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Comments from our President – Robert White

We have turned the page on the long and frustrating year of 2020. It was certainly a year of firsts for all of us. The major first for our Chapter is that never before have we missed our time together on the dance floor. We have lost our opportunity to visit with each other for MONTHS! Although not yet in the clear, we are in a much better place than we were and with a, a boundless hope for 2021 dance opportunities.

As our Chapter ended this most unusual year, we also placed a hiatus on our long running Group Classes. In many ways it is sad to see these classes come to an end. The Group Classes began about the time the Chapter was formed in 1998. The focus of these classes was to introduce people to the dance environment in a low pressure and relaxed atmosphere. Our classes were always taught by professional instructors because we wanted novice dancers to develop a solid skill base to enjoy their time on the dance floor. Another goal for the program was to prepare dancers to expand their training at local dance studios and to become more proficient dancers. Over the years and decades, there have been an amazing number of accomplished dancers who got their start in our classes.

The following photographs are a sample of many of the classes, which were taken by Ms. Sylvia Rose who so successfully managed the Chapter outreach as our Group Class Director since 2005. Class attendance was often filleed hundred in that year alone! If you attended any of them, you might see yourself in the following collage of class photos over the years.

Swing Class Fall Dance Party
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