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**Polish Heritage Party** - Hosts:  
Margaret Markiewicz and Urszula  
Jones; DJ: Bob Hyatt; Reception:

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## *President's Corner* by Pamela Levi

November 2015

### **Survey Results and More!**

Many, many thanks to all of you who completed the Ballroom Dance Charleston survey. Knowing your

thoughts on improvements, and future directions for Ballroom Dance Charleston is critical to the health and growth of our organization. Your time is valuable and your ideas and suggestions are being taken very seriously.

First, I would like to thank the members who wrote such reaffirming comments directed at the Board and all the volunteers. It is only human to be delighted in the many positive and generous compliments given to Ballroom Dance Charleston. On behalf of the Board and the Hosting, Finance and DJ committees-thank you!

All the results and comments on the survey are available for members to read and the actions taken on the survey results will be shared at our annual meeting. I hope you will plan to attend. This year the meeting is on Saturday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. The annual meeting will once again be held at the main library of Charleston County, located at 76 Calhoun St, Charleston.



**Harvest Gala Party;** Hosts: Jackie Kohn, Susan Lawson and Kim Pearson DJ: Bob Hyatt; Reception: Les Pearson

We will be providing a comprehensive response and plan as a result of the survey, but we are already meeting some of the member's suggestions. One of the two top choices of members for workshops was **Samba**. Mike Hogarth will be teaching a samba workshop (his favorite dance) on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

The second most requested dance that members were interested in having soon was **Shag**! We are trying to get some great shag lessons in before too long. Stay tuned for much more in the way of survey results and plans to meet their outcomes.

An important if secondary gain to reading comments made by members is the opportunity to clarify issues and misconceptions. The overall response to the music and DJ's was very positive. In the survey it was noted that the DJ's had been provided a laptop full of music. DJ's are not dictated to and required to play music from the laptop. The laptop is a music resource that has come from the libraries of the professional instructors, other DJ's and donations. Playlists of all kinds of music for the DJ's to use or not use -without personally having to buy the music- are available. BUT-no one is required to use any music they do not wish to use. Just thought I would clarify that for those of you who were concerned the DJ's were being overly directed. They are an especially nice group but so far as I can tell, not one of them would allow much dictation on any topic, much less their playlists. Thanks for the opportunity to set the record straight!

## *Birthdays*

Ginga Cox.....November 1  
 Cathy Richardson.....November 3  
 Janice Coopeland.....November 10  
 Roger Elliott.....November 14  
 Ernest J. Groome.....November 15  
 Bill R. Downing.....November 16  
 Georgia Ramey.....November 16  
 Jody Martindale.....November 18  
 Lou Cristo.....November 19  
 Nemia Ruz.....November 25  
 Mari Judy.....November 26  
 Jake H. Halford.....November 26  
 Lea Vergona.....November 27  
 Liza Bickley.....November 27  
 Keelea N. Foley.....November 28  
 Millicent F. Softy.....November 30  
 Ann Kassen.....November 30

## *Special Events*

**Samba Workshop,  
 by Mike Hogarth**  
 Sunday, November 8, 2015  
 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
 \$25 Members/\$35 Non-Members

**Board Meeting**  
 Sunday, November 15, Calhoun Library  
 2:00pm

**Tailgate Theme Dance Party**  
 Saturday, November 21, 2015  
 7:30pm -West Coast Swing by Jaimie &  
 Monica Emerine  
 DJ: Jaimie Emerine  
 Reception: Susan Brock  
 Host: Marcia Hessert

## *Name the Mystery Dancer*

*Win a free pass for Friday or Saturday night party*

Who am I?

My grandparents came to the United States from South America with 5 sons and a daughter. My mother was the 9-year-old daughter. My grandfather worked on the Panama Canal where he met my grandmother. I was born in Savannah, GA but grew up in downtown Charleston. Among the many jobs my mother had was that she worked at the old cigar factory downtown. I have many special memories of growing up in Charleston including playing in Hampton Park, wonderful movies at the theatres on King Street (this was before TV) and walking across Marion Square with my brother to get to St Patrick's School. I was married in St. Patrick's Church in Charleston and raised two children while holding jobs in retail and banking. I have two wonderful grandchildren. I did move away for an extended period of time but returned in 2000 to be close to my brothers. I instantly fell in love with dancing in 1994 and have been hooked ever since. I value my family most in life and feel very proud of my children and grandchildren. My hobbies are reading and crafting.



Can you guess who I am?

**Please reply to this email with your best guess.**

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## *October Mystery Dancer and Winner*

The Mystery Dancer for October was JoAnn Flynn. Ruth Freedenberg guessed the right answer and received a free pass. Please be sure to look for JoAnn around the ballroom and tell her how much you enjoyed reading about her.



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## *November Class and Instructor Profiles*

Please [click here](#) for complete Class and Instructor Profiles for November.

## Group Classes Scheduled for November

**Monday: 7:00pm** Advanced Samba, by Debbie Housand

**Tuesday: 7:00pm** Intermediate Viennese Waltz, by David Roland

**Wednesday: 7:00pm** Beginner E. Coast Swing, by Debbie Housand

**Thursday: 6:00pm** Technique, by David Roland

**Thursday: 7:00pm** Intermediate Cha-Cha, by Michael Hogarth - follows Debbie's beginner Cha-Cha class in October with the Intermediate level in November.

**Saturday: 3:00pm** International Rumba, by James Jiang - every Saturday in November

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## *Spotlight on New Members*

**Donna and Leonard Baker** - Welcome to BDC. We are so happy to see you on the dance floor having a great time. Donna was born in Paterson, NJ and Len in Camden, NJ. Our beautiful weather is what brought them to Charleston. They have lived in Magnolia, NJ, Maui, Hawaii and Summerville, SC. Donna retired after a career in Management Analysis. Len retired from his career as a FAA Technical Program Manager. Their first dance experience was with Arthur Murray Dance Studio. Dancing continues to be one of their hobbies as well as gardening, golf and traveling. They are blessed with a daughter and 3 wonderful grandchildren.



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## *Parties and Videos*

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