Our mission is to promote the quality and the quantity of ballroom dancing in the United States.

Chapter Newsletter July 2010

From the President:

Greetings Fellow Dancers.

I hope that everyone is enjoying our cool summer and looking forward to this fall's dancing.

We will hold a General Members Meeting Sunday October 24th starting at 4:00PM followed by a hosted dinner at 5:00PM. Details will be provided when available. The meeting and dinner will be held at Ambrosia Catering, 4954 Hwy 303 NW, Bremerton. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on our Chapter and to hold Board of Directors Election. A General Members Meeting is required by our Bylaws each year and an election of the Board is required every two years. A summary of Chapter Bylaws is included in this issue.

Please take time to read the Committee descriptions contained in this issue. We need to get more participation from our members to improve our Chapter. You will be contacted in the coming weeks to see if you are willing to serve on one of the committees.

The Board has dropped the local chapter membership fee. New Membership Categories and fees are available at http://www.usadance.org/membership/ or on the Chapters web under Application. Membership applications and renewals can be done online at http://www.usadancemembership.org/.

I recommend that you mark October 23-24, Northwest DanceSport Championships competition on your calendars. If you haven't attended one of these events it is a great way to spend part of your weekend. Details of the competition will be available at http://www.nwdsc.org/. Last year I really enjoyed watching the Youth competition held during the day. The Pre-Teen, Junior - All Levels/Styles, Youth - All Levels to Pre-Champ, Open West Coat Swing and Salsa are being held 10:00 to 5:00 Saturday. There is also an Open West Coast Swing during the day on Sunday.

Keep on dancing!!!

Lee Malmborg

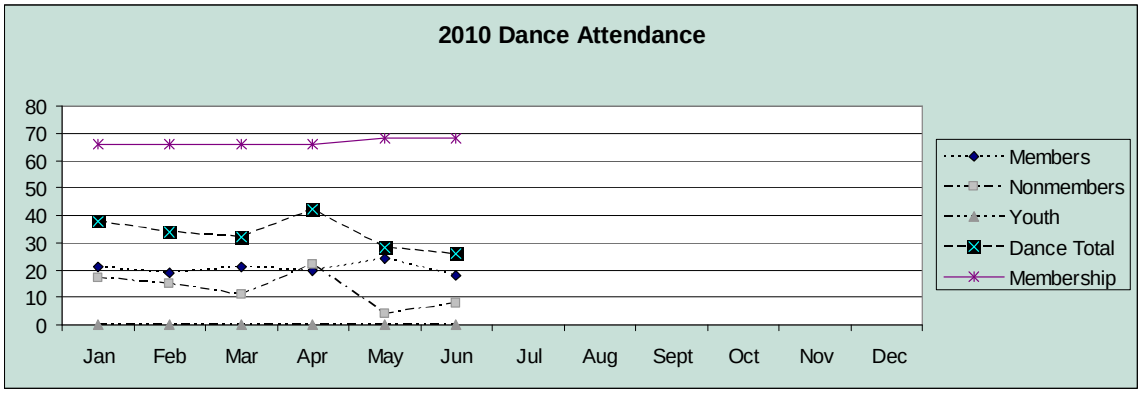
360 692-2872

Calendar-2010

July 17th	**No Dance**
August 21st	**Dance to the Live Music of French Connection** Lesson: Country Two Step with Lee and Janet Barton **Ice Cream Social!!!**
September 18th	Dance to the Chapter Music System (Possibly a Live Band??) Lesson: Country Two Step with Lee and Janet Barton
Sept. 17th to 26th	National Ballroom Dance Week
October 16th	**Dance to the Live Music of Casanova** Lesson : Night Club 2 Step with Doug Henry.
November 20th	Dance to the Chapter Music System Lesson: Night Club 2 Step with Doug Henry.
December 18th	Dance to the Chapter Music System Lesson: Night Club 2 Step with Doug Henry.

This Year's Goals

Our goal for this year is to increase membership and dance attendance. The active membership has increased by 2 and we are aiming for 12 more new members. Will you help by inviting your friends and co-workers to attend a dance or take one of our chapter sponsored lessons.



An additional goal is to have each Member donate 30 minutes a quarter to help support our activities. Such as, arrive early and help setup for a dance, stay after to help cleanup or volunteer to serve on a committee. A listing of committee position descriptions is contained in this issue. If you are not interested in being the chair of a committee, please consider working on one. By volunteering you will not only become better acquainted with fellow members but will enjoy our activities more.

How You Can Help

Join the Hospitality Committee!! See the below article by Barbara.

Copy the flyer and Dance Registration Form in this Newsletter then post it on bulletin boards where permitted at work or recreation areas. Spread the dance news!

Hospitality Committee:

By Barbara Malmborg

We need your help!!!
Each month the Chapter Board does everything to set up for our dance. I have volunteered to be in charge of the Hospitality Committee. Basically, this has been my job for the past eight years. A description of what this job entails is included in this Newsletter. I am looking for anyone willing to assist me on this Committee.

Please contact me at: (360)692-2872 if you would like to help in any way possible.

Thank you,
Barbara

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 May Dance attendance was small probably because of many competing events including Viking Days and Armed Forces Day. After discussion it was decided to not have a monthly dance next year in May.

♫ Dance Lessons finished for the summer in June and will begin again in September. See Sheila's corner and the Dance Registration Form

♫ The Chapter will continue to support Youth Dance Lessons. Current plans are for lessons on Mondays at the Masonic Temple in Bremerton in September.

First National Ballroom Dancing Cruise Sponsored by USA Dance

November 28 - December 5, 2010

Register now for the first-ever USA Dance National Dance Cruise for seven sun filled days and balmy nights of round-the-clock dancing and fun aboard the **Costa Atlantica.** An exciting opportunity to meet dancers from across the country. The cruise includes a full program of ballroom, Latin and club-style dance instruction from top professional instructors Dan & Silke Calloway and Wayne & Marie Crowder. USA Dance membership is not required to participate in the cruise but, the cruise must be booked through the website using our agents in order to participate in the dances and workshops. Ports include Key West, Ocho Rios, Grand Cayman & Cozumel. Only $250. per person required as an initial deposit at the time of booking with the remaining balance by September 15, 2010. Check the website for details - www.dancecruiseusadance.com

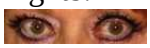
Checkout The Chapter's Website!

Our Chapter has a web site at www.usadancekitsap.org and it lists Chapter events, a calendar of dancing opportunities, links to other USA Dance Chapters, and links to dance instructors.

Sheila's Corner

FUN IN THE SUN

While enjoying the fabulous Washington summer, remember to make time for practicing all the great dance figures you learned in Monday night classes. Over the course of the past couple of years, Christine Luders has worked us through Waltz, Foxtrot, Rumba, Cha-Cha, Samba, Night Club 2 Step and Tango. Most recently we had 5 great weeks of Cha-cha and saw many of the students from that class attending the Saturday dance in June. Those students are looking good on the floor and the best part is they are having FUN! Brave the weather – whatever that turns out to be and come practice at the August dance too. But make time in your week for practice at home so you retain what you worked so hard for on Monday nights!



LOOKING FORWARD

Fall will be here before we know it. That being said, there has been lively discussion regarding the 2010/2011 Dance Ed curriculum. Several great ideas were discussed ending in a final consensus of starting at the top of the 10 dance program beginning with Waltz on September 13, 20, 27 – Oct 4 & 18. The program will then progress thru the Standards - Foxtrot, Tango, Viennese, and Quick Step. We'll then offer the Latin rhythms: Samba, Paso Doble, Cha-Cha, Rumba and Jive. Classes will be cancelled if inadequate registration numbers are indicated. Night Club Two Step, West Coast Swing and Country Two Step will be offered at such time as interest becomes apparent. Keep an eye on the web site for registration forms and info. Sheila Spiro is always interested to hear what classes you are interested in. E-mail her at: rtspiro@msn.com

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Are you thinking too hard about maintaining or renewing your membership in USA Dance? Think no harder. If you haven't renewed – give Tim Spiro a holler AND your check! He's awaiting your response from his reminder letters. The thing is, your membership enables Kitsap Chapter 1025 to stay on the map in Region One and on the National roster. Not only that but how about those monthly dances?! Our chapter was chartered in 2002 and at one time boasted a membership of 108. While those numbers are down to 68 today, the handful of hard working folks who have brought you dances since the beginning are still in your corner providing weekly classes and a monthly venue for a night out for ballroom dancing.

Can improvements be made to enhance your dancing experience at USA Dance events? If so – communicate your ideas to any officer or board member, or anonymously submit a note to the suggestion box located on the info table at every dance. Those who remain active on the Board are interested in serving a broader dance public and making the most of every event they facilitate. Your opinion can help but your participation will matter!

Chapter Officers How they are elected and what they do.!

In preparation for Chapter Elections in October, the following information from the Chapter Bylaws concerning the selection and duties of officers is provided for the membership.

Chapter Officers

The chapter shall be managed by a board of directors of not less than seven (7) and not more than nine (9) Voting Members consisting of at least a President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer and three (3) to five (5) Directors-At-Large.

The Chapter's Officers shall be elected by the Chapter's Board of Directors for terms not to exceed two years and until their successors are elected. Chapter board members may resign at any time but such resignations shall not become effective until presented to and accepted by the Chapter Board of Directors.

A Chapter Treasurer's responsibilities shall not end until the funds and financial records of the Chapter are delivered to the new Treasurer.

Board vacancies that occur between elections may be filled for the remainder of that term by majority vote of the remaining members of the board.

The Board of Directors shall elect the Chapter's officers.

Officers and Responsibilities

CHAPTER OFFICERS: The officers of the chapter shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be current board members. They shall be elected by the board of directors from among the members of the board 1) at the first meeting of the board following a general election, 2) when an officer position is vacated for any reason, or 3) when one half of the total number of current board members call for an election at a board meeting.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT: The chapter president shall preside at all chapter board meetings, see that orders and resolutions of the board are carried out, serve as an ex-officio member of all chapter committees and have other authorities and responsibilities as assigned by the board.

CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT: The chapter vice president shall act in the place and stead of the president in the president's absence or incapacity, succeed the president in the event of a vacancy in the office of the president until a new president is elected, and have other authorities and responsibilities as designated by the board.

CHAPTER SECRETARY: The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of all board meetings, record all votes at meetings and actions taken between meetings, distribute the minutes to board members at the next regular meeting, correspond with other individuals and organizations on behalf of the chapter and have other authorities and responsibilities as designated by the board.

CHAPTER TREASURER: The chapter treasurer shall be responsible for collecting and depositing all chapter monies, sign all chapter checks, drafts and notes, maintain complete and accurate financial records, present financial statements at board meetings, perform any financial reporting requirements of National USA Dance and have other authorities and responsibilities as designated by the board.

USA Dance Requires Local Chapters to Operate Under Standard Bylaws

The following is a summary of USA Dance Bylaws pertaining to Chapter management. You may read the Articles at this link:
http://www.usadancekitsap.org/CHAPTER%20ARTICLEs%20XII-XIV.mht.

Chapters guided by one set of bylaws nationally, Article XII-A

Creates change to local management of chapters:
Provides uniformity to governance practices of chapters as required by IRS for corporations
Differentiates between local policy and national rules
Ensures consistent adherence to 501(c)3 nonprofit practices by chapters
51% adult membership required for chapters and boards, Article XII-A
Chapters must be identified as USA Dance and include the chapter's number. Article XII-A8
All funds of the chapter must be maintained in bank accounts, Approved by the national treasurer and Include Corporate Tax ID, Article XII-A12

Board of Directors and Officers

Board members shall be elected by the voting members of the chapters every two years, Article XII-F1

Officers are elected by the Board of Directors for terms not to exceed two years, Article XII-A2 & A4

They shall be elected by the board of directors from among the members of the board at the first meeting of the board following a general election, Article XII-G

Board of Directors will not be less than seven or more than nine voting members, Article XII-A1

Board decisions are based on a majority vote when a quorum of two-thirds of all current board members exists, Article XII-N4, N5 & N6

No proxy votes are allowed

Votes between meetings allowed with a quorum by teleconference or electronic voting.

Board member absenteeism, Article XII-N7

Any board member who is absent: More than 3 consecutive months or 60% of total meetings of any 6 month period

Upon a 75% vote of remaining board will be considered "resigned by absence"

Regular Board Meeting: Article XII-N1

No less than four times per year
Two weeks advance notice to all board and committee chairpersons

Special Board Meetings: Article XII-N2

May be called with two days notice

General Meeting: Article XII-N3 & A9

Held each calendar year for the membership

To inform and report to members and receive feedback

Optional: To hold general election

Committees

Members who prefer specific tasks or programs, projects of limited duration, and who prefer not to regularly attend board meetings will find committee positions more desirable than board positions.

Position Descriptions for USA Dance Chapter 1025

Dance Committee

The Dance Committee Chairman is in charge of setting up for and cleaning up after each social dance. The Dance Committee will recruit volunteers from chapter members and others regularly attending our dances to help as required. Volunteers should be identified well ahead of the scheduled dance and should be recognized for their efforts at each dance. Setup includes arranging tables, decorations and ensuring that refreshments are on hand. Maintaining the storage closet and supplies used at the social dances.

The Dance Committee Chairman will identify material and decoration needs to the Board for authorization to expend funds.

Music System Coordinator

The Music System Coordinator will maintain control of the chapter's music system components and insure that the system is available at chapter social dances and work with the Dance Committee to setup and operate the system. Also coordinate the creation of play lists and making copies of the play list available at each table. The Coordinator will train others in system operations as required to assist. It is chapter policy that the system will only be used for Chapter functions.

Membership Chairman

The Membership Chairman will work on his/her own under the direction of the Chapter President and be expected to keep an accurate list of chapter members that includes contact information. Will be responsible for mailing renewal and follow up notices, adding new members and updating the database as membership changes. Work with the Board plan and carry out programs for the solicitation of new members. This person would be expected to submit an updated membership report at board meetings and maintain a selected number of mailing lists in support of newsletter and other Chapter mailings. This position requires some computer skill.

Publicity Committee Chairman

The Publicity Committee Chairman will work on his/her own under the direction of the Chapter President and is expected to oversee the collection, and distribution of news through our Newsletter,

The committee will disseminate news about social and amateur dancing to other media, and prepare brochures and information about social and amateur dancing for distribution to the general public.

The Committee chair or designee should visit local newspapers and be introduced to the staff person that would be responsible for using our Chapter information in the future. Attempt to get a member to write a sequential column regarding dancing for the newspaper.

The Publicity Committee Chairman will work with the Membership Chairman to develop material to aide in the recruitment of new members for membership drives and other publicity material.

The committee will recognize members who volunteer, through newsletter articles or other press releases.

Newsletter Editor

The Editor will work with the Publicity Committee and oversee the editing, printing, and distribution of the Chapter Newsletter.

Chapter Web Master

The Chapter Web Master will work with the Publicity Committee Chairman and maintain a Chapter Web Page. The Web Page is to provide one avenue for distributing information about the Chapter and the USA Dance organization. The Web Page will be used to promote social dancing in the local area and should be used encourage local dance instructors and dance related organizations to provide and input for dance events scheduled in the area.

Hospitality Committee Chairman

The Hospitality Committee Chairman will work on his/her own under the direction of the Chapter President and develop and maintain a Hospitality Program - This program is to insure that all members are greeted on entry to dance event or business meeting. Make an effort to have people attending interact with others they may not know. Set up a Hospitality Committee and have the members of that committee take time to stop and talk with all attendees at each dance to make sure they feel welcome. This is also an opportunity to pass around a sign up sheet to identify volunteer options.

Organize phone tree callers and coordinate related activities to insure that people are called to remind members and non-members of our upcoming dance.

Committee members will assist in staffing the sign-in tables, greet and say "Good Night" to event attendees, record complaints and suggestions of attendees, etc

Outreach Committee Chairman

The Outreach Committee Chairman will work on his/her own under the direction of the Chapter President and be expected to oversee the formation of Dance Demonstration Teams to provide ballroom dance demonstrations in local facilities and at special functions. Such demonstrations are intended to bring joy and entertainment to audience and attract the interest of many people to ballroom dancing and to the chapter.

The Outreach Committee will work with the community to identify opportunities for the teams to perform publicly and will work closely with Membership and Publicity to derive maximum benefit from all performances and other public interface.

The Outreach Committee will work with local instructors to improve the teams' performance and to recruit additional members.

Dance Education Coordinator

The Dance Education Coordinator will work on his/her own under the direction of the Chapter President and be expected to oversee the development; planning, scheduling and conduct of a Chapter sponsored dance program. This Chapter member is responsible for the coordinating of an instructor, instructor salary and insuring payment from the Treasurer, publications related to classes – registration forms and info sheets, and venue scheduling (a letter containing specific dates required) and articles about classes for publication in the News Letter. This Chairman will be present on site to ensure proper conduct of those attending the classes as a student or visitor and support the instructor and students in all matters pertaining to dance class.

Youth Coordinator

The Youth Coordinator will work on his/her own under the direction of the Chapter President and be expected to oversee the development; planning, scheduling and conduct of a Chapter sponsored Youth dance program. This Chapter member is responsible for the coordinating of an instructor, instructor salary and insuring payment from the Treasurer, publications related to classes – registration forms and info sheets, and venue scheduling (a letter containing specific dates required) and articles about classes for publication in the News Letter. This Chairman or another chapter member will be present on site to ensure proper conduct of those attending the classes as a student or visitor and support the instructor and students in all matters pertaining to youth dance class.

Northwest Dancesport Championships

October 23 and 24

The 2010 USA Dance Northwest DanceSport Championships will be held on October 23 and 24, 2010 at the Hilton Seattle Airport Hotel and Conference Center, conveniently located near the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. A block of rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Hotel at a reduced rate. This exciting event will be highlighted by Open Standard, Latin, Smooth and Rhythm competitions, which draw the best dancesport athletes in the United States. These dance events are held on a large 72' by 42' floor. Last year alone there were competitors from 19 states as well as Canada and this year's competition is even better.

USA DANCE CHAPTER 1025 PRESENTS FALL CLASS REGISTRATION

WALTZ MONDAYS SEPT 13 – OCT 18, 2010 6 PM – 7 PM
NO CLASS OCT 11 COLUMBUS DAY

Instructor: Christine Luders
Location: Bremerton Masonic Temple 878 5th Ave, Bremerton

Early registration highly recommended

Fill out and mail the registration form below to reserve your spot in class.
Still have questions? Call Sheila at 662-8924

Every Monday for FIVE weeks starting SEPT 13 – OCT 18, 2010
No class Oct 11 COLUMBUS DAY

Fees:

General Public: $50.00 per person for the 5 week class series
USA DANCE Member: $45.00 per person for the 5 week class 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:		
WALTZ	**6:00 – 7:00 PM** Mondays SEPT 13 – OCT 18 **NO CLASS OCT 11 COLUMBUS DAY**	$ $	
CHECK TOTAL: Pay to: **USA Dance Kitsap** **Mail to:** **USA Dance Kitsap** **PO Box 3617** **Silverdale, WA 98383**		**TOTAL** **$**	

THIRD SATURDAYS SOCIAL DANCING

Sponsored by: USA Dance Kitsap Chapter 1025

THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
BREMERTON MASONIC TEMPLE 878 5TH ST. BREMERTON, WA

LIVE MUSIC ONCE EVERY QUARTER!

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

August 21st Monthly Dance

LIVE MUSIC WITH FRENCH CONNECTION
LESSON: : Country Two Step with Lee and Janet Barton

September 18th Monthly Dance
Music: Chapter's Music System
LESSON: : Country Two Step with Lee and Janet Barton

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

$10.00 General Public
$7.00 Members USA Dance

OPEN DANCING BEGINS AT 8 P.M.

ATTIRE IS DRESSY CASUAL AND FOR YOUR SAFETY AND COMFORT, BRING LEATHER SOLED SHOES

For more info on weekly or special dance classes:
www.usadancekitsap.org or call 662-8924

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

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 140th 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 Dancing from 8:00 – 11:00 PM

Olympia Dance Chapter 1034

At Olympia there is a dance on the fourth Friday of the month at the Olympia Eagles upstairs Ballroom on Plum and 4th 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

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BREMERTON MASONIC TEMPLE
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BREMERTON, WASHINGTON
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DANCING FROM 8:00 – 10:30 PM

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