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Anniversary Ball

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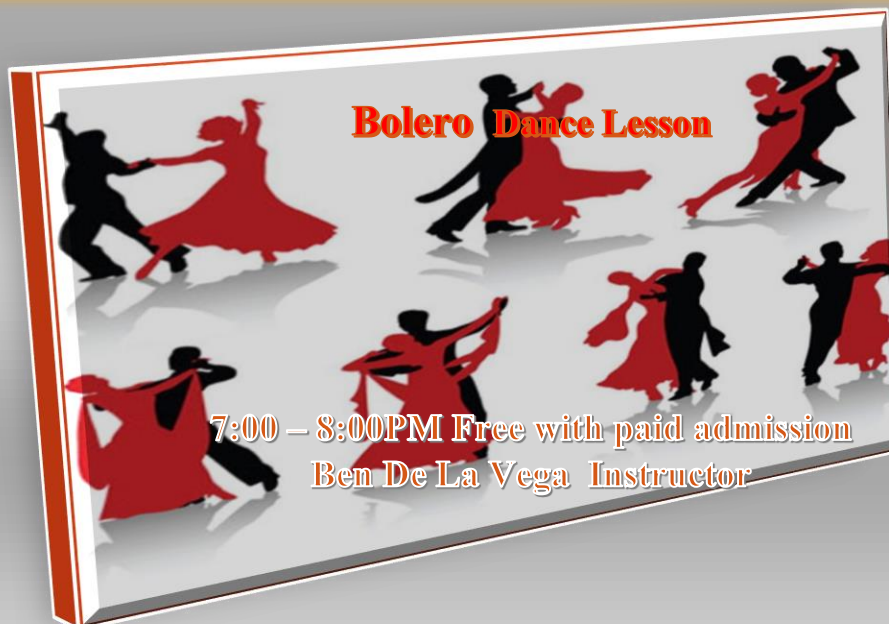
Kelley Fletcher Orchestra

Saturday September 21, 2019

Admission Members \$18 - Guests \$23

SOKOL Hall

Students \$10



DANCE HOSTS AVAILABLE FOR UNESCORTED LADIES*

Please make reservations beginning on September 16 by calling Shirley Houston @972.207.3949 or email houstonshirley@att.net
Contact Warren Slaughter @ 972-768-9321 for additional information.

Winter Dress Code is in effect

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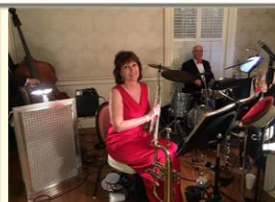
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello BDD Members, WOW WHAT AN AUGUST. We had two dances with great turnouts, great bands, and lots of dancing. The Back to the 50's was our last 5th Saturday dance. We had 187 attendees utilizing the relaxed dress code and lowered entry fees. Numerous Poodle Skirts, jeans, and turned up collars were seen on the floor. Everyone was rocking to the music of Doc Gibbs and his band.

We have four dances remaining for 2019, beginning with our Anniversary Ball on September 21, with member favorite Kelley Fletcher, and her orchestra. Vice President Lili Ming has a special message on the last page about pastries being served at the break.

See you at the front door

Warren Slaughter, President



Our Headliner – Kelley Fletcher Orchestra:

Kelley studied music at TAMU-Commerce, East Texas State, and Texas Tech. She has played lead trumpet for the Jack Melick Orchestra for many years. Kelley wishes to thank Marilisa Safford for starting her in the music business, along with Bob Cartwright, Jack Melick, Doc Gibbs, and Tommy Quon. They encouraged her to start her own band, which she has done. We are pleased to feature Kelley and her orchestra at Ballroom Dance Dallas.



Ben De La Vega will be teaching Bolero: Ben is a senior Dance Expert with over thirty years teaching experience: 'Internationally Certified as a Dance Instructor', a member in good standing as a 'Dancesport Coach' with the United States Amateur Ballroom Association (USABDA) and registered as a 'Pro-Am Teacher/Competing Professional' with the National Dance Council of America (NDCA.) You are in the best of hands! Please join Ben as he teaches a marvelous Bolero.

Bolero: The dance known as Bolero is one of the dances in American Rhythm ballroom dance category. The first step is typically taken on the first beat, held during the second beat with two more steps falling on beats three and four (cued as "slow-quick-quick"). In competitive dance the music is in time and will range between 96 and 104 bpm. This dance is quite different from the other American Rhythm dances in that it not only requires Cuban motion but rises and falls such as found in waltz and contra body movement. Popular music for this dance style need not be Latin in origin.

Upcoming 2019 Ballroom Dance Dallas Dances

October 19.....Masquerade BallSokol.....Warren Cook Orchestra
November 16.....Thanksgiving Ball.....Sokol.....Vicho Vicencio Orchestra

November 30 **NO DANCE**.....

Other DFW Area Dances

USA Dance Dallas Saturday, October 5 7:30PM SOKOL
Metro Dance Club DFW Ft Worth
Tanglefoot Dance Club Ft Worth

<http://www.usadancedallas.org/>
<https://metrodanceclubdfw.org/>
<http://www.tanglefootdanceclub.org/>

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2020 Nominating Committee

The "Nominating Committee" has been selected. Committee members are Virginia Sumrall(Chairman), Bob Clark, Sharon Thomas, and Mitch Duplechan. Their duties are to select and nominate a slate of officers and directors from the membership to serve on the 2020 Board. The nominees will be presented to the membership at the October 19th dance with election of officer and directors at the November 16th dance. Installation of the 2020 Board will take place at the December 16th dance.

Hello Members,

So happy that so many of you attended the Fiesta and Back to the 50s dances. We want to thank Publicity Director Joe Smith for his comprehensive and well-crafted newsletter which got the word out. Table Reservations guru Shirley Houston reported that we received so many table reservation requests at the last dance that there were few unreserved tables left. The euphoria throughout the evening certainly resonated with us.

We have been hoping for your input on ways to make Ballroom Dance Dallas even more popular, and it was good to know that many of you like a relaxed dress code sometimes, Doc Gibbs playing 50s music, and dance instructor Margaret Kochan teaching the East Coast Swing. Looking ahead to next year, we would like to provide opportunities to also dance the many wonderful ballroom dances, beyond swing, that were popular throughout the various decades. If you have any ideas on new themes for ballroom dances during the next year, here is your chance to let us know by contacting Program and Entertainment Director Randall Scott, who was instrumental in coordinating the music and dance instruction with the Back to the 50s theme and made the dance so enjoyable. Randall's email address is randallscott75080@sbcglobal.net. You can also put your ideas in the comment box at the next dance.

As promised, we are pleased to offer French desserts to attendees of the Anniversary Ball on September 21, 2019. Our plans are to get a head count of attendees at each table during the 9 p.m. break and to bring an assortment of desserts to the table. This way we hope to minimize the disruption to your dancing and keep the floor clear for dancers. To enable us to accomplish this during the 15-minute break, we ask that attendees be seated briefly during the 9 p.m. break until their table is counted by Board members and volunteers. We hope you will enjoy this treat and look forward to the pleasure of your company at the Anniversary Ball.

Lili Ming
Vice President
Board of Directors
Ballroom Dance Dallas