

President's Message for January



Dear Dancers—

We hope that your holidays have been enjoyable and filled with celebrations with family and friends. All of us are looking forward to dancing the night away each month at Ballroom Dance Dallas.

Our December dance was a great way to wind up our year. As always, Dana Vonn did a terrific job of teaching us a Rhumba routine that can be incorporated into what we already know. The Dave Tanner Band provided the music and played a variety of tunes that went along with our theme. Did anyone else know you could waltz to the Chipmunk Song? Kudos to Dave for his work to adapt his playlist to fit our theme.

If you are not already a member, it isn't too late to join. The membership fee of \$40 annually allows a reduced admission price, so please consider becoming a member. There are also sponsorships available beginning at an annual amount of \$250 per person; benefits include free admission for the year for one person per sponsorship and a ¼-page ad in our directory. Other levels of sponsorships are also available, and there is additional information about these on our website or by asking one of our Board members.

Our first 2024 dance will be Saturday, January 20. Ben Dela Vega will teach a lesson on Cha Cha Chase turns, and Vicho Vicencio and his Band will provide our music. Those are great incentives to attend, so make plans now to join us as we kick off the next year and have "Snow Much Fun." The schedule for the entire year is posted on our website, so be sure to add these dates to your calendar.

In the meantime, enjoy dancing in the New Year and stay safe. We will look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Best wishes—

Linda Henrie



Ballroom Dance Dallas

January 2024



Snow Much Fun

Saturday, January 20, 2024

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

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

Theme: ***Snow Much Fun***

Featuring: ***Vicho Vicencio & The Moondance Orchestra***

Dance Lesson: *Chase Turns/Cha Cha - 7 p.m.* Instructor: *Ben Dela Vega*

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: February 17, 2024



***Join Ballroom Dance Dallas** and enjoy the perks: \$15 entry fee, receive all emails,
and your name will be included in the directory.*

Vicho Vicencio and The Moondance Orchestra:

Multi-instrumentalist and bandleader Fernando (Vicho) Vicencio studied music theory and woodwinds, with emphasis on saxophone, in Vina del Mar (Chile), his birthplace, and in Barcelona (Spain). He joined Chile's top dance and show orchestra and toured extensively through South America and Europe. Next, Vicho worked in Spain, Italy, Scandinavia, and Switzerland. He joined the Swiss Radio Light Music Orchestra based in Zurich and became a main soloist. He also led his own radio combo specializing in Brazilian-style jazz and American standards. In the late 1970s, Vicho relocated to the United States. Later, he accepted a long-term engagement at the Treehouse in Austin. Afterward, Vicho settled with his family in Dallas where he taught woodwinds and performed with the finest bands in his new hometown.



Ben De La Vega, born in Barcelona, Spain, and raised in San Antonio, Texas, has been dancing since age 5. He has taught ballroom dancing over 50 years, spending the last 35 in Dallas. Ben offers both private and group lessons at his studio, PJ's Dancetique, along with a popular Sunday evening party open to the public from 6 – 9 PM. We're excited to feature him at our January dance teaching Cha Cha Chase turns.

NEXT: Saturday, February 17

I Want To Hold Your Hand

Sweetheart Ball

***Featuring: The Kelley Fletcher Band
& Lisa and Israel teaching Bolero***



Photos from December dance: Holiday Ball

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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