



Newsletter

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January 2014

President's corner

By Bob Olszewski

The Christmas party was another successful event. Thanks to Carol Ann, Margit and Allen for hosting, and their work and time doing the beautiful decorating and food arrangement. Thanks to Susan for a great DJ job. Thanks also to the members who brought us the interesting and delicious food from around the world.

We completed the refinishing of the perimeter of the dance floor, looks like a new floor. This spring we will be considering refurbishing the balance of the dance floor. I am pricing a high quality logo mat for the entrance to the club and plan to present this at our next board meeting.

The progressive dance lessons on Friday evenings have proven to be very successful; therefore we will continue with this method of instruction. January will be Tango taught by David.

The condition of the parking lot: I have called the owner of the shopping center twice and Connie has followed-up with a letter. I will continue to contact him until repairs are made.

At the membership meeting, fifty-eight members and guests were recognized for outstanding attendance, volunteering, and as original members. See page 5.

We have a good start on the new year with \$380 in sales of gift certificates sold for classes and parties in 2014. \$330 of that is for people who have never been to BDC and are new dancers. The Board of Directors hope everyone has a healthy, happy 2014!

Happy birthday!

Marie Cristo	Jan 1
George Gatgounis	Jan 1
Erin Henderson	Jan 3
Toni Roberts	Jan 7
Amy Wicker	Jan 7
James Shanks	Jan 8
Todd Biegger	Jan 10
Tina Baxley	Jan 14
Kristen Sullivan	Jan 14
Lee Montimy	Jan 17
Peter Lanzillotta	Jan 24
Margit Paskauskas	Jan 26
Judy Stewart	Jan 28
Adele Fisher	Jan 31

Special events

Potluck Souper Saturday and Chinese New Year

Saturday, January 18

7:30 Waltz Lesson by Travis, 8:30 Party

DJ - Bob H, Hosts - Shiko and Joyce

Please bring your favorite soup or dessert!

Beginner Waltz Workshop

Sunday, January 19, Debbie Housand

2:00 - 4:30 p.m. \$25 Members, \$35 Guests

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Welcome new members!

We welcome Peter to our dance club and hope that he will enjoy it as much as we do.

Other new members will be featured as we get information and photos. Our membership total is up to 116!



Peter Lanzillotta

Thanks to Guerry for introducing Peter to BDC at a beginner Cha Cha workshop in November! After taking a few lessons here five years ago, and at various times and places around the country, it didn't take him long to decide to join our dance family. It's far

more fun that working out at the gym!

As a bit of background, Peter comes from a small town near Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts. He is from a strong Italian clan- the only son of an arranged marriage, with 50 cousins in a square mile! He has been divorced for a long time, and he did not have children.

Peter holds three graduate degrees and is a perpetual student. He moved to Charleston in 2006 for his job in parish ministry. Retiring from that ministry in 2012, yet he is still very involved in his lifelong study of spirituality as a "freelance mystic" who currently chairs an interfaith education and understanding group in Charleston. He continues a small private practice in spiritual counseling, Reiki energy work, teaches meditation, and offers astrology classes and readings. During the season, Peter officiates at interfaith weddings and other creative rites of passage.

His other interests and hobbies are organic gardening, cooking, and tennis. He is a regular participant in Dances of Universal Peace and enjoys encouraging people to learn how to sing and dance their prayers. Peter says he is slowly becoming an Italian version of Fiddler on the Roof!

Welcome to our dance family, Peter!

Membership information

Q What is the benefit of becoming a Ballroom Dance Club member?

A Reduced rates for all parties, workshops, and classes above the beginner level.

Q What is the process of becoming a new member?

A Fill out a one page application and turn it in at any party or class along with the fee. The application is on page 5 of this newsletter, on our website, and available at the club.

Q What is the fee for becoming a new member?

A The BDC cost for a year is \$45 and is prorated after the first four months. There is a chart on the application for this amount – for January, it is \$25. There is also a fee of \$25 to be a USA Dance member. Both are required.

Q When will my annual fees become due again?

A All BDC membership fees expire May 31 of each year. The USA Dance membership fees are due on your anniversary date.

Q How do I get my USA Dance card?

A Go to www.usadance.org, click on Membership, then Join/Renew, then Renew/Change (Yes, even though you just want to print the membership card). Either sign in if you've already registered, or register to get access even though it says "Join Now." Once you're in and see your name, underneath it says "View/Print My Membership Card." They are no longer sending plastic membership cards. If you are unable to print your card, you can contact them and they'll send a paper copy just like you can get online.

Q What is the benefit of having a USA Dance card?

A If you go to another USA Dance Chapter nationwide, you can use the card to get a reduced rate. You also receive their dance magazine.

Q If I include my email, will it be shared with anyone?

A No, your email address is only used to send club newsletters and updated information.

Monthly dance classes

The monthly group classes are structured so that there is a different dance featured each month.

Every week, the instructor reviews the previous weeks and adds a new pattern. This repetitive method is very effective. Because it is a progressive class, it is important to start on the first week of the month to avoid having to catch up with the rest of the class, thereby slowing their progress.

BEGINNER to BRONZE

Thursday

7:00 – 8:00, Stephen Duane, 843-557-7690



New to the dance floor or maybe you tried but realized that you had two left feet? A beginning dancer focuses on one aspect of dance only, which makes you forget about the music and or timing. You are just trying to move! After a while, your feet move in time with the

music. Now you are a basic dancer, beginning to lead and follow takes on new meaning. Beginning dance classes teach the basic frame and body positions, a breakdown of the basic rhythm and steps of the essential ballroom dances. This class is open enrollment, with either a reduced rate by the month at \$40 for 5 weeks or by the week at \$10. January Class – Beginner Waltz

BEGINNER

Wednesday

7:00 – 8:00, Debbie Housand, 843-991-3601



This Class is at the same dance level as the Thursday Class listed above. It is being offered to our beginners for more opportunities to learn the basics. Having the option of 2 nights gives a choice of dance taught, night of the week, and structure. Students should

enroll in this class at the beginning of the month for the entire month so that everyone will be on the same “page” every week. \$30 for 4 weeks.

January Class - Beginner Tango

ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE

Tuesday

7:00 – 8:30, David Roland, 843-568-6888



Now that you have become a little more confident and comfortable, you can move on to more advanced technique and styling. Refining good lead and follow is a major part of dance. Without it, true dance cannot happen and

you end up with 2 sets of memorized steps that hopefully happen at the same time. This class will start with a half-hour of lead-follow and technique that will be applied to the dance of the month. The last hour will include advanced intermediate patterns. \$40 for 4 weeks. (1.5 Hour Class)

January Class – Advanced Intermediate Foxtrot

ADVANCED – ANYTHING GOES

Monday

7:00–8:00, Debbie Housand, 843-991-3601



The advanced dancer is someone who already understands directional movement for all dances. You can change direction on a moment's notice to avoid obstacles (other dancers). The advanced dancer utilizes sway and contra body where needed to enhance

movement. You can remember about footwork and body position. This class will incorporate new and creative moves! \$30 for 4 weeks.

January Class - Advanced Waltz

Monthly youth classes

Mondays – Youth Swing, Lindy Hop

Stephen Duane 4:15-5:15 \$5 Person

Sundays – Advanced Youth Lessons

David Roland 1:00–2:00

January workshops

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Monthly Class Price List Members - January	One Class	Multiple Classes
*Monday Class – 4 weeks	30	\$25
Monday Class By the Week By Instructor Discretion	10	
*Tuesday Class – 4 weeks (1.5 Hour Class)	40	35
Tuesday Class By the Week By Instructor Discretion	15	
Wednesday Class – 4 weeks	30	25
Thursday Class – 5 weeks	40	35
Thursday Class Each Week	10	
*Non-Members Mon, Tues	+10	+10

Dance floor available for practice

Our dance floor is available to members for private lessons and practice. All private lesson students and members using the floor for practice should enter this information on the sign-in sheet at the front desk.

Contact Toni for a door access code. 330-416-1712.

- ✓ The floor-use charge for practice is \$10 per hour for members. (Private lessons already include the cost of floor use.)
- ✓ Payment envelopes are on the sign-in sheet clipboard at the front desk (place \$ in safe)

Friday lesson series

Thank you for letting us know what dances you are most interested in for the Friday progressive lesson series. The first “people’s choice” was Bolero, which was taught in December, with Tango and Rumba as the next two choices.

The January series will be Tango taught by David Roland. David has been teaching for many years and is a certified examiner with a real talent for spotting small problems that make a big difference.

The progressive lessons on Fridays have been a big hit because they allow dancers to concentrate on one dance at a time and practice more. Getting those steps in muscle memory is the key for most of us.

Keep on Dancing - 2014!

Regular dance parties

Fridays December has been reserved for a series of 5 Tango lessons. These are progressive, meaning that every week the previous weeks are reviewed and new patterns added. There is an hour-long lesson from 7:30 to 8:30 and then a dance party. Admission for the lesson and the party is the usual \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

Saturdays Lessons vary every week--see the calendar for details. There is an hour-long lesson before the regular dance AND it is included in the price of party admission! Snack food, sodas, and coffee are included as well. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

Sundays There is a Charleston and Lindy Swing Lesson at 6:00 and parties include a great band most of the time. While they do focus on the Charleston and Lindy Hop dances, there is always music for ballroom dancers as well. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

Party photos and videos

We are also getting a nice selection of class and workshop videos to help us all remember what we learned!

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Videos Posted on Shutterfly

Night Club 2-Step Workshop by Sam and Denise M.
Quickstep Workshop by David Roland
Beginner Cha Cha Workshop by Debbie Housand
Viennese Waltz Class by David Roland
Bolero Progressive Series by Debbie Housand

Go for four!

Betsy Beldner, 795-9680 or 830-5947

I am so pleased to recognize 24 members who met our challenge to host four times last year and also those who went beyond that challenge. If everyone could host four times a year, most of our events would be covered. **Go for Four!** See page 5.

There are always special events that require talents such as planning, decorating, or cooking. If you would enjoy working on one of these special events, to make them even more special, please let us know.

There were many more who volunteered, maybe not as much, but as they could. You are all so important to our Club. Thank you!!

Annual Membership Meeting Awards

The following people were recognized at the Annual Meeting held before the Christmas Party on December 14 for outstanding attendance and volunteering. Without them, our club could not exist as it does today.

Another very important group of people was recognized as well. Stewart Flood founded the club shortly after Hurricane Hugo in 1989. He was backed up by these hard-working and determined 20-year plus members: Joop and Rita Peterson, Ernie and Shelby Groome, Jo-Ann Flynn, Shiko Carter, Allen Capalungun, Betty Capalungun, Jo Zito, and Paige Wisotzki. They donated time and money. Without them, our club would not exist at all!



2013 Awards

Party Attendance

Ernie Groome 101 parties, 14 consecutive
Allen Vance 86 parties, 12 consecutive
Gunars Medins 75 parties
Hammond Eve 12 consecutive parties
Margie LaPorte 90 parties, 14 consecutive
Shiko Carter 79 parties
Urszula Jones 69 parties
Ilona Goltman 42 parties
Susan Reichert 41 parties
Lisa Klinge 37 parties

DeeJay

Bob Hyatt 22 parties
Allen Vance 17 parties
Beverly Birkhimer 16 parties
Susan Groome 11 parties
Henry LaRoche 9 parties
Ernie Groome 9 parties
Steve Clark 6 parties
Tommy Ferguson 3 parties

Hosting

Beverly Birkhimer 6 parties
Ellie Miltcheva 6 parties
Inge Sander 6 parties
Shelby Groome 5 parties
Connie Vance 5 parties

Hosting - Go for Four!

Lydia Barber
Russell Barber
Shiko Carter
Darianna Coggins
Hammond Eve
Adele Fisher
Irv Fisher
Wanda Floyd
JoAnn Flynn
Amy Gause
Marcia Hessert
Urszula Jones
Sharon Keene
Margie LaPorte
Cynthia LaRoche
Henry LaRoche
Gunars Medins
Kim Pearson
Les Pearson
Hans Reikerk
Toni Roberts
Stephanie Stone
Normandie Updyke
Barry Weissglass

Thank You!



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAMES(S): _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____

OCCUPATION: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HOW OR FROM WHOM DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (please write clearly) _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER? _____

IN WHICH FUNCTION(S) WOULD YOU BE MOST INTERESTED? (Hosting, DJ, Newsletter, Website, Accounting, Party Organizing, Publicity, Decorating, Maintenance, etc.)

Membership dues are \$45.00 maximum annually, at the rate of \$5 per month over the membership year, with the membership year from June 1 through May 31 of the following year. In order to be a member of the Ballroom Dance Club of Charleston, membership must be current with USA DANCE. We will be happy to complete your initial registration with your membership dues. After initial registration you will then assume responsibility for maintaining your annual dues with USA DANCE directly.

LOCAL CHAPTER DUES: JUNE 1 through MAY 31

June	\$ 45.00	Dec.	\$ 30.00	
July	\$ 45.00	Jan.	\$ 25.00	
Aug.	\$ 45.00	Feb.	\$ 20.00	
Sept.	\$ 45.00	March	\$ 15.00	
Oct.	\$ 40.00	April	\$ 10.00	
Nov.	\$ 35.00	May	\$ 5.00	\$ _____

NATIONAL "USA DANCE" DUES: (for 1st time members):

Social Dancer: \$ 25.00 (other levels available) \$ 25.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED (____ cash) (____ check) \$ _____

NOTE: Current night charge of \$5 applies and should be added to attendance

Accepted by _____ (name of host)

