



Cape Cod Ballroom Dancers

USA Dance Chapter #3034

President's Letter

Summer 2016

Hello, dancers!

What a summer! Glorious weather! Zany Cape Cod traffic! Is it my imagination or have a hundred, thousand more tourists crossed our bridges this year? A challenge for navigating our highways and byways – but a delight to welcome some of them to our CCBD dances.

Past Events

Thank goodness we didn't need to cancel any more dances so instructor and DJ, John Peters, taught rumba for us at our casual dance on June 10 and returned on July 16 to DJ our Summer Dance. And, on August 5, Debbie Israel taught Tango at our casual dance. Reminder – you can check out videos of their respective lessons on our CCBD website.

Upcoming Fall Events

CCBD is looking forward to a busy fall.

Friday, September 2: Ellen Brodsky will teach hustle arm work at our casual dance.

Sunday, September 18: Ellen Moran is working on staging a FLASH MOB at Trader Joe's in Hyannis. This would take place at 2 p.m. More info will be forthcoming when plans are firmed up.

Friday, October 28 Casual/Costume dance: This special event has been planned to make up for the two dances cancelled because of bad weather at the beginning of this year. Both instructors for those two dances will teach back-to-back lessons: Paul Hughes (East Coast Swing) and Steve St. Pierre (Night Club Two-step). The dance will start at 7:30 p.m., as usual, but will be extended to 10:30 p.m. to allow more time for dancing.

Friday, November 4: Steve and DeeDee Burke will teach mambo at our casual dance.

Celebration of Dance

Saturday, September 17: In recognition of National Ballroom Dance Week, we will hold our CELEBRATION OF DANCE with Trilogy providing live music. Thanks to DeeDee and Steve Burke, we are thrilled to have 16-year-old Donovan Kirrane returning with two partners to perform with him. Donovan first danced for CCBD when he was 10 and subsequently he has become a very successful ballroom competitor. What a treat to have him back. Steve and DeeDee are working out some fun ideas to make this a very special performance.

NOTE: *This dance will start at 7:30 -- half an hour earlier than our usual specialty dances.*



Norah Dale Allen
CCBD Co-President 2016



CCBD, the local chapter of USA Dance, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of ballroom dancing.

Celebration of Dance Workshops

Sunday, September 25: We will be holding our annual workshops. CCBD board members have been listening to our dancers, and to our instructors. For several years we have been offering workshops – open to all regardless of their level of dance experience – without designating a specific ability level at which they will be taught. But now we are hearing from some of our dancers that our workshop lessons have been too advanced and therefore intimidating. Yet others tell us that they can seem too easy and boring. And our instructors admit that it is very difficult to plan lessons in advance – having no idea of the ability and experience levels of the dancers they will meet on the dance floor. So we have decided to offer something different this year by partitioning our Betsey's dance space into two areas and asking Ron Gursky and his partner Nancy Murphy to each teach the same dance during the same time slots, but at two different levels: BEYOND BASIC and INTERMEDIATE PLUS. The dances will be taught in this order - American Tango, Cha-cha and West Coast Swing. Please watch for further info through CCBD notices and our Web-site.

General Membership Meeting and Dance

Friday, October 7: General Membership Meeting and Casual Dance. Just a reminder that Lynn Jones and Christine Kabat will be leaving the CCBD board when their terms expire at the end of the year. Any CCBD member in good standing who is interested in running for a position on the board can contact the following members of the Nominating and Election Committee for more information.

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The deadline for determining the slate of officers is September 1st. CCBD members attending the General Membership meeting and casual dance on October 7th will receive ballots and can vote at that time. Those unable to attend will receive ballots by e-mail or snail mail. Absentee ballots must be returned by October 19 and the election results will be announced by early November.

NOTE: The membership meeting is only open to CCBD members and there will be no charge for those in attendance who stay for the dance. Since we will not be offering a lesson, those CCBD members choosing to attend just the dance will only be charged \$6.00 and non-members will be charged \$9.00.

Happy dancing!
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