



South Shore Dancers

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Next Dance: 'Ballroom Bistro' Sept. 10

We hope all of you had a super summer with more freedom to get social. We will kick off our 32nd season on **September 10th** with a theme of "**Ballroom Bistro.**" This may seem like an odd theme. Your typical bistro is a **small** restaurant with a few tables and nice food usually served promptly. Ballrooms are supposed to have space for dancing – not the same thing. To pull this off, we will have to overcome this apparent planning gaff. **John Peters** will delight us with a Rumba lesson starting at 7 pm. Music will be provided by **Tom Osterland** as our DJ. Our program will include two mixers (a Foxtrot and a Waltz), a line dance and 4 or 5 ladies' choices.

The South Shore Dancers will provide bottled water, coffee and tea. In addition, there will be a variety of fruit, light pre-packed snacks, crackers and cheese. For most of our history, we invited our Members and guests to add any additional delectable delights they would like to share with others. We would like to see this tradition return as the variety was appreciated by all.

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.

'Denim 'n' Lace' Returned in June

The Denim 'n' Lace is a theme we have used to feature a bit of leaning into Country and Western dance styles. Since many ballroom dancers were less familiar with these styles, there was only a token inclusion in our play-list. As C&W is gaining in popularity, look for more the coming season. The **Night Club 2-Step** lesson by **Paul & Kelly**

Wybieracki was well received and was possibly the first for many of us. Another highlight was the **Barn Dance Mixer**. It had been a while since we had done this mixer and we were a bit rusty. But by the second chorus of "Wild, Wild West" we all had it down and, best of all, there were no injuries.

We were pleased to see several couples dressed in western style outfits. We had enthusiastic participation in the other mixers and the line dances.

Ballroom Terminology

Contributed by Martha Cobb Kelly

Outside Underarm Turn: An underarm turn in which the lady turns to the left under the leader's left hand, or to the right under the right hand.

Rhythm: the underlying pulse created by the various musical and percussive instruments playing a piece of music; the beat.

Other Upcoming Dances:

Norwood Sunday Dances Sept 4th and 18th

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.

John Peters at Plymouth Boys & Girls Club – Sept. 24th

John will host a dance at the Boys & Girls Club, 9 Resnik Rd. in Plymouth. It has a huge hardwood floor, 26,000 square feet. The dance goes from 7:00 pm and ends at 10:00. Admission is \$15 per person, **CASH only**. Seating is chair and stadium-style bench. John plays a variety of ballroom, Latin and swing music and will play 3 line dances and either a waltz or foxtrot mixer.

SSD Needs Space for Stuff

Over the decades of SSD's existence, we have accumulated a supply of decorations and props to dress up the Cushing Center for the dance themes we present each month. Members who have attended over the years can recognize some of the items that have reappeared from year to year. Have any of you seen SSD's **Magnificent Store House**? You all must know our Property Administrator, Joan Paquette? She makes multiple trips to her car before and after the dance to fetch and return the Stuff to the Magnificent Store House. Actually, the Magnificent Store House is the facility which also houses the business of Members **Read McCarty** and **Eileen Gay**. They have generously donated a corner of their warehouse for the past 15-plus years.

Well, all good things must come to an end. Read and Eileen are retiring and are selling their business. We wish them well as they dance off into the sunset, leaving us needing a new Magnificent Store House. Actually, we need about 15 feet of wall-space to put our shelves. It needs to be heated so the bins don't freeze and we need to access it before and after dances. Any thoughts would be welcome.

Dancing on TV: Dancing with the Stars et al

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, but with her over-the-top personality diluted by the welcome addition of **Alfonso Ribeiro** who won Season 19.

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; more on that later.

So You Think You Can Dance just wrapped up a comeback season after taking 2 years off due to COVID. New judges were installed: Jojo Siwa, Steven (Twitch) Boss and Leah Rimini.

Come Dance With Me debuted and is trying to figure out if they will do it again next year.