President's Message for August 1, 2023

Dear Friends—



Our July dance was a wonderful evening with close to 225 in attendance. Kudos to you for being there and bringing guests.

There were close to 30 veterans recognized including Jesse Verdin who served in the Korean War. Thanks to each one of these men for giving of themselves to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. Kelley Fletcher and her band made it an evening to remember as we sang "God Bless America" and then presented each branch of service. It was a goose-bumper event.

Laura and Greg Thrash did an outstanding job of teaching Night Club 2 Step and dazzled all of us with their showcase performance. Thanks so much to them for providing an excellent lesson as well as entertainment.

Our next dance will be August 19 and will feature the sounds of Dave Tanner, a well-known musician throughout the area. There will also be a Cha Cha lesson taught by Israel and Lisa. They have been with us before and taught some very nice moves.

As a reminder, August is still a month for **casual** dress; however, September is our anniversary ball and **formal or after-five attire** is highly suggested.

In the meantime, stay as cool as you can in the blistering heat, and remember that Sokol has a fantastic air-conditioning system.

See you August 19!

Linda Henrie

We should consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once. Friedrich Nietzsche



Ballroom Dance Dallas August 2023



Saturday, August 19, 2023

Sokol Hall 7448 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231 Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. - Dance 8 - 11 p.m.

Featuring: The Dave Tanner Band Dance Lesson: Cha Cha Cha - 7 p.m. Instructors: Lisa & Israel Admission: Members \$15 Guests \$20 Students 16 & older \$10 Dance Hosts for Unescorted Ladies - Waterfall Dances

Attire: Ladies: Dressy Casual, or After 5 Gentlemen: Dress Shirt (Long or Short Sleeved), Dress Slacks (No jeans please) Coat & Tie Optional

Reservations: 6 or more, contact Virginia - 214-789-3035 varoberts2020@gmail.com

Get bottled water, beer, wine, popcorn & tap water at snack bar. OK TO BRING SNACKS Texas Liquor Laws dictate alcoholic beverages must be purchased on site.

Next Dance: September 16, 2023



The Dave Tanner Band's roots were in the Dallas recording scene of the 1970's. As session musicians on countless albums, singles, commercials, and film scores, they began branching out into live performances in 1980. Always in demand, they are a favorite band at Fortune 500 events, weddings, ballroom, and country club dances.





Lisa Holt and Israel Peña: Lisa and Israel Peña are International Latin Ballroom competitors and teachers. Lisa has taught dance for over 25 years and has been a head instructor, program curriculum developer, and choreographer for NCA Danz, NCA collegiate program, and USA dance. She is a former captain of the NCA national award-winning Navarro College ShowStoppers dance team, and a 5-year veteran of the Dallas Mavericks Dancers. Israel, Motown born and Texas raised, graduated from UNT where he discovered his passion teaching Salsa classes. He taught master classes at Booker T. Washington, UTD, Texas Women's University, and UNT. He competed in London and at the Blackpool Dance festival and attended the World Dance Congress. His coaches include Martin Lamb and Shirley Ballas. Israel and Lisa started their own ballroom program at Power House of Dance in Frisco and Dallas.

Next Dance – September 16 – Anniversary Ball Razzle Dazzle/20s Theme with DFW MusicMakers Band and Margaret Kochan teaching Tango

Photos from July Dance Red, White & Blue: Patriotic Ball

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