# Dayton Area Ballroom Dance News

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## Hello Dancers,

I want to thank Shannon Wahl for the great articles she has been providing for the newsletter every month, keeping us informed as to what is going on.

We all are missing the dances that were of necessity cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Unfortunately there is a spiking of cases again, across the U.S., making the future of dance even more uncertain. The board members of the various Arbor Hall dance clubs are working together in order to eventually safely open up dancing in the Dayton ballroom dance community.

Our dancing friends are missed as well, but it helps to talk with them on the telephone. If you get to feeling lonely, contacting them will help. Call, text, or email your dancing friends. They will be happy to hear from you.

I am sure many of you have dancing memories that you could share with us for the August newsletter. Please send photos and captions, <a href="mailto:cmbuechly@aol.com">cmbuechly@aol.com</a>. Thank you.

Carolyn Buechly, Editor

#### We will dance again!

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It has been four (4) months since COVID-19 put an abrupt halt to our favorite pastime. As we enter the month of July, we continue to see an increase in virus cases, and social distancing guidelines remain in place. When the closures began in March, few thought we would be on hold for so long. Today, the only thing that is certain is the uncertainly of how long this situation will last.

We all miss the social dances, and it is disappointing not to see each other and dance together like we want to. Last month, the Arbor Hall dance clubs circulated a survey to learn how our dance community feels about returning to dance. We collected 160 responses between June 12-26. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. We are grateful for your valuable time, honest feedback, and thoughtful suggestions. We are committed to taking your comments and concerns into consideration as we make important decisions about the next steps.

The survey shows that approximately 30% of dancers are ready to start dancing now, and 30% plan to wait until the spread of the virus is minimal or a vaccine is available. The remaining 40% are watching the numbers and will make their decisions based on case trends and other data.

I'm Ready Now	If No Significant	When There is a	When Spread is Minimal	Did Not Answer
	Increase	Significant Decrease	or Vaccine Available	or Unknown
27.1%	19.35%	20%	28.39%	5.16%

Dancers also sent a strong message that when we do reopen, they expect safety guidelines and best practices to be followed by all dancers. Please be assured that your health and safety is our primary consideration. We understand that as individuals, we all have unique needs and varying tolerance for risk. Nevertheless, when dances resume, the Saturday Night Dance Clubs intend to adhere to CDC guidelines and follow the requirements and recommendations of state and local authorities.

We want to clarify a point of confusion involving the availability of tables and chairs at the dance. We communicated that Arbor intended to remove tables and chairs to help promote physical distancing, but we did not mean to suggest they would all be removed. Only some tables and chairs will be removed to accommodate reduced capacity and to provide more room for people to spread out.

In the last few weeks, we have seen a significant increase in cases throughout Ohio and especially in Montgomery County. After reviewing the survey results and considering the current trends, the club leaders unanimously agreed not to hold any social dances in July. We will meet again on July 23 to evaluate the situation and consider options for August and September. We will communicate any updates as they occur. This situation is hard for everyone, but we will get through it if we hang in there together. Until then, please continue to stay healthy and safe so we can dance together soon.



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# DANCERS "STAY-AT-HOME" PASTIME!

#### FROM ED AND BARB MURPHY

We have adopted a 5 year old bella who we bring to some dances. We have been walking a lot, almost daily. Went to Carillon Historical Park, watched baby eagles, slid down the slides, rode the train, and the carousel.

Ed, Barb, and Bella.

### FROM MARY E. DINOFA

There are new discoveries to be found in each new day. I keep busy by dancing in my living room, while out walking with iPod tunes in my ears (neighbors think I walk funny), dance down the grocery store isles, wherever I hear music. Love to read on the patio. Working on sewing skills. Learning to make crepes! Have spoken with several dance acquaintances and have gotten to know them better. Keep living in my house, so it never stays quite clean. Miss all my dance friends, DJ's, bands, and good ball-room music!

We shall return!
Mary DiNofa
Dayton Ballroom

#### FROM THE "PICTURE LADY"

So what has the "Picture Lady" been doing while virus curfew has been here. She works part time to see elderly folks at home, from set-up meds for a week in their planners to wound care. She also monitors for signs of virus and teaches what to do to stay safe; wash hands with soap and water often, wear mask out to stores, even though curfew is easing up, wear gloves on high risk things like gas pump handles and doorknobs to avoid germs. Always wash hands when you get home.

We need to work at staying safe for quite a long time yet. My 93 year old client loves my visits as her family have only phoned her, and she is vey lonely. I got a scout award from one man for excellent services today. It is their smiles that are so rewarding.

Weekends are flowers and pulling weeds. My yard is admired by neighbors for all the colors.

I watched my three year old granddaughter have her birthday on cell phone. Hope to be seeing them in person soon.

> Stay well everyone! Louise McCoy



# Mary Rose Pica and son Johnny Griffin

have been working on a hip-hop routine during the "Stay-At-Home" time. Video can be viewed on the home page of our website, <a href="https://www.ballroomdancedayton.org">www.ballroomdancedayton.org</a>. After you get on the website, just scroll down the home page until you see Mary Rose and Johnny. Make sure your sound is turned on and click on the arrow.

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# How Tony Rimkus is spending quarantine days. Carolyn on the John Deere

#### FROM CAROLYN BUECHLY

My stay-at-home time has been most enjoyable. When I broke my femur on June 28, 2019, 1 learned how to stay at home and am still recovering, working on re-building my muscles while staying at home. I never thought it would take a year but that is what my doctor told me. He was right! My activities are varied. I play the piano, usually for two hours every day and my dog, Lovey insists that I play ball with her. I cook meals for Bob and me and also share them with an elderly neighbor. Since face masks became a necessity, I sewed them, and did several other sewing projects. When Bob lets me, I climb up on the tractor and mow my lawn. I talk on the phone with distant relatives I rarely see. And last but not least, I try to come up with items of interest for the newsletter during the time that there is no news to report about dances.

Carolyn



#### FROM JAMES AND SUE ELLEN ATER

Our son, J. Kelly gave us wine for our anniversary in May. He gave me a mini vac for Mother's Day. I have been busy cleaning baseboards while Jim vacuums. Jim likes to read while I bake.

#### Pamela Neveu:

What keeps her busy: Maintaining home, lawn and gardens; property is ready for "Home and Gardens" photoshoot. Worked three 500-piece puzzles; the finished products are masterpieces. Read various books; entertaining and interesting because this inquiring mind wants to know. Cooked and delivered desserts to friends, while most definitely maintaining protocol of personal and neighborly safety, see photo. Practiced the 2019 Santa Babe Christmas routine and two tap dance routines; danced as if no one was watching. Recovered lawn chairs for myself and friends; was challenging and enjoyable; and, friends were delighted; see photo. I am available to cover additional chairs if anyone would like the assistance; just contact me.









#### From the Editor

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