



South Shore Dancers

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Next: Garden Party – Sat., May 11

We will get our Garden Party started with a party dance. **Jim McMahon** will lead us into some Merenge combinations. There are many stories claiming to explain the origin of merenge, from slaves whose ankles were shackled together to carrying large bundles of sugar cane on their heads. You can conjure up images of how these might impact the evolution of the dance style.

Following the lesson, **Tom Osterland** will take the stage as our DJ to provide an assortment of dance music for your enjoyment.

Make your reservations by email to 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 May 5th and 19th 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.

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 May 12th and by Ray C. on May. 26th

SSD – “Sail into Summer” Saturday, June 8th

Not only are we sailing into summer; we are sailing into the sunset. **This will be the last dance sponsored by South Shore Dancers.** Having said that, the June 8th dance will be very special. First off, the club will be donating all of its remaining treasury to charity after expenses are paid. **Admission for the dance will be \$5 donation but advance reservations will be required.** We anticipate a sellout so **do** make reservations. Our maximum is 100 people. If you make your reservations by email, be sure you get a confirming reply from Tom as email can be spotty.

The reason we are confident that there will be a sellout, aside from the reduced admission price, is that we will be passing hot hors'douvres during the evening. Folks, this is SSD going out with a bang!

We started 35 years ago (1989) with **Lestyn and Jack Gilmore** providing a lesson and music. Lestyn will do the same at this dance for old time sake.

Last Month: “Denim ‘n’ Lace”

Our April dance featured **Steve Cavanaugh** teaching a **Two Step** combination that was not long and not complicated. It was, however, a great opportunity to learn a fun dance. **Steve** followed as DJ with his selections of excellent ballroom, Latin and swing music. Steve also, as usual, led a couple of line dances.

Is “So You Think You Can Dance” Back? Really?

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 with 3 of the judges well known from “**Dancing With the Stars**”. They are: **Maksim Chmerkovskiy, Allison Holker and JoJo Siwa**. Another clue is that they chose 5 men and 5 women as their **Top Ten** finalists. But in the first week, they eliminated two women. So much for gender balance! We don’t have any inside knowledge about the final round plans but remain hopeful to see more ballroom.

Thank You, Directors & Year Joined SSD

Ralph & Marge Bennett, 1989
Paul & Sandi Harrington, 1989
Tom & Marie Osterland, 1989
Jean & Christa Philogene, 1990
Tom & Linda Connelly, 1992
Kevin O’Brien, 2001
Read McCarty, 2002
Sara SaintOurs, 2004
Dom & Kasia MacLellan, 2007
Roslyn Wiseman, 2011
Steve & Laurie Cavanaugh, 2013

Craig & Gail Bilowz, 1989
Joe Johnson, 1989
Doug & Kathy Ryan, 1989
Bill & Virginia Paull, 1991
Ed & Ginny Fitzgerald, 1992
Dave Hammond, 2002
Eileen Gay, 2002
Jack & Susan Lentini, 2005
Ellen Miller, 2007
Martine Anderson, 2011

Larry & Marian Copeland, 1989
Mary Murray, 1989
Robert & Anna McCarthy, 1989
Ralph & Betsey Brown, 1992
Roger & Karen Troupe, 1998
Joan Paquette, 2002
Vinnie & Wendy Lanoue, 2004
Gene Cobb, 2006
Martha Cobb-Kelly, 2011
Mary Coutts-Tobin, 2013

