



South Shore Dancers

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Next: 'Hawaiian Holiday': Sat. 3/11

We punch our way into March wearing Leis. That is purely for psychological effect because we all know it is not yet grass skirt season. For starters, we will have a **Waltz** lesson presented by **Paul & Kelly Wybieracki**. We hope you will join us for this lesson to expand your repertoire with this classic dance style.

Paul & Kelly brought home honors from their recent travel to Phoenix for the **United Country Western Dance Council, Country Dance World Championships**, aka 'Worlds'. They won the Division 2, Silver World championship and were runner-up in the diamond event. For definitions of the Categories and Levels in the competition, get ready to study a lot. **CONGRATULATIONS, PAUL AND KELLY!**

Music will be provided by **Lestyn Gilmore** at 7:30. Her variety of music will include music to contribute to the aforementioned thaw. The program will include a couple of line dances and a couple of mixers and ladies' choices to give chances for all to dance.

The South Shore Dancers will provide water, coffee and tea. Again, we invite our guests to contribute snacks and/or sweets to enhance our table. We are pretty much out of the store-bought, Covid-proof snack packs and would like to encourage our guests share some attractive replacements.

Reservations are required to get the discounted price of \$12 for SSD Members and USA Dance Members. For all others, admission will be \$14. Email us at **Tickets@SouthShoreDancers.org** or call Tom at 781-659-4703. **Please DO NOT REPLY to this email with your reservation.**

February: "Victorian Valentine"

SSD blended the seasons and themes again. Or was it Christmas in Cuba? Our evening began with a Bolero lesson with **John and Anna Maria Paul** who gave us an excellent introduction to **Bolero**. Keep trying to get that rise and fall with sensuous sway; hips, not so much. Do that slow Rumba if you must, but do join the Bolero in coming months.

Much thanks to DJ **John Peters** who picked it up from there. He provided his excellent variety of music including our favorite rhythms along with line dances, mixers and ladies choice dances.

Other Upcoming Dances:

Norwood Sunday Dances March 5th and 19th first and third Sundays of the month at the Norwood Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St. in Norwood. Dance music from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Snacks and beverages are available. Admission is \$15 per person. For information, call 617-759-1568 or go to www.norwoodsundaydance.com for the latest schedule.

Roseland Dances Mar. 12th and 26th

History of the Waltz Dance

Originating among the rural peasant communities of continental Europe, the waltz soon made its way to proper society despite its reputation as an “immoral” dance simply because the dance required the man to put his arm around the woman’s waist.

First waltzes were danced in the location of today’s Germany and Austria, back in 13th century. The style was immediately picked up by other nations, who each created its own form and style of the dance. The form we know today was born in the suburbs of Vienna and Austria’s mountain regions.

Editors Note: The original waltzes were typically performed at a quick tempo requiring relatively simple choreography. As popularity of waltz spread, a slower variation gained popularity and was called the English Waltz, or simply Waltz. The original, quick tempo style became known as the Viennese Waltz.

Ballroom Terminology

Contributed by Martha Cobb Kelly

Supporting Foot: The foot which bears the majority of the body weight.

Top Line: The line created by the head, neck, shoulders, arms and back, usually in dance position.

Dancing with the Stars Tour

Back in January, some board members attended the Dancing with the Stars Tour at the Wang Center in Boston and Mohegan Sun in Connecticut. Everyone had an excellent time and thoroughly enjoyed the performances. While the pros look great on television, seeing them perform in person gives you a better appreciation for their dance skills and showmanship. If you have an opportunity to attend this show, we highly recommend it.

Magnificent Storehouse; An Update

Back in October, we advised that our Magnificent Storehouse was to become unavailable to us. That date is upon us as of the end of the month. SSD **stuff** is now ensconced in a couple of Members’ garages. This was not really an optimal situation so we continued our search. First, we owe a big thank-you to former Director, **Ellen Miller**, for interim use of her garage to store the first tranche of stuff (3 shelf units). Then we owe thanks to Director, **Martine Anderson**, for her broad-based canvassing of her neighborhood to secure an unused portion of a whole garage bay for an indeterminate term. The second tranche has been moved there and Ellen’s tranche will follow in a short time. All is well and the new Storehouse has a Magnificent view of the South Shore from its hilltop location.