at each dance. Keep up the good work by letting your friends know about our club and inviting them to try us out.

We'd like to take a moment to thank John and Kathy Taecker for all they do in organizing the seating layout. As you can imagine, this can be a very difficult job as the largest table size seats only eight. Often it is impossible to satisfy every request and John does a good job in seating folks at adjacent tables as needed. As an example,

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

Theme & Dress	Date
Oktoberfest, casual Costume optional	Friday, Oct. 17, 2025 Beer tasting, 6:15 pm Polka lesson, c. 8:30 pm
Holiday Dance, formal	Friday, Dec. 12, 2025
Lunar New Year, dressy	Friday, Feb. 20, 2026 Wine, chocolate, 6:15 pm
Presidents' Ball, formal	Friday, Apr. 17, 2026
Tropical Tides, casual	Friday, June 19, 2026
TBD	Friday, Aug. 21, 2026

what do we do when six couples request to sit together, as was the case last month? In these overloaded cases, we split the group to the best of our ability and make every effort to seat the overall group in tables side by side. Also, the tables closest to the dance-floor are where we seat guests and their hosts. If you do not get your first choice, we thank you for your understanding and suggest that you take advantage of the opportunity to meet different couples at your table and to make new friends; be debonair!

The Oktoberfest dance is coming up on Friday, October 17th, and this year we are offering two special events! First, as in past years, we will start the festivities with German beer tasting and time to socialize. Then, later we will have a short polka lesson from Lesley. We will be dancing again to the tunes of DJ Jordan River. The "Oktoberfest Dance" is another casual event. In the past, several members have dressed in authentic traditional German costumes, and a few prefer to celebrate Halloween. Don't be afraid to wear your Lederhosen, German folk dresses, or whatever. It adds to the fun.

Ray & Lynda, Presidents

Membership Matters

New Members

Following the August dance, Robin & Shirley Cheung joined as our most recent members, sponsored by Tod and Rhonda Irwin.

We also welcome back Barbara & Pete Rose, who were sponsored (unnecessarily, as prior members) by William & Othelia Imperial.

Please greet our new and returning members and their sponsors when you meet them at a future dance.

Tell Us What You Really Think

Debonair Dancers has survived the Covid-19 epidemic and the financial stress that it caused. We have a new, less expensive (and hopefully better heated) venue, and a new regular and younger DJ. Our caterer weathered the Covid hiatus by working at a take-out restaurant where he learned some new recipes that we have already enjoyed.

With that behind us, your Board is looking to the future. A first step in that process is to ask for your opinions and ideas. Look in your email for a link to an **online survey** that is being sent to members only. It will ask you about your preferences, what we are doing well, and what we might do differently.

Your responses to these questions are entirely anonymous, so you may be totally candid. This means that we will not record how you accessed the survey, so we must trust you to answer only once per person, that means twice per couple. We will also not be able to determine whether or not your dance partner disagreed with you.

Our New Venue

The survey will ask you about the Orchard City Banquet Hall which has been our meeting place since last December. We are aware of some concerns, such as the sticky floor at the August dance. The staff of the Campbell Community Center are very cooperative and we are assured that the floor will be properly mopped before each of our future dances.

Music Requests and List

As noted in the last newsletter, DJ Jordan River is willing to take requests during the dance. In the list of music, you will see that slots are left open to fulfill such requests. As you plan your time on the dancefloor, be aware that these slots may or may not be filled.

Finally, as always, we urge you to ...

Dance On

Joyce and Campbell Scott, Editors.

Next Board Meeting

Oct. 30th, at 7:30 pm, hosted by Campbell & Joyce Scott, 405, Montclair Road, Los Gatos.

If you wish to attend, please send email to info@debonairdancers.org

No need to fly to Munich, Oktoberfest comes to Campbell

Orchard City Banquet Hall, Campbell Comm. Ctr.
W. Campbell Ave. & Winchester Blvd., Campbell
7:00-10:30 pm, Friday, Sept 17th, 2025.

Beer tasting 6:15 pm

Polka lesson approx. 8:30 pm

Attire: Casual, costume optional

Music by DJ, Jordan River

Members and new guests: \$125 per couple
Repeat guests: \$150

Buffet Dinner: 7:20 pm

Cucumber salad, Pumpernickel or rye bread
Pasta with marinara sauce (vegetarian)
Bavarian potato salad
Braised green beans
Chicken with mustard sauce
German beef sauerbraten (non-dairy)
Coffee(regular and decaf), assorted teas
Assorted desserts

Decorating: Chris & Amy Migdal

Laura & Jim Clark-Moore

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.

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