



# Newsletter

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## President's Corner

By Bob Olszewski

I hope everyone enjoyed the Valentine party. Every place we go to dance there is a shortage of men. This includes all age groups in Ballroom, Shag, Salsa, and any other type of dancing. The board has decided to help us old guys who are dancing with the ladies by having an instructor come on Saturdays from 8:30 to 10:30 to be a dance partner for unaccompanied ladies. Stephen Duane will be our Dance Host on a trial basis in March. If you don't have a dance partner, no worries!

We also are giving a more detailed description of the group dance lessons on page 3 to help you choose what is right for you. There are some minor adjustments to the Tuesday night dance class, which will now be advanced intermediate and include lead/follow and technique instruction.

At our annual meeting, we discussed that the club was operating at a loss for a number of months last fall. I am happy to report that we have started to turn this situation around. January produced a profit of \$169.56 and in February the board approved a budget for 2013 to help guide us through the year. This budget is on page 6 and we welcome your input.

Enjoy dancing and help our new dancers gain confidence.

## Help, we are lost!



Our group of fifteen blue tablecloths with white flower borders is missing. If you know where we are, please contact Betsy at 843-795-8680.

## Happy Birthday!

James Banks	Mar 11
Betsy Beldner	Mar 30
Jean Carlton	Mar 28
Steven Clark	Mar 6
Laura Downing	Mar 19
Hammond Eve	Mar 11
Tommy Ferguson	Mar 8
Marcia Hessert	Mar 1
David Hoskinson	Mar 19
Margie LaPorte	Mar 12
Cynthia Laroche	Mar 29
Terri Steely	Mar 31
Stephanie Stone	Mar 2
Joe Stringer	Mar 22
Normandie Updyke	Mar 17
Paige Wisotska	Mar 25

## Special Events

### Monthly Board Meeting

Friday, March 15, 6:00 – 7:30, BDC

### St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 16

7:30 Lesson, 8:30 Dance Party

### Fred Astaire Studio Night

Friday, March 22

7:30 Lesson, 8:30 Dance Party

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

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## Mystery Dancer

Be the first to guess the identity of this mystery dancer and win 2 free passes to a regular Friday or Saturday night dance! If you think you know, contact [ConnieVance10@gmail.com](mailto:ConnieVance10@gmail.com). (Last month's mystery dancer was Pam Levi.)



You sure wouldn't know it now from dancing with him but this Mystery Dancer said "Learning to dance was like growing pains – frustrating beyond belief. Instructors were zooming around the room while I was trying to remember slow slow quick quick slow!" His wife of 47 years conned him into going to his first dance studio in 1983, telling him that the introductory offer was only \$9 each. In 2000 they discovered BDC.

He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire and grew up in Lowell, Massachusetts. He spent most of his life in the military with an early start at the New York Military Academy. When he was just a child, he joined the army with training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and was sent immediately to Panama, where he spent many exciting days in the jungle as an infantry soldier.

That quickly convinced him that the Navy might be more to his liking. The Navy took him around the world – Pennsylvania, Maryland, California, Japan, Connecticut, Bermuda, Italy, and finally to Charleston. His final sea duty was a fleet ballistic submarine home ported in Charleston that patrolled out of Scotland.

In addition to his Army and Navy moves, travel has always been a favorite hobby and has taken them all over Europe, Africa, Hong Kong, as well as in-depth trips to several western states. One of his current goals is to visit every major league baseball stadium in the United States. Only eleven to go!

Another hobby was white-water rafting where he zipped through rivers in North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Maine, and Colorado through the Grand Canyon.

Who is he?

## Party Photos

We found that it is not feasible to put the photos on our main website. However, there is a link there to the Shutterfly site for our club.

BDC has a Shutterfly website dedicated to our very own ballroom dance club. Hundreds of photos for the Christmas, New Year's Eve, and Valentine's Dance Parties are now on this website (<http://charlestonballroomdanceclub.shutterfly.com>).

Keeping photos on this website will make it possible for you to print high-resolution photos or you can download a photo book to your own Shutterfly account. The photo book can then be shared with others via email, purchased, or just kept there to view

## NEW! Dance Host

BDC will have a professional dance instructor on hand every Saturday night in March from 8:30 to 10:30. His one and only mission is to dance with as many unaccompanied ladies as possible! The results will be evaluated in a month.

So if you like a good dance or more, come to BDC every Saturday night – no partner necessary!

## NEW! Advertising Space

Advertising space is now available to members at \$30 a month. Your ad will appear in the newsletter in a special Member Shopping section, on our website, and you will have a full-page space on our sponsor board to be located just inside the front door. We will help you design an ad or you can provide the copy. See page 6 for details.

## Gift Certificates Available!



Contact Connie for gift certificates in any amount you choose. We also have very nice pre-paid admittance cards for \$5 each. [Connievance10@gmail.com](mailto:Connievance10@gmail.com) or 843-754-5087.

Thanks to Inge and her daughter, Debbie, for developing gift-worthy Gift Certificates and Pre-Paid Admission Cards with matching envelopes!

## Monthly Dance Classes

Wow! What other dance club has 4 group dance classes scheduled every week plus an hour lesson on both Friday and Saturday! 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 step. 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



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

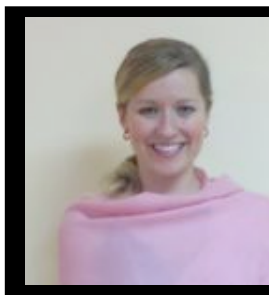
music. Now you are a basic dancer, beginning to lead and follow takes on new meaning. Beginning dance classes teach the basic frame and body positions, a breakdown of the basic rhythm and steps of the essential ballroom dances such as Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Swing, Rumba, and Cha Cha.

### INTERMEDIATE

#### Thursday

8:00 – 9:00

Marina Fridmanovich



You have been dancing for a while, you have the basics down, and you want to perfect your dancing. It's time for Intermediate Class. These classes will teach you how to move around the floor with confidence (sequencing

steps together), how to lead and follow, how to add drive to your steps, how to add styling (Latin movement, contra-body movement, arm styling, etc).

### INTERMEDIATE continued

The intermediate dancer needs to be able to change direction at a given moment, know the line of dance, and know the sequence of steps. You are beginning to “drive” your steps and move your own body versus someone moving it for you. You are mastering the components of dance so that you learn new patterns much easier.

### ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE

#### Tuesday

7:00 – 8:30, David Roland



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.

### ADVANCED – ANYTHING GOES

#### Monday

7:00–8:00 Debbie Housand



The advanced dancer is someone who already understands directional movement for all dances. You can change direction on a moments 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 in different movements. This class will incorporate new and creative moves!

Monthly Class Price List	
1 Monday Class - (4 weeks)	\$30
1 Tuesday Class - (4 weeks)	40
1 Monday, 1 Tuesday	60
1 Thursday Class (4 weeks)	30
2 Thursday Classes (4 weeks)	50
Non-members add \$10 per class for M, T	

## Monthly Group Classes

### **Mondays – Anything Goes Lessons**

Debbie Housand, 7:00-8:00

Advanced Waltz 4 weeks)

Stephen Duane 4:15-5:15

Youth Swing, Lindy Hop \$5 Person

### **Tuesdays – Intermediate to Advanced Lessons**

David Roland, 7:00-8:30

East Coast Swing (4 weeks)

### **Thursdays – Lessons**

Stephen Duane, 7:00-8:00

Bronze Foxtrot (4 weeks)

Marina Fridmanovich, 8:00-9:00

Intermediate Rumba (4 weeks)

### **Saturdays – Youth International Lessons**

Sandrina, 11:30-12:30, \$5

### **Sundays – Advanced Youth Lessons**

David Roland 1:00–2:00



## Congratulations!

On February 14 Sandrina and Brock had a new addition to their family! Here is Luke taking his first look at the world.

## Private Lessons

We are fortunate in that four great professional dance instructors have agreements to teach private lessons at BDC:

### **David Roland**

Phone: 843-568-6888

tdroland57@comcast.net

### **Debbie Housand**

Phone: 843-991-3601

housand111@aol.com

### **Linda Scott**

Phone: 843-693-0618

Dancnpengn01@gmail.com

### **Stephen Duane**

Phone: 843-557-7690

stephenduane@yahoo.com

## Dance Floor Available For Practice

Our dance floor is available to members for private lessons and practice. Please enter your information on the sign-in sheet located on the front desk. The floor-use charge for practice is \$10 per hour for members. (Private lessons include the cost of floor use.) Payment envelopes are on the sign-in sheet at the front desk. If you have questions, please contact Toni at 330-416-1712.

## Dance Parties

**Friday/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! Light snack food, sodas, and coffee are included as well. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Dress code is always your choice!

**Sunday** night parties include a great band most of the time – check out our website for details every week. While they do focus on Lindy Hop dances, there is music for ballroom dancers as well – especially on Big Band night!

Sunday, March 3 - She Goes He Goes

Sunday, March 10 – V-Tones

## Party Hosting

The Valentine's Party was a success. Over 50 people attended with almost 20 guests. Fabulous desserts and a bit of delectable 'real' food proved again our cooking skills. We had five instructors Julia, Ira, David, James, and Buck, who generously danced with us all. As a new idea, Stephen Duane was serving as our paid Dance Host to be sure every lady had a partner.

It was wonderful to have times that no one was sitting, everyone dancing, as we snowballed with four couples united at our club, and had a mixer that had the men searching for a Valentine partner drawn from a basket. Ladies, I'm sorry you did not get your chance, but I promise I am working on it!

Be sure to join us for the St. Patrick's Party on Saturday, March 16. The Spring Fling Ball will be on Saturday, April 20. Details will be in the next newsletter, but plans are well underway. Help will be needed for our other parties, so please call.

Check your calendar to see when you want to reserve a special event as I do have several dates already being reserved for Anniversary, Birthday and other celebrations. Otherwise, practice your best "Yes, I'd love to help!" answer as I call during the year. We have such an incredible club, able to dance three times every weekend of the year, plus special parties and Balls for those major Holidays. Wow, that does add up to many hands needed for the door and set-up. I do keep track so that no one should be asked too often, but I definitely need YOU! Betsy



# Member Shopping

Support your fellow dancers!

## Advertising Space



**BDC is now offering  
limited advertising space  
for members only.**

- \$30 per month payable in advance
- Ad this size located in the Member Shopping section at the end of the newsletter. The newsletter is e-mailed to approximately 200 dancers monthly.
- Ad this size located on the Website under “Member Shopping”. This is viewed by our fellow dancers and also guests searching the web for dancing.
- Space for you on a Sponsor Board at BDC.
- You supply the ad copy or we can help you develop one.
- Great for your business or to advertise a private party or event and help support BDC at the same time!
- Ads must not compete with BDC activities or services.

Is this  
**YOUR**  
space?

Note: This 3-page budget was based on previous years with some additions such as advertising and dance hosts. It will be monitored every month to make sure we are on track and adjusted as necessary. Your input is welcome!

2013 Budget - Adopted February 15, 2013  
USA Dance, Chapter 6021 - Ballroom Dance Club

Act#	Description	2013 Budget	2012 Actual	2011 Actual	2010 Actual
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>400 CHAPTER DANCES CATEGORY F</b>					
810	Friday Parties	5,600.00	5,650.00	6,292.00	8,377.00
815	Saturday Parties	11,400.00	10,177.00	9,198.00	11,641.00
	Add for dance hosts, subtract Studio N.				
820	Special Parties, Monthly \$270 x 10 (Last Yr)	2,700.00	5,336.00	5,442.00	6,008.00
821	Studio Night \$250 x 12 (\$329 last Yr)	3,000.00			
822	Spring Ball	500.00			
823	Autumn Ball	700.00			
825	Christmas Party	500.00			
826	New Year's Party (Actual)	950.00	1,225.00	959.00	(in special)
830	Sunday Parties	4,000.00	-		-
	\$80 Average x 50 wks (20% net, see exp)				
835	Pre-Paid Admissions	200.00	180.00	100.00	-
	<b>Total Admissions F</b>	<b>29,550.00</b>	<b>22,568.00</b>	<b>21,991.00</b>	<b>26,026.00</b>
<b>410 NEWSLETTERS &amp; INTERNET - CATEGORY G</b>					
1310	Advertising in Newsletter	1,500.00	-		-
	\$30 Month x 5 businesses x 10 mos, Members				
	<b>Total Newsletters and Internet</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>420 MEMBERSHIP - CATEGORY H</b>					
910	Chapter Membership Dues	4,600.00	4,422.00	3,597.00	3,845.00
	Current 96 Members x \$48 + New -Loss				-
	Project end year with same - 96 members				
915	USA Membership Dues	800.00	725.00	625.00	800.00
1010	USA Membership Dues to National	(850.00)	(675.00)	(625.00)	(825.00)
	\$50 from 2012				
	<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>4,550.00</b>	<b>4,472.00</b>	<b>3,597.00</b>	<b>3,820.00</b>
<b>430 COLLEGE PROGRAMS - CATEGORY J</b>					
840	Bronze - Stephen Duane	2,700.00	2,357.50	3,460.00	4,190.00
845	Intermediate - Marina Fridmanovich	2,700.00	1,932.50	2,754.00	-
	2012 was less than 12 months				
	<b>Total College Programs</b>	<b>5,400.00</b>	<b>4,290.00</b>	<b>6,214.00</b>	<b>4,190.00</b>
<b>440 K-12 PROGRAMS - CATEGORY K</b>					
<b>450 CHAPTER SUPPORT - CATEGORY L</b>					
855	Anything Goes Class - Debbie	5,800.00	5,807.50	4,989.00	5,577.00
860	Advanced Class - David	7,500.00	6,852.50	7,479.00	11,217.00
865	Workshops (Estimated at 2011, 2010 amounts)	1,500.00	950.00	1,567.00	1,433.00
	<b>Total Chapter Support</b>	<b>14,800.00</b>	<b>13,610.00</b>	<b>14,035.00</b>	<b>18,227.00</b>
<b>460 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL - CATEGORY N</b>					
1610	Interest Income - Certificate of Deposits	200.00	216.61	310.52	375.53
1110	USA Dance Rebate	150.00	140.00	-	-
1710	Floor Rental - Misc \$15 x 50 weeks)	750.00	540.00	540.00	540.00
1715	Floor Rental - Practice	1,400.00	in #1716	in #1716	in #1716
	2 hours x 52 weeks x \$10 + showc 40 hr				
1716	Floor Rental - Showcase, Misc	400.00	1,101.00	870.00	2,654.00
1720	Floor Rental - David Roland	4,800.00	4,720.00	2,755.00	3,690.00
1725	Floor Rental - Debbie Housand	1,200.00	1,195.00	1,310.00	2,445.00
1730	Floor Rental - Stephen Duane	1,200.00	1,245.00	1,115.00	2,040.00
1735	Floor Rental - Linda Scott (\$10 x 50 wk)	500.00	in #1716	in #1716	in #1716
N/A	Floor Rental - Marina				2,100.00
1760	Misc. Income - Long/Short, Other	50.00	191.00	335.98	390.15
	<b>Total Management and General</b>	<b>10,650.00</b>	<b>9,348.61</b>	<b>7,236.50</b>	<b>14,234.68</b>
<b>470 FUNDRAISING - CATEGORY O</b>					
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>66,450.00</b>	<b># 54,288.61</b>	<b>53,073.50</b>	<b>66,497.68</b>

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Act#	Description	2013 Budget	2012 Actual	2011 Actual	2010 Actual
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>500 CHAPTER DANCES CATEGORY F1</b>					
2400	Supplies - Paper, Cups, Etc	1,100.00	966.88	1,225.32	1,340.37
	5-year average				
2410	Drinks, Snacks, etc.	1,400.00	1,290.79	907.24	687.16
2420	Monthly Special Parties	2,300.00	668.15	1,933.99	1,885.30
2421	Spring Ball				
2422	Autumn Ball				
2424	Christmas Party				
2425	Studio Night Parties \$50 x 12 Months	600.00			-
2440	New Year's Eve (2012 Party)	300.00	404.77	205.46	in special
2450	Music Entertainment	-	299.00	-	-
	2012 had band for Lindy Hop in May				
3800	Instructors - Dances	2,000.00	5,000.00	4,750.00	3,910.00
3801	Instructors - Dances (BDC)	3,000.00			
3805	Organizer Expense - Sunday Dances	3,200.00			
	Sunday Dances 80% of Door				
3810	Dance Host Instructor	2,000.00	-	-	-
	Cost for Dance Host, Saturdays 2 hrs				
	\$25 hour x 2 hours x 40 weeks				
	(None on Studio Nights)				
	<b>Total Chapter Dances</b>	<b>15,900.00</b>	<b>8,629.59</b>	<b>9,022.01</b>	<b>7,822.83</b>
<b>510 CHAPTER DANCES OVERHEAD- CATEGORY F2</b>					
3600	Building Rent	24,900.00	24,920.64	24,919.92	22,436.72
3610	Electricity 5% increase	4,200.00	4,040.20	3,781.55	3,726.54
3620	Water 5% increase	900.00	817.60	848.73	765.84
3630	Daily Maintenance (David \$25 week)	1,300.00	1,300.00	200.00	-
3640	Maintenance	1,300.00	838.29	3,244.27	4,470.62
	Air filters - \$100				
	Refrigerator filters - 90				
	Water filters - 60				
	Wood Floor Repair- 400				
	Misc. toilet repair 100				
	A/C Annual Maintenance \$300				
	Exit Lights \$150				
	Programmable Thermostats \$ ?				
	Repair old CD player for backup \$100				
3650	Cleaning \$45 x 56 weeks (4 Dec 2012)	2,500.00	2,385.00	-	-
3655	Misc. Capital	600.00	5.00	5,147.42	1,648.60
	Deco Lighting \$500				
	Safe \$60				
	<b>Total Chapter Dance Overhead</b>	<b>35,700.00</b>	<b>34,306.73</b>	<b>38,141.89</b>	<b>33,048.32</b>
<b>520 NEWSLETTERS &amp; INTERNET - CATEGORY G</b>					
2700	Printing, Copies	500.00	355.21	402.82	492.09
3510	Website Costs (Domain final)	50.00			
	<b>Total Newsletters and Internet</b>	<b>550.00</b>	<b>355.21</b>	<b>402.82</b>	<b>492.09</b>
<b>530 MEMBERSHIP - CATEGORY H</b>					
	Total Membership				
<b>540 COLLEGE PROGRAMS - CATEGORY J</b>					
3810	Bronze - Stephen Duane	2,650.00	2,650.00	2,250.00	2,200.00
3820	Intermediate - Marina Fridmanovich	2,650.00	1,700.00	1,850.00	1,779.00
	FY12 was not 12 months				
	(2010 added \$284 for Linda)				
	<b>Total College Programs</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>	<b>4,350.00</b>	<b>4,100.00</b>	<b>3,979.00</b>

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<b>550 K-12 PROGRAMS - CATEGORY K</b>					
3890	Youth Class	-			
	Total Youth Class	-	-	-	-
<b>560 CHAPTER SUPPORT - CATEGORY L</b>					
3830	Anything Goes Class - Debbie	2,600.00	2,812.50	2,787.00	2,041.50
	\$50 x 52 weeks				
3840	Advanced Class - David	3,900.00	4,112.50	4,172.00	3,521.00
	\$75 x 52 weeks				
3870	Workshops	700.00			
	2012 & prior paid as part of class)				
	<b>Total Chapter Support</b>	<b>7,200.00</b>	<b>6,925.00</b>	<b>6,959.00</b>	<b>5,562.50</b>
<b>570 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL - CATEGORY N</b>					
2490	Administrative Cost (x= already spent)	600.00	320.40	174.84	344.59
	xQuickBooks Software - on-line \$55				
	xChecks, Deposit Slips \$118				
	xCalculator \$35				
	Ink \$200				
	Paper \$50				
	xBank Stamp \$20				
	Envelopes \$30				
	xFlash Drive \$10				
	xInstructor Calendar \$25				
	x postage -0-				
	Misc.				
4310	Miscellaneous, Bank Charges	100.00	30.00	145.00	358.00
	<b>Total Management and General</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>350.40</b>	<b>319.84</b>	<b>702.59</b>
<b>580 FUNDRAISING - CATEGORY O</b>					
4210	Charitable Contributions	-	970.00	705.00	1,389.77
	<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>970.00</b>	<b>705.00</b>	<b>1,389.77</b>
					-
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGETED</b>	<b>65,350.00</b>	# <b>55,886.93</b>	<b>59,650.56</b>	<b>52,997.10</b>
	<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>	# <b>(1,598.32)</b>	<b>(6,577.06)</b>	<b>13,500.58</b>



