



Newsletter

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December 2013

President's Corner

By Bob Olszewski

Thanks to DJ Henry, Cheryl, Skip, Ellie, and Shelby for hosting, and Marcia and Betsy for setup of the Thanksgiving Party. And, especially to all who contributed food to make the party successful.

Our annual membership meeting will be held on December 14th at 7pm prior to the Christmas Party that begins at 8pm. The annual meeting is a time for to report this year's activities and status of our club and to hear from you. Volunteers will be recognized.

You may have noticed that the floor is very worn around the edges and this will be repaired December 16 and 17. The Monday/Tuesday classes and all activities will be cancelled for those two days.

The Friday progressive lesson series for December will be Bolero, taught by Debbie Housand. Based on votes received, Rumba & Tango will be next.

The board appointed Pam Levi to the board replacing Kim McDermott. Pam will be an asset to our board utilizing her vast experience in both education and management. Pam will be Dance Education Chair.

Due to a lack of interest in our Thursday night intermediate dance class, the board voted to discontinue it as of the end of November. The board also voted to reduce the party guest charge to \$5 for active military personnel.

DJ's Needed! This is a prestigious, high paying position! The DJ is the backbone of our dancing. If you feel you can volunteer for this position, we will train you and give any support needed

Happy Birthday!

Joyce Lovato	Dec 1
Peyton Weber	Dec 4
Rob Olszewski	Dec 8
Ray Brown	Dec 8
Dean Cooke	Dec 10
Shiko Carter	Dec 11
Elizabeth Capalungan	Dec 17
Curt Crosby	Dec 22
Carole Cooper	Dec 25
Dariana Coggins	Dec 30

Special Events

Annual Membership Meeting and International Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14

7:00 Membership Meeting - Free

8:00 Christmas Party, \$5 Members, \$10 Guests

DJ – Susan, Hosts – Margit and Carol Ann

Please bring a snack or dessert

New Year's Eve Party

Tuesday, December 31 9:00 until ?

Hors d'Oeuvres, Dancing with DJ Bob H.

Semi-Formal to Formal, \$15 Members \$20 Guests

Hosts: Marcia & Co. (Tina, Betsy, Larry, Ellie)

Hors d'Oeuvres by Board Members (see page 4)



Christmas Shopping?

The Club has both pre-paid party admittance cards (\$5) and gift certificates for classes or a membership.

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Welcome New Members!

We welcome these six new members to our dance club and hope that they will enjoy it as much as we do.

Other new members will be featured as we get information and photos. Our membership total is up to 112!



Marina and Simon Scalia

Another doctor in the house! Marina and Simon found BDC on the Internet and are actively learning to dance by attending classes. They also recently hosted and did a great job.

Simon is a full primary health care physician with focus on internal medicine and geriatrics, along with weight and health coaching. Marina was a math major in college.

Besides dancing, they are also involved with the Italian Meetup Group. Welcome to Marina and Simon!

Robert Friedman



Another doctor in the house! Robert is a newcomer to dance as well as to Charleston. He hopes to have his wife, Iris, join us soon. Robert is a pain management physician with the Veteran's Hospital in Charleston.

Welcome to Robert and Iris!



Mitch Lichtenberg

Mitch started his life journey in New York but made his home in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts before moving here in 1998.

Mitch retired from the publishing business at Simon and Schuster in the late 90s.

Now, what he enjoys most is teaching robotics to youngsters and dancing. His immediate family is all boys - two sons and two grandsons. He says he values friendships very much so BDC is a good place for him to be.

Thanks go to another new member, Catherine Case, for introducing Mitch to our club. And, thanks also to Normandie for introducing Catherine. It is a domino affect! Welcome to our club Mitch!

Jane Locke



A big welcome to Jane who joined us in August of this year after visiting several times. She is a real estate agent and has lived in Mount Pleasant for over 35 years.

Jane currently works in real estate after retiring from a 28-year career at MUSC as the Human Resources Director. As if that weren't enough, she is the founding member and president of Carolina Children's Charity, a four-county local charity that helps children with birth defects and disabling diseases. She is a lifetime Girl Scout and is still involved as an adult.

Family includes two daughters who live out-of-state and a precious granddaughter who is two years old. She enjoys positive people, travel, hiking, walking the beach, and dancing.



Dane White

Welcome to Dane White, one of our newest members. He lives on Sullivan's Island. Even though he is just learning, he is always smiling when he dances!

Monthly Dance Classes

The monthly group classes are structured so that there is a different dance featured each month. And, there is a \$5 discount for each class if you take multiple classes. Professional and affordable.

Every week, the instructor reviews the previous weeks and adds a new pattern. This repetitive method is very effective. Because it is a progressive class, it is important to start on the first week of the month to avoid having to catch up with the rest of the class, thereby slowing their progress.

BEGINNER to BRONZE

Thursday

7:00 – 8:00, Stephen Duane, 843-557-7690



New to the dance floor or maybe you tried but realized that you had two left feet? A beginning dancer focuses on one aspect of dance only, which makes you forget about the music and or timing. You are just trying to move! After a while, your feet move in time with the

music. Now you are a basic dancer, beginning to lead and follow takes on new meaning. Beginning dance classes teach the basic frame and body positions, a breakdown of the basic rhythm and steps of the essential ballroom dances. This class is open enrollment, with either a reduced rate by the month at \$25 for 3 weeks or by the week at \$10.

December Class - Beginner Tango

BEGINNER

Wednesday

7:00 – 8:00, Debbie Housand, 843-991-3601



This Class is at the same dance level as the Thursday Class listed above. It is being offered to our beginners for more opportunities to learn the basics. Having the option of 2 nights gives a choice of dance taught, night of the week, and structure. Students should

enroll in this class at the beginning of the month for the entire month so that everyone will be on the same "page" every week. \$25 for 3 weeks.

December Class - Beginner Rumba

ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE

Tuesday

7:00 – 8:30, David Roland, 843-568-6888



Now that you have become a little more confident and comfortable, you can move on to more advanced technique and styling. Refining good lead and follow is a major part of dance. Without it, true dance cannot happen and

you end up with 2 sets of memorized steps that hopefully happen at the same time. This class will start with a half-hour of lead-follow and technique that will be applied to the dance of the month. The last hour will include advanced intermediate patterns. \$25 for 2 weeks. (1.5 Hour Class)

December Class – Continuation of Viennese Waltz

ADVANCED – ANYTHING GOES

Monday

7:00–8:00, Debbie Housand, 843-991-3601



The advanced dancer is someone who already understands directional movement for all dances. You can change direction on a moment's notice to avoid obstacles (other dancers). The advanced dancer utilizes sway and contra body where needed to enhance

movement. You can remember about footwork and body position. This class will incorporate new and creative moves! \$20 for 2 weeks.

December Class - Waltz

Monthly Youth Classes

Mondays – Youth Swing, Lindy Hop

Stephen Duane 4:15-5:15 \$5 Person

Sundays – Advanced Youth Lessons

David Roland 1:00–2:00

Christmas Shopping?



The Club has both pre-paid party admittance cards (\$5) and gift certificates in any amount. These would make great Christmas gifts! Contact Connie at connievance10@gmail.com or 843-754-5087

Monthly Group Classes

Monthly Class Price List Members - December	One Class	Multiple Classes
*Monday Class – 2 weeks	20	\$15
Monday Class By the Week By Instructor Discretion	10	
*Tuesday Class – 2 weeks (1.5 Hour Class)	25	20
Tuesday Class By the Week By Instructor Discretion	15	
Wednesday Class – 3 weeks	25	20
Thursday Class – 3 weeks	25	20
Thursday Class Each Week	10	
*Non-Members Mon, Tues	+10	+10

Dance Floor Available For Practice

Our dance floor is available to members for private lessons and practice. All private lesson students and members using the floor for practice should enter this information on the sign-in sheet at the front desk.

Contact Toni for a door access code. 330-416-1712.

- ✓ The floor-use charge for practice is \$10 per hour for members. (Private lessons already include the cost of floor use.)
- ✓ Payment envelopes are on the sign-in sheet clipboard at the front desk (place \$ in safe)

Friday Lesson Series

Thank you for letting us know what dances you are most interested in for the Friday progressive lesson series. As Bob reported, Bolero was the favorite with Tango and Rumba close behind.

The Board voted to start with a December series of Bolero taught by veteran instructor Debbie Housand. This is Debbie's favorite dance and she has 30+ years experience in professional dance instruction. She also owned and operated the local Arthur Murray Studio for several years.

The progressive lessons on Fridays have been a big hit because it allows dancers to concentrate on one dance at a time and practice more. Especially for the harder dances, repetition and getting those steps in muscle memory is the key for most of us.

New Year's Eve Party

The Board has a very special event planned for you this year! In addition to the regular hosts, board members will be preparing cocktail-type hors d'oeuvres to thank all of you for your trust and support this year. Pure glamor, delicious food, FUN!

Regular Dance Parties

Fridays December has been reserved for a series of Bolero lessons. These are progressive, meaning that every week the previous weeks are reviewed and new patterns added. There is an hour-long lesson from 7:30 to 8:30 and then a dance party. Admission for the lesson and the party is the usual \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

Saturdays Lessons vary every week--see the calendar for details. There is an hour-long lesson before the regular dance AND it is included in the price of party admission! Snack food, sodas, and coffee are included as well. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

Sundays There is a Charleston and Lindy Swing Lesson at 6:00 and parties include a great band most of the time. While they do focus on the Charleston and Lindy Hop dances, there is always music for ballroom dancers as well. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

December 1 – V-Tones

Gypsy-Style Variety Band led by Noodle McDoodle whose main characteristic is a strong rotation of local musicians and 1920's Swing tunes.

December 8 – Classic Memories Big Band

1940's-style Big Band that specializes in a wide variety of Swing, Latin, and Smooth dance songs that are perfect for dancing.

December 15 – DJ Jazzygent

December 22 – V-Tones, Hot Jazz Christmas Party

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Party Photos

We now have a full year's collection of party photos on our Shutterfly site – check it out!

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Annual Meeting and Christmas Party

**Christmas
Around the World
Saturday, December 14
7:00 Membership Meeting, Free
8:00 Party \$5/\$10**

**Please bring a snack or dessert
Hosts: Margit and Carol Ann**

Annual Membership Meeting at 7:00. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for the meeting. The agenda will include recognition of our volunteers, a club status report, and input from you.

Ethnic Christmas Food Party at 8:00. Bring a snack or dessert that reminds you of Christmas as a child. Since we have dancers from all over the world, we hope to have samplings from many cultures! And, Lowcountry food is always welcome!



New Year's Eve Party!!

Tuesday, December 31

9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

FUN, FUN, FUN!!!

Semi-Formal to Formal

\$15 Members

\$20 Guests

**Hosts: Marcia and Company
(Betsy, Larry, Tina, Ellie)**

**Board members are preparing special
hors d'oeuvres as a thanks to YOU for your
trust and support this year!**

**The club does not have a liquor license to purchase but
you are welcome to bring your own toasting drink.**

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Need a Gift Idea?



- ✓ Pre-Paid Party Admittance Cards (\$5 each)
- ✓ Gift Certificates for Classes or Membership (Any Amount)

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