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Thank you for renewing

When you renew in 2013, you will receive thank you gifts, including dance lessons, totaling \$99. Why? Because we appreciate YOU!



NATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2011/2012

District 9 Chapter of the Year 2009 and 2011

Greater Daytona Chapter USA Dance #6026 April 2013





President's Message

Dear Members and Future Members,

Thank you to all who supported our American Cancer Society fundraiser in conjunction with our "help Marta celebrate her birthday" dance. You helped us to raise \$1086! Thank you also for making it such a festive occasion for me. I still can't figure out how you pushed that beautiful cake and decorated lighted table on the floor without my knowledge. I guess Marilyn Heck did a great job of distracting me. :)

We are saddened to hear of the closing of The Ballroom. We wish to thank Frank Anderson and Caleb Young for allowing our chapter to sponsor Wednesday Night Practice Nights at The Ballroom. We wish them luck in their endeavor to re-locate the venue.

Our chapter continues to grow, continues to provide generous benefits to new and renewed members, continues beginning dance lessons and has added intermediate dance lessons, supports outreach efforts and charitable events, and, most of all, strives to constantly share 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

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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 available for your viewing pleasure on YouTube from our website and are now categorized by Dance and Instructor.

Visit the new and improved website.



chapter may borrow from our growing library of dance DVDs. Leave a \$25 deposit, cash or check, per DVD and you may borrow one or two DVDs 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.

PRACTICE NIGHTREMINDER !

PRACTICE NIGHT at

The Ballroom on Nova

is sponsored by our chapter.

Perfect for the beginning dancer who may not feel comfortable at a regular dance.

United States." Congratulations to us all!

Keep on dancing! Marta

Dance Instructor for April Dances

April 13 and 27

Diedre Williams of Absolutely Ballroom teaching Waltz

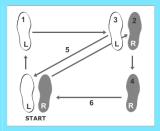
Lesson from 7 - 7:50 p.m. Dance from 7:50 - 10:00 p.m.

Cost:

\$10 future members (non-members) \$6 members of any chapter of USA Dance \$3 students under age 25 (with ID - higher education or public schools)

Be sure to welcome our new members!

JoAnn Forman





Chapter-sponsored Dance Lessons

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

What: Beginning American Tango When: Tuesdays - April 16, 23, 30 Lesson from 7 - 8 p.m. Cost: \$6 per person per lesson



What: Intermediate Cha Cha When: Tuesdays - April 16, 23, 30 ChaCha. Lesson from 8:15 - 9:15 p.m. Cost \$10 per person per lesson

Where: Lighthouse Pointe Clubhouse, Port Orange

Questions? Contact Marta at martausadance@cfl.rr.com or 386-562-0590.

Center Stage by Tom Sanders

The Greater Daytona Area - A Mecca for Dancers

We play 2 of each dance in a row. Let us know what dance you're working on and we will be glad to assist.

Join us on Wednesday nightsfrom 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. to practice what you have learned in lessons and classes around town.

Members helping members

Donation \$6 per person.

Where: 475 S. Nova Rd

Ormond Beach

Now is the Time to join our chapter!



If you are enjoying the World of Ballroom Dance, NOW is the time to show your support and reap the personal benefits of membership! Social Dancer \$25.00 Ballroom Dancer \$35.00 Click here to Join Now!

The extra \$10.00 goes to the Archie Hazelwood Fund to support national chapter projects.





Our chapter programs are sponsored in part by the Cultural Council of Volusia County.

JOIN US FOR THE 2013 USA DANCE NATIONAL DANCE CRUISE TO BERMUDA SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 6

Aboard the Royal Caribbean

When I moved to Daytona in 2005, I thought I had arrived in a small, quiet little community that only got excited for the NASCAR races. I soon learned that Bike Week would follow, then Spring Break and College Week. When I thought it was over, something called the Turkey Run showed its face and then it started all over with the Rolex 24. All this activity but very little got me excited.

Then, one day my wife Jo read an ad in the paper: learn to Ballroom Dance at Fred Astaire Studio! Now that got my juices flowing. However, we were still very sheltered. There was only one studio we knew of and one dance per week at that same location. But, we were excited anyway. New friends, new skill, and a place to perform. However, things change, and change makes you broaden your horizons. A new extended family rose around Kevin Guerra and the sounds of Salsa Music; and, before we could say 5678, the dance world in Daytona had another facet. Although the Salsa family gave us great joy, something was missing. We also wanted the Ballroom experience. There were more dances to learn and try to perfect and we became associated with all the right people to guide us along. Foxtrot, Waltz, Cha Cha, Tango, Swing on the east and west coast, and on and on. It was never ending, this new and exciting world of dance; and, it was all happening within 15 miles of home in what I now know as Greater Daytona.

In our fervor to practice what we were learning and further expand our dance family, we were introduced to a dance organization called the Greater Daytona Chapter USA Dance #6026. Our first experience proved to be amazing. However, we came to realize that we really did not know how to dance. These dancers were good and they moved all over the floor. There was a new meaning to "lead, follow or get out of the way!" We got out of the way but soon became more confident due to our association with our new mentors both professional and amateur.

As our passion for dance grew, we became more entrenched in this wonderful activity. Seven days a week entrenched! We had mentors around us who cared about our progress, happiness and skills. Not only were we taught, we were encouraged every step of the way by noted area professionals like Jerry Lawrence, Marta Pascale, and Caleb Young, who individually enticed us to take part in Dance Shows, Showcases and even a Competition! Our ambition was always to get better (we are still trying). My wife, seeing my frustration, gave me a wonderful Father's Day present: Marta! Marta had the patience to get me to dance around the floor with confidence. She then opened the dance doors wide by coaching me to be a Distinguished Gent (Dance Host). I now could join her brother John with this prestigious title. My wife was also thrilled because I no longer step on her feet and ruin her pedicure.

The dance world continued to expand with the onset of Absolutely Ballroom's Dance Shows with Caleb, Joe, and Diedre, an event that sparked a documentary about dance, which will likely be public soon.

After reading all this, you might think this article is about me. However, it is all leading to YOU! You see, my experiences allow me to realize how lucky you are. Right here in Greater Daytona! You now can dance every night of the week. You can also be mentored by world class instructors, the best instructors in Florida (my opinion, yes, but I am writing the article J). The choices include but are not limited to: Caleb, Diedre and Joe from Absolutely Ballroom, Kevin Guerra's Daytona Salsa, Jerry Lawrence of Lawrence Dance Studio, Luis Luis, Chris Lemoines and our own Greater Daytona Chapter President, Marta Pascale.

In addition, under the guidance of Jean Krupa and Henry Eure, you can practice what you learn our chapter- sponsored Practice Nights on Wednesdays and then go and show your stuff at our semi-monthly chapter dances. Gee wiz, your opportunities are endless!

The bottom line is: dancing is life changing! Catch the Passion! Look

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Reasons to take the Dance Lesson at USA Dance

New dancers sometimes feel uncomfortable because they don't know many people and it seems that everybody else at the dance knows each other. By attending the lesson before the dance, you will find it is a good way both to warm up and to get to know people because everyone is encouraged to switch partners. By the time the dance starts, you've shared a common experience with any where from twenty to seventy people and you around! The proof is everywhere in the Greatest Daytona Area! Your individual Dance Heaven!



Thank you all for donating to the Amercan Cancer Society fight against Breast Cancer. Our chapter was able to donate \$1086.00 to this worthy cause at our March 2 dance.

Dance Quote of the Month



www.inspirationboost.com

DANCE SCHEDULE FOR ORLANDO USA Dance #6002

www.orlando-usadance.com

Third Friday at Bahia Shrine Ballroom
2300 Pembrook Drive, Orlando
All ages, all levels, singles & couples
7:30 - 8 p.m. group lesson included in price of admission;
8 - 11 p.m. General Ballroom Dancing



Regular admission is \$6 for USA Dance Members \$10 Non-Members INFO: 407-831 3680

DANCE SCHEDULE BLUE SPRINGS USA Dance #6086

Dances are held on the first or second Sunday at the Sanborn Activities Center, 751 S. Alabama Avenue, DeLand, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a 30-minute may even have several prospective dance partners.

Beginning (and even not-so-beginning) dancers also worry that they can't dance as well as the other people in the room. Often a man is hesitant to ask a woman to dance if he feels that she is a much better dancer than he is. Remember, a lot of the enjoyment of dancing comes more from the feeling you get dancing with someone rather than from doing fancy moves. If, as a leader you feel unsure about your dancing, here are a few suggestions: Smile, listen to the music, talk to your partner and stick to the moves you know. Followers, try to relax and connect with your partner. A good leader will always dance to the level of experience of the follower, and will never show off. Couple dancing is not about how well you can dance, but how well the two of you can dance together.

Many people hesitate to ask the more experienced dancers to dance because they may be intimidated. Keep in mind that a lot of experienced dancers have been dancing with one another for years and have become friends. Experienced dancers can benefit the whole dance community by dancing with newcomers and making them feel welcome. If a newcomer has at least one good dance experience, he or she is more likely to come back and perhaps tell friends about the experience.

Remember, we're dancing to have fun. Taking it too seriously and feeling intimidated wastes a lot of time. Don't worry about learning every new move; time will take care of that. Listen to and dance with the music. dance lesson included in the price of admission. General dancing is from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 members; \$10 non-members; \$3 students.

The Dance Spree is Coming! June 14-16, 2013

Be sure to pick up a flyer at our chapter dance and get your deposit in soon.

What is the Dance Spree? It's a weekend dance camp for one low price which includes your hotel stay, meals, evening dances and daily dance classes all under one roof with two fabulous instructors, two choices of classes each hour and a Sunday morning review.

Meet people from all over, some of whom attend each year, for this great social dance party of the year. This will be the 17th year for the "Spree."

Instructors: **Pat Laakso** (Downtown Dance Studio, Titusville) is teaching Foxtrot, Samba, Cha-Cha and two classes in Argentine Tango for beginner and advanced students.

Joe Mounts (Absolutely Ballroom, Ormond Beach) is teaching American Tango, Rumba, Waltz and two levels in West Coast Swing.

Weekend package 3 days/2 nights -Only \$249.00 per person

Includes 2 nights Hotel stay, *(double occupancy) Friday night Dinner/Dance,

Waltz Foxtrot ChaCkat Swing Tango

Team Matches, Jack & Jill Contest and

10 Workshops all day Saturday with Saturday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner & Sunday Breakfast followed by class reviews.

<u>Click here for flyer</u> or you can pick one up at our chapter dance.