



USA Dance Chapter #6026 Greater Daytona FL

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October

2017

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2009 and 2011 and 2013 and 2015



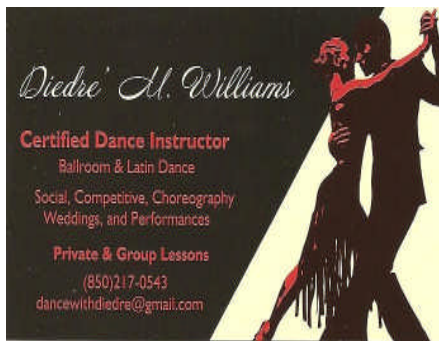
December 2017 Newsletter

President's Message

Dear Members and Future Members,



WE WON!!!!!!!!!!!!!! As you are aware, National USA Dance conducted a **membership drive** from August 1 until October 2. Thank you to those members who joined, those members who renewed and **ESPECIALLY** those members who renewed **EARLY** during the contest period. Thank you also to **Gold Star Ballroom** for donating a dance pass to each new and renewed member during the contest period! **We have recently received two checks from National totaling \$1220, \$400 for winning first place and \$5 per new and renewed member totaling \$820. This means that 164 of you joined, renewed or renewed early during the contest period. THANK YOU for YOUR efforts to make this happen!**



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Where life is a Ball
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 386-562-0590 for details.

HEY, WHAT'S HAPPENING in December???

CLICK HERE TO VIEW CALENDAR



Thank you for renewing

When you renew in 2017,
 you will receive thank you gifts,
 including free dance lessons,
 totaling \$66.
 Why? Because we appreciate YOU!



It is a healthy treasury that allows us to provide a student dance lesson program at two elementary schools, chapter-sponsored group dance lessons, and twice monthly chapter dances without worrying about being in the red or in the black. It also allows us to offer very special events to our members at reduced cost, such as our upcoming **25th anniversary dance** scheduled for the fall of 2018. **So, once again, thank you today and EVERY day for your support of our chapter.**

With the **holidays** upon us, do you need **gift ideas**? How about passes to our chapter dances or to our Monday night chapter-sponsored group dance lessons? These will be available any time you are at Gold Star Ballroom from now through December. And, as 2017 draws to a close, **thank you** for another successful and fun year of dancing! **May 2018 bring you only good things!**

Happy Holidays!

Marta

December Chapter Dances



Saturday, December 9
Marta teaching Waltz
Lesson from 7 - 8 p.m.
Dance from 8 - 10 p.m.

Cost: \$10 for members of USA Dance; \$15 for non-members

\$5 for students of public schools or higher ed under age 25



Saturday, December 23
Marta teaching Waltz
Lesson from 7 - 8 p.m.
Dance from 8 - 10 p.m.

Cost: \$10 for members of USA Dance; \$15 for non-members; \$5 for education students under age 25

Note: To join our chapter, go to
greaterdaytonachapter.org.

Not a member? Be a member!
 Only \$35 for a full 12 months as a social dancer
 and receive a return of \$226, including dance lessons!
 How? Check out Benefits of Membership at
greaterdaytonachapter.org

Become
 a
 Member



Gold Star Ballroom
 Home of Greater Daytona Chapter
 3100 S. Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona
 Phone 386-315-4258

Use 3090 S. Ridgewood as your GPS address.

500 feet west of Ridgewood Avenue, off Venture Drive in the
 South Daytona Business Park

Follow us on Facebook**Remember you can review the 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. Click below to visit the website.

[Click here for YouTube videos](#)

See us on
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DVD Lending Library

More than 100 VIDEOS!

Current members of our chapter may borrow from our growing library of **DANCE VISION** 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 NIGHT REMINDER !**

TUESDAY Night is

**Help Us Welcome Our New Members**

Bertha Palmentieri
Abe Bockish
Mary Wright
Glen (Denny) Hanks

Monday Night Chapter-Sponsored Dance Lessons

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

What: Beginning American Tango

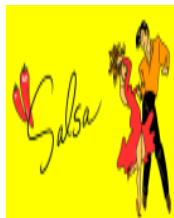
When: Mondays - December 4, 11 and 18

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7 per person per lesson or \$21 total when paid in full at the first lesson. Otherwise,

\$10 pay as you go. Exact change is appreciated. Cash or check payable to USA Dance, no refunds. Thank you for understanding.

Note: Those who pay in full for the 3 beginning Tango lessons will receive **free entry** at Tuesday night practice night on December 5, 12 and 19. **Thank you, Gold Star Ballroom.**



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

What: Intermediate Salsa

When: Mondays - December 4, 11 and 18

Time: 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person per lesson or \$30 total when paid in full at the first lesson. Otherwise, \$10

pay as you go. Exact change is appreciated. Cash or check payable to USA Dance, no refunds. Thank you for understanding.



Where: Gold Star Ballroom

3100 S. Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona

Use 3090 S. Ridgewood as your GPS address.

500 feet west of Ridgewood Avenue off Venture Drive; look for Sandy Point Progressive Sports and a sign for the South Daytona Business Park on the corner. Questions? Contact Marta at

Practice Night!
sponsored by the
Greater Daytona Chapter

Gold Star 

Join us! Get comfortable being
 on the dance floor!

Dancers helping dancers!

TIME: 7 p m - 8:30 p m

Only \$5.

*membership not required



WE WANT YOU!

If you are enjoying the world of
 Ballroom Dance,
 NOW is the time
 to show your support and
 reap the personal benefits of membership!
 Not to mention financial - being a member
 of the Greater Daytona Chapter has over
 \$200 in benefits.

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*The extra \$10.00 goes to the
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 to support national social dance projects.



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Make a Statement

by Tom Sanders and Marta Pascale



Grande Dame, Margaret Russo, is a "mature" member of the Greater Daytona Chapter USA Dance #6026. This remarkable Italian-American lady hails from the small town of Norwich, Connecticut. She grew up loving being Italian and loving to dance. Her father, who owned a supermarket and was a professional Tango dancer before he married, instilled both of these values in her as he served as the President of the Italian-American Club and taught her to dance.

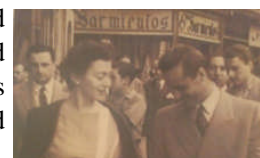
Her father saw an opportunity to support his countrymen, two Italian submarine crews, when they were stationed close to his home. The Naval crews were in need of eyeglasses and raincoats. So, Margaret's father invited some Naval officers to dinner to plan a fundraiser dinner/dance. Little did he know he was setting the stage for Margaret to meet her future husband. It was time for Margaret to make her first statement!

Margaret was 18 years old when her mother called telling her to rush home, that her father had invited several visiting Italian submarine officers to dinner at their home. Margaret was only too happy to comply, already taken with the idea of tall, dark and handsome Italian Naval officers. Not surprisingly, during dinner, Margaret, who spoke Italian in her home, and a 30 year old tall, dark and handsome Italian Captain named Attilio, who spoke Italian, Spanish, Romanian, French and English, enjoyed a mutual attraction.

After dinner, Margaret's father asked if she would like to go to the Naval Base with him and the officers. Of course, Margaret wanted to go! They stopped at an Inn on the way for a drink and, since the jukebox was playing music, Margaret wanted to dance. However, at that time, it would have been un-ladylike to approach the good-looking Captain Attilio. So, Margaret solicited the Captain's Secretary to inform him that Margaret would like to dance with him. Before the end of the night, the Captain was not only dancing with beautiful, young Margaret, but whispering "sweet nothings" to her.

It didn't take long for Margaret and Attilio to realize that they wanted to spend their lives together. However, Margaret's heart was broken when Captain Attilio and his Navy crew were bound to return to Italy. Yet, Margaret's statement had been made. Attilio would soon realize that he couldn't live without her!

A year later, Margaret and Attilio were married during a Naval ceremony in Naples, Italy, and lived in Sorrento, Italy, for two years. But, the world was different then. Italy seemed to be headed toward





Please do your part; clear your table and discard your cups and napkins in the trash receptacles as you exit the ballroom. Thank you.



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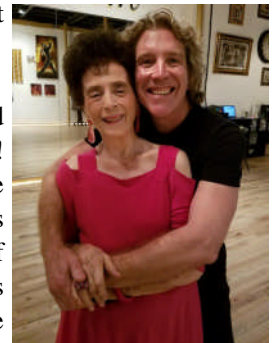
Communism and Attilio, who had, in his past, experienced that regime, did not want to live under Communism. So, back to Connecticut they went.

In America, Attilio and Margaret made another statement, as they raised their two sons and became successful in real estate. Not to be outdone by her husband, Margaret continued to make statements in fashion, as a social director, and with her ability to cook incredible meals. Their success led them to Florida where, once again, a statement was made as they purchased land to develop a community in which they built a beautiful home for their family and managed one hundred tenant dwellings.



Their 55 year marriage was special. They were each other's world and they loved to dance locally and internationally as often as they could. However, Margaret's wonderful life took a turn when Attilio passed away after a long illness. She felt her statements were behind her; she felt her life was over. Then, after more than a year of mourning, she picked herself up by the boot straps and decided to live again. But, how? Enter Caleb Young; enter his studio, Absolutely Ballroom; and bring on dance! Dance became her formula for life and her new path to her next statement.

It has been eight years since Margaret befriended Caleb and made her new, bold statement: Dance! Dance! Dance! Caleb not only became her dance instructor but, over time, established himself as part of her family, even treating her and some of his other "mature" ladies to brunch on Mother's Day. You see, Caleb makes it his business to put the "golden" in his ladies' "golden years."



Many of us have witnessed Margaret dancing with Caleb at Gold Star Ballroom, the home of the Greater Daytona Chapter, and at the chapter's annual Mall Ball where Margaret makes a statement with each and every dance. So, you will not be surprised to learn that Caleb and Margaret have traveled and danced, with others from Caleb's studio, around the world.

Just recently, Margaret made a statement in New York where, upon returning from an international trip, sponsored by Absolutely Ballroom, she met with her two younger sisters to show them how to be happy, act young and... dance! All this, because Margaret decided to enjoy her life again. She credits God and Caleb for paving the way for her to make statement after statement after statement.

It's a great way to be a Driving Force
for the Arts!



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To our Members and Guests
The Greater Daytona
Chapter Board wishes you
all a very Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year.



Her most heartfelt statement, at this point in her life, is how important dance is. Dance, she says, changes lives, bringing with it the benefits of mind, body and soul, and a whole new group of friends of all ages. Dance returns purpose and joy to the dancer. Dance returns life itself! Dance inspires Margaret... and Margaret inspires US!

Margaret recently received a very special letter, written in 2002, from her beloved husband, Attilio, 10 years after his death. You see, Attilio had written a letter to his beloved wife and entrusted it to his brother to pass to Margaret upon Attilio's death. But, Margaret's brother-in-law predeceased Margaret's husband. So, the letter went undelivered. Then, in November 2017, Margaret's nephew, who had taken over his deceased father's business, came upon a letter in a book in his father's former office. The letter, addressed to his Aunt Margaret, was delivered unopened. Margaret's tears flowed freely as she read and re-read her husband's love letter to her: how beautiful she is, what a good wife and mother she is, what a wonderful life they enjoyed, how much he loves her. What an amazing gift, a tribute to the wife, mother and woman who had gone from small town girl to international intrigue so adeptly, all the more special to be received 10 years later! Thank you, Margaret, for sharing your life and your amazing story with us. We love you!

Quote of the Month



Dancing diminishes dementia.

Ed Lometti

DANCE SCHEDULE:
ORLANDO USA Dance #6002
www.orlando-usadance.com



Dances are held on the 2nd Saturday
Maitland Presbyterian Church Family Life Center

341 N. Orlando Ave (Rte. 17-92), Maitland
All ages, all levels, singles & couples
TIME: 7:30 - 8 p.m. group lesson included in price of

admission; General dancing is from 8 until 11 p.m.
Admission is \$8 for USA Dance Members; \$12 -non-Members

INFO: 407-831 3680

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**DANCE SCHEDULE:**

**BLUE SPRINGS USA Dance #6086 ~ ~ ~**

Dances are held on the **first or second Sunday (depending on Holidays)** at the **Chisholm Center**, 520 South Clara Avenue, Deland.

**TIME: 5:30 p.m.** group lesson included in price of admission. General dancing is from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Admission is \$8 for USA Dance members;

\$12 non-members; \$3 students.

INFO: 386-259-4074.



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