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So much has happened during the past year, much of it not the very best. Having to discontinue dances, keeping our distance from friends and family, wearing masks, staying at home whenever possible, has been difficult for the dancers, but in order to remain healthy it has become necessary. COVID-19 has caused much worry for all of us. We are indeed fortunate that vaccines have been developed and we can have hope for the future. The timing cannot yet be determined, but if we take the vaccine, it will certainly be sooner rather than later. It is a fact that we will still need to wear masks for some time, but that will end in the future. Eventually we will have our lives back and we will again be dancing. It may be like it was in the "ROARING 20's" after the pandemic of 1918 was over. Only this time, our "ROARING 20's" will hopefully start in 2021, after the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

...WE WILL DANCE AGAIN!!

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NEW YEAR
NEW *Hope*

Happy New Year! Welcome to the New Roaring 20's

2021

**No Dances Planned for January
But we have hope
for the future**



Dear Dance Friends,

Happy New Year to you all. Although we may not have any dance news to report in this issue, we enter 2021 with new hope, a new perspective, and a renewed focus on our future. A future that will include an end to this pandemic where we can safely gather together, socialize with friends and resume dancing. Lots and lots of dancing.

In keeping with this Roaring 20's concept, there is no doubt that we are in the midst of a dark hour in our history, not unlike the one experienced a century ago. When America emerged from the Spanish Flu - the last great pandemic until COVID-19 - what followed was one of the greatest decades of economic prosperity and cultural change. We are now in a similar place, 100 years later, waiting to emerge from a pandemic and focused on how to make positive changes in our world and strengthen our communities.

The 1918 flu is not a perfect comparison to COVID-19. After all, they are different illnesses and our lives, infrastructure and knowledge base are much more advanced than they were in the past. What is similar, are the mitigation strategies that were employed to keep people safe and minimize the spread of illness. Like us, our 1920's counterparts found the quarantines and lockdowns objectionable, mundane, arbitrary, and often surreal. That partly explains why, when the pandemic was over, the Roaring 20's became a celebratory decade filled with exuberance, parties, and a new way of living.

The Roaring 20's was a decade of the new woman, Jazz, and the birth of mass culture. For the first time, people began wearing the same mass produced clothing, watching the same movies, listening to the same music, and dancing the same dances. During the Jazz age, dancing became all the rage. Please enjoy some clips of some of the most popular dances from the 1920's.

Hit CTRL Click to open the videos

- **The Charleston** - [Strictly Come Dancing- History of the Charleston](#)
 - Historic Version - [The 1920's: The Charleston](#)
 - Modern Version - [Matt Baker & Aliona Vilani - Charleston - Strictly Come Dancing - Week 4](#)
- **The Cake Walk**
 - Historic Version - [The Cakewalk](#)
 - Modern Version [Vernacular Jazz and Swing - Cakewalk](#)
- **The Black Bottom**
 - Historic Version - [Black Bottom 1926, and The Black Bottom Dance](#)
 - Modern Version - [The Black Bottom, 20s Charleston Dance](#)
- **The Flea Hop** - [Swing It Showcase 2019 - The Flea Hops](#)

Keep bearing with us as we continue to mark time until we can safely dance again.



"A
new year
is on its way
and the
possibilities
are
endless."
-Unknown



2021

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How will you fill
in your list?

Without a doubt 2020 has been a difficult year for us all. We have had to embrace change, adapt to new realities, and make adjustments to our routines and activities. With so much uncertainty, we cling to the things we know and focus on the things we can control.

As we enter the new year, let's stop and reflect on where we have been, where we are now, and where we want to go. Our future is as bright as our imaginations and our willingness to persevere.

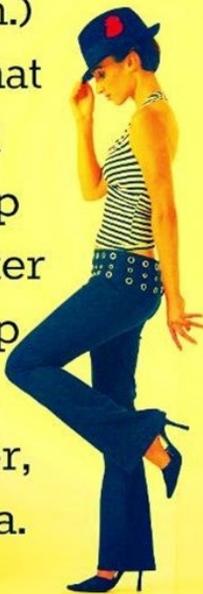
Leave behind you
the old chapters
that were filled with
pages of worries
and begin the
New Year with
happiness, cheer
and smiles.

Happy
New
Year

What have we learned and what will we decide to keep from 2020? Not all of it has been bad. We have learned to be creative and resourceful. We have cleaned out our closets and we have hopefully let go of the things that hold us back.

OPTIMIST (n.)

- someone that
knows that
taking a step
backward after
taking a step
forward is
not a disaster,
it's a cha-cha.



In the midst of all the chaos, the new year creates a perfect time to seek a new path, find new opportunities, and see how we can be better as people, friends, and dancers. Let's think outside the box and find a way to make this new year the best it can be. Surely the path will not be straight, and we may make several integrations before we get it right. However, by working together we can make it happen.

We are masters of our own destiny. We love to dance, we want to socialize, we are smart, innovative and creative. Just look at everything we have accomplished together over the past years. We will find a way to return to the things we love. And, we will find a way to do so safely. The goal is for no one to be left behind.

Of all people, we dancers know that life is like a cha-cha.
Let's make that list!

RING IN THE NEW YEAR



New Year's Eve 9:00 to 11:30 PM

Join us for a virtual New Year's Eve Party on Thursday, December 31, 2020, from the comfort of your home. The Zoom Meeting will be open from 9:00 to 11:30 p.m. to allow friends to connect, say hello, and share a toast of holiday cheer.

Join us for the entire event or just tune in to say hello. There will be socializing, some dancing, and lots of friends and good wishes.

The Zoom Link will be posted on the [76 Club Facebook page](#) on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at Noon.

We hope to see you.

From the Editor

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