

Stan Wilkes' 90th Birthday Party

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The Alex Wilson Legacy Fund sponsored a 90th Birthday Party and community celebration for one of our local dance heroes, Stan Wilkes, on Sunday April 22, 2018, in the Avalon Ballroom. Stan was one of the original founders of the Boulder Dance Coalition (formerly known as the Village Arts Coalition) in 1989 and served as its Chairman for twenty years. Over that period he gave us the benefit of his leadership and financial expertise, keeping our accounting and taxes in perfect shape.

Stan was one of the three founders and managing partners of the Pearl Street Studio, our first community dance center. He is one of the "gang of four" who pursued the Community Arts Facility at Ninth and Canyon for seven years, which thankfully morphed into the purchase and development of the Avalon. He was the treasurer of CFOOTMAD for 20 years.



Stan's daughter Sarah Chaikin was the official hostess for the afternoon potluck and dance party, which featured many of our Boulder Dance Coalition groups: Boulder International Folk Dancers and Boulder Scandinavian Dancers, among others. There were contras and squares, called by Patricia Danscer, with music by Rodney Sauer (piano and accordion), Andy Reiner (violin), and Joy Adams (cello).

"Watch Your Step!" gave a performance of vintage waltzes and we all sang a special, traditional birthday song for Stan before the cake was served and Donald Vukovic's famous baklava was shared.



Jim Borzym, who co-hosted the event, summed up how special Stan is to our community this way: “Stan has many personal pursuits, including many years heading his own Certified Accounting Firm, much travel, playing music and calling square dances, and has a down-to-earth and non-flamboyant personal style. He is a great friend. And he has lived a great life. Like so many of our august community members, Stan Wilkes is a humble and hardworking friend to the entire dance community.”

Christy Barden made this wonderful video, featuring many of the dances and dancers, for us to enjoy:

[Here is the link to the video](#)

