

Debonair Dancers Highlights

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Presidents' Corner

Spring is just around the corner, and by the time we gather for our April dance, the season of renewal will have officially arrived. Spring reminds us that every fresh beginning grows from a meaningful ending—and for us, that moment has come.

After two rewarding years as your Presidents, Lynda and I are stepping aside to make room for new leadership, new energy, and new ideas. This change will also allow us to devote more of our time to Membership and to the tech projects that keep our club running smoothly.

We are deeply grateful for the encouragement and trust you've shown us, and we're genuinely excited to support our incoming Presidents, John and Kathy Taecker, as they lead us into this next chapter. Their outstanding work as Event Directors has already strengthened our club, and we know they'll bring that same dedication to their new role.

Here's to renewal, growth, and to a vibrant season ahead

Ray and Lynda Barbieri, Past Presidents

Many thanks to Ray and Lynda for leading us the last two very busy years – moving from Sunnyvale to Campbell, updating to online dance registration, lowering dance fees while maintaining fiscal responsibility, and upgrading our website. We are awed that while fulfilling all their presidential responsibilities, they also continued in their role as Membership Directors. We urge you to thank them for agreeing to continue serving on the Board as Vice Presidents and Membership Directors. With the help of the newly elected Board, we look forward to continuing the great work that they have done.

A little bit about who we are: we have lived in Campbell since we graduated from college. We will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary later this year, and have a daughter, a son-in-law and a grandson who live nearby. We are both retired, and enjoy traveling, helping others, and dancing.

We joined the club with two other couples, Ray & Lynda Barbieri and Tod & Rhonda Irwin, back before the

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

Theme & Dress	Date
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
Lunar New Year, dressy	Friday, Feb. 19, 2027

pandemic, thanks to, dance instructor, Lesley McIntosh's encouragement. We enjoy a group lesson with these other couples every month and we try to meet weekly to practice together. We would never consider ourselves good enough to enter dance competitions, but we all enjoy learning and dancing together.

We were asked, along with our friends, these two couples, to join the Board a few years ago. We are glad that we accepted that invitation to join the Board. This is your opportunity to help vitalize, guide and assure the future of this club. Please consider joining us on the club's Board. There are currently three open positions on the Board. We can always use the help, and it is a wonderful way to get to know more people in the club.

What a wonderful club we have: good food, a nice venue, wonderful music and, best of all, truly fun, welcoming and accepting members, no matter what dance skill level you or they may have.

It is truly a delight to join you all on the dance floor, and we look forward to seeing you at the upcoming April dance!

John and Kathy Taecker, Presidents

Membership Matters

Membership Renewal

April marks the start of our 2026-27 fiscal year, and therefore the time for renewal of your club membership.

Those of you who receive mailed (i.e. paper) invitations will find a request to renew on your reservation form. Please do so, whether or not you sign up for the April dance.

If you have opted to go paperless, your online reservation will include renewal instructions. Unless you joined since the December dance, you must renew to be eligible for the member dance fee.

Paperless registration

Only 23 out of 54 members, so far, have opted to "go paperless" for dance reservations. This option allows you to receive your dance invitation via email, to register for each dance online. You will have the choice to pay the dance fee either by mailing a check, or digitally (Zelle or credit card). Fully paperless means no envelopes, no stamps and no printed newsletter to lose. The latest newsletter is always available to download.

New Members

We have one new member couple since the February dance. William & Janne Wissel were hosted at the dance and sponsored by Linda Lang and Peter Schmidt. Please seek out and welcome William and Janne at the next dance.

Board Election Results and Opportunities

Your new board was voted in during the February dance. Congratulations to John & Kathy Taecker, President and Event Director, Ray & Lynda Barbieri, VP and Membership Chair, Chris & Amy Migdal, Secretary, Decorations and Special Events, Tod & Rhonda Irwin, Treasurer, Bob & Nancy Wulff, Correspondence, Jim & Laura Clark-Moore, Catering and Outreach.

Eric Dacquay & Astrid Yi have stepped down from Music Liaison. **We now have three open positions on the Board.** This is your opportunity to step up as Members-at-Large to learn how your club operates and to help keep Debonair Dancers running smoothly

Finally, as always, we urge you to

...Dance On

Joyce and Campbell Scott,
Still your Editors.

Next Board Meeting

May 7th, at 7:30 pm, hosted by John & Kathy Taecker, 981 Dry Creek Road. Campbell.

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

Spring Is in the Air; Celebrate April in Paris at the Presidents Ball

Orchard City Banquet Hall, Campbell Comm. Ctr.
W. Campbell Ave. & Winchester Blvd., Campbell
7:00-10:30 pm, Friday, Apr. 17th, 2026.

Tango Lesson by Lesley McIntosh 6:15 pm

Attire: Formal

Music by Vintage Jukebox Orchestra

Members and new guests: \$125 per couple

Repeat guests: \$150

Buffet Dinner: 7:20 pm

Mixed green salad, French bread
Cod Provençal (tomatoes, capers, olives)
Coq au Vin (chicken in wine)
Roasted garlic mashed potatoes
Rotelle pasta in garlic parmesan butter
Haricots verts (Green beans)
Assorted French desserts
Coffee, Decaf, Assorted teas

Decorating: Chris & Amy Migdal

Hosting: John & Kathy Taecker

- 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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