



Newsletter

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February 2014

President's corner

By Bob Olszewski

What a wonderful New Year's Eve party. We exceeded last year's party attendance at 82 this year and 63 last year. A successful party like this one takes dedicated people, giving of their time and talents. A very big thanks to Betsy, Marcia, Jackie, Larry, Bob Hyatt, Raymond, Bob Kohn, Debra, Pam, Toni, Connie, Steve, Inge, Barry, and Anne. Without all of you, it would not have happened. Our volunteers are always outstanding!

Our financial status is good as you can see on the final report ending December 31 on page 7. Near the end of the year, the board added a class for beginners and more workshops, which proved to be very successful. Another plus was the progressive dance on Friday nights. Continued for the full year, these efforts should help improve our income.

NEW! We have two new classes starting this month, Night Club 2-Step on Monday at 8:00, and an Intermediate Technique on Thursday at 8:00. See pages 2 and 4. Also NEW (revived from the past), dance instruction evaluation forms - your input is very important to the board and to the instructor. Evaluation forms are available on the front desk along with a secure box. See pages 4, 5.

The board is also in the process of reviewing, updating and organizing our policy documents and has purchased a logo mat for the entrance to the club that should be delivered mid-February. This is part of our plan to protect the floor and update the appearance of the club, making it more inviting.

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day, enjoy dancing!



Happy birthday!

Norman Bell	Feb 11
Alan Capalungan	Feb 5
Trudy Carnahan	Feb 22
Marina Fridmanovich	Feb 21
Randy Hyman	Feb 3
Floyd Jernigan	Feb 25
Walter LeCroy	Feb 17
Jane Locke	Feb 7
Wesley Markiewicz	Feb 16
Charlotte Martinez	Feb 11
Rita Peterson	Feb 23

Special events

Valentine Party – Snack Potluck

Saturday, February 15

7:30 Cha Cha Lesson by Marina, 8:30 Party
DJ – Beverly, Hosts – Dariana and Elizabeth
Please bring your favorite snack!

\$5 Members, \$10 Guests

Beginner East Coast Swing Workshop

Sunday, February 16, Debbie Housand

2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

\$25 Members, \$35 Guests

Friday Progressive Lesson Series

Rumba with Debbie Housand, 7:30

\$5 Members, \$10 Guests

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Welcome new members!

We welcome Chuck and Lea 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 120!



Charles and Lea Vergona

Lea was born in Columbia, South America and Chuck in New York. Between there and here, they have lived in many states, the results of an Army and US Public Health career. Charles also had a private practice.

Charleston was their first choice for relocation because of the warm climate, proximity to the Air Base, and their historical interest in the War Between the States.

Lea's favorite pastime is painting and she enjoys her membership in several art clubs. As for Chuck, he enjoys writing and is an avid opera fan, having had past formal training in voice performance. Ballroom dancing has also become important to them and they hope to continually improve their skills.

Direct from Chuck and Lea, "We are thankful and grateful for the opportunity to become members of a serious, proficient organization, the Charleston BDC. The BDC members have been very welcoming and we are fortunate to continue to make these new acquaintances."

Welcome!

New classes for February

By Pam Levi, Education Director

The Ballroom Dance Club of Charleston welcomes Sheela Agrawal and Jason Creel to our Monday night class line-up. Sheela and Jason will be teaching Night-Club Two-Step on Monday nights at 8 pm. beginning in Feb. This Monday night class will be a great way to start your week and spend our less than perfect February weather!

An easy-going social dance, N.C. Two-Step was first introduced in the 80's by Buddy Schwimmer. Nightclub Two-Step is normally danced to medium-tempo pop songs and ballads, using combinations of Slow-Quick-Quick and Quick-Quick-Slow rhythms. Although it is competed as a country-dance it is also danced to R&B, easy listening, and smooth jazz music. Night Club Two-Step can travel around the dance floor, stay as a stationary dance, or a combination of the two styles. It is smooth, romantic, and yet relaxed. This will be a class for everyone and will be a great addition to our February line up of classes.

Every month Sheela and Jason will be offering a new dance sequence and in April, they will be joining our Friday Night Progressive Series with Country Two-Step. A talented and very accomplished duo, Sheela and Jason are a great addition to our class offerings.

On Thursday nights at 8:00, David Roland will be teaching technique classes that will alternate on a monthly basis from Smooth Technique to Rhythm Technique.

David is a master at helping all levels of dancers correct form and function to maximize ease and enjoyment in dance. In February he will begin with Smooth Technique and will choose techniques common to all smooth dances with a weekly emphasis on a different smooth dance.

In March he will provide the same for the Rhythm dances. Sometimes called the "Dance Doctor", David has immense skill in identifying and helping dancers correct issues that interfere with their dancing. This will be a high value class for all dancers.

Monthly dance classes

The monthly group classes are structured so that there is a different dance featured each month.

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



Beginning dance classes teach the basic frame and body positions, a breakdown of the basic rhythm and steps. This class is open enrollment, with either a reduced rate by the month at \$30 for 4 weeks or by the week at \$10. February class is Rumba.

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. Students should enroll in this class at the beginning of the month so that everyone will be on the same “page” every week. \$30 for 4 weeks.

February Class is East Coast Swing.

NEW! INTERMEDIATE TECHNIQUE

Thursday

8:00 – 9:00 David Roland, 843-568-6888



This class will help all levels of dancers correct form and function to maximize ease and enjoyment in dance. In February, David will begin with Smooth Technique and will choose techniques common to

all smooth dances with a weekly emphasis on a different smooth dance. Next month will focus on the rhythm dances. \$30 for 4 weeks.

February class is smooth dance technique.

ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE

Tuesday

7:00 – 8:30 David, 843-568-6888



Refining good lead and follow is a major part of dance. 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. \$40 for 4 weeks. February class is 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



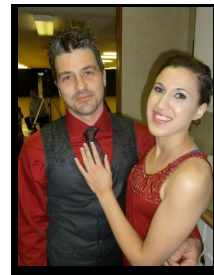
dances. The advanced dancer utilizes sway and contra-body where needed to enhance movement. You can remember about footwork and body position. This class will incorporate new and creative moves! \$30 for 4 weeks.

February Class is Bolero

NEW - OPEN CLASS!

Monday

8:00 – 9:00 Jason and Sheela (256) 348-6700



(256) 566-6222
Jason Creel and Sheela Agrawal will be offering classes open to all level dancers. In February they will be teaching Night Club Two Step-and later plans are for them to teach West Coast Swing, Salsa, Bachata, Country Two-Step, and more!

If you have a suggestion or a request, let Pam know! (843-276-7050) \$30 for 4 weeks. February Class is Night Club 2-Step

Workshop

Beginner East Coast Swing Workshop

Sunday, February 16, Debbie Housand

2:00 – 4:30 p.m. \$25 Members, \$35 Guests

Friday progressive series

Rumba with Debbie Housand. February 7, 14, 21, 28

Monthly group classes

Monthly Class Price List Members - January	One Class	Multiple Classes
*Monday Classes – 4 weeks	30	\$25
Monday Classes By the Week By Instructor Discretion	10	
*Tuesday Class – 4 weeks 1.5 hours	40	35
Tuesday Class By the Week By Instructor Discretion	15	
Wednesday Class – 4 weeks	30	25
Thursday Classes – 4 weeks	30	25
Thursday Classes 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)

Class and instructor evaluations

The Ballroom Dance Club of Charleston values its members' input on all aspects of the Club's functioning.

We now have paper forms at the check-in desk for you to evaluate classes and instructors as often as you like. These forms are short and quick, but very helpful. After completing the form, please place the form in the box provided. The forms are confidential and only composite information will be shared with the instructors. (Copy of form is on page 5.)

Your opinion matters, please help us improve our instruction, music, dance environment and club viability by completing these forms as often as possible. The backs of the forms are available for you to make suggestions and comments. Thank you for your help!

Regular dance parties

Fridays February has been reserved for a series of 4 Rumba lessons with Debbie. 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.

Party photos and vidgos

We have a nice selection of class and workshop videos to help us all remember what we learned!

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Videos Posted on Shutterfly

Night Club 2-Step Workshop by Sam and Denise M.
Quickstep Workshop by David Roland
Beginner Cha Cha Workshop by Debbie Housand
Viennese Waltz Class by David Roland
Bolero Progressive Series by Debbie Housand
American Tango Progressive Series by David Roland
Argentine Tango Workshop by Linda Scott

Party news

By Betsy Beldner

Another year to plan! How exciting! Mark your calendars! The major parties this year are May 3, Spring Ball, then, after Ballroom Dance Week's free lessons, Celebration Dance, Sat, Sept.27. Our Board Christmas Party is Saturday, Dec.13, and finally New Year's Eve, Wednesday this year! We begin Studio Nights, Fri, March 7 as our fabulous Fred Astaire friends, bearing food and drink, will rock our house!

BDC Theme parties? Up to you! What's your favorite? We have decorations, but need your hosting. Call Betsy 795-8680 and get on the schedule!

Dance Lesson Evaluation

Date _____ Instructor _____ Lesson _____

<u>Content of Lesson</u>	Too much	About Right	Not Enough
1. Number of Steps	_____	_____	_____
2. Technique	_____	_____	_____
3. Explanation	_____	_____	_____
4. Rotation and Practice Time	_____	_____	_____
5. Level of steps right for you?	_____	_____	_____

Lesson Environment (Rate 1 to 10 with 10 being the best possible)

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| 1. Was the lesson enjoyable | _____ |
| 2. Was the instruction clear? | _____ |
| 3. Was music used appropriately? | _____ |
| 4. Overall rating of instructor? | _____ |

Please write any comments and suggestions on the back of this form. Thank you!

This form is intended to provide feedback to the instructor so that they know what you prefer in dance instruction. It will be available at the front desk for your use after every class or party lesson. Please put it in the box provided. Only summary information will be shared with the instructor. (See page 4 for more information.)

Financial Report for December 31, 2013

Cash	\$72,728.63
Accounts Receivable	1,332.00
Accounts Payable	530.00

This four-page report shows our ending totals in each income and expense account for 2013 compared to 2012. If you have questions, please contact Connie at 843-754-5087 or connievance10@gmail.com

USA DANCE, CHAPTER 6021, BALLROOM DANCE CLUB OF CHARLESTON Period Ending December 31, 2013

Act #	Description	Amended Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Difference 2013-2012
INCOME					
400 CHAPTER DANCES CATEGORY F					
810	Friday Parties	6,100.00	6,360.00	5,650.00	710.00
815	Saturday Parties	8,900.00	8,381.00	10,177.00	(1,796.00)
820	Special Parties, Monthly	2,200.00	2,260.00	2,956.00	(696.00)
821	Studio Night (2012 started in Sept)	2,100.00	2,080.00	675.00	1,405.00
822	Spring Ball	550.00	565.00	520.00	45.00
823	Autumn Ball	750.00	740.00	770.00	(30.00)
825	Christmas Party	400.00	285.00	415.00	(130.00)
826	New Year's Parties (2012, 2011)	950.00	940.00	1,225.00	(285.00)
830	Sunday Parties (Gross, See #3805)	7,200.00	7,606.00	-	7,606.00
835	Pre-Paid Admissions	-	-	180.00	(180.00)
	Total Admissions F	29,150.00	29,217.00	22,568.00	6,649.00
410 NEWSLETTERS & INTERNET - CATEGORY G					
1310	Advertising in Newsletter	150.00	150.00	-	150.00
	Total Newsletters and Internet	150.00	150.00	-	150.00
420 MEMBERSHIP - CATEGORY H					
910	Chapter Membership Dues	5,200.00	5,326.00	4,422.00	904.00
915	USA Membership Dues	1,125.00	1,150.00	725.00	425.00
1010	USA Membership Dues to National \$50 from 2012	(1,175.00)	(1,200.00)	(675.00)	(525.00)
	Total Membership	5,150.00	5,276.00	4,472.00	804.00
430 COLLEGE PROGRAMS - CATEGORY J					
840	Bronze - Stephen Duane	3,300.00	3,140.00	2,357.50	782.50
842	Beginner - Debbie Housand (new)	1,500.00	1,580.00	-	1,580.00
845	Intermediate - Marina Fridmanovich 2012 9 mos, 2013 11 mos	1,850.00	1,910.00	1,932.50	(22.50)
	Total College Programs	6,650.00	6,630.00	4,290.00	2,340.00
440 K-12 PROGRAMS - CATEGORY K					
450 CHAPTER SUPPORT - CATEGORY L					
855	Anything Goes Class - Debbie	4,150.00	4,065.00	5,807.50	(1,742.50)
860	Advanced Class - David	5,675.00	5,910.00	6,852.50	(942.50)
865	Workshops	2,600.00	2,380.00	950.00	1,430.00
	Total Chapter Support	12,425.00	12,355.00	13,610.00	(1,255.00)

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Act #	Description	Amended Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Difference 2013-2012
460	MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL - CATE	-			-
1610	Interest Income	100.00	81.76	215.15	(133.39)
1110	USA Dance Rebate	-		140.00	(140.00)
1710	Floor Rental -Yoga, Showcase (in 2012)	350.00	255.00	1,191.00	(936.00)
1715	Floor Rental - Practice	475.00	595.00	-	595.00
1716	Floor Rental - Showcase, Misc	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
1720	Floor Rental - David Roland	4,450.00	4,552.00	5,170.00	(618.00)
1725	Floor Rental - Debbie Housand	1,600.00	1,685.00	1,195.00	490.00
1730	Floor Rental - Stephen Duane	2,100.00	1,920.00	1,245.00	675.00
1740	Floor Rental - Jason and Sheela	100.00		-	-
1760	Misc. Income - Long/Short, Other	1,200.00	1,095.00	191.00	904.00
	Total Management and General	10,475.00	10,283.76	9,347.15	936.61
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TOTAL INCOME		64,000.00	63,911.76	54,287.15	9,624.61

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Act #	Description	Amended Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Difference 2013-2012
	EXPENSES	-	-		
	500 CHAPTER DANCES CATEGORY F1	-			
2400	Supplies - Paper, Cups, Etc	1,000.00	976.80	966.88	9.92
2410	Drinks, Snacks, etc.	1,050.00	1,084.26	1,290.79	(206.53)
2420	Monthly Special Parties	250.00	231.32	335.86	(104.54)
2421	Spring Ball	100.00	103.66	154.00	(50.34)
2422	Autumn Ball	300.00	304.00	106.65	197.35
2424	Christmas Party	75.00	75.40	71.64	3.76
2425	Studio Night Parties	400.00	363.33		363.33
	(2012 shown in Spec. Parties)				
2440	New Year's Eve (2012 Party)	250.00	229.94	404.77	(174.83)
2450	Music Entertainment	300.00	300.00	299.00	1.00
	Band for Autumn Ball 2013	-			
3800	Instructors - Dances	2,000.00	2,590.00	2,500.00	90.00
3801	Instructors - Dances (BDC)	3,000.00	2,450.00	2,500.00	(50.00)
3805	Organizer Expense - Sunday Dances	5,800.00	6,051.00	-	6,051.00
	Sunday Dances 80% of Door	-			-
3810	Dance Host Instructor	950.00	970.00	-	970.00
	Total Chapter Dances	15,525.00	15,729.71	8,629.59	7,100.12
	510 CHAPTER DANCES OVERHEAD- CATEG	-			
3600	Building Rent	24,900.00	24,920.64	24,920.64	-
3610	Electricity	4,200.00	4,110.39	4,040.20	70.19
3620	Water	900.00	923.99	817.60	106.39
3630	Daily Maintenance \$25 Week	1,300.00	1,225.00	1,300.00	(75.00)
3640	Maintenance	1,500.00	1,415.28	838.29	576.99
	Filters, Repairs, AC Maintenance				
	Exit Lights, closet door				
3650	Cleaning \$45 x 56 weeks (4 Dec 2012	2,500.00	2,520.00	2,385.00	135.00
3655	Misc. Equipment	250.00	153.68	5.00	148.68
	Total Chapter Dance Overhead	35,550.00	35,268.98	34,306.73	962.25
	520 NEWSLETTERS & INTERNET - CATEG	-			
2700	Printing, Copies	250.00	213.29	355.21	(141.92)
3510	Website Costs (Domain final)	50.00	64.31	-	64.31
	Total Newsletters and Internet	300.00	277.60	355.21	(77.61)
	530 MEMBERSHIP - CATEGORY H				
	Total Membership				
	540 COLLEGE PROGRAMS - CATEGORY J				
3810	Bronze - Stephen Duane	2,500.00	2,400.00	2,650.00	(250.00)
3822	Beginner - Debbie Housand	650.00	600.00	-	600.00
3820	Intermediate - Marina Fridmanovich	2,150.00	2,250.00	1,700.00	550.00
	Total College Programs	5,300.00	5,250.00	4,350.00	900.00
	(1 hour classes)				

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Act #	Description	Amended Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Difference 2013-2012
550 OUTREACH PROGRAM					
3890	Free Lessons - National Ballroom Week	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
	2012 expense was shown in class exp				
	Total Outreach- Free Lessons	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
560 CHAPTER SUPPORT - CATEGORY L					
3830	Anything Goes Class - Debbie	2,550.00	2,450.00	2,812.50	(362.50)
	1 hour class				
3840	Advanced Class - David	3,600.00	3,450.00	4,112.50	(662.50)
	1.5 hour class				
3870	Workshops	1,300.00	1,198.00	-	1,198.00
	2012 expense was shown in class exp				
3875	Workshop Snacks	50.00	37.00	-	37.00
	Total Chapter Support	7,500.00	7,135.00	6,925.00	210.00
		-			
570 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL - CATE					
2490	Administrative Cost	650.00	660.79	320.40	340.39
	Quick Books Subscription, Checks, Deposit Slips, Calculator, Ink, Paper Bank Stamp, envelopes, Calendar Postage, Misc				
4310	Miscellaneous, Bank Charges	50.00	53.00	30.00	23.00
	Total Management and General	700.00	713.79	350.40	363.39
580 FUNDRAISING - CATEGORY O					
4210	Charitable Contributions			970.00	(970.00)
	Total Fundraising			970.00	(970.00)
					-
	TOTAL EXPENSE	65,075.00	64,575.08	55,886.93	8,688.15
				-	
	OPERATING LOSS	(1,075.00)	(663.32)	(1,599.78)	936.46
	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT(FLOOR)		(1,630.75)		