

Debonair Dancers Highlights

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Presidents' Corner

Greetings, Fellow Dancers!

We hope all of you are enjoying a wonderful Summer.

To our club members, thank you all for renewing your membership. Your support helps cover the club's operating expenses, including insurance, website and mailings. Annual dues are due each April 1st, but we send copies of the newsletter to past members and to recent guests. If you are reading this newsletter, but haven't (re-)joined for 2026-27, please consider becoming a member. Member benefits include lower dance fees and access to the members-only section of the website.

We encourage you to invite family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to our dances. Inviting guests is the best way for us to grow our club and to cover the rental of the dance venue. Please check out "How to Invite and Care for Guests" on the club's website. Campbell and Joyce Scott provided very practical guidance on the subject.

Thanks to those who have subscribed to the "Members Pages" section of our website! Being a member of a social dance club and getting to know other members helps us connect and adds further enjoyment to the dance events. Uploading your photo to the club's member directory is a great way to increase everyone's social participation. The password-protected Member Page is only available to club members who log in.

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

Theme & Dress	Date
Festa brasileira, casual	Friday, Aug. 21, 2026
Dia de Los Muertos, costume optional	Friday, Oct. 16, 2026
Holiday Ball, formal	Friday, Dec. 11, 2026
Sweetheart Special, dressy	Friday, Feb. 19, 2027
Presidents' Ball, formal	Friday, Apr. 16, 2027
Island Escape, casual	Friday, June 18, 2027

Our Membership Directors, Ray and Lynda Barbieri, are available to answer any questions you have questions or would like help in uploading your photo. Please send an email to info@debonairdancers.org.

We look forward to our August dance, Festa Brasileira, which will feature a Brazilian theme and a Samba dance lesson provided by Lesley. Although many of you may have never danced the Samba, Lesley will teach us the basics necessary for our enjoyment. We hope that our rotating dance themes are fun for you. The board enjoys brainstorming them, and we are always open to your ideas! See also the overleaf invitation to send your comments in a Letter to the Editor.

John and Kathy Taecker, Presidents

Membership Matters

New Members

We have had only three new member couples join us this year and none following the June dance. Our current membership stands at 49 couples, which is just half of our maximum set many years ago based on dance-floor area and attendance rates.

This means that we have many openings for new members and lots of space on the floor for guests. The health of the club depends on the number of feet on the floor, so we urge you to bring guests and show them how friendly and welcoming our club is - even for novice dancers.

Debonair's Photo Gallery

If like many of us, you have trouble connecting names and faces, help out your fellow club dancers. Post photographs of yourselves in the members-only section of our website. Register with your private password, then upload your photograph(s) here. <https://debonairdancers.org/wp/member-page/>.

Important Open Board Position

Our Music Liaison couple have stepped down from the board. This is your opportunity to select the dance music at each dance. Advice and instructions will be provided to help you move into this position. Contact info@debonairdancers.org for more information.

There are also two open "entry level" positions: Members-at-Large learn how the club is run, shadow current board officers, and fill in when they are absent. Use the same "info" address above if you are interested or curious.

Letters to the Editor

You may have noticed that this column repeats the same topics again and again. In order to add variety and encourage communication among our members and between members and board, we invite you to send us your thoughts, opinions and suggestions for inclusion in this column. Reach us via news@debonairdancers.org. Since the newsletter is available on the open part of our website, we will include only your first name and city in the signature.

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

Next Board Meeting

Sept. 3rd, at 7:30 pm, hosted by Joyce & Campbell Scott, 405 Montclair Road, Los Gatos.
If you wish to attend, please send email to info@debonairdancers.org

We're having a heat wave, & she certainly can ... samba at Fiesta Brasileira

Orchard City Banquet Hall, Campbell Comm. Ctr.
W. Campbell Ave. & Winchester Blvd., Campbell
7:00-10:30 pm, Friday, Aug. 21st, 2026.

Samba Lesson with Lesley McIntosh 6:15 pm

Attire: Tropical Casual

Music by DJ Mike

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

Buffet Dinner: 7:20 pm

Brazilian vinaigrette salad
Pão de queijo (Brazilian cheese bread)
Feijoada (pork stew with black beans)
Moqueca (seafood stew, gluten & dairy free)
White rice
Couve refogada (collard greens- cooked with oil, not butter)
Assorted desserts and fresh tropical fruit
Coffee, decaf, assorted teas

Decorating: Amy & Chris Migdal

Hosting: Jim & Laura Clark-Moore

- 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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