



South Shore Dancers

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'Cabaret': Colors Are Black and Red

Contributions by Martine Anderson and Ellen Miller

What good is sitting alone in your room?

Come hear the music play

Life is a cabaret, old chum

Come to the Cabaret

Put down the knitting, the book and the broom

It's time for a holiday

Life is a cabaret, old chum

Come to the Cabaret

So, with renewed spirits and a "spring in our steps", we are very excited for the upcoming dance on Saturday **May 14th**. The theme for the dance will be "Cabaret". Yes, indeed, "Life will be a Cabaret, old chum" when we enter into the dance hall that evening. **Jim McMahan** will delight us with a Swing lesson starting at 7PM. Music will be provided by **Lestyn Gilmore** as our DJ. Since we had heard positive feedback on the return of Waltz & Foxtrot mixers, we will continue to include them as well as assorted ballroom line dances. Line dances will include the **Cabaret** Line Dance led by **Steve Cavanaugh**.

The South Shore Dancers will provide bottled water, coffee and tea. In addition, there will be a variety of fruit, light prepacked snacks, crackers and cheese. We welcome any additional delectable delights our guests would like to share.

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.** A reply will go to our Webmaster, not the Reservations Department. This causes extra work and possible confusion.

The April 'Garden Party' Dance

Contribution by Ellen Miller

The Garden Party Dance held 4-9-22 was certainly a delight for all. Seeing many folks dressed up in Spring-like colors and outfits was a welcome sign that we can finally shed the winter boots and mittens! Although we had some initial computer difficulties with the music, delaying the Foxtrot lesson, our guest instructor, **Audrey Samara DiBona**, covered beautifully. By the end of the lesson, we were able to pull it together with the help of a "geek squad" made up of several guests attending the dance. Many thanks to all who helped undo that snafu.

DJ **Lestyn Gilmore** then got us dancing with her excellent variety of music as the computer glitch was history. We had enthusiastic participation in the **mixers** and the **line dances**.

Reminder: June Dance Will Be On the 18th

Other Upcoming Dances:

Norwood Sunday Dances May 15th and June 5th

Paul Hughes and Judy Silverstein are continuing their program of dances on the 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.

Dancing on TV: CDWM, SYTYCD and DWTS

Newcomer from CBS is *Come Dance With Me*, a family dance competition series that began in April and airs on Fridays at 8:00 pm. The show features talented young dancers from around the country (ages 9-15) who invite one untrained family member to be their partner. Expectations for the parent/partners are low but we have been pleasantly surprised at the effort they have made.

Each week, the contestants are assigned a dance style and music from a popular artist to perform together, working with a professional choreographer to get their show act ready. GRAMMY(R) Award-winning songwriter Philip Lawrence hosts the series which features music from popular artists across all genres. Judges of the competition include one of Hollywood's most prolific dancer and actresses, Jenna Dewan; professional celebrity dancer Dexter Mayfield; and renowned hip hop choreographer Tricia Miranda. Observations on the judging: the judges score on a scale of 10 but give scores mostly between 5 and 8. The scores are added together and, at the end of the show, the two lowest scoring teams are required to "dance for their lives" with one being eliminated.

So You Think You Can Dance, the REAL reality show, which sought out skilled dancers from around the country to work with renowned choreographers and compete in a variety of styles, ran for 16 seasons on Fox until 2019. It has been off the air for two years, due mostly to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But now it's returning with a new set of judges (conspicuously absent is series creator **Nigel Lythgoe**, who says he was not asked to return). **Stephen 'tWitch' Boss** returns to the *So You Think You Can Dance* stage after being the runner-up in season 4 and frequently returning as a choreographer. **Matthew Morrison** brings his dance acumen as a Broadway star and song-and-dance man on *Glee* to the proceedings. And digital superstar **JoJo Siwa** brings her upbringing as a dancer (and her recent run on ABC's *Dancing With the Stars*) to the table. The show's host since the beginning, **Cat Deeley** is returning.

What's happening with *Dancing With The Stars*? The questions most viewers want answered are still in discussion. There are some non-changes: some with mixed reviews. It looks like we will have the same judges (We like **Derek Hough** and **Len Goodman**.) It has been announced that **Tyra Banks** will be back too. This was not met with applause by all.

The most significant change is that DWTS will be moving to a new network, (same owner) **Disney+**. That means that we will have to pay for the streaming service. The stand-alone price for Disney+ is \$7.99/month or \$79.99/year. But there are ways to get it for less with tie-in deals with Amazon Prime and Amazon Music and others.

No announcements yet about the cast of professionals although Sharna Burgess will likely not return as she and husband are expecting. Not much rumbling either about the stars for the season which is scheduled to return to its Monday night time slot in September.