

The Boston Swing Dance Network Says Good-bye

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After more than 26 years, the BSDN dances will be ending this November. Who knew back in 1987 that the dances would continue for so long? When a bunch of us started this dance, there were no other monthly swing dances featuring live music. That was just for special occasions. All the other dances played tapes. You know, the stuff before CDs, iPods and digital music. But hiring bands is expensive and you need to have a lot of community support to succeed. And we sure had it for a long time! So, thank you for that. This has been a labor of love; and I have loved doing it. It's been a great way to meet people and make new friends. And I got to listen and dance to some of my favorite bands.

One of the things that kept me going were the dancers' comments. I'm a sucker for a compliment, so when someone would say mine was their favorite dance, it certainly spurred me on to continue. And I want to thank all of you who supported the dance these many years. But, alas, that number has dwindled below where it can support the dance any longer. You all heard about the new hall raising my rent in the middle of the first season we moved there? Well, that was one of several obstacles that got

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in the way. And it's very difficult finding a "perfect" hall with all the attributes you need. But, there were lots of good times, fun extravaganzas, cake, and ice cream. And I can't count how many people met their special someone at my dance, or started dancing there. It's been very rewarding and I will miss it. It has been suggested that I run one or two "mega" dances a year. But, we'll see how things go after November.

Our next dance will be on Sept. 14 and will feature one of our favorites, Doc Scanlon. November 9 will be our big, blow-out, farewell dance with Eight to the Bar AND The Love Dogs switching off sets and combining for the last set. We did this once before and it was incredible. You can check out the [video clips](#) on Youtube.

I hope you all come by September 14 and November 9 to say good-bye. I'll look forward to seeing you.

Roger

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Thank you, Roger, for many, MANY fun evenings!

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Leanne says:

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Roger, thanks for all the great times! The IC was always one of my favorite things — great people, great music, great dancing, and an all-around great vibe. It's been several years since I've lived in the Boston area and more years than that since I've been able to dance regularly, but I will miss this dance! You gave us a great gift. Enjoy your well-deserved "retirement."

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