

Sarnia Ballroom Dancing Club
Annual Meeting of the General Membership
Saturday May 14, 2016
Sarnia Legion
President's Report

This past year has proven to be a very good year for the SBDC. As will be reported by the Treasurer, the SBDC is fiscally in good shape and has actively advanced the mandate of International ballroom promotion in our community.

We have great teachers.

Rey and Susanna Montemayor
Don and Helen Troung
Alec Ip and Christine Rail (Sequence dance)
Allen and Winnie Ho (Formation Dance)

Through their efforts our dance classes have helped many couples find their " inner dancer ". Their efforts are greatly appreciated.
* It must be noted that the Sequence group and the Formation group have frequently been invited to area facilities to demonstrate their talent.
(Even St. Thomas, On.)

This year we would like to honour Rey and Susanna for their long term activity with the SBDC. 25 years! Wow! Their dedication is most admirable. They certainly have represented us well and continue to do so.
Thank you to our new Honorary Members for your years of service.

It is also appropriate to thank the area school boards who provide us with the space for our dance classes. The SBDC appreciates the availability of Lakeroad School and Sacred Heart School. Peter Chan's role as liaison with school boards has allowed for the process of attaining these spaces to be seamless. Thank you Peter.

We have great supporters.

The Sarnia Shell Corporation has through their community grant program provided us with extra monies to help in the purchasing equipment etc., making our dancing experience more enjoyable. Rob Bergenhus, George Vero and George Brown have helped us here. Thank you.

Rick McAlpine's involvement with the Elk's Club has also proven to be beneficial to our organization. Thank you.

Store-N-Save Self Storage of Point Edward continued to give a place to store our stuff. "Stuff storing" is important, so thank you for your service.

We have had a great dancing facility.

Camlachie Community Hall was our home for our monthly dances. Lonny Napper has been a great booking host. He has expressed appreciation for the way we have treated this facility and has referred to the SBDC as their "best customer".

*To those who take tickets at our dances, to those who help in the setting up, to those who attend our dances and bring the goodies: Thank you!

We have a great website.

Ken Little's efforts developing a polished look for the SBDC website are greatly appreciated. In this computer age it is important that we "keep up with the Joneses" and present ourselves in the most effective way. Ken is ensuring that we achieve the goal.

We have great advertising.

Check out the Sarnia Community Guide , May 11th 2016, Sarnia Observer, Sarnia and Lambton County "This Week" May 12th 2016 (front page) etc., etc., etc..... Enough said. Thank you Rick McAlpine (and anyone else who might forward the cause) Bravo!

We were look pretty.

Lyndee Lu Cole always makes sure we put our best foot forward. She is our top notch decorator. (also A1 Club secretary) Just sayin.

Their title on the website says Social Directors. It should read "Everything Directors". Through their selfless efforts, George and Marsha Vero have made the SBDC a much better organization. Though just one of their efforts, George and Marsha made sure the 2015 Christmas Dance was a great success. Their accomplishments are many and each one is appreciated.

Rosemary Dayman has been a most valuable resource in the operation of the club. She has actively participated in all aspects of our club with a selfless dedication.

We look good fiscally.

As will be reported, Ric Huras will point out the 2015-2016 SBDC is in good shape and has appropriate growth to ensure continued success. Ric has been a vigilant overseer of the books and thorough in all that he does. His efforts are most important and greatly appreciated.

We have the best music.

No music, no dance. Fortunately, we have, in my humble opinion, the best Music Director. Rob Bergenhus has once again provided the best music for our dances. He is always seeking to improve the dancing sound ensuring the best possible dancing experience. Rob has also been our longest serving executive member at 10 years. The SBDC is greatly indebted to Rob for his many contributions.

The Sarnia Ballroom Dancing Club has been in operation for 35+ years. It has followed the ebbs and flows of this time with the involvement a good number of dedicated people. The SBDC has a rich history, has faced a number of challenges, and has found the right solutions. I am sure that the Executive for this next year will carry on the fine tradition of International Ballroom making our dancing experience uniquely enjoyable.

Joe Hobin
Sarnia Ballroom Dancing Club
President
2015 / 16