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District 9 Chapter of the Year 2009 and 2011

NATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2011

Greater Daytona Chapter USA Dance #6026 April 2012

HAPPY FEET



President's Message

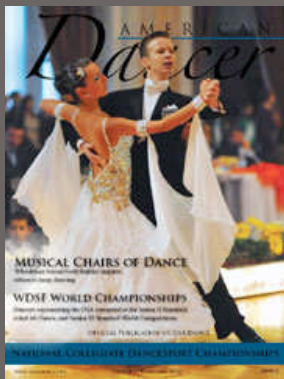
Dear Members and Future Members,

By now, you have likely learned that our chapter was recognized at the National Chapter Conference in Dallas as the National Chapter of the Year 2011/2012. This is quite an honor in light of our competition: so many sister chapters who are doing such wonderful things as well.

Some of the reasons that contributed to this recognition are: our growth, our benefits to new and renewed members, our beginning lessons program, our outreach programs, our charitable events, our relationship with local dance instructors/studios/venues, our celebration of national ballroom dance week and, most of all, our constant emphasis on bringing the joy and benefits of dance to the general public. Our chapter lives the national mission statement, "to increase the quality and quantity of ballroom dancing in the United States." Congratulations to us all!

Please be sure to read So You Think You Want to Learn to Dance written by our chapter secretary, Tom Sanders, which can be found as you scroll down in this newsletter. Tom certainly has a motivating way with words. Thanks, Tom!

Keep on dancing! Marta



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Thank you for renewing

When you renew in 2012, you will receive thank you gifts from our chapter totaling \$79. Why?

Because we appreciate YOU!



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Chapter Dance Lessons on YouTube

Thanks to our videographer, Jean Bell, our chapter dance lessons, when approved by the instructor, are

Dance Instructors

April 7 - no lesson

FREE DANCE to ALL (members and non-members)

7 - 10 p.m.

Help us celebrate National Chapter of the Year!

Silver Sands Middle School

1300 Herbert Street

Port Orange, FL

April 14 - Caleb Young teaching East Coast Swing

Lesson 7 - 7:50 p.m.

Let's help Caleb celebrate his studio's one year anniversary!

Dance from 7:50 - 10:00 p.m.

Silver Sands Middle School

1300 Herbert Street

Port Orange

No dances on April 21 or 28.

Here we GROW again!

Be sure to welcome our new members!

Peromnia Grant

Cynthia Aquilar

Did you know that **new members** to our chapter receive free dance lessons and other incentives totalling **\$277 for your \$25 12-month membership**? Check the [Benefits of New Membership](#) page from our chapter website(greaterdaytonachapter.org).

Did you know that our **renewed members**, \$25 for a 12- month membership as a social dancer, receive **\$79** worth of thank yous for renewing? Yes, a \$25 gift certificate from our newest business partner, Masterpiece Jewelers, American Dancer magazine, a month's worth of Tuesday night lessons at Lighthouse Pointe, a free pass to our dance, and a static cling decal for a total value of \$79 for your \$25 investment in our chapter. Check out [Benefits of Renewed Membership](#) on our chapter website (greaterdaytonachapter.org).

available for your viewing pleasure on YouTube from our website.

[Click here for YouTube videos](#)



DVD Lending Library

Current members of our chapter may borrow from our growing library of dance DVDs. Leave a \$25 deposit, cash or check, per DVD and you may borrow the DVD(s) for one month. For check out or return, see Henry after announcements at our dances. A complete list of available dance DVDs is included in our website at [Video Library](#).



Chapter-sponsored

Beginning Dance Lessons

will continue in April.

And 1...



Who: Members and non-members, singles and couples welcome, no partner needed

What: **Beginning Salsa**

When: Tuesdays - April 10, 17, and 24

Lesson from 7 - 8 p.m. followed by 20 minutes of practice

Where: Lighthouse Pointe Clubhouse

[Read more](#)

Congratulations

Greater Daytona Chapter #6026 NATIONAL Chapter of Year 2011



Of the approximately 180 chapters of USA Dance in our nation, twenty-one of those chapters are in Florida giving Florida the unique distinction of being the only state that is a district of USA Dance.

The mission statement of USA Dance is 'to increase the quality and quantity of ballroom dancing in the United States' and that is what our chapter has done so successfully, increasing membership by nearly 40% in 2011, from 124 in December 2008 to 275 in December 2011, and implementing a successful community outreach beginner dance lesson program that served 439 dancers in the first year.

[Read more](#)

Dance Quote of the Month

If dance were any easier, it would be called football.

So You Think You Want To Learn To Dance by Tom Sanders

The Ballroom Dance rage is in full swing. We see it on TV. We read about it in newspapers and periodicals. We open our internet browser and there it is staring us in the face. You have undoubtedly watched a YouTube video or two. You have probably even received an email intended to astound you with unbelievable talent displayed by friends, family and even unknown couples that have made you smile. I'll bet you dollars to donuts you have even considered taking a stab at it yourself. So! What is holding you back! Oh! I Know! You have two left feet! Or dancing is girly! Or I don't have time for that kind of stuff! Well, consider these rebuttals to your excuses!

(Photo, taken by Geoff Davis, chapter photographer, shows the February Cha Cha class at Lighthouse Pointe taught by Marta Pascale, Chapter president and certified dance instructor.)



Sister Chapter Dances

Visit usadance.org to locate approximately 180 sister chapters around the nation, including 21 in Florida. Your current member discount is good at all of them!

FOR SALE (MEMBERS ONLY)

Men's black dance shoes, like new

size 8 1/2, short boots, \$45

size 8 1/2, slip ons, \$45

Contact Marta martausadance@cfl.rr.com

Looking for

Lady's 7 1/2 with medium heel

Contact Nancy nsbnancysniche@live.com

Lady's dance shoes, black and gold

Very Fine, size 5 1/2 with a 2 1/2 heel

\$35.00 Nancy -265-3426



USA Dance members, families and friends are headed to Alaska for the Third Annual USA Dance National Dance Cruise, July 15-22, 2012, aboard Princess Cruise's magnificent Star Princess. The first summertime national dance cruise sponsored by USA Dance and Princess Cruises departs from Seattle, Washington, for seven days of fun, food and nearly non-stop dance activities. This cruise, which follows two successful, sold out, winter Caribbean cruises brings social dancers together from around the country and supports the organization's national programs. USA Dance members will sail the gorgeous waterways of the Inside Passage, home to whales, eagles and much more while visiting Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan and Victoria, B.C. plus glacier viewing in Tracy Arm Fjord. Won't you join us!?!?

[Click here for USA Dance- Alaska Cruise](#)