



Stardusters Dance Club

An invitation from your Stardusters Board

Your Stardusters Membership

Welcome to the 2026-2027 season!

Greetings

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer and looking forward to kicking off our new season and reconnecting with our dance community. It is that time of the year to start planning for the upcoming Stardusters season.

Thoughts and Concerns

As a Non-profit club, our goal has always been simple: to share our love of ballroom dance in a vibrant, sustainable community. Because we run entirely on a cost-sharing basis, our financial health relies directly on the size of our membership and the number of members attending each dance - the more dancers we have, the lower the cost for everyone.

Recently, we've run into a dual challenge. Like many organizations, the Clintonville Women's Club (CWC) has raised its own prices due to its own rising costs and reduced membership. Specifically, CWC in the new contract year will be charging Starduster's \$500 for the room rental fee for each dance, \$500 for the service fee (chef, food, prep, table set up etc) and a \$150 beverage fee (ice tea, water, coffee). In the new contract year CWC will also require Stardusters to purchase a minimum of (40) meals per dance, a threshold we did not reach for every dance last season.

If Stardusters proceeds into the new dance season utilizing our current membership fee structure, the new meal costs could easily reach \$80.00 or more per meal. This is not inevitable but is a present concern challenging Stardusters and the general ballroom dance community as well.

To keep our dances affordable and energetic, the Board has been brainstorming creative ways to boost attendance. Because about one-third of our members already belong to the Denzare dance club, we see a fantastic opportunity to collaborate. Denzare Dance Club will be inviting all non-Denzare Starduster members as guests to their February 20, 2027 dance and reciprocally, we will be inviting all non-Starduster Denzare members as guests to our March 6th, 2027 dance. This gives us an opportunity to meet more friends and experience another dance community.

To help with costs, we will not be mailing individual dance invites. You can sign up at [Stardusters.org](https://stardusters.org) and we will be sending an email with links for each dance invite.

We would love to hear any ideas or thoughts you may have on increasing our membership. Please contact the President couple with any ideas.

Membership Fees

The membership fees this year will be \$100.00. It will cover some of the expenses above.

General Membership

The membership limit of the Stardusters Dance Club is 100 members. Based upon safety and comfort considerations there is a maximum 64-person limit on attendance at each of the club's dinner-dances and a minimum of 40-person limit per dance to honor our CWC contract and keep costs lower.

Guests

We enthusiastically encourage members to invite their dancing friends as guest couples throughout the dance season. Bringing these prospective new members to one of our dinner dances can help us build up our membership and offer your friends a fun night out and an opportunity to socialize and meet new people.

There is no charge beyond the cost of dinner to bring guest(s) to a Stardusters dinner-dance. Please contact the President Couple with any questions.

Event Details

Location: Clintonville Woman's Club, 3951 N. High Street, Columbus
Wine Social: 6:30 PM
Dinner Served: 7:00 PM
Dancing: 8:00 – 10:00 PM
Annual Dues: \$100.00 per couple (\$50 per person) payable to Stardusters Dance Club
Payment Due: **August 20, 2026**
Dress: Formal/suit & tie for men; formal/cocktail dresses for women
 (Theme inspired attire is always welcome!)



Scheduled Events

Date	Theme	DJ
October 24, 2026	Halloween Spooktacular	Roger Greenwalt
December 5, 2026	Mistletoe Merriment	Neil Falkner
January 23, 2027	Fire and Ice Soiree	Ed Amrein
February 20, 2027	Co dance with Denzare invited as guests - Arrivederci Roma	
March 6, 2027	Hollywood Nights - (Denzare members invited as guests)	Scott Coe
April 17, 2027	Rhinestone Cowboy	Ed Amrein

Officers

President Couple	CO -Vice President Couple	Co- Vice President Couple
Bob & Carla Karn carla.karn@gmail.com 614-216-8526 (Carla)	Cindy and David Stanley cynthiastanley57@gmail.com 614-309-9811 (Cindy)	Dave and Sherry Ley swaplerley@yahoo.com 614-325-6927

Treasurer Couple	Past President Couple
James & Charleen Begin jamesbegin@aol.com 614-286-9482 (Jim)	Tom & Sue O'Brien suevobrien@gmail.com 614-307-4366 (Sue)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Your membership renewal form and annual dues are due by: **August 20, 2026.** If by mail, postmarked **no later than August 15, 2026.**

If you are traveling or have an issue preventing you from responding by the due date, please call Jim Begin at 614.286.9482 or email jamesbegin@aol.com.

2026 -2027 Season Stardusters Renewal Form

We would like to encourage you to complete this renewal form through our website <https://stardusters.org>. You can send your membership dues \$100.00 (\$50.00/person) payment through venmo to: @Robert-Karn-1

OR

Please mail this completed form and \$100.00 (\$50.00/person) membership dues to our Treasurer by **August 20, 2026**. **Please postmark no later than August 15, 2026**. Make your checks payable to : **Stardusters Dance Club**.

James Begin
699 Mohawk St.
Columbus, Ohio 43206

Lead Member Information	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Follow Member Information	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

Season Questions - please read and answer	Yes
Will you be joining Stardusters for this Dance Season?	
Would you and your partner like to be greeters before a dinner-dance?	
Would you and your partner consider being Officers for our 2027-2028 season or beyond?	

*** If you know of someone who would like to join, please copy and forward this information.**