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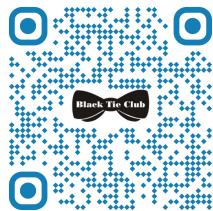
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RESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Dougan, International President

The following article contains excerpts from Gary's speech at the Rehoboth Beach / Lewes Chapter's Coastal Convergence 2026 Sunday Brunch held on May 3rd:

Good Morning Black Tie Men!

Last night's "Black & White Coastal Elegance" formal was a real thrill...the silver reflective tunnel with the shiny walkway, and the tree branches and lights...transfigured us from reality to a fantasy world reminiscent of the "Secret Garden," for a visually, audio and culinary stimulating mind-altering experience. This was a dramatic beginning to a fantastic Convergence Formal.

Let's start off with an acknowledgement [AGAIN] of the Rehoboth Beach Planning Committee for making amazing creative decisions to provide us with a top-notch experience — the likes we may never see again...until, maybe, er, at next year's **"Convergence on the High Seas."**

The theatrical singers – everything from cabaret to Broadway. It was truly an amazing array of talent. Thanks to all the attendees for showing the performers some "Black Tie" respect and attention.

I was thrilled last night to have the evening culminate in some dancing from "our era" of music, including "Dancing Queen," "Never Can Say Goodbye," "Cher's 'Believe,'" and finishing up with rollicking dances to "MacArthur Park," and "Last Dance" by Donna Summer. Whenever I hear that music, I realize how special our time in history has been, and how we are continuing to make our era special. We just don't want it forgotten. Hooray for all we've been thru...and continue to go thru.

But let's talk Black Tie Club updates. Here is my annual report to our members.

We had our Saturday Leadership Breakfast yesterday morning and here's the report from that meeting:

1. We currently are showing an **increase in membership** from last year, but still down from our all-time high (pre-COVID) in 2017. Our recent membership low was during COVID (2020 to 2022).
2. I discussed with the Leadership Breakfast attendees that I personally continue to work to ensure that our chapter leaders are supported and get what they need so that members get the best experience possible.
3. I try to visit as many chapters as possible each year, with my goal of visiting all chapters at least once in a 3-year period. This coming year, I hope to get to a couple of chapters that I haven't visited for a while: **Dallas, Rochester / Finger Lakes, Fort Lauderdale, Phoenix / Scottsdale, and Toronto.** This past year I visited all the others. I thank those chapters for hosting me, and in some cases creating impromptu casual "meet ups" such as a happy hour or a group dinner. **REMINDER: VISITING OTHER CHAPTERS IS A BLACK TIE MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT!**

Chapter Leaders shared a lot of ideas about what is working in their chapters, and how they are creating quality programming for their members. Each chapter is somewhat independent, and there are many variations on how each chapter conducts its business.

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4. The **International Magazine** is still considered one of the best and most tangible ways that our members can enjoy their memories, see what is happening around the club and keep up on upcoming events, travel and Convergences. It is often referred to as “the glue that holds us together.”

We do not send out a hard copy of the Magazine. Rather we send you a link to the Magazine via your email letting you know that the latest issue has been posted on our website. Magazines are published approximately 3 times a year. We always do a special “Convergence Issue” following our big event. Coming up soon will be our regular issue covering chapter events from January to May. Then, about a month later, we will have the special Convergence Issue covering all the activities at this fantastic Rehoboth Beach / Lewes weekend.

5. **Let's talk about our website.** What is our website? It's our name: www.blacktieclubinternational.org (NOT dot-com). Once you get into the website there are many choices. You can click on Magazines for the latest issue. You can also view older issues. You can click on Convergence ...and you can also select “Travel.”

6. We have been using an “**oversized postcard**” mailing sent to your home about 3 times a year to let you know that the Magazine has been published and posted. On that card is info on other upcoming activities of various chapters, and Special Travel Series trips coming up.

7. There is a **CALENDAR of EVENTS** on the website. We encourage all the chapter leaders and members to check it periodically so you'll know what chapters are planning, and to make sure your events are properly posted as far in advance as possible. Chapters are urged to add their own events to the Calendar. Instructions to add or edit events can be found on the Calendar page. Our International Editor, Greg Vaccaro, can assist if necessary.

8. We have a new **International Communicator, Mr. Alan Akin** from Atlanta who will now be in charge of forwarding event announcements from chapter to chapter, and from “international” to chapter, and eventually he will be doing some bulk dissemination to the individual members.

9. Our Treasury is healthy. It is recoiling from the COVID years, where we skipped on dues, and we took a hit in our membership. We are slowly building back to that, with a goal of creating a healthy reserves of up to three times our annual expenses plus another year of expenses for the current year. All of our events are priced to cover their costs. If an event creates an excess of revenue that helps us build up our Treasury. All excesses are used for future programming and administrative costs. **Unlike most other social organizations, no one is getting paid or profiting in any way from Black Tie fees.**

10. We have been investing periodically in **Certificates of Deposit**, and are earning interest. We will be making another one of those in the weeks to come.

11. We discussed the need for an **Anti-Harassment Policy**, and created a model document. This allows us to have a statement in our governing documents indicating that we do not tolerate unwanted behavior. We are a friendly group, enjoy each other, and I certainly hope no one is having any troubles in this area. I thank the DC chapter under **Armando's leadership** for researching and pioneering this policy.

12. We will be using Social Media for **recruitment and promotion**. **Isaac** is pioneering this activity with me.

13. **Reminder** that we are a volunteer-run organization. We currently have no paid staff person to oversee and manage all our activities, so please be flexible with us as we conduct our business.

14. **Chapters discussed recruiting and promoting new members.** I'm happy to report that last year some chapters did participate in their city's Pride festivals. DC was the host to “World Pride” last June and had a successful run of many events. We will be working on more formal brochures and print-cards for chapters to use, or that can be customized for just their chapter recruitment.

15. We talked about **member participation** in their own chapter events. Chapters encourage all members to help out with their formals and casuals as hosts, or as planning committee members. We appreciate all of you getting involved, based on the determination of your chapter President. It definitely takes a village to keep this club going – as you can see with all the people who brought you this amazing Convergence here in Rehoboth.



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16. This next year, I will be reinstating **Leader Zoom Calls** approximately quarterly to create more touch points between chapter leaders to share ideas of what's working and what help they are needing to be successful.

Presidents: let's huddle together again this August.

17. We are looking into **Group Event Insurance**, and also into incorporating our chapters as 501-c-7 social group not-for-profit entities. This helps chapters work with event venues, and helps us stay tax-exempt.

18. **International Dues for 2027** will be the same as 2026 at \$60 per person. Those funds go to assisting the Convergence planning chapters, and to cover administrative and business expenses. We will be incurring costs in some social media design consulting as well as some legal questions we have for incorporating as non-profits and insurance programs. Local chapters may charge an addition amount on top of the international dues to cover local incidentals.

And now let's talk about some of the upcoming fun stuff:

First I'd like to announce a new Program called the **TRIP Program**. It encourages and rewards our members who visit other chapters. I'd like to acknowledge **Chris Hester** from Atlanta, whose vision has brought us this fun program. *(Editor's note: See the article on page 6 describing how the TRIP program works.)*

Speaking of trips, don't forget to sign up for our **Special Travel Series: Key West Adventure 2026**. This trip is five-nights of Key West fun and Black Tie good times, November 18 - 23, 2026. And we are now working on a **Fall Foliage Cruise for 2027**. *(Editor's note: see pages 63 - 65 for more information on both these trips.)*

Let's hear from the representatives from **Palm Springs** to tell you about early plans developing for **Convergence 2028 – TWO YEARS FROM NOW**. I thank **Gerry McEvoy**, Vice President of the Palm Springs chapter for being here to give us "save-the-date" info.

Here's **Charles Contessa**, chapter President of **Palm Beach**, to tell you what's in store for **NEXT YEAR, CONVERGENCE 2027**, called, "**Convergence on the High Seas**." This will be our first-ever Convergence on a cruise.

Future Convergences: We generally plan Convergences about 4 years ahead of time. 2029 will be hosted by New Orleans / Gulf Coast. Beyond that, we are looking to San Diego, New Mexico, Fort Lauderdale and Laguna Beach.

Lapel Pins: As I get ready to leave the stage, I remind you that I have Lapel Pins for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of Black Tie membership.

Until next year, I wish you safe travels and memorable adventures. I ask you to invite a guest to a Black Tie Event, get out there and visit other chapters, check our website, and enjoy our Magazine.

We truly are blessed with wonderful guys who love to "**Celebrate the Classic Gentleman with Fine Food, Superb Wine and Fantastic Fellowship**" – AND also with a bit of meaningful Travel.

See you Soon !

Gary Dungan

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Black Tie



INTERNATIONAL

Coming in 2027



2027 Annual Black Tie International Convergence

Hosted by the Palm Beach Chapter of Black Tie

Round trip from Ft. Lauderdale

Sailing Date: April 5, 2027

Return Date: April 9, 2027

Length of Cruise: 4 Nights

Ship: Celebrity Reflection

Itinerary: 4 Night Key West & Bahamas Cruise

Convergence on the High Seas

For more information, see page 62.



TRIP

Introducing our new Travel Recognition Incentive Program (BTCI-TRIP)

To encourage our members to visit our fellow chapters in other cities and to participate in their Casual Events and Formal Dinners as well as the annual Convergences, BTCI has implemented a new Traveler Recognition Incentive Program: BTCI-TRIP. This will be a new way to recognize and reward our members who do travel to the other cities where we have BTCI chapters and participate in these wonderful and rewarding events.

There are two levels of achievement in the program as follows:

Level 1 - Globetrotter

You have attended an event in 8 of the 16 active chapters.
At least 5 visits need to be a Formal Dinner or Convergence.

Level 2 - Jet-Setter

You have attended an event in all 16 active chapters.
At least 10 visits need to be a Formal Dinner or Convergence.

Once you have attended the required events in at least 8 of our active chapters, you will complete the BTCI-TRIP application for Level 1 – Globetrotter detailing the dates of attendance and submit it to BTCI.TRIP@gmail.com for verification. Then, once you have attended the required events in all 16 active chapters, you will complete the form for Level 2 – Jet-Setter and email it to the same email address. More information and application forms are available on the [BTCI website](#). You can also request an application form by emailing BTCI.TRIP@gmail.com. Once attendance is verified, you will be inducted into the corresponding BTCI-TRIP Level. You will be awarded a TRIP lapel pin and recognized at the next Convergence and also be listed in the BTCI Magazine and on the BTCI website. As a BTCI-TRIP member, you should be on the lookout for special perks and recognitions from BTCI such as: Recognition at Annual Convergences, Enamel Lapel Pin for your Level (Globetrotter or Jet-Setter), Special Cocktail Parties at Convergences, Recognition in the BTCI Magazine and on the BTCI website, and Discounts on Convergence Registrations.

A few questions have come up since the program was rolled out at the 2026 Convergence in Rehoboth Beach / Lewes, so here are the answers:

1. You may only count one visit per chapter towards the goals. If you visit a chapter three times, it still just counts as one chapter.
2. Special Travel Events (Amsterdam, Key West, etc.) will not count towards your goals. They are their own rewarding experiences.
3. You can count participation in your home chapter's events toward both goals.
4. Attendance in chapters that have since disbanded do not count.
5. The program is retroactive so you can count any qualifying events from the past as long as you can remember when and where. So, dig out your scrapbooks and search your memory banks for those long ago experiences that you deserve credit for. Please contact Chris Hester at BTCI.TRIP@gmail.com or 404-374-0636 with any additional questions.

This will be a fun new way to celebrate our chapters and to meet new friends.
Happy Travelling!



TRIP HALL OF FAME

First Group of TRIP Inductees

This first group of gentleman were inducted into the TRIP at the Rehoboth Beach / Lewes Convergence 2026. Congratulations to them. There are more who will join them soon.

GLOBETROTTER

Level 1



Russell Bues Buescher
Dallas



Bob Herman
San Francisco



Chris Hester
Atlanta
TRIP Program Director



Dan Joraanstad
San Francisco



Gordon Markley
Dallas
Former Chapter President



Rest in Peace

David R. Green

David Roy Green, of Madison, NJ passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 in Morristown, NJ. He was 75 years old. He was serving as Black Tie International Communicator up to his death. You may recall that Dave Green was Co-President of the New York/New Jersey Chapter before it went defunct when one Co-President (Ian Danic) moved to Buffalo, and no-one on the NY/NJ roster wanted to step up. Dave kept the Black Tie spirit going by taking on the "At-Large" membership and the International Communications roles. His kindness and thoughtfulness touched all who knew him.

Born on October 24, 1950, in Jersey City, NJ, Dave was the son of Methodist pastor Roy Chester Green and Edythe Frances Stafford Green. He spent his childhood in several communities in New Jersey and New York. Dave attended Drew University in Madison, NJ, while working security at the Dodge Estate in Madison. In 1973, he joined the Madison Police Force, serving for 20 years before retiring in 1993 as a Sergeant. He went on to continue his career in Corporate Security at Jersey Central Power and Light, from which he retired in 2012.

Dave embraced a lifelong love of travel, genealogy, and enjoyed many adventures by cruise and RV with his loving husband, John Behre, whom he met on Valentine's Day in 1994. Nearly 27 years later, they were married on December 19, 2020, on the steps of Madison City Hall, surrounded by loved ones. Their life together revolved around travel, with Italy becoming their favorite destination, a love of music, theatre, and fine food. In later years, Dave spent his winters as a snowbird in Arcadia, Florida.

Dave is survived by his cherished husband, John Behre; his son, Brian Christian Green, daughter-in-law, Michelle; grandchildren and other extended family. We send condolences to his husband, John Behre, and his loved ones. He will be sadly missed by all Black Tie members for years to come.



In Memory of

David R. Green

1950 - 2026



2026 Atlanta Spring Formal

The Gentlemen of the Atlanta Chapter gathered March 21st on a beautiful Spring evening at the iconic Swan Coach House on the grounds of the Atlanta History Center. The beautiful setting, classic architecture, and perfect weather made for a very memorable evening.

Hosts and Chapter Co-Presidents Paul Donahue and Lewis Jeffries welcomed special guest, International President Gary Dougan. All enjoyed a wonderful evening of Food, Wine, and Fellowship!



Paul Donahue, Gary Dougan, Lewis Jeffries



Newton Galloway, Gerard Lozano



Harry Medina, Joseph Stabile, Michael Dunkelberger, Ken Anderson, George Thompson, DC Payne, Lewis Jeffries, Michael Coughlan





Alan Akin, Rich Harris, Chris Hester



Gary Dougan, Michael Dunkelberger, Joseph Stabile



Richard Low, Greg Simms, Jim Connor, Harry Medina, John White



Chris Hester, Newton Galloway, George Thompson



Joseph Stabile, Michael Dunkelberger



Michael Coughlan, Robert Taylor, Lynn Love, Scott Kubie



Harry Medina, Richard Low, Jim Connor, DC Payne



Rich Harris, Chris Hester



Greg Barnard, Sted Mays, Ken Anderson, Charles Bjorklund



DALLAS

Saints and Sinners in Dallas

The Dallas chapter held its Spring Formal event on April 10 and 11 and it was a weekend filled with sinfully rich food and drinks, and saintly hospitality. The weekend began on Friday night with cocktails at the beautiful, art-filled home of Alan Johnson and Bill Gilmore on charming Rue Du Lac. The evening featured a top-notch bartender crafting inventive cocktails, and a groaning board of heavy hors d'oeuvres. Chapter President Brian Foster gave welcoming remarks and updated us on the chapter's events, including upcoming monthly cocktail hours. Drinks and conversation lasted into the night and were capped by an impromptu concert as members Ricky Nix and Michael Frescura took to the grand piano and showed us their talents.

The sinful fun continued on Saturday night at Dallas' hot new restaurant, The Saint, located in the trendy Design District. Everyone looked gorgeous in their finery as they gathered for a cocktail hour in the back bar. The group then moved into a private dining room for steaks, quail, and passed sides, with generous pours of fine wines. After dinner, no one was ready to leave, so the crowd migrated to the upstairs bar for nightcaps and beautiful views of the Dallas skyline.



Above: At the home of Alan Johnson and Bill Gilmore. Left: Michael Frescura plays the piano as Ricky Nix looks on. Right: Sam Hawk, George Briggs, Gordon Markley, Russell Buescher.



LAGUNA BEACH

Laguna Beach Casual Dinner

On February 8th, Super Bowl Sunday, the Laguna Beach Chapter celebrated its first casual dinner of the New Year. Hosts Len Olds and Hugh Rouse arranged the dinner at Mozambique, a South African restaurant located in the heart of the beach city.

The Garden Room was decorated in the BTCI colors of black and white and guests enjoyed varied hors d'oeuvres before sitting down to a wonderful three-course meal.

There were six guests for the evening with four of them joining the club as full members to the delight of those present. With only two spaces left for future members, the Laguna Beach Chapter anticipates a full club by the end of 2026.

Len Olds, Interim President, announced the death of two members: Trent Hofferber (editor's note: his death was covered in the last magazine) and former President Alan Miller (see obituary on the next page). Len also talked about the history of the club which began in 1994, the second longest established BTCI chapter after Toronto. Present were four of the original and many long time members.

Len announced that the next formal event will be in September at the original Five Crowns Restaurant in Corona del Mar, California, although several summer events are to be announced. It was a grand time for all.



Clockwise from bottom left:

Scott Holman
Clinton Powell
Kim Johnson
Tom Andreas
Hal Binder
Kevin Le
Mark Guillod
Terry Hamilton
Len Olds (standing)
Hugh Rouse
Jim Brophy
Doug Kirk
Shane Roach
Claus Dieckell
Bob Coons
Rick Jackson (unseated)
John Ruble

Submitted by
Mark Guillod
Husband

Rest in Peace

Alan Miller

Alan was born in Los Angeles on April 18, 1945 and died at home in Orange County, California on January 27, 2026.

He was raised in west LA and the San Fernando Valley.

He graduated with a DDS degree from UCLA in June 1970. He served for two years in the US Navy and went on to establish his own dental practice in Costa Mesa, CA where he practiced for 40 years. He retired at the end of 2010.

He often mentioned that he loved helping people improve and keep a happy and healthy smile. He loved practicing his profession and said that he could not imagine what else he would do.

Alan was very handy, often fixing leaky toilets and many other mechanical tasks around the house. Only now that he is gone do I realize how much he contributed to our relationship in so many ways. He always seemed to have a positive, can-do attitude.

He loved cooking and attended many classes to see if he could improve his culinary skills. I always thought it didn't matter what he cooked, it tasted wonderful.

We were invited to join the Laguna Black Tie Club by David Diaz and Michael Peckham in 1995. Alan assumed the president's role several years later when Leonard Olds took over the role of International President. He enjoyed going to International Convergences and meeting members from other chapters.



Alan enjoyed traveling and took many trips to Europe, Alaska, Hawaii and Mexico, on land, and on river voyages and ocean cruises. He especially enjoyed private land tours to many locations on the African continent. He loved the gorillas in Rwanda even though it was very difficult to get to their habitat.

Our last cruise was through the Panama Canal in April/May of 2025. When traveling during the last 10 years Alan had to arrange for dialysis on land and cruise ships. This became more and more difficult as time and kidney failure took its toll on his body. The last year of his life was very difficult for Alan. He needed dialysis 3 times a week for about 4 hours at a time. During the last several months of his life he was unable to drive and walking became extremely difficult.

We were together for 39 years, having met at a gala for the Orange County LGBTQ+ Center and married in 2013. I am very sad at Alan's passing and will dearly miss my husband. But I am sure he is in a better place now.

Peace,

Mark Guillod



L.A. Does Dim Sum Brunch



On May 31st, a bright Sunday morning, 11 members of the Los Angeles Chapter gathered in a private setting at the Atlantic Seafood and Dim Sum restaurant in Monterey Park for a feast of dim sum and traditional Chinese food. The food was excellent and the wines and tea were much appreciated. Co-Presidents Christopher Thomas and David Wagner announced exciting upcoming summer casual event and Fall and Holiday formal events in the works. We all look forward to our next gathering.



Rob Coli, Danny Bozarth



Greg Vaccaro, Christopher Thomas



Jordan Budd, Chris Hogan



Bryan Ruerup, Charles Souw, Jan Donsbach, Jordan Budd



Keith Tunison, Greg Vaccaro, Christopher Thomas, David Wagner, Rob Coli

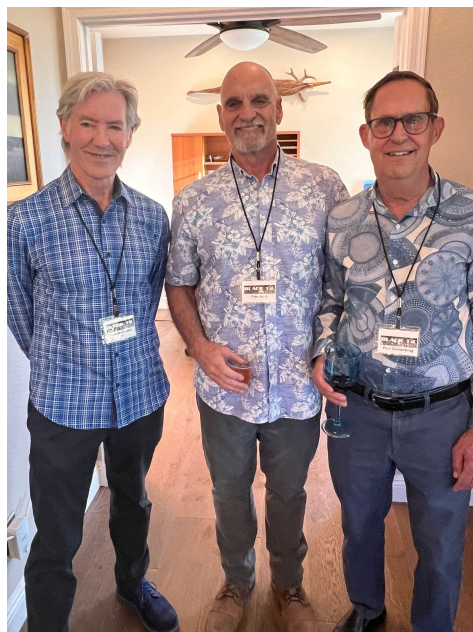


“Get Your Kicks on Route 66” Spring Formal Weekend

The gentlemen of Black Tie Club New Mexico gathered together on April 17 and 18 for a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship.

Friday evening's informal gathering at the home of Fred Snoy was a true delight. Fred's gracious hospitality set exactly the right tone — warm, relaxed, and wonderfully convivial. There is something special about sharing good company in a beautiful private home, and Friday evening was a perfect reminder of that.

Saturday's Black Tie Formal at the Artichoke Cafe was equally memorable. The elegant setting provided a fitting backdrop for an evening of fine food, excellent wine, and the spirited conversation that makes our chapter so special. We did get our Kicks on Route 66!



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George Xillas, Richard Muetze

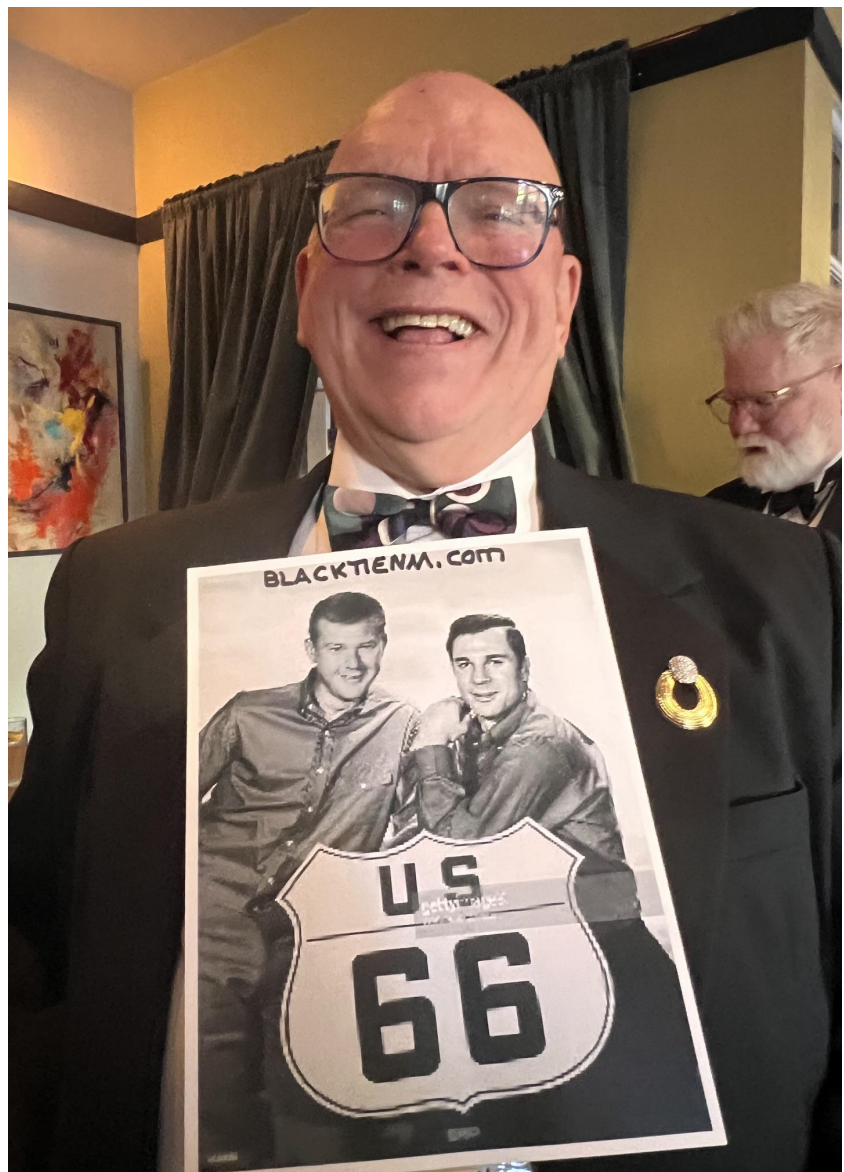
Upper Right:
Cam McCluskey, Fred Snoy (Host),
Paul Oostenbrug

Left: Mike Davis, Mike Boykin





Ned Doty, Harrison Higgins



Jack Cox



Lee McDaniel, Bill Johnson



Tom Hall,
Bruce Hinrichs,
George Xillas



Shrimp Boil with a Twist

The Shrimp Boil with a Twist Event was held at the French Quarter home of Mister Gregory, a local chef. While the feature was the boiled shrimp, it was a twist due to a tasting menu consisting of crab au gratin, broiled oysters, and roast pork.

Then, the main course followed with fresh boiled gulf shrimp!

While the culinary festivities unfolded, we had the pleasure of listening to a live jazz band. Then a local cabaret singer sang a few popular '80s songs from artist like Tears for Fears! It was a wonderful Sunday afternoon experience that left the group clamoring for more!



Brock Anderson,
Trent Bender, Robert Hull



Edward Moreno, Joe Biniek,
Gabriel Jones, Christopher Jones,
Dave Tumblin



Host Tony Leggio
promoting our big Easter
Weekend with his
"bunny ears"!



Inaugural Spring Formal Weekend

The BTC New Orleans / Gulf Coast chapter held its Inaugural Spring Formal on Easter Weekend. We had three days of fabulous events where we entertained our local members along with a healthy contingent from our fellow BTC members from the following chapters: Atlanta, Dallas, Los Angeles, Palm Springs, San Francisco, and Washington, DC.

The weekend started with a Bunnies in the Big Easy Friday evening cocktail party supporting Food for Friends Charity. This event was organized by Board Member, Tony Leggio. Guests were able to meet in the French Quarter and ride to and from the event in a nice bus. The complimentary bus was provided by Ryan Sanders, a BTC New Orleans / Gulf Coast member.

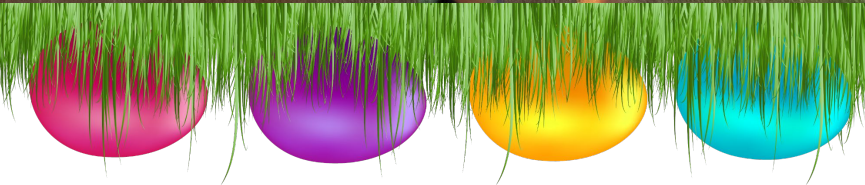


Charlie P., the big Easter bunny, Gary D.



Alan H. and Art L.







Inaugural Spring Formal Weekend continued

Saturday was the main event hosted at Cafe Sbisa in the French Quarter. We had in excess of 40 attendees who enjoyed the excellent food, wine, and great conversation. This inaugural formal dinner officially brings us into the Black Tie Club International fold. We are happy to be among a group of such distinguished gentlemen from around the world.



Gary D. with the
New Orleans / Gulf Coast
Board: Cary O., Tony L.,
Kevin H.

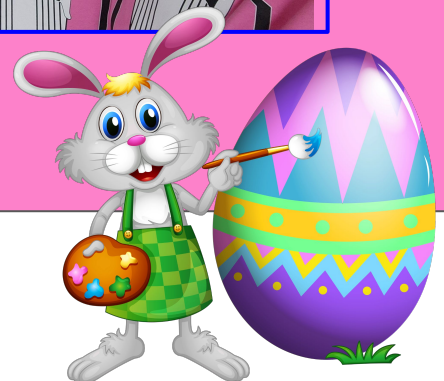


Inaugural Spring Formal Weekend continued

Sunday was the Gay Easter Parade. The rain stopped about an hour before the parade began and we had good crowds along the French Quarter route. Our members wore custom designed, handmade t-shirts. The t-shirts were courtesy of fellow BTC New Orleans / Gulf Coast members Art Losoya and his partner, Alan Hendrickson, who also donated throws to the participants. Most of the throws were rubber ducks with a BTC New Orleans / Gulf Coast badge attached. Of course, we highlighted the good-looking guys for these special gifts. Art and Alan also proudly carried the club's banner in the parade. Thanks to them for all their parade work.







A Casual Evening at Café Satori

January 25, 2026

The Palm Beach Chapter began its 2026 social season with a wonderful evening at Café Satori, one of our longtime favorite restaurants in West Palm Beach. As the first event of the new year, the gathering provided the perfect opportunity to welcome back many members returning for the winter season. More than 70 members and guests enjoyed a relaxed and elegant atmosphere while reconnecting over signature cocktails and a superb multi-course Italian dinner. The evening was filled with warmth, laughter, and camaraderie, setting the stage for another memorable season of friendship and social events ahead.



Dennis Fitzkee, A. J. Watson



Gary Dougan, Charles Contessa



Harris Freedman, Dave Kurland, Scott Horne, John Farielo, Harvey Stoler



Alan Medina, Bruce Conlin



Ahmet Wane, Charles Contessa





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Gary Dougan, Scott Wistner, Mark O'Connor, Mark Resnick



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Mike Ricca, Henry Spence, Stephen Roberts



Submitted by
Charles Contessa
Chapter President

PALM BEACH



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Daryl Evan, Sid Lesowitz, Peter Rogers



Dennis Fitzkee, Mark Resnick, Dana Fitzsimmons



Dean Sovey, Richart Hirt, Richard Esposito, Marc Glasberg, Richard Driscoll





Harvey Stoler, Jude Plum, Rodrigo Gutierrez, Mark Goldstein



Jerry Fitzgerald, Dave Kurland, Steve Nesbitt



John Betz, Rich Katzenberg, Marc Glasberg, Daryl Evans



John Fariello



Matthew Farmer, Don Todorich



Annual Spring Formal



On Sunday evening, April 26th, the Black Tie Club of Palm Springs hosted its Spring Formal at the iconic Mr. Lyons Steakhouse. The event took place in the Conservatory Room and Terrace that transported our party, as Mr. Lyons is quoted as saying, "to a bygone era of jazz standards and overflowing martinis."

Sixty-seven gentlemen gathered for a beautiful spring evening of delicious food, flowing champagne, wine, cocktails, and most importantly, wonderful company dressed in their finest attire. It was an elegant evening spent with old and new members and guests filled with great conversation and endless laughter.

A special thanks go to President Al Castrucci, Vice-President Gerry McEvoy, Director of Formal Affairs Bobby Dent, Treasurer Aaron Butcher, and our new co-Secretaries John Lambert and Travis Canepa.



PSBTC Board of Directors: Bobby Dent (Social Events), Aaron Butcher (Treasurer), Al Castrucci (President), John Lambert (Co-Secretary), Travis Canepa (Co-Secretary), Gerry McEvoy (Vice President)



Ron Eby, Jeff Smith, Eddie Wahrman, Tom Anderson



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Rest in Peace



Bill R. Bryan

Bill Roy Bryan (born Billy), age 90, of Dallas, Texas and Rancho Mirage, California died on Saturday, March 15, 2026, at home under hospice care. He spent most days of his last two months with his spouse, Joe Taylor. Bill was born in Tulsa, OK on December 18, 1935, to Mildred (Simmons) and Truman Bryan. His father was an oilman who worked for Magnolia Oil Company (Mobil Oil) and Bill lived all throughout Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas with most of his life spent in Texas. He graduated from Olden High School in Texas and attended both Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas and The University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

Bill began his career working for Republic Bank of Texas in Dallas, Texas in 1957 and worked for them for 32 years. Republic Bank was eventually absorbed by another bank and became Bank of America, so he retired as a BofA retiree. During his time at the bank, Bill was drafted into the United States Army from 1958 until 1960. He and his wife, Beth, were sent to Germany where they traveled through Europe and adopted their son, Scott. Bill and Beth divorced in 1982 and he eventually left Dallas in 2002 for Palm Springs, California. He met his spouse, Joe, in 2003 in Palm Springs and he followed Joe through the remainder of Joe's military career in the U.S. Air Force where they lived in Washington DC for three years. A devoted husband, father, partner, and friend, Bill enjoyed travel, home design, social parties, old movies, chocolate, and a nice big bowl of ice cream.

Bill was the founder and first president of the Dallas Chapter of the Black Tie Club, serving for three years. Bill was the organizer of the annual Fat Monday Luncheon in New Orleans, Louisiana for ten years where he had a beautiful condo in the French Quarter. He was also a member of the men's social group Gamma Mu where Bill and Joe both attended many events when Bill was younger. Bill had a great sense of humor, a sarcastic wit, and loved going out for dinner and social events whenever possible. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Bill is survived by his spouse of 23 years, Joseph (Joe) Taylor. A celebration of life for family and close friends was held on May 10, 2026 in Palm Springs, California at Palm Springs Underground (see next page for celebration pictures). A service at MCAS Miramar VA Cemetery took place on May 8, 2026.



Celebration of Life for Bill R. Bryan

(See obituary on previous page)

On Sunday evening, May 10, 2026, several members of the Palm Springs Black Tie Club had the honor of attending a Celebration of Life for former Palm Springs Chapter Treasurer and Dallas Chapter Founder and 3-year President, Bill Roy Bryan. The celebration was held at PS Underground in Palm Springs.

Bill passed away on March 15, 2026 at his home in Rancho Mirage, California while under hospice care with his husband of 23 years and former Palm Springs Chapter President, Joe Taylor, by his side.

The evening gave friends and family members of Bill the opportunity to share stories, reminisce about past good times, listen to some of Bill's favorite Broadway show tunes, and remember how Bill touched everyone's lives in a meaningful way.

To quote Joe, "Bill was a man of great integrity; always loyal to his friends, family, and passions; a man of artistic taste who will be missed by all!"



Gary Dougan, Joe Taylor, Al Castrucci



Aaron Butler, Tim Shay





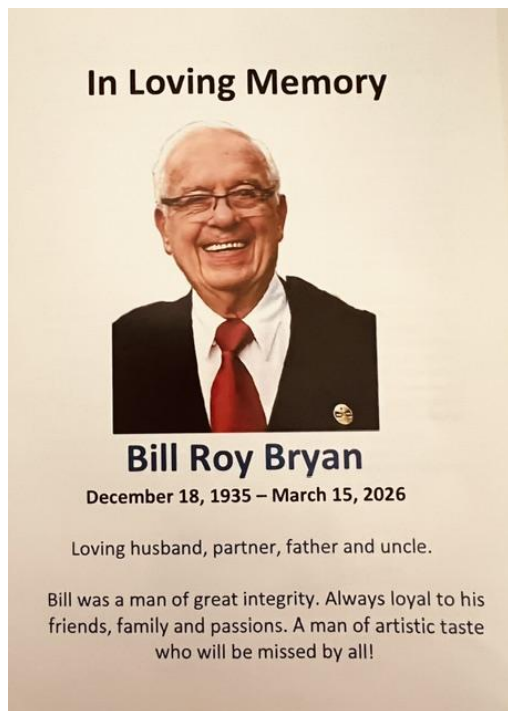
John Lambert, Travis Canepa



TR Rafferty,
Arman Joseph
Rouleau



Gabriel Koh, Steve Gale, guest



Armand Joseph Rouleau,
Fabrizio Settimo, guest

Submitted by
Eric Fox
Chapter President

PHOENIX / SCOTTSDALE

Chapter Begins New Year with Wine Tasting Potluck Dinner

The Phoenix / Scottsdale Chapter held an informal event the evening of Saturday, January 17th, at the home of Eric Fox and Raymond Hebert. Everyone brought a dish to share, and the hosts provided numerous different types of wines to taste. Eric Fox led an informal tasting of three red wines. Four new members were present at the kick-off event for 2026 with approximately 25 attendees overall. A very enjoyable time was had by everyone.



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Eric Fox
Chapter President

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Chapter Has Second Informal of 2026

The Phoenix / Scottsdale Chapter held its second informal event of 2026 on the evening of Saturday, February 21st. It was hosted by Ed Ferrie and Daryl Roche at their community's Casa Bella Clubhouse in Scottsdale. Ed and Daryl had a well-stocked bar and a fabulous dessert table while guests contributed to the appetizers, salads, entrees, and vegetables. The venue was a very nice setting for our group by the community pool, and everyone enjoyed an evening of great food, great wine, and great conversation!



March Mash Martini Madness

A very large turnout of over 30 members attended the March Informal for the Phoenix / Scottsdale BTCI Chapter at David Riach's home on March 29th. Guests mixed and mingled at the mash martini bar where everyone filled their martini glass with buttery homemade mashed potatoes and then added toppings such as chicken, shepherd's pie, and seafood bouillabaisse. Numerous wines accompanied all of the creations with many guests spotted taking seconds and thirds!



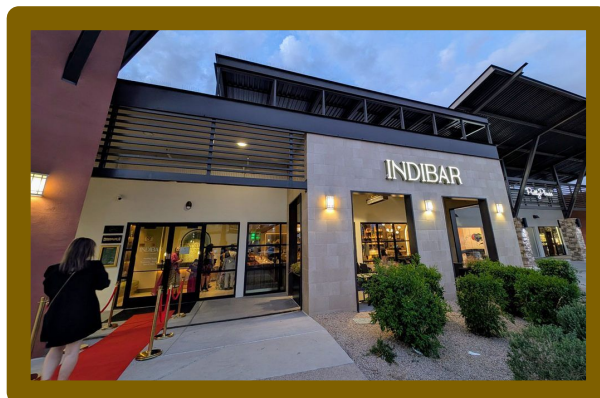


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Eric Fox
Chapter President

PHOENIX / SCOTTSDALE

Chapter Hosts First Dinner Club of 2026 at INDIBAR

A small but mighty group of Phoenix / Scottsdale members met for the first dinner club informal event of 2026 on April 18th. The event was planned by Nick Butler and was at INDIBAR in Scottsdale. The dinner was very tasty and was an Indian-fusion cuisine with a modern twist. Guests enjoyed Tandoori Salmon, Kale Salad, Prawn Curry, Chicken Tikka Masala, Saffron Rice, and Naan bread. Culinary delights were experiences by all attendees!



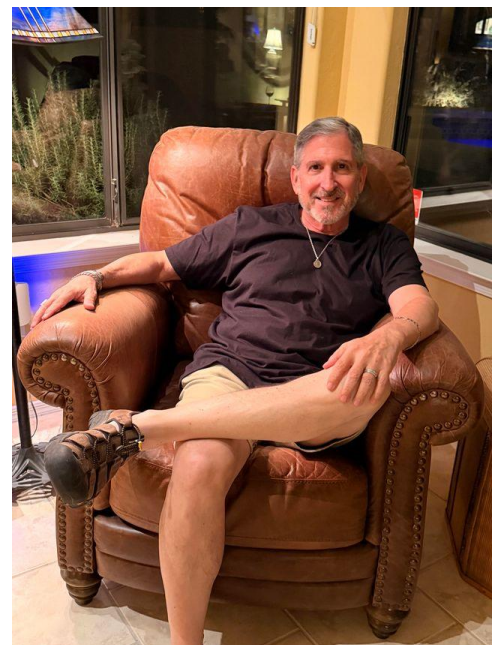
Submitted by
Eric Fox
Chapter President

PHOENIX/SCOTTSDALE

Chapter Holds May Potluck in North Phoenix Foothills

The May 2026 Informal was held at Gary's lovely foothills home of North Phoenix providing guests views of the nearby mountains and city lights. The host provided beverages and desserts and members brought appetizers, salads, entrees, and sides. Nearly 30 guests attended with many enjoying outdoor seating in the lovely weather.





Spring Formal at Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant

On April 25th, San Diego Black Tie Club members came together for our Spring Formal Dinner which was at Tom Ham's Lighthouse with a wonderful view of the San Diego Bay. We began with appetizers as members walked to the large balcony to enjoy the view. The choice of the three-course dinner menu items included the most delicious New York Steak I have ever had, and there was a choice of four desserts! This was an unusually small group attending. Seated around one large table, there was lengthy camaraderie as the evening went on. Everyone attending loved the location, the view, the food, and the company! We hope to go back to this wonderful restaurant!



Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant



Arturo Morales, Ken Aylsworth, Paul Potter, Enoch Ortega



Lee Galloway





Absurdly delicious New York Steak



Apple Crumb Cake



Chocolate Fudge Brownie

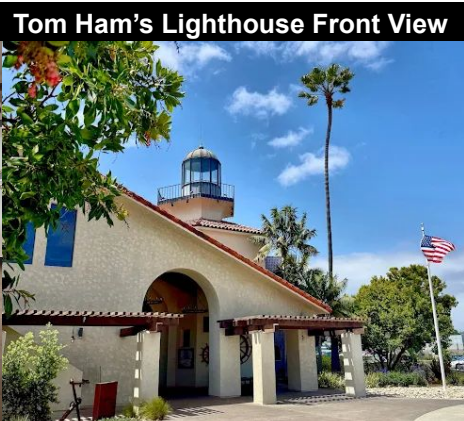


Bradley McCartt, Chris Hester,
Mark Dubas

Ken Aylsworth, Paul Potter,
Arturo Morales, Enoch Ortega,
Lee Galloway, Mark Dubas,
Bradley McCartt,
Chris Hester (Atlanta chapter)



The Room



Tom Ham's Lighthouse Front View



The Incredible View

SAN FRANCISCO

Spring Formal on the Presidio Grounds

In the spirit of the celebrated American humorist, Will Rogers commented that a stranger is just a friend you haven't met, the San Francisco Black Tie Club Spring Formal welcomed new members, as well as charter members and their guests on March 28th. The setting for this celebratory evening was the landmark Presidio Golf and Concordia Clubs on the grounds of the Presidio of San Francisco. With an historical lineage that goes back to 1776, the Presidio, filled with views of the SF Bay and acres of lush trees and meadows, was the perfect venue for a night of camaraderie and fine dining in a classic San Francisco venue.

Co-hosts and Black-Tie Club Presidents, Rich Martini and Markham Miller, arranged a cocktail hour and the three-course dinner, full of vibrant conversation between old and new friends. With visiting International Black Tie Club President Gary Dougan as a guest speaker, upcoming club activities and events were presented for this year and years beyond. And to complete the evening, we joyfully celebrated the 90th birthday of Black Tie Club International's First Gentleman, Charlie Priest — honoring a life truly well lived.

As the Spring Formal dinner came to a close, the members of the San Francisco Black Tie Club turned their attention to the April 19th Black Tie brunch at the legendary San Francisco Beach Chalet.















Submitted by
Rich Martini
Chapter President

SAN FRANCISCO

Brunch at the Beach Chalet

In celebration of a glorious Spring in San Francisco, the San Francisco Black Tie Club hosted a brunch for its members at a landmark location at the Pacific Ocean beach. The Beach Chalet, a historic two-story Spanish Colonial Revival edifice, was designed by noted architect, Willis Polk, and opened for business in 1925. Filled with artwork from the 1930s Works Project Administration, the building is a testament to all the elements of nature with views of the ocean that seem endless.

San Francisco Black Tie Club members and their guests were treated to mimosas, fresh fruit, and fresh baked pastries, served in a sun dappled room at the Chalet. With choices of crab Louis salad, eggs benedict, French toast, or vegetarian omelets, every palate was satisfied. Brunch was sweetly concluded with lemon ricotta beignets for dessert.

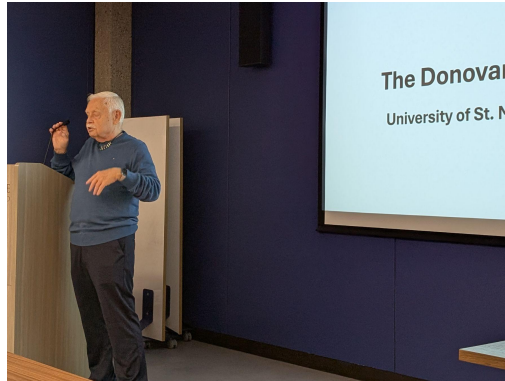
Special thanks to Rich Martini and Markham Miller, SFBTC Co-Presidents, as well as Ivor Bradley, general manager of the Beach Chalet, and his staff for the wonderful spirit of hospitality and attention to detail to all the guests that joined for this BlackTie Club event.



Sold-Out Event to View Father Donovan Collection

In April, member Peter Rogers organized a sold-out “art event” for members and guests at the University of Toronto to view the Father Donovan collection. Consisting of approximately 400 pieces from primarily then- emerging artists collected over five decades, the head curator lead us through an informative 40-minute background discussion on the collection and Father Donovan himself. Most of the collection is on display throughout the University and the public is welcome to view it at any time.

After the art tour, the group walked to member Peter Macmillan's nearby apartment for a cocktail reception. Of note, a handful of attendees were guests considering joining Black Tie Club Toronto.



WASHINGTON, DC

Tuxedo Moon

On Saturday evening the 18th of April, 45 gentlemen descended onto Pentagon City's Ritz-Carlton to attend TUXEDO MOON, the 2026 Greater Metropolitan Washington DC Black Tie Club's extravagant evening of top shelf cocktails, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and a fabulous three-course plated dinner, a lavish feast of incredible flavor combinations that were completed by a dessert entitled "Textures of Tuxedo Moon Chocolate." That devilishly crafted haute cuisine masterpiece seemed to arrive as the evening's perfect cue, because the moment the dessert plates touched the table, DJ Scott of Slate Sound LLC wasted no time unleashing a dance-floor anthem that instantly energized the room — completely transforming the event into a two-hour dance party within the elegant confines of the Diplomat Ballroom, a comfortably expansive and beautifully decorated space so vast that it could have easily accommodated twice as many guests.

For four and a half hours, an inexhaustible flow of conversation filled the festive environment with the delectable din of gentlemen in full scale social regalia commanding delivery of multiple accounts and streams of stupendous conversation, boisterous laughter, and joyous frivolity.

When the room lights began to glow anew, it was mentioned that the dance may have continued a little bit longer ... possibly through midnight. A thought did occur to me right about then: that thought was so TUXEDO MOON.

Perhaps next time.

Yet, as a stream of happy gentlemen headed for the valet, perchance to navigate uptown to dare additional nocturnal festivities deep into the dark spectral shimmering of the urban Washingtonian night, it was the TUXEDO MOON that accompanied each and every one of them. You could tell by the swagger and the way they walked.

Oh, what a night!"





Tuxedo Moon Host Committee Dana, Bill, Lee, Armando, Lee, Philip and Basel

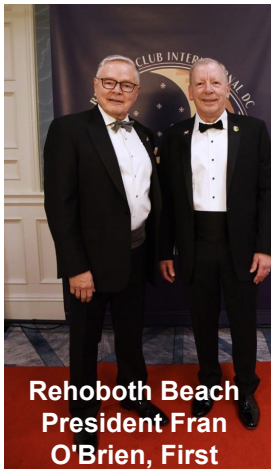


Ezra and Armando draw a crescent moon using live models





David, Lee



Rehoboth Beach
President Fran
O'Brien, First
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Mark



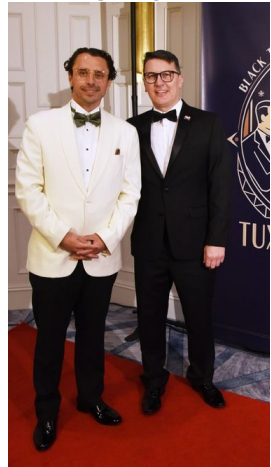
Anthony



Earl



Philip, Greg



Basel, Tom



Neshan, Elvis



Chris, Mark



Dana, Philip



Ezra



Lee



Patrick takes a picture.



Kip, Jack, Tim, Randy



Michael, Philip



Isaac, Mark, David



Dana, Larry



Lee, TJ



Armando, Lee



Mark, Phillippe, Chris





International Treasurer Mik Gin



Fran addresses the room.



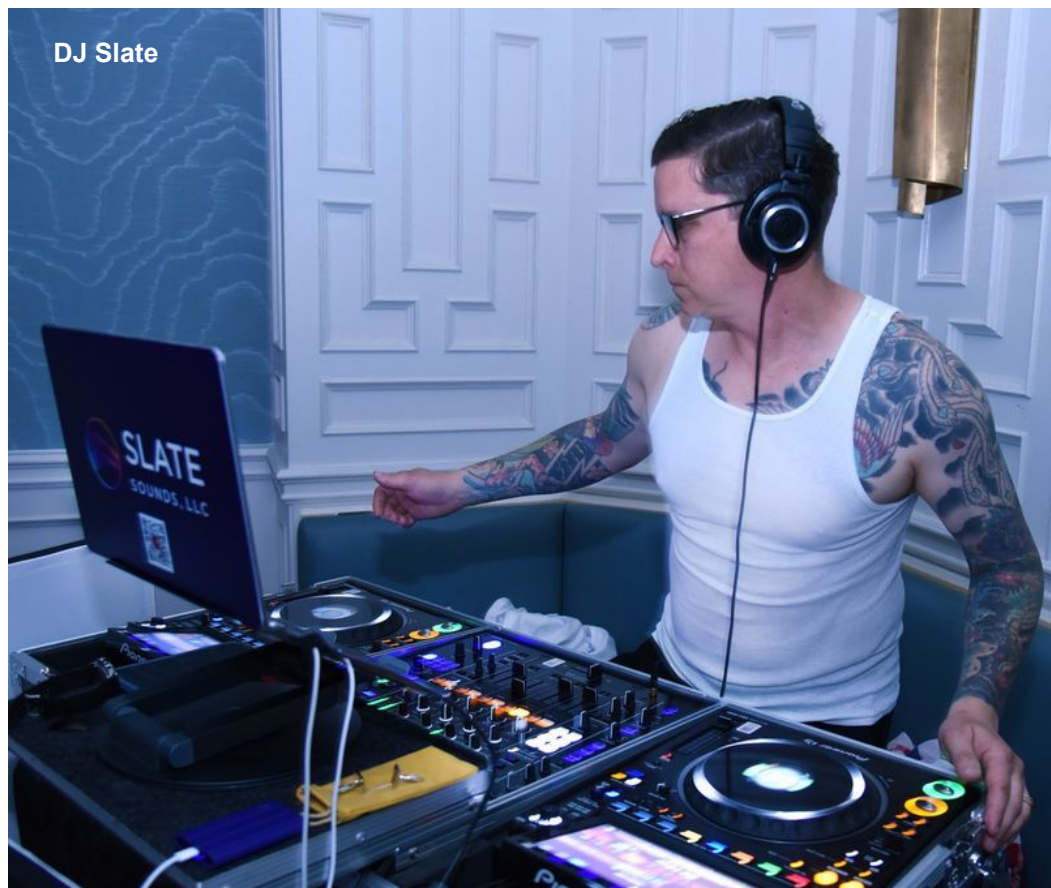
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The Third Thursday of Every Month Dallas Rotating Bar Locations Contact: Brian Foster bfoster@sundevsolutions.com	September 25 - 26 San Francisco Fall Formal at the University Club Contact: Rich Martini martinistraightup@comcast.net	October 24 Washington, DC New Directions Casual Contact: Armando Rascon blacktiepresdc@gmail.com	December TBD Palm Beach Holiday Formal Contact: Charles Contessa cvcwpb@aol.com
June 6 Phoenix/Scottsdale Pool Party Hosted by Lou Contact: Eric Fox eric_p_fox@cox.net	October TBD Phoenix/Scottsdale Fall Formal at the Biltmore Contact: Eric Fox eric_p_fox@cox.net	November 6 - 8 Palm Springs Pride Weekend Fall Formal Contact: Al Castrucci bocagrove7123@gmail.com	December TBD Toronto Holiday Formal Contact: Tim Leonard tleonard342@gmail.com
July 11 New Orleans/Gulf Coast Pool Party Contact: Cary Oswald blacktieclubnogfcst@yahoo.com	October TBD Toronto Cocktail Party hosted by Bonte Minnema Contact: Tim Leonard tleonard342@gmail.com	November 7 Rehoboth Beach/Lewes Fall Formal Contact: Fran O'Brien info@btc-rehoboth-lewes.com	December 12 Phoenix/Scottsdale Holiday Dinner Hosted by Jack and Evan eric_p_fox@cox.net
July 23 - 26 San Francisco Bear Valley Music Festival in the Sierra Nevada Contact: Rich Martini martinistraightup@comcast.net	October/November TBD Rochester/Finger Lakes In Development Contact: Tom Wahl wahljr@aol.com	November 14 Phoenix/Scottsdale Wine Tasting at Carlson Creek Wine Tasting Room Contact: Eric Fox eric_p_fox@cox.net	December 31 - January 1 New Orleans/Gulf Coast New Year's Eve Party Contact: Cary Oswald blacktieclubnogfcst@yahoo.com
	October 9 - 10 Dallas Fall Formal Contact: Brian Foster bfoster@sundevsolutions.com	November 15 Fort Lauderdale Fall Formal Contact: Scott Powell filblacktie@gmail.com	March 26 - 28, 2027 New Orleans/Gulf Coast Easter Parade & Spring Formal Contact: Cary Oswald blacktieclubnogfcst@yahoo.com

UPCOMING CONVERGENCES

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Convergence on the High Seas 2027

The Palm Beach Chapter is excited to offer this amazing 4-night Key West/Bahamas cruise on the Celebrity Reflection!

Itinerary

- Monday, April 5th - Depart Fort Lauderdale at 4 PM
- Tuesday - Key West
- Wednesday - At Sea
- Thursday - Nassau, Bahamas
- Friday, April 9th- Arrive in Fort Lauderdale at 7 AM

For more information and to reserve a spot on board,
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Key West Adventure

Coming November 18-23, 2026

This November, join us in sunny Key West for five unforgettable days of friendship, adventure, and tropical fun. Limited to just 60 guests, this boutique getaway is designed for men who enjoy travel, great company, and unique experiences.

With beautiful weather, incredible food, a vibrant LGBT history, and a walkable island vibe, it's the perfect setting for connection, fun, and shared experiences.

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Key West Adventure

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Your itinerary includes a welcome party at Bob Major's historic Victorian home, a Conch Train tour, Cuban cooking class with lunch and rum tasting, an elegant sunset cruise aboard the Argo Navis, the Black Tie Club Tropical All-White Formal at Sunset Pier, daily themed pool parties, and a farewell brunch at La Te Da followed by the world-famous Tea Dance.

Whether you're traveling solo or with friends, you'll discover why Key West remains one of America's most beloved destinations—filled with stunning sunsets, rich history, outstanding food, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Picture These Trip Highlights

Land Portion Cost is \$1250, not including lodging and transport

Wednesday – Arrival & Welcome

- ★ Flamingo Pink Opening Reception (food & drinks) at a private conch home owned by a BTC member. Conch is a “Key Westerner.”
- ★ Evening gay bar crawl

Thursday – Explore & Relax

- ★ Conch Train Tour of Key West
- ★ Key West Cooking School with Lunch and Rum Tasting
- ★ “Black Tie & Bathing Suits” Pool Party at Alexander’s Guesthouse
- ★ Champagne Gallery
- ★ Sunset at legendary Mallory Square – a trip you’ll remember forever

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Friday – Island Adventure

- ★ Optional tours (Hemingway House, Truman Little White House, Rum Tour, etc.)
- ★ Key Lime Pie Social at Alexander’s Guesthouse
- ★ Argo Navis Catamaran Sunset Cruise (7-course appetizers, beer, premium wine & cocktails)

Saturday – Signature Celebration

- ★ Afternoon Pool Party
- ★ Signature Event: All-White Sunset Pier Party (food & drinks) - No Formal; just wear all white

Sunday – Grand Finale

- ★ Tropical Brunch
- ★ Cocktail Party & World-Famous Tea Dance at La Te Da
- ★ Farewell Party at Alexander’s Guesthouse

Monday – Departure or Extend

- ★ Extend your trip to the Dry Tortugas National Park/Fort Jefferson, a small island west of Key West which was a military post, and then was the site of an historic prison facility for pirates and more.

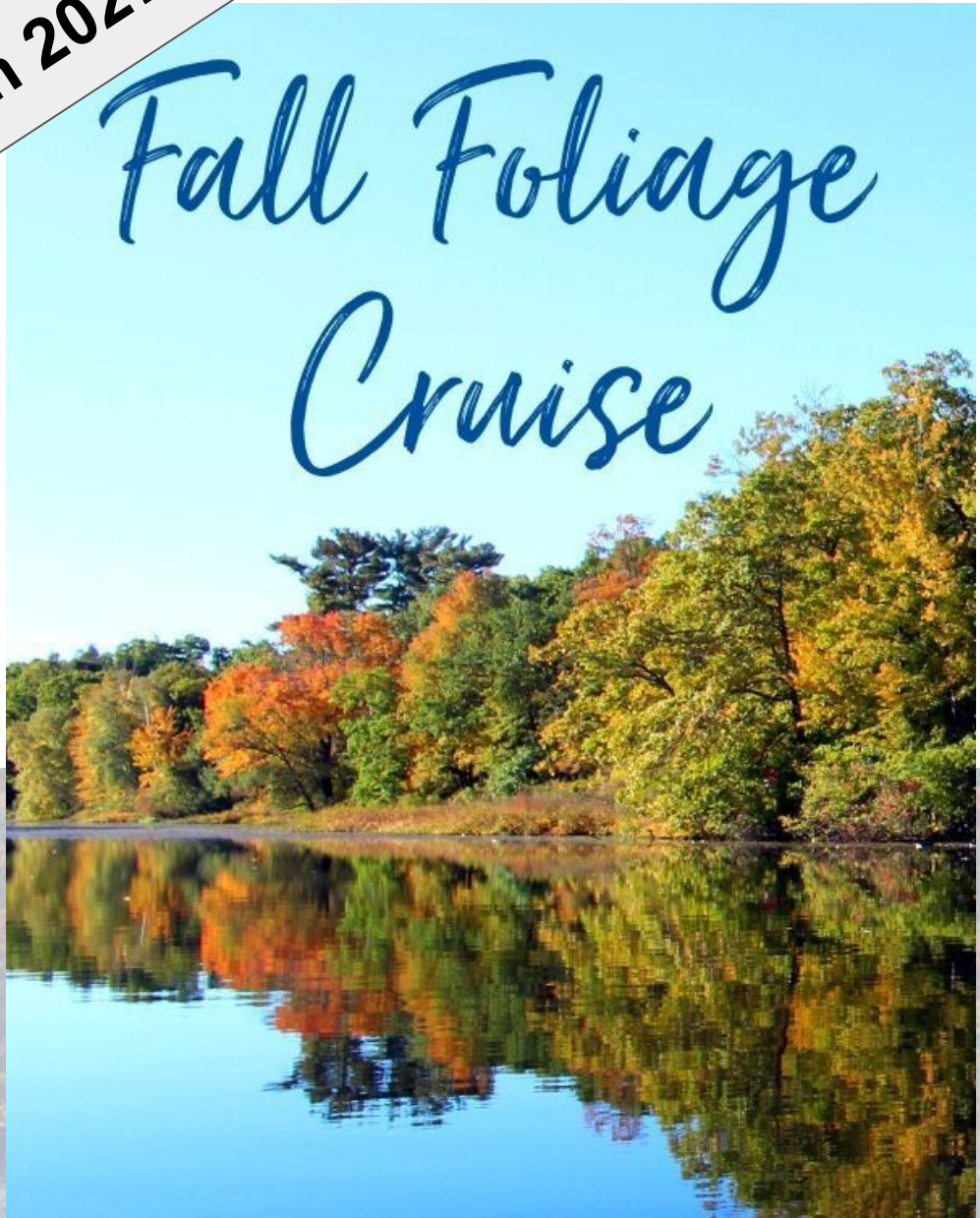
Hotels: We have 3 host hotels.

This trip is limited to 60 people and Alexander’s Guest house is sold out, so don’t delay on this!



COMING in 2027!

Fall Foliage Cruise



We are working on a Fall Foliage Cruise from Montreal up the St. Lawrence, with various stops in places like Nova Scotia, Quebec City, and culminating in New York or Boston. We would have an option for a theater extension in NYC, and a pre-trip extension in Montreal. Montreal – known for its lap-dances, bars and restaurants... New York known for, well, what New York is known for – so many things!

We'd be happy to hear any feedback you have on this, as we have not finalized our cruise line yet, or the length of the trip. It could be 7 days, 11-12 days, or 14 days. Contact Gary Dougan at btci prez@gmail.com about your preferences.



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