

Staten Island Ballroom Dancers
Minutes for Meeting #677 on February 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Springstead at 7:40 pm with a Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MATTERS:

RECORDING SECRETARY MATTERS (Marilyn Laraia): Marilyn read the prior month's minutes which were accepted by the Club.

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY (Maryann Mazza): Maryann said that she sent a get well card from the Club to Neil Seff for his recent hip surgery.

There was an extensive conversation regarding seating arrangements at the dances. If you wish to change your table in the future, please first discuss it with the members at the table that you wish to sit with. If they have chosen to remain seated with other members, the dance hosts will have difficulty arranging the tables. Members are asked to use Ana's Dance Kit when organizing tables.

Sad News: Vinny Laraia reported that he received a phone call from close friend Rudy Hernandez just before the meeting. Rudy & Luz were not going to be attending the meeting nor Sunday's dance because they were traveling to Virginia to be with their family after the sudden death of their 26 year old grandson.

TREASURER (Mike Marinaccio): Mike mentioned that the Bank now requires us to write out our full Club name on our checks or they will be rejected. So, instead of writing SIBD, we must now write STATEN ISLAND BALLROOM DANCERS, INC. He also reported that our balance as of January 31st was \$12,398, Mike & Joan said that they have been unable to reach Santo & Martha Scaltro. If anyone can reach them, please let Joan know. Mike said that based on payments, there are 103 members in the Club.

VICE PRESIDENT (Denise Pianoforte): Denise thanked Gil & Rosario Inigo for tonight's coffee and cake and especially for their terrific soup. She also thanked Frank Byrne for setting up the room tonight.

PRESIDENT (Joan Springstead): Joan said that the membership role will be split as follows: Jerry Mulnick will continue to work the computer and maintain our membership records. Angie Seff will be our on-site membership representative for our meetings. Vincent Graziano & Tom Springstead will handle the door, collecting the fees and recording attendance.

Joan said that Mary Basso completed the successful audit of the Club's finances. The Club's record keeping needs improvement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP (Jerry Mulnick): Tom Springstead and Vincent Graziano filled in for Jerry and said that 46 people attended tonight's meeting and \$230 was collected.

EXAMINER (Vinny Ferrara & Vinny Laraia): Nothing to report.

PUBLICITY (Tina Murphy): Craig Murphy reported on behalf of Tina that she sent more photos from the last dance to Gary for posting on the website. Tina arrived later in the meeting.

SOCIALS (Ann Marie McDonnell): Ann Marie said that Dancing to the Oldies, Part 2 has been another success with the final lesson on February 19th. There will be an Open Social Dance on February 26th. Because of the success of these recent lessons where more than one dance is taught each week, the next set of lessons will be a combination of Tango and Rumba starting on March 5th. March 12th will be a meeting The remaining Tango/Rumba lessons will be held on March 19th, April 16th and April 23rd. There will be an Open Social on March 26th. There is no social on April 2nd because the hall is not available due to Holy Thursday.. Then there is another meeting on April 9th. The cost of the lessons will be \$35 per person based on the number of members attending.

WEBSITE (Gary Burkhardt) & DANCE HOST ADVISOR (Ana Cosentino): Gary & Ana have been designing a new sign in sheet.

DANCE DJ's (Neil Seff): Neil said Carlos will DJ the February 15th Dance and Brandis the April 12th Dance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Upcoming Dances:

February 15th at the Crystal Room, 6:30 - 10:30 pm.

Hosts: Jeff Shelley & Marisa Calabrese and Raymond Urciuoli & Roseann Divernieri.
87 members are expected to attend.

April 12th at the Crystal Room, 6 - 10pm.

Hosts: Vinny & Pattiann Ferrara and Jim and Maria Dolce.
Please mail your responses as early as possible.

Note: The June Dance was changed to June 7th, 6 - 10pm because of the availability of the Crystal Room.

Soroptomist Luncheon:

Angie Seff announced that there will be a Ruby Awards Luncheon at the Old Bermuda Inn on Sunday, March 15th from 12-4pm. Price is \$95 per person and the luncheon supports a scholarship for young mothers. Below is the flyer for the luncheon.

Stardust Weekend:

The next Stardust Weekend is scheduled for April 16th.

The Club held a Moment of Silence and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Soroptimist International of Staten Island

*The Annual
Ruby Awards Luncheon*

Sunday, March 15, 2026

— 12:00 PM — 4:00 PM —

📍 The Historic Old Bermuda Inn
Staten Island, New York

— *Honoring Women Who Inspire* —

Lina Fang • Diane Kramer
Daisy Olivencia • Linda Ollis • Gina Ottrando
Helen Timari

Junior Ruby Honoree: Madison Cirelli

— \$95 per person • \$900 table of 10 —

— *An Afternoon of Celebration, Service & Community* —

— Celebrating 71 Years of Service —

Please RSVP on our website:

www.soroptimists.org/event-details/2026-ruby-awards-luncheon

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