



# South Shore Dancers

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## It's December; Time for the Holiday Gala

Let's get into the holiday spirit with some happy dancing. We are looking forward to having John Peters share a Waltz combination with us that he has been saving up since last summer. So be in the hall by 7:00 with your shoes on.

Then at 7:30, **Lestyn Gilmore** will provide a us with a wonderful variety of dance music. She has the best collection of holiday ballroom dance music. Whereas most will offer seasonal music to get you in the spirit of the holidays, it is not always the most dance-inspiring. Lestyn's is the exception and we **will want** to dance.

As has been our practice since COVID was visited upon us, we will suspend our mixer dances and add extra line dances and Ladies' choice dances.

The Club will provide bottled water, coffee and hot water. There will be a refreshment table. All of the food items will be wrapped by the manufacturer or by Mother Nature (tangerines, etc.)

**Reservations are required to get the discounted price of \$12** for SSD Members and USA Dance members. Email us at [Tickets@SouthShoreDancers.org](mailto:Tickets@SouthShoreDancers.org) or call Tom at 781-659-4703. For all others, admission will be \$14.

## Lend A Hand Donations



We are again collecting donations for the [Patriot Ledger Lend-a-Hand campaign](#). Last year, we raised a **donation of \$2,700.00**, including SSD's match of \$800. We plan again to match the first \$500 (at least) and hope to top last year's total. Collection boxes will be available at our dance. Donations may also be mailed in (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.

## Holiday Week Extended; New Years Dance Sat. 1/1

We will again celebrate the New Year on the Saturday between Christmas and New Year's Day. We have to squeeze the calendar some. As long as we get in before midnight on New Years Day, it counts. That way, we get to celebrate twice if we like or we get to do it without driving on New Year's Eve. Positive feedback from our last party 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 and ladies choices 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.

# We Did Red, White & Blue November 13

In a SSD first, we had a **Bachata** lesson provided by **Paul Hughes**. We haven't seen very many of our guests jumping up to dance when we play Bachata music. Paul is of the opinion that we might be missing out on something and did something about it. We learned the basic step and several variations. Later, he introduced a Bachata linedance.

Then, **Tom Osterland** cranked up the music box for us to dance. Hopefully the extra line dances added to the schedule served as a partial compensation for the missing mixer dances.

## Other Upcoming Dances:

### Norwood Sunday Dances Dec. 5 and Dec. 19

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](http://www.norwoodsundaydance.com) for the latest schedule.

### First CCBD dance since Covid! December 18 at Betsy's Ballroom

Holiday Dance Party will be held at Betsy's Ballroom, aka Yarmouth Senior Center, 528 Forest St. in Yarmouth. **John Peters** will DJ from 7 to 10pm. Festive attire encouraged. Bring your own refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages. Water will be provided. Proof of vaccination required; masks optional.

Admission \$15/P; \$10/P for USA Dance Members; No Charge for CCBD Members. Capacity is 60 people.

## *Dancing With the Stars: Surprise Finale*

Hard work pays off. Jojo Siwa and partner Jenna topped the judges' scores more weeks than any other couple. They were closely followed by Amanda Kloots and Alan. After that came Cody Rigsby and Cheryl. Those three couples were not a surprise to see in the finale. But the fourth finalists, Iman Shumpert and Daniella, were not on many people's lists. They scored well with the viewers in the last three weeks with some very creative choreography and Daniella carried Iman through in parts. They covered their height difference (30-inches) very well. Iman maintained his posture and didn't dance "down" to Daniella although, at times he looked like he was guarding the basketball rim. They did a clever strategic thing in their "free-style" dance. They did a high-speed step sequence but performed the steps as solos. This way, the high risk of getting out of synch was avoided. It was exciting to watch. The judges had them tied for first and the audience vote put them over. While Iman was clearly not the best dancer, he was clearly the most improved. Derek Hough said he was the best NBA star ever to appear on the show