

October 2021

A word from our President:

At our General Membership meeting on September 8th, we had the opportunity to recognize and thank Dee Townsend, our retiring Vice President of Classes, for her many years of service. Dee served our Club with passion and diligence for over two decades. Dee leaves big shoes to fill, but Lynna Overby and Mary Brown are off to a fantastic start taking over.

I want to give a shout out to our Treasurer, Sue Scott, who worked many hours along with our new Webmaster, Chris Carter. Please read her article. The Website now WORKS!

Thanks to all the volunteers that continue to make our Club strong and lots of fun.



Mark Cereghino

Next Dances

October 16

December 11

Kirkwood Community Center

Time: 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Just \$10 per person



As usual, DJ Stan Collins will provide choice selections for your enjoyment. Our VP of Dance, David Weber, and his two cohorts, Ellen Brommelhorst and May Chu, will have the tables set up and will offer a variety of snacks and beverages. We will have dance hosts as well.

In honor of the holiday season, we are planning something extra remarkable for the December dance! Watch the website for more information as we near that date.



THE WEBSITE RETURNS!

Thanks to the help of Chris Carter of 314media, our website is functioning better than ever. After approximately 60 emails regarding updates and testing and several phone calls, Chris led the way to improved forms, more attributes and PayPal connections that actually work.

Noticeably, the menu bar has a new appearance with a drop-down menu for Class Registration & Membership. This includes registration for Membership as well as a selection for each class: Novice, Silver and Gold. Each of these allow one to register either by mail or to pay online through PayPal or another chosen source.

The Groupon site provides a means for those who have purchased our Groupon package to register with Lynna Overby, our Vice President of Classes, as well as the Treasurer who will enter the data with Groupon, and the Membership Chair who will add the purchaser to our membership roster. The Groupon package includes membership.

The Board of Directors lists all the current board members as well as a new drop-down item, Contact Us. This form provides an avenue to contact any board member with a private message. Another new item on the menu bar is Covid Protection that provides one a method to anonymously notify our organization should a person realize they have exposed others to Covid-19.

Next Session: October – December 2021

Tuesday Evenings October 26 -- December 14 No class November 23 & 30

** Partners Required **

7:00 - 8:00 PM Silver American Waltz & Rumba
8:00 - 9:00 PM Silver International Foxtrot & Cha Cha

Thursday Evenings October 28 -- December 16 No class November 25 & December 2

** Partners Required For 9:00 class only **

7:00 - 8:00 PM Introductory Social Dance Foxtrot & Cha Cha
8:00 - 9:00 PM Intermediate Social Dance Waltz & Rumba & Triple Swing
9:00 - 10:00 PM Pre-Silver Foxtrot & Cha Cha

Friday Evenings October 29 -- December 17 No class November 26 & December 3

** Partners Required **

7:00 - 8:00 PM Gold American Foxtrot & Cha Cha
8:00 - 9:00 PM Open International Waltz & Rumba



September Picnic

Ballroom Dancers are sociable folks and thus easy to talk to. So it wasn't a surprise that when they got together for a picnic in the beautiful Skow Shelter of Tilles Park in Ladue on September 19, the camaraderie and conversation flowed freely. The weather was perfect and even the normally ferocious Tilles flies were in a polite mood.

This year, due to health concerns of COVID-19, the Board Members of St. Louis Ballroom Dancers decided not to have a pot-luck picnic. Instead, guests were advised to bring their own victuals. The club pitched in by supplying beverages and some packaged snacks. A generous lady brought some delicious baklava and Madeleine cookies.

The event gave us a chance to deliver a "hip-hip-hurrah" to our beloved and dedicated teacher, Diana Roberts, who is always patient with our clumsiness, and makes our life so much richer by exposing us to the highest quality of dance instruction. We are very pleased that we could arrange to have the picnic this year, and we hope that as the pandemic fades away we can arrange more get-togethers with our dancing friends.



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*The St. Louis Ballroom Dancers
were deeply satisfied with the
flooring repair we did in August
at Creve Coeur Government
Center gym.*

Class Registration Form

Date: October - December 2021 Six week session
Location: Creve Coeur Government Center
300 North New Ballas Road, Creve Coeur
Instructor: Diana Roberts



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***** Advance Registration is requested *****

Please register online at www.stlouisballroomdancers.com

Tuesday and Thursday classes: \$35 per member - \$40 per non-member. \$5 additional to register at the door.
Friday classes: \$40 per member in advance only
Classes held in the gymnasium. Please call Lynna at 314-803-9925 for additional information.

To register by mail, please fill out form below and mail with check payable to ST. LOUIS BALLROOM DANCERS to :
Lynna Overby, 666 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63119

Name: _____ Member? Yes or No

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Emergency Text Number: _____

Phone : Home _____ Work _____ I need a partner ____ (Thurs 7 & 8 only)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please circle desired classes below for **Fall 2 session: October - December 2021.**

7:00 - 8:00 TUESDAY	7:00 - 8:00 THURSDAY	7:00 - 8:00 FRIDAY
8:00 - 9:00 TUESDAY	8:00 - 9:00 THURSDAY	8:00 - 9:00 FRIDAY
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In accordance with St. Louis County mandates, masks are required for all class members, including those who have been vaccinated.

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Attendance: Everyone should arrive at least 10 minutes before class time. **Please attend ALL the classes.** Regular attendance is necessary since each week builds upon the past week. No registrations for class sessions will be accepted after the second week of classes.

The teen children and grandchildren of the members of the St. Louis Ballroom Dancers will be admitted **FREE** to any of our dance classes if they are between the ages of 13 through 18. They must have their own partner and **THEY MUST PREREGISTER** for the class. (Their partner does not have to be the child or grandchild of a member. If a partner is between the ages of 13 and 18, there will be no charge, but if they are 19 or older, they must pay adult prices.)

In the event of an emergency cancellation of class due to weather or other circumstances, every effort will be made to reschedule. In the event that a class cannot be rescheduled, a refund will not be made.

Because ballroom dancing, by definition, involves close contact with other dancers, please limit the use of perfumes, colognes, and scented products of any kind, as well as being mindful of basic hygiene of the body and breath.

St. Louis Ballroom Dancers is not responsible for any personal injury incurred while attending our classes.

PARTNERS

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Single dancers should exchange phone numbers with their Assigned Partners so that they may notify each other if they need to miss a class, preferably six hours in advance. This is a basic courtesy as some dancers drive great distances to attend classes.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to prevent action that can hurt or intimidate another person, the St. Louis Ballroom Dancers club expects persons attending its functions to behave in a mature and responsible way. All participants at club functions will respect the rights and dignity of others.

None of the behaviors below will be tolerated:

- Angry or vulgar language, including swearing, name calling and shouting;
- Physical contact with another person in any angry or threatening way;
- Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language, or any other menacing behavior;
- Behavior which intends to or results in the theft or destruction of property;
- Carrying or concealing any weapons or devices which may be used as weapons and;
- The sale, possession, distribution, or use of any illegal substance.

Members and guests of the St. Louis Ballroom Dancers are encouraged to report any violation of this Code of Conduct to a member of the Board of Directors. The St. Louis Ballroom Dancers Board of Directors will investigate all reported incidents and take action that is reasonable and fair.

Termination of membership/participation privileges may result from any violation of the Code of Conduct.

Membership Renewal

September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022



Please renew no later than November 15
IF NOT VACCINATED, PLEASE WEAR A MASK DURING CLASS AND EVENTS

There are two ways to renew your membership:

Print, fill out, and mail whole form to:
Norman Pratt, Membership Chairman
10065 Bunker Hill, Apt. F
St. Louis, MO 63123 -7446

- OR -

Go to : stlouisballroomdancers.com
Click Membership to fill out the
online form.

COST: \$15 PER HOUSEHOLD

Name: _____

Birthday (Mon/Day) _____ Male ____ Female ____

If registering as a couple, please add the information for the second person.

Name: _____ Anniversary (Mon/Day) _____

Birthday (Mon/Day) _____ Man ____ Woman ____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date Received _____

Would you like to receive the newsletter by email? Yes ____ No ____

Would you like to have your contact information included in a members' directory? This directory would be shared with members only. Yes ____ No ____

Would you be interested in volunteering for any of the following?

Dances ____ Classes ____ Board Member ____ Other _____

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