

**NEW ENGLAND THROWS DANCE PARTY
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At sunset on June 10, when traffic is usually light on Main Street, there was a flurry of activity. Cars, vans and a motorcycle or two drove up and left off smartly dressed passengers. Balloons floated above the gates of the New England Culture Center as though giddy at the thought of this night's dance party. Inside the large auditorium a fog machine and colored spotlights created a cloud-nine ambience.

The tunes came from three sources: Geoff Wilson, a well-known local DJ; a men's division band calling themselves The Doctors of Faith, with a guest soloist that set the heart strings throbbing; and the always powerful youth division musicians and dancers, on this occasion calling themselves The Lotus Band.

The inspiration for the dance party came from the Arts Division of the Culture Department, the energy from eight weeks of chanting sessions, and the appreciation from SGI families and their friends who enjoyed socializing on a level not previously experienced.

In the children's room, lots of introductions and lots of playing together took place. In the auditorium many kids took a turn around the dance floor with their parents. It was a fun night that brought several hundred people together who, on their own, might never have become acquainted. It was a night that made the Culture Center seem like a very natural place for close friends to meet.