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NATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2011/2012
District 9 Chapter of the Year 2009 and 2011

Greater Daytona Chapter USA Dance #6026
December 2013

HAPPY FEET



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President's Message

Dear Members and Future Members,

An exciting announcement regarding our chapter will be revealed at our January 1 dance, which we are calling our Revelation Ball, thanks to Jean Krupa's creativity. We hope you are able to attend. :)



Thank you to those of you who contributed to our American Cancer Society fundraiser last month. We were able to raise close to \$400 from our chapter. While it is not a huge amount, every little bit helps. :)

Those of us who attended the Sebring Social at the Kenilworth Lodge had a great time learning Country Two Step from Joe Mounts and enjoying general dancing with some familiar and new friends. I wonder what Jean Krupa has in mind for the future.

WHAT'S HAPPENING
in DECEMBER???

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Thank you for renewing

When you renew in 2013,
you will receive thank you
gifts,
including dance lessons,
totaling \$88.
Why? Because we
appreciate YOU!



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store for us next time? :)

Thank you to all who assisted with our 6th annual Mall Ball at the Volusia Mall on Sunday, November 24. A special thank you to Clarence Pan and Henry Eure for DJing, to Geoff Davis for taking photographs, to Jean Bell and friends for videotaping the event, and to our board and other volunteers for all their assistance! We cannot do what we do without you. A very special thank you to everyone who danced, whether during demonstrations or general dancing! We appreciate you!

Congratulations to Randy Kelley who was recognized at our November 23 dance as our Chapter Volunteer of the Year for 2013! Be sure to read about his many contributions to our chapter below and to learn why Henry Eure's nomination of Randy as our Chapter Volunteer of the Year was unanimously supported by our board. :)

With the holiday season upon us, do you need gift ideas? How about gift certificates for Tuesday night beginning group lessons, \$24 for the month, or Tuesday night intermediate group lessons, \$40 for the month, or passes to our chapter dances, \$10 per pass (sold to current members only). Contact Marta if interested at martausadance@cfl.rr.com or 386-562-0590.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and be sure to keep on dancing! *Marta*

Dance Instructors for December

December 14 - Holiday Celebration!



Marta teaching Viennese Waltz from 7 - 8 p.m.

Dance from 8 - 10:30 p.m.

Why 10:30 p.m.? Because, thanks to the efforts of our newest Director-at-Large, Donna Keller, this dance will include 4 performances interspersed during the course of the evening:

Viorel and Angela Ionita dancing Tango

Caleb Young and Elizabeth dancing a Christmas Dance

Joe Mounts and Dorice Soroka dancing Night Club Two Step

Diedre Williams and Branden Calnan dancing Salsa

We are inviting you to bring a finger food to share at this special dance, optional, of course. :)

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

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

Not a member? Be a member!

Only \$25 for a full 12 months as a social dancer and receive a return of \$248. How? Check out Benefits of Membership at greaterdaytonachapter.org.

**Remember to 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. Visit the new and improved 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 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

December 28 - Holiday Dance Party

Aimee Allen of Orlando teaching East Coast Swing

from 7 - 8 p.m.

Dance from 8 - 10 p.m.



Including youth performance by

Culture in Dance coached by Aimee Allen

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Both at Gold Star Ballroom

Home of Greater Daytona Chapter

3100 S. Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona
1/8 mile west of Ridgewood off Venture Drive
at the South Daytona Business Park

Be sure to welcome our new members!

Ken McHugh	Ann Marie Garvey	Bruce Warren	
Geanna Cheong	Shirley Scott	Doug Scott	
Lew Petit	Donn Christy	Marti Hamilton	
Jay Somarajan	Kaity Clark	Samantha Cash	
Ben Northrop	Giselle Valez	Emerson Stewart	Vivian Giessing



Chapter-Sponsored Dance Lessons

NOTE THE NEW START TIMES.....

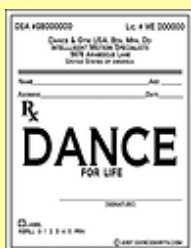
Who: Members and Non-Members, singles and couples welcome, no partner needed.

our website at
Video Library.



PRACTICE NIGHT

REMINDER !



*Wednesday Night
is PRACTICE NIGHT*

**sponsored by the
Greater Daytona
Chapter**

Join Us at

Gold Star Ballroom

3100 S. Ridgewood Av

S. Daytona, FL

Come join us!
Members helping
members!

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

\$6 members of

USA Dance

\$8 non-members of
USA Dance



What: ***Beginning Viennese Waltz**

When: Tuesdays - December 3, 10, 17

Time: **6:30 - 7:15 pm**

Cost: \$6 per person per lesson; \$18 total paid at first lesson please, cash or check payable to USA Dance

What: **Intermediate Waltz (Part2)**

(different steps from the ones taught in November)

When: Tuesdays - December 3, 10, 17

Time: **7:30 - 8:15 pm**

Cost: \$10 per person per lesson

\$30 total paid at the first lesson please

Cash or check payable to USA Dance



What: ***Beginning Tango**

When: Tuesdays - December 3, 10, 17

Time: **8:30 - 9:15 pm**

Cost: \$6 per person per lesson; \$18 total paid at first lesson please, cash or check payable to USA Dance

***Gold Star Ballroom is pleased to partner with USA Dance Chapter #6026 by offering free admission to Wednesday Night Practice to the students of Beginning Viennese Waltz and Beginning Tango for the month of December, when paying for all 3 lessons at lesson #1.**

Where: Gold Star Ballroom

3100 S. Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona

(1/8 mile west of S. Ridgewood from Venture Drive; look for Sandy Point and a sign for the South Daytona Business Park on the corner) Questions?

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

CENTER STAGE

by Tom Sanders

The Mall Ball - An Event Worth Waiting For!



2013 Mall Ball- general dancing



Tom Sanders and new dancer Courtney

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.

The Mall Ball traditionally is scheduled to wow the community during National Ballroom Dance Week in September. However, if you're up-to-date on all the excitement we have had this year, you know that we have enjoyed our Chapter's 20th Anniversary, sailed away to Bermuda on the National USA Dance Cruise and participated in the Daytona Dancing with the Stars extravaganza. Yes, if this recap of recent events just raised your eyebrows, then you now know that Ballroom Dancing is alive and well in Daytona. In fact, those events just scratch the surface of all the new and exciting things that have made 2013 special for our USA members.

Yet, amidst all of this activity, the Mall Ball could not be denied its day. You see, the Mall Ball is our own little Holiday and it bears many fine gifts.

Initially, there is a gift to the Greater Daytona Chapter USA Dance Board. This gift has no monetary value. However, as we look at the faces of the participants and community during the final general dance Foxtrot, we receive the gift of accomplishment, satisfaction, and appreciation, not a bad reward for the time and effort required to make the Mall Ball happen.

The second gift goes out to our Dancers: a venue to showcase your abilities and to strut your stuff for friends, neighbors and all those onlookers who wish they could be you for those two and a half minutes of dancing. What a great opportunity to display the fruit of all those lessons and practice. The dancers' gifts keep coming by way of photographs, video, memories and applause!

The third and, in this writer's opinion, the best gift goes to the Community. Where else could they go to enjoy a four-hour show of exquisite choreography, precise execution, and polished performances of dance, at no cost? Where else could they go and say "that was special and I want to do that too." Where else could they be invited to the dance floor by someone special in their eyes and begin their own love affair with dance?

This is what it is all about. This is why we do what we do! Did you get up and dance last Sunday during open dancing? Did someone just look at you saying "Pick me! Pick me!" Did you make someone's day? I had that thrill and I received a present. Young Courtney said she doesn't dance. However, when that shy person said no, she was really saying "dance with me." She learned that she has potential and the enthusiasm to learn and the thrill of accomplishment in only three dance opportunities. In an email that I received before writing this article, she thanked me, told me I made her day, told me she is seeking dance lessons, and told me I was awesome. That's why we do what we do: to instill the desire to dance and garner all the benefits that come with dancing!

So, now you know why the Mall Ball was an event worth waiting for! It is the Holiday Season and I hope you, along with us, receive all of the grand gifts that Dancing affords you! It doesn't take much... just... love of dance, dedication, and the willingness to get out there and try.

Happy Holidays to All from the Greater Daytona Chapter of USA Dance!

CHAPTER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!

Congratulations to **Randy Kelley**,
our Chapter Volunteer of the Year 2013,
nominated by Henry Eure, Director-at-Large



The following comments were shared at our November 23 chapter dance.

Our chapter's 2013 Volunteer of the Year is:

an active member of our chapter who advocates for our chapter and the many benefits of ballroom dancing at every opportunity

- *at work
- *at meetings
- *at parties
- *at dances
- *at dance lessons

This member's advocacy of our chapter's benefits of membership has helped our chapter to exceed 340 members making us the largest chapter in Florida and one of the fastest growing and largest chapters in the nation.

This member supports our chapter's outreach efforts whenever possible, such as:

- Dancing at Zappi's Italian Garden Restaurant for Front Porch Friday
- Dancing at the Ormond Beach Seafood Festival
- Dancing in the Mall Ball in honor of National Ballroom Dance Week
- Dancing for the Boggy Creek charity fundraiser (benefitting terminally ill, critically ill and chronically ill children)
- Dancing and assisting at the first ballroom dance held by Spruce Creek Fly In Country Club

Additionally, this member supports our causes such as the American Cancer Society fundraiser.

While our chapter dances were still being held in a school gymnasium this past year, this member could be counted upon, unsolicited, to assist with relocation of the benches, taking out the trash, emptying the ice, loading up, locking up and doing anything else that he saw needed to be done to conclude our dance for the evening.

This member has assisted at our weekly chapter-sponsored dance lessons since August 2012. This member was a good listener, a good leader and a good demonstrator. This member's advocacy of our chapter is apparent at these weekly dance lessons where this member is often overheard espousing the benefits of membership to our chapter and encouraging, successfully, these dance students to join our chapter.

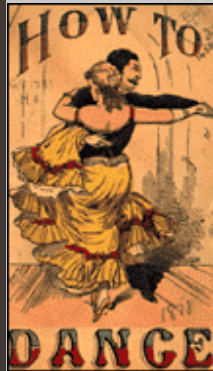
This member promotes and enhances the image of USA Dance in the community on a daily basis. However, it was most evident by this member's support of our new dance venue coinciding with

our chapter's 20th anniversary celebration in September. In preparation for this big event, this member helped to lay the beautiful floating bamboo floor, assisted to cover poles and rearrange furniture, picked up and delivered tables, and worked on the sound system. Furthermore, it was through the efforts of this member that the mayor and city manager were in attendance at our 20th anniversary dance.

This member served as a last minute replacement dance host (volunteer, not paid) during the most recent national USA Dance cruise, dancing from 1 ½ hours to 3 hours per day as part of the dance host program, in addition to dancing before and after the hosted dances and during the host breaks with other ladies, to assure that a good time was had by all ladies, not just the hosted ladies.

Our Chapter Volunteer of the Year is a genuinely nice man who genuinely cares about people and who genuinely likes helping in any way he can. Dancing has enhanced his life and he wishes to share that with others, encouraging them to reap the many benefits of ballroom dancing.

Congratulations to our Chapter Volunteer of the Year,
Randy Kelley!



Dance Quote of the Month

A very important phenomenon of dancing is that you can't see yourself dance. Each dancer, who wants to improve, needs an instructor/coach watching who knows what he/she is seeing in your dancing. Do you want to improve? If so, you will welcome the honest feedback as it is intended... with your growth as a dancer in mind.

Marta

