

Debonair Dancers Highlights

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Around the Floor

February is Election Time at Debonair Dancers

Some of you may not know that our club started in 1957 and has continued to dance every second month except during the pandemic. While we don't have data for all 69 years, we do know that in the decade from 2005-2015, the average attendance at the dance was 60 couples. For reference, our average since the pandemic has been 54, and after the initial recovery after the shutdown, has leveled off. The health of the club depends on "filling the floor," so we must all actively help to recruit new members. Think about who you can invite as guests and which guests you have previously hosted and can encourage to join as members!

For those who were there, the Holiday Ceilidh was a grand event that started off with holiday tartan decorations, authentic and tasty Scottish foods, and the live band, Seascape Sounds. A big surprise was a "flash mob" at the band break with folks doing the Gay Gordons! This is a traditional Scottish dance, suitable for a Ceilidh. It was truly a joyous enhancement to the holiday season.

Now on to club business. As you probably remember, the February dance is where we elect our new board members for the coming year. For Lynda and I, it's been our pleasure to serve as your Presidents for 2 years. In order to rotate members on to the board, we will step down. We will continue as Vice President and Membership. John & Kathy Taecker have stepped up to volunteer as your Presidents and continue their current role as Event Directors. The slate for 2026/27 Board is in the column to the right.

We value your input. As stated in the Constitution (which you voted for), Members are expected to help support the club. We would love to have you participate in our board meetings. Our meetings are crisp and fun with libations and snacks. As Member-at-Large, you will not have any responsibilities unless you choose to. If you are still not sure, come to a meeting and just observe. This is an excellent opportunity for you to share your ideas and get to know us better.

Ray & Lynda Barbieri, Presidents

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

Theme & Dress	Date
Lunar New Year, dressy	Friday, Feb. 20, 2026 Waltz lesson, 6:15
Presidents' Ball, formal	Friday, Apr. 17, 2026
Tropical Tides, casual	Friday, June 19, 2026
Brazilian Heat, casual	Friday, Aug. 21, 2026
Dia de Los Muertos, costume optional	Friday, Oct. 16, 2026
Holiday Ball, formal	Friday, Dec. 11, 2026

Nominees for 2026/2027 Board

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John & Kathy Taecker	Pres & Event Director
Ray & Lynda Barbieri	VP & Membership
Christopher & Amy Migdal	Secretary, Decorations & Special Events
Tod & Rhonda Irwin	Treasurer
Bob & Nancy Wulff	Correspondence
Campbell & Joyce Scott	Editor
Jim & Laura Clark-Moore	Outreach & Catering
Eric Dacquay & Astrid Yi	Music
Open (you?)	Member-at-Large
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Membership Matters

Celebrate Lunar New Year with Debonair Dancers

Lunar New Year falls on February 17th, and the festivities continue through our dance night and beyond. You are encouraged to wear some red and/or gold as we welcome the year of the red horse.

Self-Nominate for the Board

Our constitution says that “Debonair Dancers” is a social dance club, founded for the pleasure and camaraderie of its members – that is you. It is run by a board of volunteers who must be voted in via an annual election. Most of the current board have already served several terms and have successfully steered us through the shut-down of the CoVID pandemic and the move to a less expensive and more welcoming venue.

The election is your opportunity to help continue the smooth operation of your dance club. Recent resignations have left two openings on the board. These are member-at-large positions with no designated duties, but are rather opportunities to learn how the club is run and, on occasion if necessary, to fill in for an absent officer. Hopefully, the experience will convince you to take on one of the official roles.

Self-nomination for a position on the board is not only welcome, it is encouraged.

Membership Renewal and Recruitment

No new members have joined the club since last May, although a previous member couple has rejoined. Welcome back Richard Labagh and Sue Lee.

The April dance is the time for membership renewal and we expect the usual number of departures. To keep our numbers at a healthy level we must continuously recruit new members. This is where you come in – the people that you meet at other dances, that you take lessons with, that you impressed at your niece’s wedding ... they are all candidates. The best way to recruit is to invite them as your guests to a dance, and then encourage them to join.

And finally as always, we urge you to ...

Dance On

Joyce and Campbell Scott,
Editors.

Next Board Meeting

Mar. 12th, at 7:30 pm, hosted by Ray and Lynda Barbieri, 147 Coventry Drive, Campbell.
If you wish to attend, please send email to info@debonairdancers.org

Welcome in the Year of the Red Horse

Orchard City Banquet Hall, Campbell Comm. Ctr.
W. Campbell Ave. & Winchester Blvd., Campbell
7:00-10:30 pm, Friday, Feb. 20th, 2025.

Waltz Lesson by Lesley McIntosh 6:15 pm

Attire: Dressy (red & gold encouraged)

Music by DJ, Jordan River

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

Buffet Dinner: 7:20 pm

Asian chopped salad, bread
Chinese beef and mushrooms
Thai inspired coconut poached fish
Longevity noodles, Rice
Sautéed bok choy with onions, garlic and ginger
Assorted Asian cookies and fruits
Regular and decaf coffee
Assorted teas

Decorating: Chris & Amy Migdal

Hosting: Campbell and Joyce Scott

- 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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