



South Shore Dancers

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"Romantic Rendezvous" - February 8th

As we continue to reprise our Best Of Themes, February is Valentine month. We'll push the calendar a bit and start our celebration a few days early. Dance and Romance go together; they even rhyme.

To get us in the mood, **John Peters** will provide us with a bit of **Rumba** to add some extra romance to the evening. John always provides us with something interesting to build our repertoire. **Lestyn Gilmore** will then take the mike and provide us with some romantic dance music as well as some other music that will perk you up.

New This Season - Line Dance Lessons at 7 pm

Six years ago South Shore Dancers started holding a monthly line dance evening, to practice our classic line dances like the Waltz and Samba line dances, and to learn some new **ballroom** line dances. Over the 5 years we ran this dance we had many people dance with us, usually about 20 people a night. But not many SSD Members were attending due to work and traffic on weeknights.

So this season we are trying something new. On the nights we hold our monthly dance we are having **line dance** lessons starting at **7 pm**. **Steve Cavanaugh** will teach/review the 2 line dances planned for that evening, so when they come up on the program everyone can step onto the floor with confidence.

We began the lessons at our November dance and have had many people coming early to join us on the floor at the beautiful Cushing Memorial Hall. We look forward to welcoming all of you to this new part of our monthly dance events.

As usual, you can expect a superior table of snacks and sweets to keep your energy up. We thank in advance those who contribute to that. We will have the usual mixers and Ladies Choice dances.

Admission is \$12.00 for SSD and USA Dance members **with advance reservations** and \$14.00 for non-members and members without advance reservations. As of this writing, there are plenty of tickets available. For reservations, call Tom at 781-659-4703 or email us at tickets@southshoredancers.org.

"Winter Wonderland" Brought Back a December Favorite

Our weather department cooperated, holding off the nasty stuff, making it easy enough to get out to party by car, not dog-sled. As is our custom, we all got out the holiday fancy duds for the occasion.

To get us started, **Paul Hughes** provided us with something interesting to build our repertoire. **Lestyn Gilmore** gave us some of her best music for the holidays, including a couple of Mixers and some Ladies' Choice dances.

We thank the generosity of our guests who contributed to the table of snacks and sweets.

A pair of Line Dances were led by our own **Steve Cavanaugh**. Participation in the line dances was greater than usual, perhaps due to the review that Steve conducted at the start of the program.

We Welcomed the New Year Three Days Early

As is our custom, we celebrate the New Year on the Saturday between Christmas and New Year's Day. That way, we get to do it twice if we like or we get to do it without driving on New Year's Eve. Positive feedback from last year has us returning to the **served hot hors d'oeuvres** followed by **delicious pastries**. Hear, hear for Roche Brothers who provided the vittles.

Many, many balloons decorated the tables and the railings, with the customary great arch across the stage (see photos on the webpage.) The Grand March worked well, even with wheels with 3 spokes each. The "Snake Dance" followed. How is it that we get to have so much silly fun without drinking?

We had our usual line dances, ladies choices and two mixers to provide dancing opportunities for everyone.

There will be no New Year's celebration dance in 2020. That's because we decided to hold off a week and have it on January 2nd, 2021 instead of December 26th.

Lend A Hand Campaign Results



The effort to contribute to the Patriot Ledger Lend-a-Hand campaign was a great success. Last year, we raised a donation of \$2,432.00. This year, we contributed \$2,067.00, including SSD's match of the first \$500 (down from \$1,000). While this is less in total than last year, the Members actually contributed more. SSD We want to thank all of you who participated for your generosity. We are especially grateful to **Brenda Myette** for her contribution of two lovely gift baskets to the raffle at the December and New Years dances.

WHERE TO DANCE ON THE SOUTH SHORE

Recurring Mid-week:

Monday 2/10 & 3/9: **Sociables** at Lake Pearl, Wrentham

Friday 1/31 & 2/28: Lestyn at Walpole Sr. Center

Weekend	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1/31 - 2/2	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton Studio One, Lincoln, RI	Dancing Feeling - Warwick, RI	Norwood Sunday Dance
2/7 - 2/9	Balera - Newton Dancing Feeling - Warwick, RI Studio One, Lincoln, RI	SSD - Romantic Rendezvous Dancing Feeling - Warwick, RI	TBA
2/14 - 2/16	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton Dancing Feeling - Warwick, RI	Cape Cod Dancers - Betsy's, Yarmouth Studio One, Lincoln, RI	Norwood Sunday Dance
2/21 - 2/23	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton Norwood Sr. Center - Norwood Studio One, Lincoln, RI	DOCMA - Mechanics Hall, Worctr Dancing Feeling - Warwick, RI Studio One, Lincoln, RI	TBA
2/28 - 3/1	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton Dancing Feeling - Warwick, RI	Dancing Feeling - Warwick, RI Country & Line Dancing @ Studio One, Lincoln, RI	TBA
3/6 - 3/8	Balera - Newton	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth K&S: Newton, MA	TBA
3/13 - 3/15	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton	SSD - Leprechaun Hop - Norwell	Norwood Sunday Dance
3/20 - 3/22	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton Norwood Sr. Center - Norwood	Cape Cod Dancers - Betsy's, Yarmouth K&S - Spring Dance, Lake Pearl, Wrentham DOCMA - Maironis Park, Shrewsbury	TBA
3/27 - 3/29	DanceSport Boston - Weymouth Balera - Newton	John Peters - Plymouth, MA	Norwood Sunday Dance