



Newsletter

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Tribute to the members who served in the Armed Forces

President's Corner

by Pamela Levi

I hope everyone saw our treasurer's report! We had our first full month of paying all expenses: full rent, utilities, insurance, etc and we made a profit! Thanks to all of you who made this possible. We continue to improve and make our new studio more and more beautiful and functional !

Most of our members understand that we are a chapter of the non-profit organization, USA Dance. In order to be a member of Ballroom Dance Charleston (BDC), you must also be a member of the national organization. The dues structure is a little confusing at first because you pay the USA dues on the anniversary date of when you join and you pay local dues on June 1st. The first year you are a member, your local dues are pro-rated according to the month you join. To some this system has seemed "unfair" because of misunderstandings about how the local dues are calculated. Everybody pays the same local dues -promise! All memberships expire on May 31 and may be paid anytime in June to avoid paying the guest price of \$15. At the May meeting, the Board voted not to increase local membership dues, they remain the same at \$45.00 a year. We understand USA Dance may have to raise the national dues but there is no official word yet.

On the education side of things, I want to thank Dennis Romano for his generosity in purchasing syllabus materials and videos approved by the Imperial Society, Teachers of Dance. These resources will help to provide additional structure for our Bronze to Silver classes. There are flyers at the front desk if you are interested in more detail. Helping students choose the right level of class for their ability should be greatly enhanced. Starting in June we will offer a class at 7 :00 pm on Thursday which will take students who have completed the beginner class into the first Bronze level. For those who are beyond the beginner level but not ready for the more advanced bronze/silver classes, the class of choice is the Thursday class. For June, Michael Hogarth will be teaching Bronze Level 1 Tango. And if you want a good review and extra work on a particular dance, why not take the 6 0'clock Technique class followed by the 7 pm Bronze one! Sure beats going to the gym and lifting weights (Ok-my bias).

See you in class!



Saturday Night USO Party Foxtrot Lesson

Birthdays

Julie Ann Barrington.....June 2
Gaye Dupree.....June 4
Raymond Paskauskas.....June 6
Joseph Reeves.....June 8
C. Michelle Simmons.....June 11
Gunars Medins.....June 12
Lydia Barber.....June 15
Maurice Olfus.....June 15
William A. Green.....June 16
Amy Gause.....June 22
Judy Bowler.....June 22
Chuck A. Erckert.....June 23
Tyler Burnett.....June 29
Sharon N. Campbell.....June 30

Special Events

Italian Theme Dance Party

Saturday, June 6, 2015

7:30pm Bolero Lesson by Jamie & Monica

Emerine

8:30pm - Dance Party

DJ: Bob Hyatt

Hosts: Kathleen and Joe Stringer

DJ Celebration Party

Saturday May 20, 2015

7:30pm Tango by James Meek

8:30pm - Dance Party

DJ: Susan Groome

Host: Michelle Turco and our DJs

Board Meeting

Sunday, June 14, Calhoun Library 2:00pm

Printable Calendar News

The printable calendar is something we refer to all month. Due to conflicts and events that come up unexpectedly, sometimes there are unavoidable changes to the calendar. Unexpected changes occur after the printed calendar is made available. These changes are made to the on-line calendar and marked with the updated date.

Most of you probably print the calendar one time and use it as your reference. **IF changes** to the instructor, dance taught, DJ or host is important to you, be sure to check back to the calendar for last minute changes. We apologize for this inconvenience but people have unexpected things happen.

New membership information

Please [click here](#) for frequently asked questions about new membership.

Membership Renewal Information

All BDC memberships expire May 31 and can be renewed anytime until July 1 without having to pay the guest price. For now, the price is still \$45 for the first four months, and then it is prorated.

- If you are a current member, your party price will be \$10 in June.
- If you have not renewed your membership by July 1, your party price will be \$15 until you renew.
- If you decide it is better for you to remain a guest, we welcome you as always. The more the merrier!

BDC is a long-time member of USA Dance and they require that all of our members also be a member of their organization. Their fee is minimal (\$25 a year) and includes a monthly dance magazine and a reduced entry at all USA affiliated dances around the US.

USA dues should be paid on your anniversary date when they bill you, but if yours is due now, we will be happy to submit that for you.

Special Notice:

There will not be a dance party on Saturday, July 4, 2015. Please have a safe and happy July 4th. Enjoy your family, friends and great fireworks!

Hosting News - We Need Your Input!

We've said it several times and we will say it again.....Parties could not happen without our hosts, DJs, and reception volunteers. Thank you!

All volunteers get free admittance on the night of the party and because hosts usually spend both time and expense prior to the party, they also get a party pass for future use. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Marcia at 843-270-5897. It's a great way to get to know everyone!

What's what and new with hosting

- Hosts have the option of using what is available in the kitchen and/or bringing their own specialty food. Either way is perfectly fine - hosting variety is a good thing! Generally, we try to have the following snacks available for hosts us use and we are also asking for suggestions on other options. What would you like to see offered at parties? If you have suggestions, please let Marcia know, 843-270-5897.
 - Chips and Salsa
 - Peanuts
 - Crackers
 - Cheese and Olives
 - Frozen Desserts - Cream Puffs and Individual Cheesecakes
 - Cookies
- Host Equipment Available
 - Convection oven
 - Microwave
 - 3-Unit Crock Pot
 - Griddle for Hot Hors d'oeuvres or Snacks



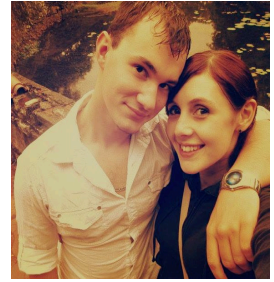
SPRING PARTY
Marcia Hessert, Todd Biegger,
Debbie Housand, Roger Viton, Jackie
Kohn

June Class and Instructor Profiles

Please [click here](#) for the complete Class and Instructor Profiles for June.

Spotlight on New Members

Amelia and Tyler Burnett -We are sure you have noticed a new, very attractive couple recently. Amelia and Tyler Burnett have recently joined and we are thrilled to have them as new members. Amelia was born in New Zealand. She danced jazz and hip-hop when she was very young and then started ballroom at 15. Amelia has competed and instructed at the amateur level. Her hobbies are singing, dancing and writing. She has traveled to Australia, Canada, England, Ireland, South America and the USA. I am not sure how these two met but Tyler has been serving in the military and after being discharged has been accepted at The Citadel. Obviously this is what brought them to Charleston. Tyler was born in Louisiana. His first dance experience was in the Fine Arts Survey Class in high school. He has lived in Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and South Korea. Tyler is working on learning ballroom and will surely catch up with Amelia. He is doing a great job. It is a pleasure to see these two on the dance floor. Welcome them and if you attended The Citadel, maybe you can give him some pointers.



Rachele Shearme is a native Charlestonian and was born downtown in the old Baker Hospital across from Colonial Lake. She has lived here all but two years of her life. Rachele had a great first dance experience in 2nd grade when she was 8 years old while attending James Island Elementary. She is very busy working as a realtor but is seeking more enjoyment in life with dancing. Rachele has been blessed with a passion for helping people get back into life after her own mobility was threatened four years ago. Learning to dance now and enjoying life has been her personal blessing and one she thought she might never have. Her motto and a great one for everyone is "You Are Never Too Old To Live Happily Ever After"! I think we would all agree. Keep dancing Rachele. We are so happy you have become a member.



Parties and Videos

Please [click here](#) to see all Parties and Videos