



South Shore Dancers

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"Winter Wonderland", Our December Theme

Our weather department is trying hard to accommodate with a bit of white stuff. Let's just hope they don't let their enthusiasm overwhelm us. As is our custom, we all get out the holiday fancy duds for the occasion.

At 7:30, **Audrey Jean** will fill our dance stockings with a **ChaCha** selection to enrich our Latin dance repertoires. Audrey always has cooked up some fun and we're looking forward to it. Before that, line dance impresario **Steve Cavanaugh** will review the line dances planned for the evening so we can all participate without hesitation. **Lestyn Gilmore** will take over at 8:00 with a fine selection of dance music. Through the holiday season, many will try to mix in music for the season, but nobody has the "good stuff" like Lestyn.

As usual, you can expect a superior table of snacks and sweets to keep your energy up. We thank in advance those who contribute to that. We will have the usual mixers and Ladies Choice dances.

Admission is \$12.00 for SSD and USA Dance members with advance reservation and \$14.00 for non-members and members without advance reservations. As of this writing, there are plenty of tickets available. For reservations, call Tom at 781-659-4703 or email us at tickets@southshoredancers.org.

Lend A Hand Donations



We are again collecting donations for the **Patriot Ledger Lend-a-Hand campaign**. Last year, we raised a **donation of \$2,432.00**, including SSD's match of \$1000. We plan again to make a matching donation for the first several hundred dollars, amount to be determined. We hope to top last year's total. Collection boxes

will be available at our December dances. Envelopes will be provided for your convenience if you prefer to mail a Donation (SSD, PO. Box 276, Norwell, MA 02061) up until Christmas Day. We will write a single SSD check to consolidate your gifts so please make your **check payable to South Shore Dancers**, with Lend-A-Hand indicated in the memo block. Thank you in advance.

Red, White & Blue - On Display

Our November dance was again dedicated to our Veterans. In keeping with our "Best of..." series, this month was no exception. We honored their special day with colors of our US flag.

We got started with a Tango lesson provided by **Paul Hughes**. Paul must have read our newsletter last month where we told readers that he would pack a lot into his lesson because he challenged us. As usual, some got it all and all got some.

DJ **Tom Osterland** followed with a pre-programmed playlist including a couple of Mixers and some Ladies' Choice dances. A pair of Line Dances were led by our own **Steve Cavanaugh**. Participation in the line dances was greater than usual, perhaps due to the review that Steve conducted at the start of the program.

Celebrate the New Year Early - Saturday 12/28

We will again celebrate the New Year on the Saturday between Christmas and New Year's Day. That way, we get to do it twice if we like or we get to do it without driving on New Year's Eve. Positive feedback from last year has us returning to the **served hot hors d'oeuvres** followed by **delicious pastries**.

We'll again have the balloons, the Grand March, the "Snake Dance" and have a dancin' good time, with **DJ Tom Osterland**, starting at **7:00 PM**.

We'll have our usual line dances, ladies choices and two mixers to provide dancing opportunities for everyone. There won't be the usual lesson preceding the dance as we want everyone to relax, socialize, dance at their own pace and enjoy the ambiance of the ballroom.

We won't have the snack and sweets table set up, so the only contribution we are soliciting (aside from Lend-a-Hand) is the contribution of your presence. [Reservations](#) can be made at our [December](#) dance event, [e-mail](#) or by mail to South Shore Dancers, P.O. Box 276, Norwell, MA 02061.

As this is a catered event, we'll need **pre-paid reservations** of \$40.00 per person, no later than **December 24th**. Hint, hint, nudge, nudge: you could save a stamp and include your Lend-a-Hand donation too.

Dancing on TV - DWTS - Final Results=Toss-up

Another season in the can. After the bruising DWTS took with last season's results controversy, revisions were made. Some were in the right direction, especially the "judge's save". Some, who felt that this was a dance contest as opposed to a popularity contest, thought the viewers had too much influence. The judges never had much influence, even though they controlled 50% of the score. This year, it appears that the producers; i.e. ABC, exerted more control over the process. Also, it was clear that Sean Spicer had no business getting past week 3. The judges knew and wanted him gone. It actually reached the point of embarrassment as their comments became more and more nasty and their scores lower, even as he improved. Then **James Van Der Beek** got scored low enough to get into the "bottom two" and was eliminated by the judges' save of **Ally Brook**. He was the best pure ballroom dancer and would have done well in the finals but we'll never know.

WHERE TO DANCE ON THE SOUTH SHORE

Recurring Mid-week:

Monday 12/9: **Sociables** at Lake Pearl, Wrentham

Most Wednesdays - 7-11 at **Moseleys**, Dedham

New Year's Eve: **Dancing Feeling** @ Rhodes on the Pawtuxet - Cranston,RI; **Studio One** - Lincoln, RI;
K & S @ Lake Pearl, Wrentham, MA

Weekend	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12/6 - 12/8	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton Studio One , Lincoln, RI	Ellen Brodsky - Falmouth K & S - Newton Dancing Feeling - Warwick,RI	DanceSport Boston Gala Showcase - River Club - Scituate
12/13 12/15	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton Dancing Feeling - Warwick, RI	SSD - Winter Wonderland K&S - N. Providence	Norwood Sunday Dance DOCMA Winter Ball - Lake Pearl, Wrentham
12/20 - 12/22	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton Norwood Sr. Ctr. - Norwood Studio One , Lincoln, RI	Cape Cod Dancers - Betsy's, Yarmouth Dancing Feeling - Warwick,R	TBA
12/27 - 12/29	Balera - Newton	SSD - New Years - Norwell Dancing Feeling - Warwick,R	TBA
1/3 - 1/5	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton Studio One , Lincoln, RI	TBA GO PATRIOTS!	Norwood Sunday Dance
1/10 - 1/12	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton	TBA	TBA
1/17 - 1/19	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton Studio One , Lincoln, RI	Cape Cod Dancers - Betsy's, Yarmouth	Norwood Sunday Dance