



USA Dance Chapter #3061
Greater Valley of New York
www.usadancegreatervalley.com

Chapter Newsletter – Fall 2013

USA Dance Chapter #3061 **Holding Food Drive**

During the months of October and November, our Chapter is partnering with The Red Door Mission in advancing their annual food drive and helping fill holiday food baskets for families in our communities. Annually, the Mission provides over 250 families with holiday food baskets.

We invite you to bring non-perishable food donations to our weekly dance lessons on Wednesday nights, beginning October 2nd, as well as to our October 11th and November 8th social dances. Following the November 8th dance, items collected will be donated to the Red Door Mission for the Holiday Gift Baskets.

Suggested items include: canned green beans, corn, carrots, squash, gravy, yams, soups, cranberry sauce, pumpkin, as well as stuffing mix and French fried onions.



Chapter Information

Welcome to our Chapter! USA Dance is dedicated to helping build ballroom dancing opportunities in every community. We are a non-profit organization. Our mission is to improve the quality and the quantity of ballroom dancing in the United States. We will do this by reaching out to the community to promote dances with group lessons prior to dances, which are taught by local teachers, by public demonstrations, and serving as an information resource about ballroom and more.

President: Cynthia Harkness
Vice President: Debbie Fiume
Secretary: Jen Schendel
Treasurer: C.Harkness/D.Fiume (InterimCo-Treasurers)
Board Members: Penny Brown, Dave Foster, Bill Millhollen, Jackie Schendel

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, October 23, 2013



Masquerade Ball

Friday, October 11th



**7:00 – 11:00 PM at The LOOM,
439 Waverly Street, Waverly, New York**

Free Dance Lesson at 7:00 PM
USA Dance Members: \$8/person
General Public: \$10/person
Music provided by S&K Dance Solutions

UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekly Dance Lessons:

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm @ The LOOM, Waverly, NY

Progressive Country Waltz

Beginning October 9th <> By Ms. Cynthia Harkness

7:00 pm - Beginner class

8:00 pm - Intermediate/advanced class

Anticipated Social Dance Schedule:

Friday, October 11 – 7:00-11:00 pm “Masquerade”
at The LOOM <> Free lesson at 7 pm
Music by S&K Music Solutions

Friday, November 8th - 7:00-11:00 pm “Harvest”
at The LOOM <> Free Lesson at 7 pm
Music by DJ Dave of Party Tyme Entertainment

Sunday, December 1st – 3:30-7:30 pm
at The LOOM <> Free Lesson at 3:30 pm

October Weekly Dance Lessons

A new series of lessons begin on Wednesday, October 9th. Ms. Cynthia Harkness will be teaching Country Dance Patterns in Waltz, Polka, Swing and Two-Step. These traveling dances go around the outside of the dance floor and are easy to remember! Check them out on Ms. Cynthia's website

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rI3g_T6vHq



Our Website Has Been Updated

Please check out our updated website at www.usadancegreatervalley.com – we have a calendar of events, some photos of past events and much more. We hope you will use this as a resource in finding our dance events. During the winter months, in the event a lesson or dance needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather, the information will be posted on our website.

Is Your USA Dance Membership Current?

It's time for our **annual membership drive**. This is a reminder that if your membership has expired or is due to expire, please take a minute to renew your membership either online or by asking a member of the Board for renewal application. As you know, for only \$25 per year, you save a great deal in admission charges for dances, workshops and lessons. If you know of anyone else that would be interested in becoming a member, please have them contact one of our Chapter Board members (see Board members listed in this newsletter).

USA Dance National Board Elections:

All USA Dance members should have received their September/October issue of the American Dance Magazine. This issue contains information on all the candidates for national officials, as well as the ballot. If you have not received a magazine, contact the Central Office at central-office@usadance.org to obtain a ballot. To vote in the election, you must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid USA Dance membership as of July 1, 2013. Ballots must be mailed by November 2, 2013.

USA Dance Chapter #3061 Board Elections:

Our Chapter nominations were opened in August and will close October 25, 2013. Anyone interested in serving on the Board or a Committee should contact one of our current board members (listed in this newsletter). Ballots will be available on the USA Dance Greater Valley website. Elections will be held at the November 8th Social Dance.

Welcome to the Wonderful World of Social Dancing Have fun! Be a social dancer

- * Attend our fabulous low-cost social dances, which include dance lessons and lots of social dancing, as well as line dances, mixers, dance demonstrations and other fun activities.
- * Dance in a smoke free environment.
- * Membership is open to singles as well as couples.
- * Beginners are welcome! We will help you get started. Join our affordable weekly dance classes for beginners. No contracts involved!
- * Profit from the physical, mental, and social benefits, as well as the joys, of participating in a regular program of ballroom dancing.
- * Make new friends, and a fresh start in life. Discover opportunities to participate in community activities helping others.
- * Receive discounted admission fees and free lessons at our dance events, socials and dance parties.
- * Regardless of your age, dancing will be an excellent learning experience in discipline, achievement, assuredness and self-confidence.

