



Newsletter

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An Evening in Paris - a great party with a lot of fun dancing!

President's Corner

by
Pamela Levi

We Sure Know How to Party

Our summer is almost over (well on the calendar anyway) and the fall holidays and celebrations will soon be here! At Ballroom Dance Charleston, we do not need a reason to party, we party every week-lucky us! BUT, we love special parties and can creatively come up with new ideas for one quickly. For those of you able to attend the "An Evening in Paris" party last weekend (80 of us) or the Ice Cream social celebrating our nation's birthday, you know that July had wonderful opportunities to dance the heat away! Congratulations to our most "French Like" costume contest winners pictured here. They do look very elegant (love those long gloves,). Many thanks to Connie and Allen Vance for inviting the Alliance Françoise, Charleston Chapter, to be a part of this wonderful evening. They even brought their personal Eiffel towers (thank you Pat Caldwell) for us to enjoy. It certainly made me think about other groups in our community we might involve in special parties. Partnering is a great strategy for community visibility and one more wonderful opportunity to spread the word about how much fun ballroom dancing is. Do you belong to other community groups that could possibly partner with us for special parties?



An Evening in Paris costume winners:
Jean Baker and Gordon Barrineau

At the July Board meeting our special party schedule for the remainder of the year was reviewed. There are some wonderful events coming up starting in August with the Sundance Party (have a western outfit?) and the always very popular Luau.

In September the Little Black Dress party will be back and something a little different: ***Ballroom Dance Charleston Celebrates Dance***. As part of National Ballroom Dance week, we will have an evening dedicated to sharing with non-dancers just how wonderful and fun Ballroom Dancing is! More to come, but hope you will make an extra effort to be at BDC on Saturday, September 26th.

The date for the Fall Ball has been set for October 17th. Do not let anything get on your calendar for that date other than BDC! The Fall Grand Ball is a night to sparkle and celebrate. More details soon for all events, but perhaps it might be a good time to think party clothes.

Our finances are good, our treasurer is smiling and our membership is growing. Thanks to all of you who warmly welcome new faces at BDC and to all our members who support Ballroom Dance Charleston through their attendance and participation. A special thank you to all our party volunteers, nothing works without you.

Dance Quote for August: An optimist is someone who figures that taking a step backward after taking a step forward is not a disaster-it's a cha-cha.

Birthdays

Roxanne Montgomery.....August 1
Debbie Nelms.....August 1
James Terifaj.....August 2
Jason Creel.....August 2
Joe Richardson.....August 2
Richard Felsinger.....August 3
Margaret Markiewicz.....August 4
Connie Vance.....August 8
Timothy Wisard.....August 9
Dr Barry Weissglass.....August 10
Eva Ferguson.....August 10
John Richardson.....August 12
Larry B. Beldner.....August 14
Susan Groome.....August 24
Jean P. Marterre.....August 29

Special Events

Sundance Western Party

Cowboy Potluck
Saturday, August 8, 2015
7:30pm - 2-step lesson by TBA
8:30pm - Dance Party
DJ: Todd Biegger
Reception: Roger Viton
Hosts: Margie LaPorte & Catherine Case

Luau Dance Party

Tropical Potluck
Saturday, August 22, 2015, 2015
7:30pm- Bosa Nova Line Dance by Debbie Housand
8:30pm - Dance Party
DJ: Debbie Housand
Reception: Sharon Keene
Hosts: Liza Bickley & Allen Capalungan

Board Meeting

Sunday, August 16, Calhoun Library
2:00pm

National Ballroom Dance Week

National Ballroom Dance week will be here before you know it. The dates are September 18 - 27, 2015. Our Chapter will participate in this special week-long celebration of ballroom dance.

There are two reasons we want to celebrate National Ballroom Dance Week - the first is to share with others what we enjoy so much - ballroom dancing.

Secondly, this is an occasion where we cannot only celebrate, but promote dancing in general. It is a great opportunity to increase membership and participation in dancing in your community. Let's show Charleston what ballroom dancing is all about!

We are planning free beginner lessons during the week and ending with Ballroom Dance Charleston Celebrates Dance on Saturday, September 26. We are planning to have our weekly classes perform along with other students and instructors. We are promising exciting performances and a lot of open dancing to celebrate this great event.

We will have more information for shortly but in the meantime get in the mood to dance by watching dance movies like "Mad Hot Ballroom" and Shall We Dance." These are great dance movies.

July Class and Instructor Profiles

Please [click here](#) for the complete Class and Instructor Profiles for August

Printable Calendar News

The printable calendar is something we refer to all month. Due to conflicts and events that come up unexpectedly, sometimes there are unavoidable changes to the calendar. Unexpected changes occur after the printed calendar is made available. These changes are made to the on-line calendar and marked with the updated date.

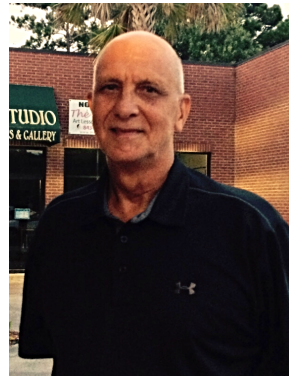
Most of you probably print the calendar one time and use it as your reference. **IF changes** to the instructor, dance taught, DJ or host is important to you, be sure to check back to the calendar for last minute changes. We apologize for this inconvenience but instructors and volunteers have unexpected things happen.

Spotlight on Returning and New Members

Rebecca Lee - We are so happy at BDC to have you return as a member. Many of you have seen her at the dance club but now that you have seen a picture if you do not know her, please introduce yourself. Becky has a very colorful background and is originally from Walterboro, SC. She has returned to her childhood home after retiring. She has a PH.D in Women's Studies/Lifespan Development and has taught at many universities in South Carolina. Before her graduate studies, Becky was a news reporter for the Savannah Morning News. She also worked in Georgia and Florida as a manufacturer's sales representative selling decorative furniture accessories. Becky is a widow with several children, grandchildren and even a great granddaughter. She is expecting a great grandson in December. Becky has always championed women and children's rights as well as victims of domestic violence. She continues to be a writer and artist that loves to have fun and dance. Keep dancing Becky. We love seeing you.



Gordon Barrineau- It is great to welcome Gordon as a new member and new dancer to Ballroom Dance Charleston. He started out with a bang by joining on Friday night and then returning on Saturday night winning the male Paris Costume Prize. Gordon started attending Debbie's beginner class this past week. He is a native Charlestonian and as a child lived near Hampton Park. He has three brothers and while growing up lived in North Charleston and Hanahan. Gordon served in the Marine Corps for 20 years. After leaving the Marine Corps, he worked at the Charleston Naval Shipyard and then the Postal Service. Gordon received a degree from Trident Tech and Limestone, as well as a Masters from The Citadel. He has moved around a bit living in Columbia and Atlanta but came home to Charleston after retiring in August 2014. Gordon has two daughters and a son. The oldest daughter lives in Maryland and the youngest lives in Hawaii. His son is in the Coast Guard. Gordon will visit his daughter in Hawaii in November (poor Gordon). He also has three granddaughters and one grandson. We are so happy to welcome Gordon and we look forward to seeing you learn all those dances you mentioned!



Susan Brock - Susan was born in the small steel town of Aliquippa, PA. She was lucky enough to discover Charleston while on vacation in Myrtle Beach in the 80's. She said, "I just fell in love with it." After Susan started her family in 1996, she decided she had to live in Charleston - it is too beautiful not to live here. She moved to Goose Creek and found a job but has also lived in Moncks Corner and Daniel Island. Susan loves the history, food, architecture and beaches in Charleston. After living here 16 years, Susan considers herself a "southerner." She earned her BA in Accounting and



MBA from Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh. Susan has had several successful CFO positions but currently is the CFO for Advanced Composite Structures, LLC. She has a son, 19, who attends Trident Tech. Susan started dancing 7 years ago because her sister; Debbie, is a great ballroom dancer. Susan loves to play golf, ice skate, read and, of course dance! She also loves to travel and will return to Italy, Greece and Australia in the near future. She feels the most important thing is a family and close friends. Susan, we welcome you to BDC and hope to see you dancing every weekend.

Parties and Videos

Please [click here](#) for parties and videos.