



South Shore Dancers

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Line Dance, Yes; Ballroom Dance, Not Yet

We hope your Winter has been kind. Spring is almost here; according to the astronomers, two weeks. As the days get brighter, there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel for relief from the corona virus and the restrictions that come with. Your Directors are meeting monthly and trying to plan more dancing. By the end of May, many of us will have had the chance to sample a vaccine and be able to breathe more easily. For March, the planned "Leprechaun Hop" will take the form of a Line Dance party via Zoom. We have been invited to Steve and Laurie's home (virtually) for some of our favorite ballroom-style line dances.

[From Facebook item by Laurie Cavanaugh] South Shore Dancers will host a VIRTUAL Leprechaun Hop Ballroom Line Dance Night via Zoom, Saturday, March 13, 7-8:30 p.m. If you would like the option of attending this free event -- to dance or just to say hello to friends -- there are two ways to register:

- 1) Email Steve at steve@southshoredancers.org BEFORE Friday, March 12, or
- 2) let Laurie know through Facebook comments on SSD Event on FaceBook, BEFORE Friday, March 12. (Include your email address and comment will be deleted after registering you.)

For everyone's security and privacy, the Zoom meeting link will only be emailed to dancers who RSVP in advance. No worries if you sign up and can't make it, but at least you'll have the option! If you do email/comment after Friday night, you may still get the link but not until 5 pm.

Try some fun, easy line dancing from your living room or just pop in to socialize and see your dance friends. Quick lessons and walk-throughs by Steve. The Zoom meeting doors will open at 6:45 p.m.

The ballroom line dance night is free of charge. You'll get your steps in, and if you mess up on your footwork here and there, no one is going to know!

Optional: Wear green for a group selfie! Hope to see you there!

The Race (Stampede) Is On For the Vaccine

Those of us who are affiliated with a health organization may not be in a scramble, especially if we are in a recognized "priority" category. The rest of us, while eligible, are chasing available appointments through various web sites that are occasionally overwhelmed. Information is volatile; here one minute and gone the next. This is surely temporary but frustrating none the less. We are fed up with masks that fog our glasses and make it hard for folks to understand us when we talk -- we must wear them **even after we get the vaccine** because, even though we are immune, we can spread the virus to others due to the "pixie dust" we acquire in our travels.

Lend A Hand Donations- Final



Thanks to the generous efforts of many of our Members, we donated a record amount to the Lend-A-Hand campaign this year. The board removed the cap on our matching donation, bringing the total to \$2700 (after rounding up.) **Thank you** to all who played. This was especially rewarding since we usually add to the amount by promoting the program at the dances around the holidays. Since those didn't happen, we were only able to rely on the mail-in donations. These were most gratifying.

Dancing on TV:

So You Think You Can Dance - R.I.P. After 16 Seasons

2020 Season was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions making production impossible. The show was hanging on by a thread for the last several years, even though the show had the support of the dance community and it had won several EMMYs. The break in momentum was apparently the final straw.

But we can look back and see the many winners who had great careers, including several who became pros on DWTS. The contestants, aspiring young professionals, were required to compete in multiple genres from ballroom to contemporary to hip-hop and even Bollywood. The show had world-class choreographers each week. Many dancers considered SYTYCD the "real dance competition". Here is a farewell treat to watch:

Top So You Think You Can Dance Routines of All Time #20-11 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6QR8D6Dlb4>

Dancing With The Stars - Season 30 - Much Speculation, No Details

ABC has not confirmed any specifics but there is a consensus that it will be back, probably in September. Questions: Will Len Goodman be back? Possibly. Will Tyra Banks be back? Unfortunately likely; she is Executive Producer. Will Derek Hough be back? Maybe. Will the judges scoring get more weight? We can only hope. Stay tuned for details as they are announced.

World of Dance - Season 5 to Air August 11 on NBC

While WOD Season 1 was a bit phony, it got better each year. Season 4 had some outstanding performances, in spite of some production compromises forced upon the producers and competitors. For instance, competing in an empty "warehouse" in the early rounds with no audience. In the end, the best dance acts got the top places. We hope for continued progress.

Dancing with Steve and Laurie Cavanaugh? By Steve Cavanaugh

Steve and Laurie have been keeping up their line dancing at the Carousel Family Fun Center, 1055 Auburn St (Rt. 14), Whitman, MA. The restrictions with COVID-19 have been greatly relaxed. The rink has a temperature check and sign-in procedure for our safety. Masks are still required.

SUNDAYS: Carousel - 7:30 - 10:00pm. Mixed level open line dancing - \$10

MONDAYS: CLASS- Carousel - 7:00 to 9:00pm. Beginner lessons first hour; open & intermediate after. \$10

WEDNESDAYS: ZOOM CLASS - Beginners - 10:00-11:30am--go to <https://zoom.us/>
Permanent login: Meeting ID: 884 1725 4750 Passcode: 520487

WEDNESDAYS: ZOOM DANCE - Beginner/Improvers - 7:00-9:00pm-- go to <https://zoom.us/>
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THURSDAYS: CLASS- Carousel - 7:00-9:00pm - Beginner lessons first hour; open & intermediate after. \$10