NOVEMBER ARTICLE

The Ballroom Dance Club is wrapping up their 2026 season with their annual Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, December 8. Just recently, the club had a Halloween Dance Party with costumes, food and lots of dancing!

Even though the 2026 season is almost over, it's a great moment to look back on how it all started so many years ago in SCLH.

Leif and Darlene Andreasen were enthusiastic dancers who started the Ballroom Dance Club in January of 2001. At first, things were very informal. It was a small group of people who got together every week and danced. Those who knew some steps would help other members with new steps. Before long, Leif was giving a lesson every week for the common ballroom dances. As time went on, the format for the afternoon became more structured with a lesson, followed by an hour of dancing and then another lesson.



Leif introduced Tea Dances in the winter of 2002-2003 on Sunday afternoons. At first, these were very simple affairs. People brought CDs, and everyone danced. In September of 2003, they started charging admission and hiring a band each month. This continued for several years until 2010 when the Club decided to have parties monthly and have members act as DJs due to the increasing costs of hiring bands.

In 2003, Leif decided that it was time to give up running the Club and doing the instruction. Graciously, Gary Pitt decided to take on these responsibilities to keep the Club going. Later in 2005, Sal and Ruth Algeri became Sun City Lincoln residents, and they together with Clyde and Kay McMasters began to assist Gary and Sheila Pitt with the weekly dance instruction.

If you have any questions, feel free to visit our website at sclhbdc.com or email sr64danz@sbcglobal.net.

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