

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 5 James | MOODY |
| 7 Robert | CLARK |
| 8 Sophie | POPIELAK |
| 16 Michelle | STROM |
| 17 Sunny | WONG |
| 19 Eva | CHONG |
| 20 Sue | ADORJAN |
| 22 Thomas | PO |
| 27 Emily | LORK |
| 28 Margaret | CHARLESWORTH |
| 28 Catherine | PRIMEAU |

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Annual Memberships for the following will expire at the end of August, 2018. Please ensure that you renew your membership before it expires.

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| Mary | ADAMS |
| Chris | ALLEN |
| Judy | ARNOLD |
| Erbei Jenny | CHEN |
| Renee | CLARKE |
| Chung | DUONG |
| Richard | IANN |
| Cindy | KWAN |
| Lucia | LEE |
| Patrick | MOORE |
| Helen | MORISSETTE |
| Liem | PHAM |
| Sophie | POPIELAK |
| Adrian | TUDOR |
| Marla | VETTESE |
| Hen | VO |
| Lieng | VO |



FROM THE EDITOR

People loved Italy. A third of Shakespeare's plays were set wholly or partially in Italy, with locations ranging from Sicily to Rome to Venice. His other plays set elsewhere, often have alluded to Italy to praise its arts. He had an extensive knowledge of Italian culture and considered Italians to be passionate, charismatic and devious, making them perfect characters for drama and comedies. Verona became associated with love in Romeo and Juliet and The Two Gentlemen of Verona, while Padua, with its university, a place of learning, and of the arts was the place of schooling in The Taming of The Shrew. Venice, a courtly sophisticated Republic, also had devious intrigue, and its tradition of carnival, allowed him to use masked ball settings for mistaken identity. He loved Exotic Italy and they loved him with some stretching the truth, claiming he might have been Italian, to have such accurate details of Italy in his plays. Italian opera legend Verdi wrote his Opera "Othello" after he had read Shakespeare's play. Verona has also capitalized on its Shakespeare connection with an honorary Juliet's balcony, now one of the city's top attractions and is now regarded as one of the most romantic cities in the world.

Opera was born in Italy around the year 1600 and Italian opera has played a dominant role in the history of the form. Many famous operas in Italian were written by foreign composers, including Handel, Gluck and Mozart. Opera is so passionate, and dramatic along with dance, plays and other forms of music and visual arts that were originally made to please the court and nobles, can now be enjoyed by all. Historically it was part of every rich person's education to take the grand tour all the way to Italy as a finishing touch to their education. It was the start and end of the silk road trade route to the far East. This rich trade helped finance the Renaissance of Italy. It has the greatest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the world. Art and monuments are to be found everywhere around the country. It has many romantic scenic spots to visit like; Venice, Lake Como, Positano on the Amalfi Coast cliffs, Portofino on the Italian Riviera, Verona, Rome, Pisa, Capri, Naples and Florence. Join us when we celebrate the majestic romantic music of Italy, along with great standards and hot Latin music on August 17th and 18th, 2018.

Peter Lee

Note: Shakespeare set a lot of his plays in Italy so that he could tackle some of the sensitive political topics, without risking the displeasure of England's rulers.

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| Cheri BARNETT | Tina STURM |
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| Alex MASLANKA | |

Welcome Aboard

Traditional country Italian folk dances are the tarantella from Puglia, the Sardinian ballu tundu (round dance) and the Neapolitan Saltarello. More popular are Disco, Cumbia, Latin and Ballroom in the cities of Italy. When Argentine Tango was for a time outlawed in Argentina the tango experts exiled them selves to Paris, but some also went to Italy. Bachatango started its popularity and evolved as a branch of Bachata in Europe, which was started by Italian bachata dancers experimenting for excitement and variations to basic movements, began to fuse the "sensual" four step Bachata with the extremely "romantic" Argentine Tango in 2002. Famous remixed songs began to be released, often breaking the idea of bachata as just Dominican Republic guitar music. R&B infused Aventura's song "Obsession" in 2002, catapulted Bachata to the top of global pop charts as number one in Europe and Italy. Now pop, rap, hip hop, techno, house, rock and reggae, have been adapted into Bachata. Madrid has the biggest congress of bachata and attracts over 8000 people proving it could evolve and grow. Dance to great Italian music along with Ballroom and Latin tunes on the Romance of Italy dances August 17th and 18th.

Ref: www.danceask.com/bachatango-dominica-republic/
www.thelocalit/20160422/shakespeare-and-italy www.bachatabrno.com/history



Discover the
*Romance
of Italy*
August 17th & 18th



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lease Extension

Our 30-Up Club members will be pleased to hear that we have extended our lease by a further two years, to June 30th, 2022. This will not only give us security, but enable us to continue with routine maintenance and improvement of our dance hall.

More Courteous Ideas

Last month's article about courtesy on the dance floor has led to some interesting discussion about what we can do better, including something as simple as pushing in one's chair when one gets up, to allow others to be able to make it past!

On the dance floor, it is sometimes difficult to dance routines, and best left to later in the evening when the floor is less crowded... or at a Tuesday Tea Dance... and people backing up along the line of dance create mayhem that is only amusing from afar...

While we are all delighted to see old friends greeting each other at the Club, it has been suggested that just as train tracks are a bad place to take a nap, it would be better for all if people did their talking OFF the dance floor.

Impromptu Line Dances

Recently, I have joined people who chose to get together for a line dance during the occasional non-progressive Latin dance. I think that it might help if we do this in the centre of the dance floor, to the side by the mirrors. This will enable those seated to still enjoy watching the regular dancers.

Cancelling Reservations

If cancelling reservations on the afternoon or evening of a dance, please leave a message at the Club. (416 259 1685), or email us at jwhite@jobchart.com. Calling the number provided on the Club phone message doesn't work shortly before a dance as we may have left home to set up for the dance!

Marjorie White



on WHAT'S ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

August 17th & 18th
Romance of Italy

Romance Italian Style. Italy will grab you with all of its charm, history and character. Italians have mastered the art of living: family first, then friends, good food, conversation, and dancing to fantastic music for Ballroom and Latin. Italy has inspired many classic memorable love stories in its plays, operas and music.

Romantic Romeos can bring their Juliets - l'amore della tua vita (the love of your life) to ballroom dance to some of the most inspired Italian music for dancing, at the 30-Up Club. Discover the Romance of Italy dance, where everything sounds better in Italian and immerse yourself to some masterpieces of ballroom music.

MID-AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL DANCES
September 21nd - 22nd 2018

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

MEMBERS' DRAW

Once again, we are holding a special draw for 30-Up Members. Each member receives a draw ticket at every Friday, Saturday, or Tuesday Tea dance – so the more often a member attends a dance, the greater their chance of winning. The top prize is \$100, with other prizes to be announced later. The draws will take place on the Mid-autumn Moon Festival Weekend - one at each of the three dances.

Needed in the Kitchen

Our kitchen staff like to take a vacation from time to time. We would like to have another person available to work in the kitchen when needed. We would like the person to have a Food Handler's Certificate, and will pay the cost of their obtaining it. If anyone is interested – or knows someone who might be – please contact Marjorie or another Board Member.

Come From Away

Those joining us for the show at the Royal Alexandria Theatre on Thursday November 8th (in the evening) are asked to pay their \$106.50 this month. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to the 30-Up Club. (We do have a very few more tickets available.)

The Joys of 30-up Club Membership

- Member discounts at Dance Plus
- Discounts on Friday and Saturday Dance Admission
- Discounts on each Tea Dance Admission (half hr. practice before Tea dance with admission)
- Discounts on New Year's Eve Dance ticket
- One FREE admission in your Birthday month
- Members can make a reservation
- Opportunity to become a Board Member and help
- Invitation to participate in Club General Meetings

AUGUST D. J. SCHEDULE

| Friday | Saturday | Tuesday |
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| 3 Haida | 4 Pat | 7 Haida |
| 10 Alex | 11 Orlando | 14 Larry |
| 17 Haida | 18 Larry | 21 Pat |
| 24 Orlando | 25 Alex | 28 Alex |
| 31 Haida | Sept. 1 Larry Labour Day weekend | |

