

May 2018 Newsletter

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2018 Dances

- May 12
- 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

May Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 3

4:30 p.m.

Taste & See, 546 Poplar St.

West Coast Swing Workshops

Be sure to join us Saturday, May 12 at Howard Community Club for two exciting workshops in West Coast Swing with Dwayne and Kelly Crocker. Dwayne and Kelly have a decade of experience as competitors and instructors in West Coast Swing and two-step. They have danced in movies and onstage with singers and celebrities. Needing a break from the pressure of professional dance, they are now focused on bringing their expertise to dedicated dancers in the community at all levels. We are honored to welcome them to instruct our workshops on the 12th.

The beginner session is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and the intermediate session will take place at 11:30. Take one workshop for \$20 or both for \$35. Those taking both workshops receive free admission to our dance that evening. Dwayne and Kelly will also be teaching the complimentary lesson at our dance that night.

Chapter Members Dancing with (Local) Stars

For the eighth consecutive year, members of USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059 are serving as “Pro” dancers paired with local “Stars” in the Alzheimer’s Association, Georgia Chapter’s Dancing Stars of Central Georgia event on May 5, 2018. Participating chapter members and their partners are:

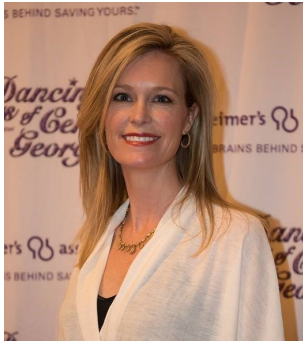
- Daniel Boudreault with local artist and art broker Lori Mitchell—dancing Argentine tango to “Asi se baila el tango” by Veronica Verdier
- Laura Thomason with professor and community organizer Chris Tsavatewa—dancing cha-cha to “24K Magic” by Bruno Mars
- Carl Candiano was to have danced with Navicent Health board member Wimberly Treadwell but withdrew due to injury. He is already verbally committed to the 2019 show.

See photos on page 2 and stay tuned for results from this year’s competition!

Dancing Stars of Central Georgia has raised over \$1.3 million for Alzheimer’s research, care, and support since 2012. Funds raised by the event help the Georgia chapter provide education, support groups, referrals to services, a 24-hour helpline, and more. Visit www.dancingstarsofcentralgeorgia.com to learn more or to support your favorite dancers.



USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059's Dancing Stars for Alzheimer's



Lori Landers Mitchell and Daniel Boudreault



Chris Tsavatewa and Laura Thomason

Chapter Members Join 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. Debra Leathers placed third in the Jack & Jill, and David Leathers was invited to attend the District 9 presidents' meeting. "We gained valuable ideas from how other chapters are operating," David said. The weekend concluded with a semi-formal dinner dance including exhibitions and mixers. Our chapter members enjoyed a fantastic weekend of immersion into the world of dance and fellowship with new friends in Florida.



L to R, Debra Leathers, Mike Wade, Dianne Kent, and Dianne Wilhelm at the Daytona Dance Spree

Join the National Ballroom Week Flash Mob Challenge, September 21-30, 2018

USA Dance's social dance vice president, Leland Whitney, along with professional vice president Melissa Dexter and DanceSport vice president Giacomo Steccaglia invite you to learn the 2018 FlashMob Foxtrot/Swing and participate in the USA Dance Flash Mob Challenge and Competition during National Ballroom Dance Week September 21-30, 2018. Watch and learn the routine on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hr92mcutVJ8>. Then, invite your friends, family, and community to join in!

Promoting Dance in the Community

Paula East will host a Ladies' Night Out event at the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame on May 15 at 6:30 p.m. to introduce the art and enjoyment of dancing to new dancers. She will be joined by guest instructors Debra McCullough, who will teach bachata, and Isha Bhatt, an exchange student from India who will teach the group a classical dance from her native country. This is a unique opportunity to experience a culturally significant dance form in addition to learning fun and easy Latin fusion moves. Admission is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple with all proceeds benefiting the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame.

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

Jim Riley: Jim has many years of experience in ballroom dancing and is a member of our chapter, Jim lives in Atlanta but travels to Macon to instruct from time to time. jdriley.jim@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