



# South Shore Dancers

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## Next: Denim 'n' Lace

The theme for our next dance brings in some country flavor. And who better to get us into that than **Steve Cavanaugh**, He w. get us going with a Two-Step lesson at 7:00pm. Steve has become really well known in the country dance world. He has helped popularize **Line Dancing** substantially as well. We have heard that he and Laurie dance 8 nights a week. We hope Steve will also lead us in a couple of line dances.

Following the lesson, he will take over as DJ and play an excellent variety of music for your dancing pleasure. The program will include ballroom, Latin and swing along with Line dances and Ladies Choice dances as well as a mixer or two.

Make your reservations by email to [Tickets@SouthShoreDancers.org](mailto:Tickets@SouthShoreDancers.org) or by calling Tom at 781-659-4703 Ticket price is \$14; \$12 for Members with reservations.

Enjoy our snacks and sweets table as well as coffee in the foyer between dances. The table will have basic items provided by the Board Members and more creative contributions by some of our guests (thanks in advance.)

## Other Upcoming Dances:

**Norwood Sunday Dances April 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Norwood Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St. in Norwood. Dance music from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Snacks and beverages are available. Admission is \$15 per person. For information and schedule updates, call 617-759-1568 or go to [www.norwoodsundaydance.com](http://www.norwoodsundaydance.com).

**Roseland Dances: Second and Fourth Sundays** at the Roseland Ballroom, 174 Broadway in Taunton, MA. Dance music from 1:00 – 4:00pm provided by D. B's band on Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> and by Ray C. on Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>

## SSD – “Garden Party” Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

**Jim McMahon** joins us to teach some **Merengue** at 7pm. Music will be provided by **Tom Osterland**.

## Last Month: “Winter Go Away”

Our April dance featured **Audrey Jean Samara DiBona** teaching a **Foxtrot** combination that was not long and not complicated. It was, however, loaded with opportunities to enhance our technique. **Tom Osterland** followed as DJ with his selections of Foxtrot and other excellent ballroom, Latin and swing music.

# The Sun Is Setting on South Shore Dancers

After 30-some years, give or take a year or so of Covid darkness, we have come to some unavoidable conclusions.

Attendance has not recovered from the drop-off due to Covid for whatever reason. Have we found some other sources of entertainment? Is there still some concern over getting together in groups to share each others' breath? Or, are we just getting older? A few dances have switched to afternoons.

Your directors **are** getting older. The Board has lost several Members in the last few years as other priorities have pressed for their attention. Family events and health issues have forced some to shuffle their priorities. These Board Members made substantial contributions and they will be missed. Efforts to recruit replacements have been unsuccessful for a variety of reasons.

So, it is with much sadness, we have decided that we will run the dances scheduled for the remainder of our fiscal year, i.e., May and June. They will be our **last ones**. We are planning to have a special event at our June dance as we **"Sail into Summer"**. It will be a gala event with extra catered treats as we deplete our rainy-day reserves. Unlike past special events, we will not require advance payment, **only reservations**. In recognition of the support over the decades, Members will get a one-time discount of \$7 off their usual ticket price (yes, \$5 donation). **All proceeds and the residual from the reserves, after all expenses, will be donated to charity.**

## "So You Think You Can Dance" is Back

Without a lot of fanfare, a favorite dance TV show came back. It was a bit of a puzzle to us when we saw the dancer's tryout rounds. They were almost all individuals doing solo-style dances. We saw a lot of **Contemporary** and **Hip-Hop** style dancing along with sub-categories less well known to us. We have hopes of seeing some traditional couples dancing. The hope is supported by the evidence that three of the four judges are well known from **"Dancing with The Stars"**. They are Maksim Chmerkovskiy, Allison Holker, JoJo Siwa and Comfort Fedoke. Another clue is that they chose five men and five women as their **Top Ten** finalists. We don't have any inside knowledge about the final round plans but remain hopeful to see more ballroom.

