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*20 years*

**OMAHA SWING DANCE CLUB**

**1997 - 2017**

## **OSDC 20th ANNIVERSARY WEEKLY DANCES NIGHTS (PLUS RELATED INFORMATION)**

### **November 17 and 24, 1996**

Original kickoff meetings were held at the SAC Ballroom Club (1308 Fort Crook Road, name later changed to the Bellevue Social Centre, still exists today).

### **January 1, 1997**

The Omaha Swing Dance Club (OSDC) was officially formed and By Laws ratified. Annual dues were set at \$20 for Regular Membership and \$5 for Associate Membership (under age 18).

There were 18 members in the club at its formation ... Doug Anderson, Colleen Bull, John Clark, Judy Garretson, Gil Hill, Lu Kimpston, Janet Lenfant, Mick Merrick, Sandy Reimers, Roni Reynolds, Carol Ring, Greg Schiller, Ron Shepard, John Taulborg, Ron White, Chuck Witt, Marlene Witt, and Stan Zlochen.

The club's first dances were on Sunday evenings at Bobby Sox (near 83rd and Center, name was changed to Flashbacks in July, 1997 and still exists today).

### **1997**

In addition to the club sponsored dances on Sundays at Bobby Sox / Flashbacks, members regularly danced at other locations to promote WCS and recruit new members. Locations mentioned in 1997 newsletters were Wednesday evenings at two locations, the New Tower Inn (near 78th and Cass Street, no longer exists) and Keno Cabana (in Bennington, still exists) and Thursday evenings at two locations, 6:00 pm at Guitars and Cadillacs (near 108th and Dodge, no longer exists) and 9:00 pm at the Shark Club (near 72nd and Center, still exists today).

### **March 31, 1997**

OSDC was legally incorporated as a non-profit 501c organization when their lawyer, James Monahan, filed the appropriate paper with the State of Nebraska. Lawyer and filing fees were paid by a donation from club member John Taulborg.

There were 59 members in the club when incorporated.

### **June 17, 1997**

Tuesday dances began at the American Pie / The Garage (5022 S 114th Street between L and Q Streets, originally called Shooters, name changed to American Pie on June 13, 1997 and a month later to The Garage. It no longer exists today).

The floor at Flashbacks was small so the club began looking for a larger venue. The result was this new location and night. Tuesdays became the official dance night, but dancing on Sundays at Flashbacks continued.

The club began offering free dance lessons at this new location. First dance instructors were Marty Hebert, Mary Albert, and Anne (Barone) Rice.

Costs were covered by donations with a suggested admission of \$4 for members, \$6 for nonmembers. The Garage received \$3 of this but required a \$100 minimum plus a \$30 deejay fee. The club also absorbed the dance lesson costs. Initial attendance was good but eventually dropped to where covering these costs was a challenge for the club.

### **August, 1997**

Newsletter officially name "Footnotes"

Logo contest held ... winning design submitted by Ray Hansen. The logo is still used today.

**November 18, 1997**

Tuesday dances were moved from The Garage to the Bel Air Banquet Room (still in existence near 120th and Center). The move was necessary because The Garage was experiencing difficulties staying open.

Costs to the club remained the same as The Garage. Initial attendance was good, but just as with the Garage, it eventually dropped and the club again had difficulties covering its costs.

**February 5, 1998**

Dancing began on Sundays at the Shark Club (still in existence near 72nd and Center).

Flashbacks decided to close on Sundays so the club could no longer use that as a club night out. A second official dance night was wanted and that search led to the Shark Club.

The club now sponsored two regularly scheduled dance nights.

**February, 1998**

The first OSCD T-Shirts were made available ... black with red and white lettering using the club's logo.

**March 5 to 26, 1998**

Weekly dances at the Bel Air were moved from Tuesday to Thursday.

**March 31, 1998**

Weekly dances returned to Tuesday and moved from the Bel Air to Eli's Bar and Grill in Rockbrook Village (near I-80 and Center Street, its name changed to the Elite Lounge in 2008 but is now closed).

Attendance at the Bel Air had dropped, and costs were not being covered. The club was struggling to stay in existence. By chance, then club president Judy (Garretson) Merrick had a luncheon meeting at Eli's. She noticed the dance floor which led to a conversation with Dan, the owner of Eli's. He agreed to allow the club to meet there on Tuesday nights.

Dan did not require any fee or minimum and also offered to help the club by paying for the dance instruction. The club's only expense was for the deejay which they were able to cover with donations to a tip jar.

Later, Dan slightly enlarged Eli's dance floor to accommodate the club.

Because of this arrangement with Eli's, the club began to grow and become financially sound. It is likely the club would not exist today if not for the support received from Dan. This was the start of what would become a 10 year run at Eli's.

**October 11, 1998**

Sunday dances were moved from the Shark Club to Jumpers (inside what was then the Ramada Inn, now the Comfort Inn near 72nd and Grover).

The Shark Club decided to re-model into a sports bar so the club was asked to leave. Fortunately Jumpers was available and willing to let the club move those dances to their venue. Like Eli's, they helped pay for the dance lessons. This began more than a four year run. This move allowed the club to continue two regularly scheduled weekly dances.

**October 7, 1999 to November 18, 1999**

Thursday dances were added at Rio's (3809 N 90th Street, later became the Arena, now Tanners).

Tuesday at Eli's and Sunday at Jumpers dances continued as before so the club now had three regularly scheduled dance nights.

Unfortunately Rio's decided to schedule a different activity on Thursday and asked the club to leave so this arrangement lasted only two months.

### **January 6, 2000 to January 27, 2000**

Thursday dances were again added, but this time at Grandmother's Lounge as a "trial run" (inside what was the Holiday Inn at 72nd and Grover, currently the Hotel R L).

Tuesday at Eli's and Sunday at Jumpers dances continued as before so the club again had three regularly scheduled dance nights.

Grandmother's decided this "trial run" was not working so this arrangement lasted only one month.

### **March, 2000**

The club began a \$2 cover charge to pay for deejay and instructor cost at the weekly dances.

Although admission had been charged for special events and dances, the club had relied on donations for its weekly dances. This is the first time a set amount was requested.

### **2000 and 2001 (throughout the year)**

Besides the weekly dances, the club had several monthly dances on Friday and Saturday at Just Dance Studio, Studio D (14715 Industrial Road), and in the home of Joan and Maury Udes.

Members would often dance other locations at non-club sponsored dance nights. Newsletters from 2000 and 2001 listed several venues where club members would go to dance ... the 18th Amendment (96th and L), Ameristar, Bluffs Run, and Harvey's Casinos (all in Council Bluffs off I-29 near I-80), McKenna's Blues and Barbeque (7425 Pacific, no long exists), Music Box (7777 Cass, no longer exists), Anthony's Restaurant and Lounge (7220 F Street, still exists), Guitar's and Cadillacs (10865 West Dodge Road, no longer exists).

### **August 2, 2001**

After a year and a half break, Thursday dances were again added, but this time at Bushwackers (still in existence in Ralston). These dances would continue until June, 2002.

Tuesday at Eli's and Sunday at Jumpers dances continued as before so the club again had three regularly scheduled dance nights for the next 8 months.

### **February 24, 2002**

After more than a four year run, Sunday dances at Jumpers ended because attendance had dropped to where the club was not covering its costs.

Tuesday at Eli's and Thursday at Bushwackers dances continued so the club still had two regularly scheduled dance nights.

### **June 27, 2002**

After an 11 month run, Thursday dances at Bushwackers ended.

For the next two months, Tuesday at Eli's was the only regularly scheduled weekly dance.

### **August 29, 2002**

After a two month break, Thursday dances were once again added, this time at the American Legion Post #1 (near 78th and Dodge).

Tuesday dances at Eli's continued so the club had two regularly scheduled weekly dances.

### **December 28, 2006**

After more than four years, weekly Thursday dances at the American Legion Post #1 ended.

Initial attendance was good but had dropped to where the club was not covering its costs.

However, the club continued to use the American Legion Post #1 for other dances including monthly intermediate lessons during some years.

Tuesday was now the only regularly scheduled dance night and has remained that to this date.

### **January 8, 2008 (Tuesday)**

Party for Dan (owner of Eli's Bar and Grill). Dan had just sold Eli's and the club wanted to recognize him for hosting the club for nearly 10 years.

### **February 5, 2008**

Cover charge for Tuesday dances was increased from \$2 to \$3 to help pay increased deejay and instructor costs. This is the first increase since a set cover charge began in 2000.

### **July 1, 2008**

Tuesday dances moved from Eli's / Elite Lounge to Arthur's 4 Seasons (near 114th and Dodge).

After Eli's was sold, the new owners closed it for several weeks for remodeling. During that time Dave and Mary, the owners of Arthur's allowed the club to temporarily move its dances to Arthur's. The club returned to Eli's on April 8 when it reopened as the Elite Lounge.

After a couple of months at the Elite, the club decided to move back to Arthur's. This ended the club's longest stay at any single location...over 10 years at Eli's during which it experienced significant growth.

### **June 28, 2011**

Intermediate lessons were started on the last Tuesday of each month. Cover increase to \$5 on these nights if you took the intermediate lesson. Cover remained \$3 if you did only the dance.

Beginner lessons continued on all the other Tuesdays. Cover remained \$3 with the lesson free on these Tuesdays.

### **June 12, 2012**

Tuesday dances moved to the VFW Post 2508 (near 90th and Military).

Arthur's unexpectedly closed so the club had to begin searching for a new location. At that time the VFW Club did not have an adequate sound system and was charging \$50 per night so the move to that location was considered temporary.

### **August 21, 2012**

Tuesday dances moved from its temporary location at the VFW Club to the Passion (a newly opened club near 108th and Q, formerly the Roxbury Club, currently called Rhythmz).

Like Arthur's, The Passion did not charge a fee but the club paid the deejay and dance instructor as they had at other locations.

### **December 17, 2013**

Tuesday dances moved back to the VFW Club.

Like Arthur's, The Passion unexpectedly closed so the club had to again search for a location.

As before, this move was initially considered temporary, but the VFW had updated their sound system and was willing to negotiate the facility fee in order to keep our dances at their facility.

As a result the VFW became the home of the Tuesday dances and currently remains that way.

**April 5, 2016**

Towards the end of 2015 and beginning of 2016, the club was contacted several times by ASCAP and other music licensing organizations. According to copyright laws, clubs like us are required to pay fees for the right to play music at dances. After considerable research, the club decided to pay these fees through a licensing organization called Fastdance.

Because of this considerable added expense, cover charge for Tuesday dances had to be increased to \$4. This was only the second increase for weekly dances. Admission was first set at \$2 in 2000 and increased to \$3 in 2008.

**March 21, 2017**

Annual dues for club membership are currently \$20 and have been that amount since first formed in 1997.

At its annual meeting, the membership voted to give the executive board permission to increase the yearly dues from \$20 to \$24. The purpose was to make it easier to pro-rate the dues per month if the board decides to change the date when dues are to be paid. As of this writing, the executive board has not made any changes so the dues are still \$20.

## **OSDC 20th ANNIVERSARY ELECTED OFFICERS AND OTHER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

The club thanks all past and current officers for their willingness to serve. Without their efforts the club would not exist today ... there would be no place in Omaha to regularly dance WCS.

If you have not been an officer, please consider doing so to keep the club going for another 20 years.

### **NOTES ...**

1. Executive boards served six month terms until 2004 when terms of office became one year (except for a few years in which the length varied by a month or two). Elections usually took place the month before the officers took office.
2. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are elected positions. Other positions such as Newsletter and Membership are appointed by the elected members of the executive board.
3. If not listed, the Newsletter and Membership positions were covered by the elected officers (usually the President).
4. Nick Mulder was the first regular deejay for the club. He was at Flashbacks when the club started in January 1997. He continued to be the deejay as the club moved to other locations (The Garage, Bel Air, and Eli's). Howard Borden was added as a deejay in October 1999 when the club began a second dance night at Rio's. Nick Mulder eventually left, but Howard has continued to this day. Although Nick and Howard were the primary deejays hired by the club, the officers and other members would fill in when needed (often on a volunteer basis, especially in the early years of the club).

### **1997, January**

President: Lu Kimpston / John Clark (Lu Kimpston resigned June 1)

Vice President: John Clark

Treasurer: Janet Lenfant

Secretary: Roni Reynolds / Stan Zlochen

Newsletter: Doug Anderson

### **1997, September**

President: Judy Garretson

Vice President: Geri Wilson

Treasurer: Mick Merrick

Secretary: Stan Zlochen

### **1998, March**

President: Judy Garretson

Vice President: Mary Miloni

Treasurer: Mick Merrick

Secretary: Stan Zlochen

### **1998, September**

President: Liz Crnkovich

Vice President: Mack Bray

Treasurer: Tom Robinson

Secretary: Marcelle Raff

Newsletter: Leslee Shell

**1999, March**

President: Judy Garretson  
Vice President: Diane Habrock  
Treasurer: Mick Merrick  
Secretary: Stan Zlochen  
Newsletter: Leslee Shell  
Membership: Art Inserra  
Web Page: Alexandra Egan / Mary Albert

**1999, September**

President: Judy Garretson  
Vice President: Diane Habrock  
Treasurer: Mick Merrick  
Secretary: Stan Zlochen  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers

**2000, March**

President: Norman Hamm  
Vice President: Garven Mohrbutter  
Treasurer: LaWanna Larson  
Secretary: Don Larson  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers  
Membership: Sandy Reimers

**2000, September**

President: Norman Hamm  
Vice President: Jennifer Boomgaarden  
Treasurer: Dara Gemar  
Secretary: Mary Raasch  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers  
Membership: Sandy Reimers

**2001, March**

President: Norman Hamm  
Vice President: Jennifer Boomgaarden  
Treasurer: Dara Gemar  
Secretary: Gloria Kroeker  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers  
Membership: Sandy Reimers

**2001, October**

President: Al Pradia  
Vice President: John McGill  
Treasurer: Dennis Volentine and Maggie Neilsen  
Secretary: Ginny Smith  
Newsletter: Alexandra Hayne  
Membership: Sandy Reimers



**2002, June**

President: Jackie Poppleton (until October) / Chuck Aitkenhead (after October)  
Vice President: Chuck Aitkenhead (until October) / Al Pradia (November) / Gil Hill (December)  
Treasurer: S. Lynne Bowes  
Secretary: Wynn Lam  
Newsletter: Alexandra Hayne  
Membership: Sandy Reimers

**2003, January**

President: Judy Garretson  
Vice President: Sandy Reimers  
Treasurer: S. Lynn Bowes  
Secretary: Mary Ann Majkowski  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers  
Membership: Sandy Reimers

**2003, July**

President: Norman Hamm  
Vice President: Tom Pratt  
Treasurer: Lynne Bowes  
Secretary: Isabel Arrington  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers  
Membership: Sandy Reimers

**NOTE: Officers now began serving one year terms**

**2004, January**

President: Gary Amen  
Vice President: Dara Gemar  
Treasurer: George Kralik  
Secretary: Jeanette Vaughn  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers  
Membership: Sandy Reimers

**2005, January**

President: Dara Gemar  
Vice President: Jackie Hoyt  
Treasurer: Tom Pratt  
Secretary: Kristin Curtis  
Newsletter: Stacie Vainunas  
Membership: Sandy Reimers

**2006, February**

President: Gary Amen  
Vice President: Jackie Hoyt  
Treasurer: Dara Gemar  
Secretary: George Kralik  
Newsletter: Stacie Vainunas  
Membership: Sandy Reimers

**2007, February**

President: Jeanette Vaughn  
Vice President: Jon Lyon  
Treasurer: George Kralik  
Secretary: Dara Gemar  
Newsletter: Stacie Vainunas  
Membership: Sandy Reimers (and enews)

**2008, January**

President: Jeanette Vaughn  
Vice President: Dara Gemar  
Treasurer: George Kralik  
Secretary: Tom and Annie Pratt  
Newsletter: Jill McDermott  
Membership: Sandy Reimers

**2009, January**

President: Dara Gemar  
Vice President: Jerry Bergman  
Treasurer: George Kralik  
Secretary: Jill McDermott  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers  
Membership: Sandy Reimers

**2010, February**

President: Sandy Reimers  
Vice President: Connie DiLorenzo  
Treasurer: Dave Johnson  
Secretary: Jill McDermott  
Newsletter: Jill McDermott and Sandy Reimers  
Membership: Sandy Reimers

**2011, January**

President: Jackie Poppleton  
Vice President: Karen Scheibhofer  
Treasurer: Brian Buhrman  
Secretary: Ann Pape and Bob Bobier  
Newsletter: Ed Berck  
Membership: Sandy Reimers  
Webmaster: Ralph Jones

**2012, January**

President: Karen Scheibhofer  
Vice President: Linda Speers  
Treasurer: Brian Buhrman  
Secretary: Patty Cooper  
Newsletter: Ed Berck  
Membership: Sandy Reimers  
Webmaster: Ralph Jones

**2013, January**

President: Alex Beckman  
Vice President: Michelle Benham  
Treasurer: Mark Heavey  
Secretary: Roy Whiteheae  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers  
Membership: Sandy Reimers  
Webmaster: Ralph Jones

**2014, January**

President: Michelle Benham  
Vice President: Ellen Morrival  
Treasurer: Mark Heavey  
Secretary: Christina Stewart  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers  
Membership: Sandy Reimers  
Webmaster: Ralph Jones

**2015, January**

President: Michelle Benham  
Vice President: Ellen Morrival  
Treasurer: Joyce Gochenour  
Secretary: Jon Woksa and Danyelle Wheelock  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers  
Membership: Sandy Reimers  
Webmaster: Ralph Jones

**2016, January**

President: Michelle Benham  
Vice President: Steve Voss  
Treasurer: Joyce Gochenour  
Secretary: Jon Woksa  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers and Dave Johnson  
Membership: Sandy Reimers and Dave Johnson  
Webmaster: Ralph Jones

**2017, January**

President: Steve Voss  
Vice President: Clovis Colley  
Treasurer: Jon Woksa  
Secretary: Joyce Gochenour and Michelle Benham  
Newsletter: Sandy Reimers and Dave Johnson  
Membership: Sandy Reimers and Dave Johnson  
Webmaster: Ralph Jones

## **OSDC 20th ANNIVERSARY MONTHLY AND YEARLY DANCE EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS**

Through the years the club has supported many local venues, dance studios, and dance instructors with club nights out and by advertising and attending their events, but none of those are in this list ...only club sponsored events are listed.

### **1997 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly initially on Sundays at Bobby Sox/Flashbacks, moved to Tuesdays at the Garage starting in June, then to the Bel Air starting in November**

#### **Sunday, February 16, 1997**

Valentine Membership Kick Off Dance, Bobby Sox (3015 S 83rd Plaza, currently Flashbacks) Snacks, Snow Ball, Jack and Jill, Demos. Admission \$1 members, \$2 nonmembers

#### **Sunday, March 17, 1997**

St. Patrick's Day Dance, Bobby Sox. Snacks, Snow Ball, Jack and Jill, Demos. Admission \$1 members, \$2 nonmembers

#### **Friday, November 14, 1997**

One Year Anniversary Party, Membership Meeting, and Dance, Rod Rabe's Dance Studio Potluck Dinner

#### **Tuesday, December 16, 1997**

Christmas Party and Dance, Bel Air Banquet Room (near 120th and Center) Potluck Dinner, Free Admission to members

### **1998 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Sundays at the Shark Club starting in February, then Jumpers starting in October, and Tuesdays at the Bel Air, then Eli's starting in March.**

#### **Fridays throughout 1998 the club had dances during most months**

*OSDC Friday Monthly Theme Dance Parties*

Jan 23, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 1 and 15, Jun 12, Jul 17 and 31, Aug 28, Oct 2, Nov 6 and 27 at Just Dance Studio (4534 South 86th, near 84th and K, still exists)

Admission \$4 members, \$6 nonmembers

#### **Tuesday, January 27, 1998**

OSDC's first Jack & Jill Contest, Bel Air Banquet Room (still in existence near 120th and Center) Winners were Iris Ramirez and Bob Binder

#### **Saturday, August 29, 1998**

Election of Officers and Dance Party, American Dance Academy (68th & Grover, no longer exists) Admission \$5

#### **Saturday, December 19, 1998**

Christmas Party and Dance, American Dance Academy. Potluck dinner

### **1999 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Sundays at Jumpers, Tuesdays at Eli's, and Thursdays at Rios's for October and November**

### **Fridays and Saturdays during 1999 at different locations**

#### *OSDC Monthly Theme Dance Parties*

American Dance Academy - Saturday, January, 16, 1999

Rod and LuAnn Rabe's Dance Studio - Friday, April 9, 1999 and Friday, September 17, 1999

Home of Maury and Joan Udes - Saturday, October 9, 1999

Just Dance Studio - Saturday, November 20, 1999

### **Friday, March 12, 1999**

St. Patrick's Day Dance and Jack & Jill Contest, Just Dance (4534 South 86th, still exists)

Winners - 1st Place: Mark Lyon and Marie Carter, 2nd Place: Kenneth King and Kim Lewis,

3rd Place: Herschel Palmer and Judy Garretson

### **Tuesday, March 16, 1999**

2nd Anniversary Party and Dance, Eli's Bar and Grill in Rockbrook

### **1999 Friday, December 3, 1999**

Christmas Party and Dance, Rod Rabe's Dance Studio. Potluck Dinner

### **2000 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Sundays at Jumpers, Tuesdays at Eli's, and Thursdays at Grandmothers (for January only)**

### **Saturdays during 2000 at different locations**

#### *Saturday Monthly Theme Dance Parties*

Just Dance Studio - Saturday, February 19 and Saturday, November 11, 2000

Home of Maury and Joan Udes - Saturday, March 11 and Saturday, May 20, 2000

Studio D (14715 Industrial Road) - Saturday, October 28, 2000

### **Friday, July 21, 2000**

Showcase and Boogie Blues BBQ, Celebrations (9809 M Street, now Aspen Hall)

Comedy hypnosis act by Norm Hamm (club president) and guest singer, Michael Walker.

Organized by Don and LuWanna Larson, hosted by Rick Burke of Celebrations

Potluck, admission - donations at the door for the club's CD fund

### **2001 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Sundays at Jumpers, Tuesdays at Eli's, and Thursdays at Bushwackers starting in August**

### **Friday, January 12, 2001**

2000 Christmas Party and Dance (2000 Christmas held in January 2001) at Celebrations

### **Friday and Saturdays during 2001 at different locations**

#### *OSDC Monthly Theme Dance Parties*

Just Dance Studio - Friday, February 23, Saturday, May 26, and Saturday, July 14, 2001

Studio D, Friday, March 16 and Saturday, June 8, 2001

Keno Cabana in Bennington, Friday, April 13, 2001

### **Sunday, August 5, 2001**

Showcase and Dance, Keno Cabana in Bennington

Performances coordinated by Dara Gemar, open to club members only

Admission - \$7 for spectators, \$25 per couple to perform

### **Sunday, September 31, 2001**

OSDC / Denim and Lace joint Riverboat Dance Cruise from Freedom Park (1515 Abbott Drive)  
3 pm to 6 pm, Admission - \$10

### **2002 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

The club also danced weekly on Sundays at Jumpers, ending in February, Tuesdays at Eli's, and Thursdays at Bushwackers ending in June, then at the Legion Post #1 starting in August

### **Saturday, April 13, 2002**

Member Appreciation Showcase Dinner and Dance, Bellevue Social Center (1308 Fort Crook Road South). Performances coordinated by John McGill, open to club members only. Admission - members free, guests \$10, or join club for \$20 and get in free

### **2003 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at Eli's and Thursdays at the Legion Post #1

### **Fridays and Saturdays during 2003 at different locations**

*OSDC Monthly Theme Dance Parties*

Bel Air Banquet Room - Saturday, February 22, 2003

Celebrations - Saturday, March 29 and Friday, June 20, 2003

Rod and LuAnn Rabe's Dance Studio - Saturday, April 26, 2003

Just Dance Studio - Saturday, September 13, 2003

### **Saturday, January 25, 2003**

6th Anniversary Party and Dance, Just Dance Studio

### **Thursday, December 18, 2003**

Christmas Party and Dance, American Legion Post #1. Dinner provided

### **2004 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at Eli's and Thursdays at the Legion Post #1

### **Saturday, January 17, 2004**

1st Annual Showcase, Dance, and Workshops, The Center (714 South Main, Council Bluffs, IA)

Morning and afternoon workshops - 6 scheduled workshops with local dance instructors

Evening showcase and dance - showcase performances coordinated by Dara Gemar

Workshop costs - \$7 per workshop in advance, \$10 per workshop at the door, Showcase and dance - \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. All workshops, showcase, and dance - \$45 in advance

### **Saturday, October 2, 2004**

OSDC Jack and Jill Contest and Dance, The Center The event followed afternoon workshops from Mario Robau (sponsored by Marty Hebert)

Winners: "Ice Breakers Division" - 1st Place: Andy Malone and Marty Hebert,

2nd Place: Kevin Morrow and Dara Gemar, 3rd Place: Kevin Morrow and Linda Wood.

"Novice Division" - 1st Place: Jackie Poppleton and Corey Mahoff, 2nd Place: Barb Kay and Edison Choi, 3rd Place: Rosemary Klitzke and Bob Nelson

### **Saturday, December 11, 2004**

Christmas Party and Dance, Bellevue Social Center (1308 Fort Crook Road South)

Hors d'oeuvres provided. Admission \$2 members, \$8 nonmembers

## **2005 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at Eli's and Thursdays at the Legion Post #1**

### **Saturday, January 15, 2005**

2nd Annual Showcase and Dance, Bellevue Social Center

This event was advertised as the 2nd Annual Showcase. Though there were showcases within events from 2000 to 2003, after the 2004 event, it was decided a Showcase should become an Annual scheduled event. Dara Gemar coordinated the performances for the 2004 and 2005 showcases, and has continued coordinating this event to the present day (2017).

Light snacks provided. Admission \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door

### **Saturday, December 10, 2005**

Christmas Party and Dance, Bellevue Social Center

Light snacks and desserts provided. Admission - \$7 members, \$12 nonmembers

## **2006 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly Tuesdays at Eli's and Thursdays at the Legion Post #1 ending in December)**

### **Saturday, February 18, 2006**

3rd Annual Showcase and Dance, Bellevue Social Center, \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door

### **Saturday, December 9, 2006**

Christmas Party and Dance, Bellevue Social Center

Light snacks and desserts provided. Admission - \$5 for both members and nonmembers

## **2007 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at Eli's**

### **Thursdays and Sundays throughout 2007**

*OSDC Monthly Theme Dance Parties*

American Legion Post #1, weekly Thursday dances ended in 2006

Thursdays - Mar 22, Apr 26, May 24, July 19, Aug 16, Oct 11, and Nov 15

Sundays - June 10, Sept 16

### **Saturday, February 17, 2007**

4th Annual Showcase and Dance, Bellevue Social Center. Admission - \$10

### **Saturday, August 4, 2007**

10th Anniversary Party and Dance – CELEBRATING A DECADE OF SWING!!!

Bellevue Social Center. Light snacks provided, Admission \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers

### **2007 Saturday, December 1, 2007**

Christmas Party and Dance, Bellevue Social Center

Light snacks and desserts provided. Admission \$5 members, \$8 nonmembers

## **2008 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at Eli's/Elite, then at Arthur's starting in July**

### **Thursdays and Sundays throughout 2008**

*OSDC Monthly Theme Dance Parties*

American Legion Post #1 (78th and Davenport), Sunday – Jan 20 and Thursdays

Feb 28, Mar 20, Mar 27, Apr 10, May 1, June 5, July 10,

Arthur's 4 Seasons (near 114th and Dodge), Thursdays – June 12, Aug 21, Nov 20

### **2008 Saturday, February 23, 2008**

5th Showcase and Dance, Bellevue Social Center (1308 Fort Crook Road South)

Admission \$15

### **Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28, 2008**

John Lindo Workshops and Dance

Friday at Keno Cabana Ballroom in Bennington, 2 workshops

Saturday at the Eagles Club (24th and Douglas), 4 workshops

Admission before June 10, \$70 weekend, \$40 Saturday only, or \$12 per class, \$5 dance

After June 10, \$85 weekend, \$50 Saturday only, or \$15 per class, \$5 dance

### **Saturday, August 16, 2008**

11th Anniversary Party and Dance, Bellevue Social Center

Light snacks provided. Admission \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers

### **Saturday, December 6, 2008**

Christmas Party and Dance, Bellevue Social Center

Light snacks and desserts provided. Admission \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers

### **Wednesday, December 31, 2008**

New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance, Bellevue Social Center

Dinner and Champagne at Midnight provided. Admission \$20 members, \$40 nonmembers

## **2009 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at Arthur's**

### **Thursdays during 2009**

*OSDC Monthly Theme Dance Parties*

Papa Joes (111th and M Streets, no longer exists), Thursday, February 26, 2009

Arthur's 4 Seasons (near 114th and Dodge), Thursday, May 14, 2009

### **Saturday, March 14, 2009**

6th Showcase and Dance, Bellevue Social Center. Admission \$10

### **Saturday, November 14, 2009**

Erica Berg and Jason Barnes Workshops and Dance, Bellevue Social Center

Admission - 4 afternoon workshops, \$5 per workshop, evening workshop and dance, \$5 for both

### **Saturday, December 12, 2009**

Christmas Party and Dance, Bellevue Social Center

Light Hors d'oeuvres provided. Admission \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers

### **Thursday, December 31, 2009**

New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance, Bellevue Social Center

Dinner and Champagne at Midnight provided. Admission \$25 members, \$50 nonmembers

## **2010 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at Arthur's**

### **Saturday, March 20, 2010**

7th Annual Showcase, Dance and Workshops, Bellevue Social Center.

2 workshops by James Bailey at Just Dance Studio. Workshops, \$10 for one, \$15 for both,

Showcase and dance, \$10



**Thursday, June 24, 2010**

Hawaiian Luau Food and Dance, Omaha Ballroom (156th and Q)  
Intermediate Lesson with Don and Esther Amick, Admission - \$5

**Saturday, August 21, 2010**

13th Anniversary Party and Dance, Bellevue Social Center  
Light snacks provided. Admission \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers

**Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20, 2010**

Erica Berg Workshops and Dance, Friday evening at the Bellevue Social Center  
Saturday at Simply Ballroom (2679 Farnam) Admission \$10 per workshop, \$5 Dance  
\$35 all Saturday workshops and dance

**Saturday, December 4, 2010**

Christmas Party and Dance, Bellevue Social Center  
Light snacks provided. Admission \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers

**Saturday, December 31, 2010**

New Year's Eve Dance, Bellevue Social Center  
Snacks and Champagne at Midnight provided. Admission \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers

**2011 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at Arthur's**

**Saturday, February 12, 2011**

8th Annual Showcase and Dance, German American Society (3717 South 120th Streets)  
Performers limited to club members, Admission \$10

**Thursday, February 24, 2011**

Dance Party with Intermediate Lesson, American Legion Post #1 (78th and Davenport)

**Saturday, May 7, 2011**

14th Anniversary Dinner and Dance, Omaha Field Club (3615 Woolworth Avenue)  
Admission \$10 members, \$18 nonmembers

**Friday, June 24, 2011**

Dance and Membership Drive, Bellevue Social Center.  
Admission \$5 members, \$8 nonmembers, new memberships \$10 at the door (half off)

**Friday, August 19, 2011**

Hawaiian Luau Dinner and Dance, Omaha Field Club  
Admission \$5 members, \$12 nonmembers

**Friday, December 9, 2011**

Christmas Dinner and Dance, Stockyards Exchange Ballroom (2920 South 30th)  
Admission \$20 members, \$30 nonmembers

**2012 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at Arthur's, then at the VFW Club in June, and at The Passion in August**

**Saturday, March 10, 2012**

9th Annual Showcase and Dance, Bellevue Social Center  
Performers limited to club members. Admission \$10

**Friday, July 6, 2012**

15th Anniversary Dinner and Dance – CELEBRATING 15 YEARS!!!  
Georgetown Club (2440 South 141st Circle). Admission \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers  
new members special \$30 includes dinner, dance, and membership to the club

**Friday, September 28, 2012**

Hawaiian Luau Dinner and Dance, Omaha Ballroom (153rd and Q Street)  
Admission \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers

**Friday, December 14, 2012**

Christmas Dinner and Dance, Stockyards Exchange Ballroom (4920 South 30th, near 30th and L)  
Admission \$20 members, \$30 nonmembers. First PAID reservations got their name in a  
drawing for a \$50 gift card

**2013 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at The Passion, then at the VFW Club in December**

**Saturday, March 9, 2013**

10th Annual Showcase and Dance, Bellevue Social Center. Admission \$10

**Friday, June 14, 2013**

16th Anniversary Party and Dance, Bellevue Social Center  
Light snacks provided, admission members FREE, \$10 nonmembers, or free with \$20 membership

**Saturday, August 17th, 2013**

BBQ and Blues Fest – Food and Dance (hosted by 2012 officers), VFW Club (90th and Military)  
\$5 members, \$10 nonmembers, \$20 membership and admission (New members only)

**Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16, 2013**

Kyle and Aimy Patel Workshops and Dance, Bellevue Social Center  
Admission Friday workshop and dance \$5, Saturday early bird, \$35 workshops and dance,  
\$10 per workshop \$5 dance, Saturday at the door - \$45 workshops and dance, \$12 per  
workshop \$7 dance, HS and College students - \$20 Saturday workshops and dance

**Friday, December 13, 2013**

Christmas Dinner and Dance, Stockyards Exchange Ballroom  
Dinner provided, admission \$20 members, \$30 nonmembers

**2014 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at the VFW Club**

**Saturday, March 1, 2014**

11th Annual Showcase, Dance and Kyle Patel Workshops, Bellevue Social Center  
Two Afternoon Workshops \$15 early bird, \$10 each at the door. Showcase Admission \$10

**Tuesday, July 29, 2014**

17th Anniversary Party and Dance, VFW Club, Lesson from Kris Swearingen from Kansas City  
Food provided. Admission \$5 lesson and dance, \$3 dance only

**Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25, 2014**

Keri McClean and Shane McIntyre Workshops, Dinner and Dance  
Friday evening at the Bellevue Social Center, Saturday at the VFW Club  
Admission workshop/dance \$5

Saturday before Oct 18, workshops/dinner/dance, \$35 members, \$45 nonmembers  
Saturday after Oct 18, workshops/dinner/dance, \$45 members, \$55 nonmembers  
HS and College students Saturday workshops/dance \$20 per workshop \$12 members,  
\$15 nonmembers – Dinner & dance \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers  
Dance only \$5 members, \$8 nonmembers

**Friday, December 12, 2014**

Christmas Dinner and Dance, Stockyards Exchange Ballroom  
Dinner provided, admission \$20 members, \$35 nonmembers

**2015 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at VFW Club**

**Saturday, March 14, 2015**

12th Annual Showcase and Dance, Bellevue Social Center  
Admission \$10 members and non-members, \$20 includes membership for new members

**Tuesday, June 30, 2015**

18th Anniversary Party and Dance, VFW Club.  
Lesson with Kris Swearingen from Kansas City  
Food Provided - Taco's with trimmings from LaMesa  
Admission - \$5 for lesson and dance, \$3 for dance only

**Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22, 2015**

John Lindo Workshops, Dinner and Dances, Bellevue Social Center  
Admission Friday workshop/dance \$5  
Saturday before Aug 18, workshops/dinner/dance, \$40 members, \$50 nonmembers,  
per workshop \$12 members, \$15 nonmembers  
Saturday after Aug 18, workshops/dinner/dance \$45 members, \$60 nonmembers  
per workshop \$15, nonmembers \$18  
HS and College students Saturday workshops/dance \$30  
Dance only including dinner \$10

**Sunday, December 13, 2015**

Christmas Dinner and Dance, Stockyards Exchange Ballroom  
Dinner provided, admission \$20 members, \$35 nonmembers

**2016 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events**

**The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at VFW Club**

**Saturday, February 27, 2016**

13th Annual Showcase and Dance, Bellevue Social Center. Admission \$10 performers/spectators

**Tuesday, August 30, 2016**

19th Anniversary Party and Dance, VFW Club.  
Lesson with Don and Esther Amick of Grand Island  
Food Provided, admission \$5 for lesson and dance, \$4 for dance only

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

Christmas Dinner and Dance, Stockyards Exchange Ballroom  
Dinner provided, admission \$20 members, \$35 nonmembers

## 2017 Monthly and Yearly Dance Events

The club also danced weekly on Tuesdays at VFW Club

### Saturday, March 4, 2017

14th Annual Showcase/Dance, Bellevue Social Center.  
Admission \$10 performers and spectators

### Saturday, April 22, 2017

Sponsored Club Night Out, Bogie's West (14334 U Street)  
Admission Free, plus club members get half off food (up to \$5 off)

### 2017 Saturday, August 26, 2017

20th Anniversary Dinner and Dance – CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!!!  
Stockyards Exchange Ballroom, dinner and dance admission \$20 members, \$35 nonmembers,  
dance only \$10

### 2017 Sunday, December 10, 2017

Christmas Dinner and Dance, Stockyards Exchange Ballroom  
More information to come

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John Lindo Workshops - Bellevue Social Centre  
August 22, 2015

# 15th Anniversary

Georgetown Club  
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