

President's Message for February



Hello Ballroom Dancers—

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported our Club by attending our January dance. It was cold outside, but the temperature inside was nice and warm. Vicho Vicencio and his Moonlight Orchestra provided some wonderful dance music, and it was fun to practice the Cha Cha Chase turn that Ben Dela Vega taught us. Thanks to the musicians and Ben.

You still have time to join as a member of Ballroom Dance Dallas. Membership is a \$40 annual cost. However, you can also become a sponsor. There are several levels of sponsorship that begin at \$250 per person per year. This level provides the benefits of free admission and a quarter-page ad in the Yearbook for one year. Other levels are available too; you can find more information about each one on our website: www.ballroomdancedallas.net. Forms for both membership and sponsorship will also be available at the reception desk at our next dance.

Be sure you have February 17 down on your calendar for our Sweetheart Ball with the theme of "I Want to Hold Your Hand." The Kelley Fletcher Band will provide the music, and Lisa and Israel will teach a lesson on the beautiful Bolero dance. With that combination, you can count on a great time.

And remember---"Never miss a chance to dance."

See you February 17.

Linda





Ballroom Dance Dallas

February 2024



Sweetheart Ball



I Want To Hold Your Hand

Saturday, February 17, 2024

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

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

Featuring: *The Kelley Fletcher Band*

Dance Lesson: *Bolero* - 7 p.m. Instructors: *Lisa & Israel*

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: March 16, 2024



Join Ballroom Dance Dallas and enjoy the perks: \$15 entry fee, receive all emails, and your name will be included in the directory. Find more info about levels of membership on our website www.ballroomdancedallas.net.

The Kelley Fletcher Band: After playing with the Dixie Scots at Highland Park High School, Kelley Fletcher studied music at East Texas State University and Texas Tech University. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music education and a master's degree in trumpet performance. For 28 years, she was band director in several Texas schools, retiring from Greenville High School. After decades of being the lady trumpeter in several area bands including Jack Melick Band and Doc Gibbs, Kelley formed her own group, The Kelley Fletcher Band. Kelley credits Marilisa Safford, Bob Cartwright, Jack Melick, Doc Gibbs, and Tommy Quon for helping her get started in the music business and for encouraging her to start her own band.



Lisa Holt and Israel Peña: Lisa and Israel will teach Bolero. They 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.



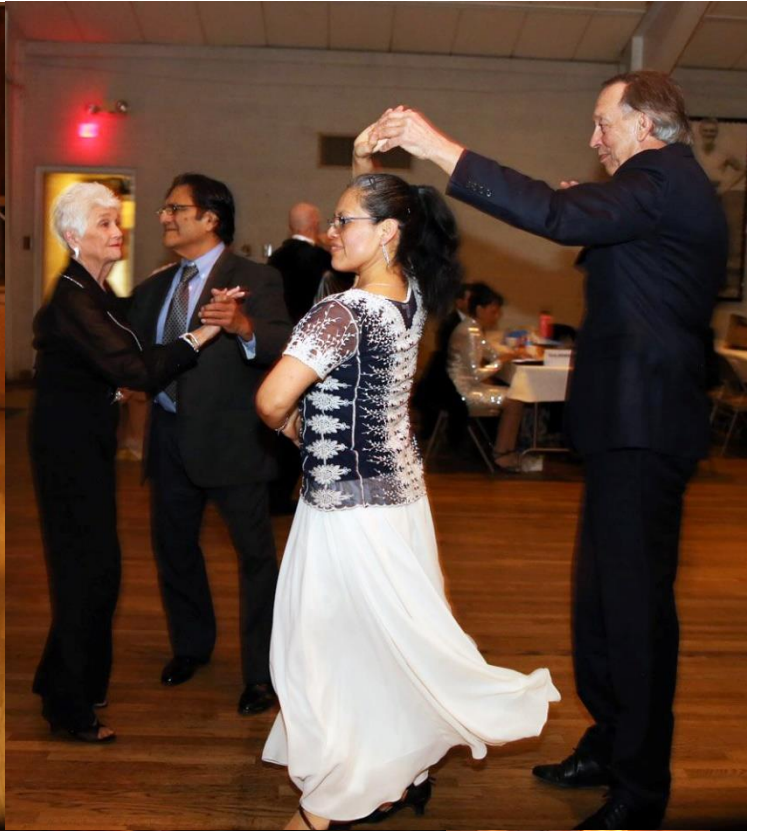
NEXT Dance: Saturday, March 16
We Like To Paddy
*Featuring: Mark Van Sickle Music
& Vince Duhon teaching Mambo*

Photos from January dance: Snow Much Fun

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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