

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Denis | CHOUINARD |
| 3 | Judy | HO |
| 5 | John | PRIMEAU |
| 5 | Rose | RICARDO CHENG |
| 6 | Lucia | LEE |
| 10 | Doris | HANCOCK |
| 12 | Okseon | KIM |
| 12 | Sue | HAMPTON |
| 13 | Rocco | RINALDI |
| 17 | Garry | HUBERS |
| 18 | May | LAU |
| 18 | Bill | WHALEN |
| 19 | Trevor | CHARLESWORTH |
| 20 | Tina | STURM |
| 22 | Michael | CHEUNG |
| 24 | Alex | RIVAS |
| 24 | Shirley | SNYDER MOORE |
| 25 | Eva | TONG |
| 25 | June | LI |
| 27 | Tom | MCILRAVEY |
| 29 | Pat | SCLOCCO |
| 29 | Chiang | WONG |
| 29 | Robert | RICCIO |
| 30 | Jennifer | SADLER |
| 31 | Sandra | FUSCO |
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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

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| Cathee | KUNG | Sunny | WONG |
| Paul | KUNG | | |

FROM THE EDITOR

Along with mouth watering treats and uplifting music, there is the fantastically festive decorations, that brings warmth to our hearts in this merry holiday season. One of the distinctive decorations is the snow globe. In 1900, Erwin Perzy, a surgical instrument maker, was asked by a surgeon in Vienna to brighten the very dim electric light bulbs in his operating theater. The newly invented bulbs didn't cast enough light. Perhaps the idea of glass water globes in front of candles used by shoemaker's shops to create tiny spotlights might also work with the electric lights. Perzy hoped the white baby food semolina wheat flakes he inserted inside the water globes would bounce off more light, but it did not work. His grandson, Erwin Perzy said "This effect reminded him of snowfall." and what he invented was a magical winter-themed toy, loved by millions around the world. Perzy made a miniature replica of the Basilica of the Birth of the Virgin Mary in Mariazell, Austria, and put it into his water-filled globe and mounted it to a gypsum base and the first Christmas snow globe was born. For children it is magical and for adults, it stirs up warm feelings of nostalgia. The Perzy family continues to produce globes in four sizes and one-offs, as special gifts for famous people such as former President Clinton and for President Barack Obama's youngest daughter. Their 250-year-old shop doubles as a museum and workshop.

In the 1930s, William Snyder, of New Jersey earned two patents related to snow globes. His Atlas Crystal Works company, became a major manufacturer for the masses, replacing the expensive fine art hand made ones from Austria. After snow globes appeared in movies like the 1940 Ginger Rogers vehicle Kitty Foyle and in Orson Welles's Citizen Kane, sales skyrocketed into popularity. In the 1950s, the innovation of plastics and injection molding meant that snow globes could be made even more cheaply. The "snow" that floats inside the globe, called "flitter" was slowed down by glycol or anti-freeze. Many different designs from Santa Claus to Mickey Mouse can now be found in the Snow globes. Today it is a big business. There is a collector's market for both antique and novelty ones. This century-old Viennese invention remains a great choice for decorations this Christmas, along with the tree and colourful lights, when you create your own wonderland.

Peter Lee

Note: The 1944 San Francisco performance was the first time the Nutcracker was presented in the U.S. The Nutcracker became so dominant in the dance calendar because it has everything to do with children and their first exposure both to ballet and to classical music. Balanchine's original choreography cast 35 roles for children in 1954. In 1940, Walt Disney had included the Nutcracker Suite in Fantasia and there has been many other creative adaptations including "The Nutcracker: A Fantasy on Ice". Alexandre Dumas Père also wrote the three Musketeers.

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NEW MEMBERS Welcome Aboard

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Another great Christmas decoration is the very popular nutcracker. According to German folklore, nutcrackers bring good luck to your family and protect your home serving as a watchdog guarding your family against danger. A nutcracker bares its teeth to evil spirits and serves as a messenger of good luck and goodwill. The Nutcracker Ballet greatly popularized the nutcracker, that is made in the form of wooden carvings of a soldier, a king, or knight. Right now, ballet companies all over the globe present their take on Tchaikovsky's classic ballet, based on Alexandre Dumas Père's adaptation of the story tale "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" by E.T.A. Hoffmann, with music by Tchaikovsky and originally choreographed by Marius Petipa. The first performance in St. Petersburg, Russia, on December 17, 1892 was not well received by the critics, but Czar Alexander III was delighted with the ballet. Although the Nutcracker was not an instant success, the ballet gained popularity with future productions, especially after the American choreographer George Balanchine brought new life to the ballet in 1954, by changing a few characters. Now the Nutcracker joins the other best loved Christmas music of the holiday season. Our DJs might play a few ballroom adaptations of the music from the Nutcracker, along with other seasonal favourites at our Christmas theme Dance.

Ref: www.wikipedia.org www.thoughtco.com/history-of-the-nutcracker-ballet-1006995
http://time.com/3640792/nutcracker-american-history/



Merry Christmas
HAPPY NEW YEAR



Christmas Dance Fri. Dec. 7th & Sat. Dec. 8th
New Year's Eve Dance Monday Dec. 31st 2018

FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

By the end of November, over 120 seats had been sold for the New Year's Eve Party, which shows what a good time people have had in past years at the 30-Up Club. We will almost certainly sell out and I regret that we will have to disappoint people.

AWAY FROM HOME

We will miss those of you taking a vacation over the Holiday period! I know of one or two Members (whom I won't name) who will be visiting family in less stable regions of the world, and we wish everyone a good trip and safe return to our 30-Up Club Family.

COME FROM AWAY

Everyone who joined the outing to see Come From Away seemed to have a great time. We will look out for other opportunities for theatre visits.

ONGOING MAINTENANCE

Peter Van Tol (aided by Vassa) has installed moulding along the window side of the Dance Floor. Also, we have had further electrical work carried out. It never ends...

DANCE HOSTS AT TUESDAY TEA DANCES!

Your Board has voted to continue having a Dance Host at Tea Dances (two for January 1!). We discussed the cost of this, but decided that as a Dance Club we should do our best to increase opportunities - for people... to dance. Also, our theory is that if more ladies come as they know there is a Dance Host, more gentleman will also come knowing they will find ladies with whom to dance...

A HOLIDAY SEASON FOR ALL

Our Club thrives on its joyful multiculturalism, and we wish everyone the joys of the Holiday Season, whatever they are celebrating - even if it is that each new day brings Spring one step closer!

Marjorie White

SEASON'S
Greetings

Best wishes from the Board.

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Christmas Party DANCE

DRESS UP AND SHINE!

Christmas Dance Fri. Dec. 7th & 8th
Members: \$20 Groups: \$25 Non Members: \$30

Enjoy the glitter and grandeur of the festive season, to celebrate warmly at a dinner and dance event, with Seasonal, Ballroom and Latin Music for great non-stop dancing and an evening of great fun.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

New Year's Eve Dance Monday Dec. 31st
Members: \$75 Non Members: \$85

Celebrate New Year's Eve's "The Midnight Hour" with traditional countdown, noise-makers & all the magic moments leading up to it. Intoxicating party ambiance, fairy lights, party gear, great music and exceptional food from Lein's Catering at this our most glittering elegant event of the year!!!

ROBBIE BURNS DANCE

JAN 18-19, 2019
Start up the bagpipes and bring out the haggis, when Robbie Burns Day officially arrives in January and join us for a dance and some music to honour Scottish traditions.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

CHRISTMAS DANCES

Our Christmas Dances are premium events, with a turkey dinner, dessert, and door prizes. People tend to dress more formally, with the occasional touch of Santa. Admission is \$20 for Members, \$25 for Groups, and \$30 for Guests. Pay at the door, no tickets, but it might be advisable to book ahead (647 239 1918)

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

This is our most popular event of the year. Tickets are \$85, with a \$10 discount for members. Reservations are made with payment, which can be in cash or by cheque payable to the 30-Up Club. Refunds will be made for cancellations up to December 15th.

THE NEW YEAR'S EVE MENU

Caesar Salad (Dressing on Side)

Prime Rib of Beef
Salmon

Bun & Butter, Gravy

Mixed Vegetables

Mini Roast Potatoes

Assorted Pastries

Cheese Tray

Bubbly at Midnight

NEW YEAR'S DAY TEA DANCE

For those who have a surplus of energy, or just want to extend the joyous season by sitting with friends and having the occasional dance, join us from 1 pm to 5 pm. Maybe there will be some great leftovers from the night before! Only \$10 for Members and \$12 for Guests.

DECEMBER D. J. SCHEDULE

| Friday | Saturday | Tuesday |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| | 1 Haida | 4 Haida |
| 7 Orlando | 8 Alex | 11 Larry |
| 14 Haida | 15 Pat | 18 Pat |
| 21 Alex | 22 Larry | |
| 28 Larry | 29 Orlando | |
| Dec. 31 st | Haida for New Year's Eve | |

