



November Newsletter

We had a great November dance at the Polonaise Ballroom with 40 member and guest couples! Joyce and Dave did an excellent job of creating a celestial atmosphere to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing. Many people commented on the large dance floor and Georgie Wonders Orchestra played great music that had many of us dancing all evening.

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find the December dance invitation. Ashley Primeau and Collin Carr will have us going into the Pines at another one of our favorite venues, Settles Hill. The Danny Lombardo Trio will have us dancing all night. We have a couple of extra surprises planned for this Gala so we hope you will all be able to join us! Please RSVP promptly so that you don't miss out on this great evening. Many venues are now requiring earlier responses, so we appreciate your cooperation.

As has become a tradition for the Benedicts, we plan to spread some holiday spirit. We hope you will consider donating to Dance Crazy this year at our December Gala. Dance Crazy was formed 15 years ago by a group of local ballroom dancers. The program is inspired by the achievement of children in the New York City ballroom dance program. To date Dance Crazy has provided dance instruction to over 2700 4th and 5th grade students in the Capital District tuition free. We will have a box to collect donations as well as additional information about the program or visit www.dancecrazykids.org. Cash or check payable to "Dance Crazy" will be accepted at the Gala.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so to help in our planning. We also encourage you to bring guests to our dances. It is the best way to introduce people to our amazing club so they will want to join.

As we announced at the November dance, we will again celebrate New Years Eve with a joint dinner-dance party with the Cotillion and USA Dance at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. We have sold out the last 2 years, so please get your reservations in promptly. We hope to see many of you there to ring in 2020!

We will be hosting another dance workshop on Saturday, January 11th at Dance Fire Studio. The flyer is enclosed with this mailing. We hope you take advantage of this great opportunity to refresh your dancing skills and socialize with fellow Benedicts members in a more casual setting. Guests are welcome to attend as well with no additional guest fee. This gives them another opportunity to get to know our Club.

The 2019-2020 schedule for the remaining events is listed below. Please mark your calendars now to join us for these dances.

Dance Date	Venue	Band
December 7	Settles Hill	Danny Lombardo
February 1	Wolfert's Roost	TS Ensemble
March 7	Albany Country Club	Georgie Wonders Orchestra
April 4	Mohawk Golf Club	Danny Lombardo

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for our dance friends and the opportunity to enjoy beautiful evenings out together with dinner and dancing. We look forward to many more events with all of you.

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