

Dear Ballroom Dance Friends—

Thanks so much to all 161 members and guests who braved the weather and joined us at our March dance. It was really a fun evening. Mark Van Sickle and the DFW Musicmakers did a fabulous job of playing great music. Reese and Gail jumped in at the last minute and taught some very nice Mambo steps. Despite the dreary weather outside, it was bright with plenty of sunshine inside.

This year we have three new board members whom I hope you will have an opportunity to meet. Minnette Kless serves as Vice-president; Walt Hannon has stepped in as our Membership Chair, and Francisco Gonzalez serves as Secretary. This month I would like to share some additional information about our VP—Minnette Kless.

Minnette brings a tremendous background to our board because she has been a dancer since childhood. During that time, she has enjoyed ballet, tap, jazz, Contra, and now ballroom. In fact, Minnette met her husband, Harold, because of dancing. They have taken lessons for over ten years from Margaret Kochan and have participated in several showcase performances. Her goal is to see that BDD continues to thrive and grow. Thanks so much, Minnette, for giving of your time to serve our club.

On April 20, we will have an opportunity to enjoy another great Saturday evening. The Classic Swing Band will be playing fabulous dance music, and our lesson on Foxtrot will be taught by Margaret Kochan from A Dance to Remember. That's a great combination that's hard to beat.

So, don't miss out. Debasish Mridha said, "Let us dance as if life is a dance of our soul and spirit. Life is the most beautiful dance on the most beautiful stage we call Earth." And, don't get caught in the dark on April 8.

Until then—happy dancing.

Linda

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Ballroom Dance Dallas

April 2024



Spring Has Sprung Ball

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Sokol Hall – 7448 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. - Dance 8 - 11 p.m.

Featuring: Classic Swing Band

Dance Lesson: Foxtrot - 7 p.m. **Instructor:** Margaret Kochan

Admission: Members \$15 Guests \$20 Students 16 & older \$10 (Cash or Check only)

Dance Hosts for Unescorted Ladies - Waterfall Dances

Attire: Ladies: Dressy or After 5

Gentlemen: Dress Shirt (Long or Short Sleeved), Dress Slacks (No jeans please)
Coat & Tie Optional

Reservations: 6 or more, contact Mary – 715-379-4683 or maryefares@yahoo.com

Get bottled water, beer, wine, popcorn & tap water at snack bar. OK TO BRING SNACKS.

NOTE: Texas Liquor Laws dictate alcoholic beverages must be purchased on site.

Next Dance: May 18, 2024



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The Classic Swing Band for several years now, has expanded their repertoire to include a number of favorite ballroom dance styles. The band's fun versions of a tango, waltz, salsa, cha-cha, rumba, and their extensive line-up of swing styles, are enjoyed by dancers young and old. Not only have they been booked at several dance clubs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but they also make regular trips to West Texas where they are in demand at the Midland Ballroom Dance Society.



Margaret Kochan will teach Foxtrot. Margaret has taught ballroom dancing since 1991. In Poland, she trained at the Academy of Physical Education in Krakow and the School of Arts and Culture, in Warsaw. In the U.S., she earned an Advanced Ballroom Teaching Certification from Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Inc. Margaret specializes in American and International Ballroom styles as well as Argentine Tango, West Coast Swing, Carolina Shag, Country & Western, and Cardio Ballroom. She opened A Dance to Remember studio in Rockwall in 2008. Classes easy to understand with emphasis on technique, styling, and fluidity of movement. Margaret served five years as principal coach and adviser to the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts in their primary fundraiser, Dancing with the Stars. She has been the choreographer for Rockwall's Chapter of the National Charity League's Annual Debutante Ball, designing and teaching Father-Daughter Senior Waltz Presentations since 2009.

OFF

BROADWAY

NEXT Dance: Saturday, May 18

Way, Way off Broadway

Featuring: Doc Gibbs

&

Elaine Hewlett teaching Lindy Hop Swing

6 & 8 Count

*Photos from March dance
We Like To Paddy*

By Ron Turner

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BALLROOM DANCE DALLAS

Date: _____ **2024 MEMBER APPLICATION**

Members receive notices of each upcoming dance as well as a monthly newsletter by e-mail. Members also receive our yearbook of fellow club members with addresses and phone numbers. (Any member may request not to publish their information).

Membership dues for 2024 ~ \$40 per person

Please return Membership Application with your check for \$40 payable to: Ballroom Dance Dallas (BDD)

Mail to: Walt Hannon – Membership, 1447 Lonestar, Allen, TX 75013

2024 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please print clearly.

Name _____ Birthday (month & day only) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email:

If there is anything you don't want shared with others, please note on application.

Questions about Membership contact Walt Hannon at 469-585-0312 or walt@saberdevelopment.com

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