



## Chapter Newsletter

JULY 2009

### *From the President:*

Greetings Fellow Dancers!

It looks like summer weather has made an appearance at last. I wish each of you a safe and enjoyable summer.

The Chapter sponsored lessons will resume again in September and additional information is included in this issue.

Our Chapter sincerely thanks the Swing Fever Band for providing our dance music for the May fundraiser and Christine Luders (Garello) for her encouraging our new students to provide demonstrations,

We had several out of State guests at our May dance from: New London, CT; Millinocket, ME and Willamette, OR.

I feel that the fundraiser was successful and the funds raised will allow us to cover an instructor's fee for about ten hours of basic ballroom dance lessons for youth. We will see how much interest and support is generated among the youth and the Boy's and Girl's Club management. The details are still to be worked out.

Remember our July dance is the annual Ice-cream Social and there will not be a dance in August.

The Board has decided to dedicate the September dance to helping our neighbors by contributing to the Bremerton Food Bank. Everyone that brings nonperishable food items will receive a free admission to the dance.

The October dance will be a Membership Appreciation dance and all USA Dance Members that present their membership card will receive a free admission.

Keep dancing. It's good for your health!

Lee Malmborg  
360 692-2872



Notes from Sheila...  
Sheila Spiro, Dance Ed Coordinator



### **ADVANCE YOUR DANCE!**

**Happy Summer everyone. Come out to the Ice Cream Social Dance this July 18 and meet Vanessa. She is a new instructor in our area and eager to meet and dance with you. The July and September dances (remember now – August is dark so everyone can enjoy a month of vacation) will feature “workshop” format to help us work specific figures in rhythms we have looked at several times. July we will focus on Cha-cha – September we will focus on Waltz figures.**

### **LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO!**

**This September we will be starting a series of classes designed to keep you moving thru each rhythm, hopefully resulting in retention. Formerly the classes have been running in 5 week increments. The concept of on-going classes became so popular with our classes that we came up with this new formula to provide more time spent in each rhythm. This fall we will run two sets of four week classes consecutively in the same rhythm. Flyers and registration forms will be available at the June dance so reserve your spot early!**

### **EUROPEAN INFLUENCE.....**

**Recall the wonderful musicals of the 30's through the 60's? The King and I, Gigi, My Fair Lady with their wonderfully huge sweeping waltz segments were a whole other definition of elegant. Think Cecil B. DeMille and the Broadway producer Flo Ziegfeld. If your curiosity about that movement has you wondering how it all happens, come out to Viennese Waltz classes this September. Lately there has been a rise in interest in Viennese Waltz and Christine Luders has agreed to kick off the fall session with Rumba at 6:30 PM and Viennese Waltz at 7:30 PM every Monday at the Bremerton Masonic Temple. These classes will be inspiring, challenging and most of all FUN!**

### **IDEAS AND INPUT?**

**Sheila is always eager and available to hear your comments and questions about the dance program. Please call 662-8924 or e-mail [rtspiro@msn.com](mailto:rtspiro@msn.com)**

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER AND DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!**

### **Membership Report**

**Tim Spiro, Membership chairman**

We currently have 79 members in the Chapter. Don't forget to bring friends and acquaintances to our lessons and dances—our dance floor is big enough and we are scheduling live bands several times a year for your dance enjoyment. Ballroom dancing is healthful, inexpensive social entertainment in these “interesting” economic times, so let's spread the wealth. If you would like to help, please take or copy the FLYER on page 6 and post or leave it at your favorite hangout.

## From the Chapter Board

Chapter Board Meetings are held at "Ambrosia Catering", 4954 Hwy 303, in East Bremerton at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend.

- ♪ The Board received no adverse comments on the distribution of this newsletter by email in March. Therefore it is planned to continue to make the distribution by email to those members who have provided addresses. This change saves about \$200 each year.
- ♪ The Board discussed several ideas for September as National Ballroom Dance month and decided on a community support theme with the collection of food donations for the Bremerton Food Bank at the September dance. Food donations will be accepted in lieu of the normal admission charge.
- ♪ The Board has noted the excellent support of the USA Dance members throughout the year and voted to show their appreciation by designating the October dance as Member Appreciation Dance. Card carrying members will have free admission for the October Dance. Enjoy and keep of the good work!!

## Calendar 2009

July 18<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social-Dance, Music: Casanova, Lesson: Vanessa Russo -Cha-Cha

August 15<sup>th</sup>, **No Dance**

September 14<sup>th</sup>, Monday Dance Lessons Start, Rumba & Viennese [focus on Waltz figures]

September 19<sup>th</sup> Dance and Food Drive Music: DJ, Lesson: Vanessa Russo -Cha-Cha  
Demonstration: Gary's Rhythmettes

October 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday Dance Lessons Start, Cha-Cha & Foxtrot

October 24<sup>th</sup>, Membership Appreciation Dance Music: TBD

November 6<sup>th</sup>, CFC Dance Contest at Mountain View Middle School

November 21<sup>st</sup>, DJ, Lesson: TBD

December 19<sup>th</sup>, DJ, Lesson: TBD

## **NEWS FLASH!**

**October has been changed. New Dance Date is the 24th** The Masonic Temple Grand Master scheduled a District Conference for the third Saturday in October. Our Band ( Star Bird) is going to Hawaii. The new date is Saturday, October 24. The music is a work in progress.

## **Over Fifty?? Try the WASHINGTON STATE 2009 SENIOR GAMES**

**Sunday, July 26th at the Tacoma Elks**

**Dance competition for Beginners, Intermediate (less than 3 years lessons),  
Advanced (more than 3 years lessons), Amateur and Professional Instructor**

**Registration Fee is \$30**

**Darlene Forbes of the Tacoma USA Dance Chapter is one of the Commissioners  
For Information call 360-413-0148 or visit [www.pugetsoundgames.com](http://www.pugetsoundgames.com)**

# BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN THE WEATHER'S COOL!



**MONDAYS**  
**SEPTEMBER 14 – OCTOBER 5, 2009**

## RUMBA AND VIENNESE WALTZ CLASSES

(With sufficient participation/interest, we will continue these rhythms for 4 additional weeks. New session registration fees will apply.)

Instructor: Christine Luders

Location: Bremerton Masonic Temple 878 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bremerton

### Fees:

**General Public:** \$40.00 per person for the 4-week class series

**USA DANCE Member:** \$35.00 per person for the 4-week class series

**ASB Card Carrying STUDENT** \$20.00 per person per rhythm 4 week series

Name:			Date:	
Name:				
Mailing Address:		City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:		E-Mail Address:		
Work Phone:				
Member of USA Dance? Y_____ N _____		Membership Number:		
<b>RUMBA</b>	6:30 – 7:30 PM Christine		\$	
<b>VIENNESE WALTZ</b>	7:30 – 8:30 PM Christine		\$	
<b>CHECK TOTAL:</b> Pay to: USA Dance Kitsap Mail to: USA Dance Kitsap PO Box 3617 Silverdale, WA 98383			<b>TOTAL</b> \$	

Still have questions/Need Info? Call Sheila at 662-8924

**THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
BREMERTON MASONIC TEMPLE  
878 5<sup>TH</sup> ST., BREMERTON, WA**

## **LIVE MUSIC ONCE EVERY QUARTER!**

WALTZ FOXTROT SWING RUMBA CHA-CHA SAMBA NIGHT CLUB TWO STEP QUICK STEP  
MERENGUE MAMBO HUSTLE WEST COAST SWING LINDY HOP

### **July 18<sup>th</sup> Dance and Ice Cream Social**

Music: **Casanova**

Lesson: CHA CHA Workshop w/Vanessa Russo

### **August 15<sup>th</sup>, NO Dance**

September 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday Dance Lessons Start, Rumba & Viennese  
Waltz

### **September 19<sup>th</sup> Dance and Food Drive**

Music: DJ,

Lesson: Popular Rhythm Workshop with Vanessa Russo

Dance Demonstration: Gary's Rhythmettes

DANCES START AT 7 P.M. WITH A COMPLIMENTARY LESSON WITH ADMISSION

10.00 NON-MEMBERS

\$7.00 MEMBERS

**DANCING BEGINS AT 8 P.M**

ATTIRE IS DRESSY CASUAL AND BRING LEATHER SOLED SHOES

## **Meet the Dancer**

Interview by Kelly Ham, Volunteer and Member of USA Dance, Chapter 1025.

This month we are getting to know Aaron and Anita Bernhard.

### **Q. Anita, tell us about you and Aaron and your family.**

A. We have been married for about 8 ½ years, and we share a total of 6 children, ranging in age from 15 to 35. We have 4 boys and 2 girls and 3 grandchildren.

### **Q. How did you two start dancing?**

A. We met at the Casino when I was on a blind date. My girlfriends set me up with a guy who danced like “Elaine” from Seinfeld. I was horrified! Aaron came to my table and asked me to dance. He asked if I was married, and I told him that I was on a “date from hell.” He rescued me by sitting in between me and my date. We soon started dating and taking dance lessons together. We started with E.C. and W.C. Swing



### **Q. Do you two compete?**

A. Yes, we were asked to compete in the Combined Federal Campaign, which is a charity dance competition sponsored by the Federal Employees of Kitsap and Mason County. We competed the last 2 years. The first year we placed 6<sup>th</sup> in East Coast Swing and we took 1<sup>st</sup> place for Best Costume. Last year we won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Cha-Cha and again 1<sup>st</sup> place for our costumes. This year we are again competing for the C.F.C., but this time we will learn the Hustle. I have to start thinking about our costumes soon.

### **Q. Tell us about your careers.**

A. I work for the Dept. of Navy as a Human Resources Supervisor. Aaron works at Bangor as a Command Resources Manager, in charge of program management.

### **Q. Do you have any hobbies?**

A. I am an avid quilter and a huge collector of fabric. Aaron is into woodworking and has made 2 kayaks out of mahogany and fiberglass. He is also restoring a 1941 Willy’s jeep. We both enjoy boating and fishing, but our passion is dance!

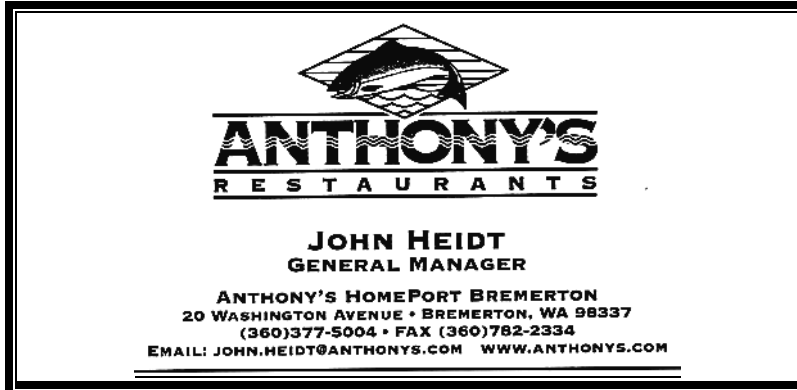
### **Q. What’s the MOST fun you’ve ever had?**

A. Competing in the C.F.C. contest. We love all the camaraderie with all the other contestants.

### **Q. Best dance advice?**

A. “Dance like no one’s watching, even if you do dance like Elaine!”

USA Dance Inc., Kitsap Chapter 1025 appreciates the support of this Business.



### Dancing in the Area

#### **Tacoma Chapter**

We would like to thank the Tacoma chapter for their support of our dances and encourage our members to attend their dances held on the fourth Saturday.

The dance is held at the Lakewood Elks Club  
Lakewood Washington

Tacoma Chapter web link is: [www.dancetacoma.org](http://www.dancetacoma.org)

Lesson 7:00 – 8:00 PM  
Dancing from 8:00 – 11:00 PM

#### **Seattle Chapter**

Seattle dances are held in three locations:

Washington Dance Club in downtown Seattle on the second Saturday of the month.

Impulse Ballroom (near Skate King) at 2273 140<sup>th</sup> NE in Bellevue on the third Saturday of the month.

Oly's Dance Dorothy Jayne Studio, 2931 Bond St. Everett, Washington. Call (425) 257-0102 for additional information

Lesson 8:00 – 9:00 PM  
Dancing 9:00 – 11:00 PM

#### **Olympia Dance Club**

At Olympia there is a dance on the fourth Friday of the month at the Olympia Eagles upstairs Ballroom on Plum and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. Call Carolyn Lynch at (360) 754-6697 for additional information.

Lesson 7:00 – 8:00 PM  
Dancing from 8:00 – 11:00 PM

#### **USA DANCE CHAPTER 1025**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> Dance & Ice Cream Social - August No Dance -September 19<sup>th</sup> Dance and Food Drive**

Experience the pleasure of BALLROOM DANCING in the comfortable

**BREMERTON MASONIC TEMPLE**

**878 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**BREMERTON, WASHINGTON**

**LESSON 7:00 – 8:00 PM**

**DANCING FROM 8:00 – 10:30 PM**

**MORE INFORMATION: WWW.USADANCEKITSAP.ORG OR CALL (360) 692-2872**

# 3rd Annual Dance Contest

for the 2009 Kitsap and Mason Counties Combined Federal Campaign Co supported by: USA  
DANCE KITSAP, Chapter 1025

Dig this! Come learn some new steps and have fun while raising money for your favorite CFC charity. "DISCO" is the theme and the "Hustle" is the dance. Dust off those platform shoes and shape those fros, it's time to celebrate and have a good time.

Dance Instructors will give lessons one night a week beginning September 7<sup>th</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Dance Contest will be November 6th, 2009 at 7:00 pm Doors open at 6:00 pm**

Mountain View Middle School

2400 Perry Avenue Bremerton, WA 98310

Sponsorship forms are available for dancers and donations can be designated to your favorite CFC Charity,

Suggested donation for lessons will be \$50.00 per couple. Suggested donation for spectator will be \$5.00 per couple.

Recognition plaques will be given at the contest

Special Event: Costume contest for the audience. Be creative come dressed for a Disco party. Recognition given for "Best Disco Costume."

To register please submit name, email address and phone number to Dawn Dalessio @ 476-3809, dawn.dalessio@navy.mil, Aaron Bernhard @ 315-1693, [Aaron.Bernhard@navy.mil](mailto:Aaron.Bernhard@navy.mil), or Anita Bernhard @ 315-8163, anita.bernhard@navy.mil.