

June 2018 Newsletter

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Chapter Members Help Raise \$221,000 for Alzheimer's Care

2018 Dances

- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8

Howard Community Club,
5645 Forsyth Rd.

7:30–10:30 p.m.

\$8 USA Dance members
\$12 non-members
\$5 students with ID

“Dressy casual” attire
Light refreshments
Smoke-free, alcohol-free

On May 5, 2018 at the Macon City Auditorium, members of USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059 serving as “Pro” dancers paired with local “Stars” to show off their dancing skills and raise money for Alzheimer’s research and care in the Alzheimer’s Association, Georgia Chapter’s Dancing Stars of Central Georgia.

Chapter members dancing included Daniel Boudreault, who danced with local artist and art broker Lori Mitchell in a sizzling Argentine tango to “Asi se baila el tango” by Veronica Verdier. Costumed as Batman and Catwoman, Daniel and Lori captivated the audience with their daring routine including a fearless neck drop that drew gasps from the audience.

Laura Thomason danced a cha-cha to “24K Magic” by Bruno Mars with professor and community organizer Chris Tsavatewa. Chris distinguished himself not only with his dancing but also with his glitter-decorated beard and purple hair. The glitter beard garnered an extra \$1500 in donations: first from people who wanted him to wear it, and then from people who wanted him to shave it.

This year’s event raised a total of \$221,000, bringing to \$1.6 million the amount raised since Dancing Stars’ inception in 2012. Funds raised by the event help the Georgia chapter provide education, support groups, referrals to services, a 24-hour helpline, and more.

June Board Meeting:

Please contact David Leathers, 478-442-7525, for scheduling and location information.



Greater Macon Chapter Heads South for the Daytona Dance Spree

Dancers including Donald Deiter, Dianne Wilhelm, Paul Karpinecz, Peggy Mullis, Michael Wade, Dianne Kent, David Leathers, Debra Leathers, Mary Manley, and Tom Manley attended the Dance Spree Weekend hosted by USA Dance Greater Daytona Chapter #6026 at the Gold Star Ballroom in South Daytona, Florida on April 27 and 28. The event featured a full weekend of dancing: a salsa lesson and dinner dance Friday evening as well as a chapter team match and a Jack & Jill competition, then a day of workshops on Saturday including everything from foxtrot and Viennese waltz to nightclub 2-step and bachata. Chapter members described outstanding experiences from their time in Daytona:

Dianne Kent, Social Dance Coordinator: "It was a great weekend of dancing without pressure. The workshop is set up to enjoy all day and enjoy the night with open dancing and exhibitions. We could choose between Beginner and Intermediate classes and each instructor gave the opportunity to film the dance moves at the end of each lesson. Jean Krupa is the best at organizing these events that are held every year on the last weekend of April at the Greater Daytona Chapter. Meals are included and the host hotel is 1-2 miles from the hosting chapter. I especially liked seeing the ladies of the Daytona Chapter dress in long dresses for the closing semi-formal dance.

"The first night featured a guest instructor for a lesson, the chapter parade to dance around the floor and proudly display your chapter banner and attendance and a team match to show off your dancing. We proudly showed off our team, which represented all ages and dance levels. Our newest dancer was treated royally by the ladies in open dancing during the evening: one of the ladies came over later and thanked me for allowing her to dance with my friend. He certainly had fun with the attention from all the ladies!

"10 of us represented Georgia well, wearing black shirts advertising 'Georgia Peaches and Pecans' with the chapter name on the front. The ladies shirts said on the back 'Some are Peachy' inside an outline of Georgia and the gentlemen's shirts said 'Some are Nuts.' We thought we would win, but Daytona Chapter won with their NASCAR racing theme. Nevertheless, Georgia was well received from the beginning of the workshop to the very end. Our attending chapter members are looking forward to attending next year."

L to R, Tom Manley, Mary Manley, Debra Leathers, David Leathers, Peggy Mullis, Paul Karpinecz, Dianne Kent, Mike Wade, Dianne Wilhelm, and Don Deiter at the Daytona Dance Spree.



Chapter Elections are Coming!

Chapter board members for 2019 will be elected in September. Please consider joining the board to contribute to the leadership and management of our chapter and its activities. This all-volunteer force is instrumental in the planning, decision-making, and execution of everything that the chapter offers to its members. If you'd like to join the fun, please notify any current board member. Election procedures will be announced in the coming months.



Promoting Dance in the Community

- Dianne Kent hosted an East Coast Swing lesson at Houston Lake Country Club on May 31. This event was the chapter's second invitation to visit and teach at the country club after being enthusiastically received there in March.
- Paula East, Debra Leathers, and special guest Isha Bhatt brought a "Social Savvy Latin Workshop" to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame on May 10 with Paula presenting merengue, mambo, and salsa; Debra bringing bachata to the mix, and Isha going beyond Latin America with a classical dance from her native India.

Local Dance Instructors

The following USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059 members would be happy to hear from you to schedule a group class or private lesson:

Paula East: An experienced dancer, choreographer, and instructor with a commitment to promoting social dancing and dancesport to the local community. Contact Paula for information on current classes and workshops: paulaeastdance@yahoo.com, 478.750.0802, www.paulaeast.com.

Dianne Kent: "Dancing with Dianne": dkdancelessons@gmail.com, 478.986.4110, www.dkdancelessons.blogspot.com. Four-week classes are on Mondays at Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Road, Macon GA.. 7PM - 8PM Line Dance Instruction, 8PM to 9PM Ballroom Dance Instruction.

Debra Leathers: With a passion for all dance forms, Debra Leathers was hooked on dance from her very first lesson. Her specialties include Flamenco (Sevillanas), Beginning Ballroom, Argentine Tango, Salsa, Bachata, Chacarera, and Rueda de Salsa. Contact Debra at djsmackea@gmail.com

Daniel Boudreault & Laura Thomason: Daniel and Laura are competitive dancers but most enjoy helping newcomers enjoy their dance experience. Visit www.dldancers.com for information.

Carl Candiano: Carl is an experienced instructor in American Smooth and American Rhythm styles, beginners through Silver level. Email him at unvcandy@yahoo.com.

Your USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059 is a 501c3 non-profit organization. The chapter carries out the commitment and mission of USA Dance to improve the quality and the quantity of ballroom dancing in the United States. USA Dance Inc. is the national governing body for DanceSport in the United States. With 175+ chapters throughout the country, USA Dance represents all social and recreational ballroom and Latin dancers in America of all ages and skill levels who have one thing in common: the love of dance! Visit our chapter Web site at www.usad6059.org