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NEWS FROM HEARTLAND BALLROOM DANCERS, CHAPTER #2022 OF USA DANCE INC

From the Heart

by Heartland Board

Greetings, Dancers!

April is our Spring dance. Come help us celebrate warmer weather with bright colors and cheerful smiles!

Our Dance instructor for the month of April will be **Natasha Cox**. Natasha will teach **American Cha-Cha** for us. **Natasha and Javier** have also prepared a surprise **exhibition** for us.

Natasha is the most recent addition to Riolo's staff, having



previously worked as a dance instructor at Five Star and Les Dance studios (scroll down for Natasha's bio).

During our monthly raffle, we'll have a special prize — one private, complimentary dance lesson with Natasha.

We have great news to share with you: our Chapter Volunteer of the Year, Anna Kovalyova, was named a USA Dance National Volunteer of the Year for 2014-2015. The Heartland Board will present Anna with the

National Volunteer of the Year award during our April party. Please plan on joining us in this exciting celebration!

The nomination for a national volunteer title is a 3-step process: the successful candidate is first selected as a Chapter Volunteer of the Year, and his / her nomination gets submitted to the District Volunteer of the Year. If approved, the candidate gets further nominated for a National Volunteer of the Year.

For two years in a row now, the Heartland Chapter Volunteer of the Year also gets elected as a District Volunteer of the Year (Larry Gogel was awarded a District Volunteer title in 2014).

As a reminder, USA Dance is organized into over 160 Chapters that are rolled into 11 districts. The Heartland Chapter belongs to District 3 that covers 11 Chapters from IN, MI and OH. To the best of our knowledge, we never had a National Volunteer of the Year either from Heartland Chapter or from District 3, and we are very excited about Anna's accomplishments.

Anna's dedication to the Heartland Chapter and to the Indy ballroom community has encouraged dancers to participate in social dances, outreach events, charitable functions and exhibitions sponsored by the



Chapter. Thank you, Anna, for all your hard work! Anna will be invited to attend the next USA Dance Chapter Conference in Charlotte, NC in March 2016.

We are very proud of Anna's accomplishments and we are naturally hoping that Heartland will be selected as a National Chapter of the Year in the very near future.

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The Heartland Chapter has recently launched a **partnership** with Kids Dance Outreach (KDO) and has recruited Monica Lung to teach ballroom lessons to the KDO kids. The KDO is a non-profit organization that works through IPS (Indianapolis Public Schools) with inner city kids by introducing them to the wonderful world of dance. Until now, they have been offering introduction to ballet, line dances and cultural dances. The KDO program cultivates teamwork, leadership skills, self confidence, respect, and the sense of self-accomplishment. Check out their website: http://kidsdanceoutreach.org/; you will find it highly inspirational.

Each KDO session lasts 8 weeks and culminates in an exhibition. The ballroom lessons will be taught **during two out of each eight week** session.

Heartland is sponsoring the instructor's fees for the KDO ballroom lessons through the sale of raffle tickets at our monthly parties. Each session consists of a very large group of 4th or 5th graders (the current session has 50 kids in it). Because of the class size, the kids standing in the back rows have a hard time seeing the steps shown by the instructor. Therefore, we have recruited several ballroom volunteers to help Monica with the flow of the lessons for the April session. Thank you to all the volunteers who have responded to our call – your help is truly appreciated!

Due to the size of the class and the limited practice time devoted to each dance style, the kids will be working on a fun, energetic yet simple piece, 1.5 to 2 minutes in duration. Monica's April lessons will take place on April 7 and 9, from 12-1pm at the Athenaeum Building "Auditorium" at 407 E Michigan St. The kids will be demonstrating their newly acquired dance skills at the Showcase Graduation on April 23 from 11:30am to 12:30pm. If you would like to help Monica teach kids in the future sessions (the next one is in July), please let Larry or Anna K know. You do NOT need to be an experienced dancer in order to participate. Kids classes shown below.



Incidentally, the value of dance education in Kalamazoo Public Schools was featured in the March 2015 issue of Encore magazine. See the link to the feature article, "A Leg Up" at http://www.encorekalamazoo.com/academics-dance

According to the article, the fourth grade students taking part in dance classes had their writing proficiency scores increased by 20-points, as measured by the Michigan Education Assessment Program.

Looking ahead, we are planning to organize a dance fundraiser later this year to help generate additional funds for the KDO ballroom lessons. Michael Johnson and Monica Muñoz from **Kids Dance Outreach** (KDO) will attend one of the Heartland's upcoming parties and will tell us more about their vision for the kids dance program.



Spring Dance

Saturday, April 11, 2015 7:30 pm – Lesson – Cha Cha Instructor: Natasha Cox Dance: 8:30 – 11:00 p.m.,

Cost: \$8 Members or \$12 non-members \$6 students or \$8 non-mbr students

DJ: Rog Greenawalt

Location: Riolo Studio, 502 N Capitol 2nd Flr For more information, call 849-6373 or 759-0171

Open Monthly Dance

Admission Change

The board voted at their February meeting to increase student admission fees \$2 as shown above.

March Dance Report

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Heartland's St Patrick's Dance party. We had a great time!

Special thanks go to our March instructor, Olga Cansino, who prepared a rather intricate American Rumba routine for us. As always, the summary of our group lessons can be viewed on our website: http://www.indyusadance.org/videos/ Check it out!

Thanks to all of our volunteers: Becky, Nancy, Anna H, Anna K, Larry, John, Gordon, and Jeff for helping us with party preparations and with running the party smoothly. Special thanks go to our DJ, Larry Gogel who provided great danceable music for us while also finding time to dance with all the ladies! Thank you, Larry! Our door greeters once again did a superb job multitasking money collection and giving away free raffle tickets. We also thank our members who brought snacks to the party. If you have time and would like to help us at our future

parties, please let Anna K or Larry know. We can always use your help!

We had 2 beautiful performances by Danny and Judy Corsaro who danced International Rumba and Cha-Cha and for us.



Our **free raffle** (a box of chocolate) was won by Yana Solilova. Greta Bechtel won the caldron of chocolate candy coins.

We also held a raffle for 2 Gift certificates from Latin Expressions, with each certificate entitling the winner to 1 **complimentary private lesson** graciously donated by Kyle Culmann and Nadia Alvarado. The gift certificates were won by Kay Anderson and John Rudnick. Congratulations to all the winners!

From the Heart (continued):

Natasha Cox' Bio:

Natasha has what you call a "young spirit" called to the floors of dancing. First stepping foot into a ballroom for an attempt at the tango, she was introduced to and immediately fell in love with the other dances. Specializing in waltz, foxtrot, rumba, cha-cha, hustle, swing, salsa, to name a few, and many other dances, this young soul has been teaching ballroom as long as she's been dancing it. Natasha has had personal training and coaching sessions from John Berry (local), Raphael Cologne, Ana Maria Chacon, Wilson Barrera and his lovely wife Elizabeth Cartier, and other world renowned coaches and former world champion Recently partaking in the Anderson's, Indiana "Dancing Like the Stars" annual event, Natasha performed a Rumba with one of her students at the Paramount Theatre. Natasha plans to compete in dancing and to continue auditioning at major dance events around the U.S., and possibly the world. Natasha teaches private lessons in both smooth and rhythm dances for singles, couples, groups and for wedding couples. Her goal is not only to continue to develop in her dancing but to bring out the inner dancer in each of her students.

2015 Dance Schedule

Dances will be the 2nd Saturday of each month at Riolo Studio:

April 11	Spring Dance
May 9	Mother's Day/500 Dance
June 13	Father's Day Dance
July 11	Independence Day Dance
August 8	Summer Dance

Sept. 12 September Dance
October 10 Fall/Halloween Dance
November 14 Thanksgiving Dance
December 12 Christmas Pitch-in Dinner/Dance

2015 Board of Directors

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The Next Board Meeting is Monday, April 13, 2015 at 6:15 pm at Downtown Library. Call Larry for more information.

2015 Committees (See web site)

Your chapter needs your help! We need chairmen in several areas. Remember a chairman coordinates the activity but does not necessarily perform all the duties! If you would like to work on any of these committees, please call Larry at (317) 759-0171.

We can always use volunteers at the dances. If you are interested in performing for our chapter dances or have an instructor suggestion, please email Anna K. Want to earn Free Admission? If you work the door or do the food set-up, your admission is free.

Member News

Please notify the editor of member events, accomplishments and/or special recognition. We can't print information if we don't know about it! We don't want to overlook anyone!

As of 3/2/15, Heartland Chapter had 90 members; 0 new & 90 delinquent. All competitor memberships (adult and collegiate) expire at year end.

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THE CHAPTER DOES NOT GET TO KEEP any of your dues money—it all goes to Central Office. We operate based on what we make on dances, competitions, etc. and advertising funds our newsletter. This is different from <u>all the other local dance clubs.</u> We are classified a 501-3(c) non-profit organization.

Competitor's Corner

To share your results email Rog Greenawalt at bolerogreen@juno.com.

Member Classifieds

Heartland Ballroom Dancers does not endorse any particular studio or instructor but recognizes that good instruction is available from a variety of people throughout Central Indiana.

E-mail of personal information for members and non-members is confidential and for the exclusive use of USA Dance officials and designees and may not be shared, sold, or rented without the prior approval of the USA Dance Governing Council.

Newsletter Deadline

The *Heart and Sole* submission deadline is the <u>20th of the</u> month. Call Nancy at 317-849-6373 to be included

Please keep your addresses up-to-date. It is very important that you keep your e-mail address up-to-date with your chapter Newsletter Editor and Membership Chairman. Send changes to the editor who will forward them to National Membership or send yourself. Don't forget to let us both know.

Web Sites of Interest

USA Dance National: usadance.org

USA Dance Heartland Chapter: indyusadance.org

andersonparamount.org

ballareballroom.com

ballroomdancers.com

ballroomdancedayton.org - Dayton Ballroom Dance

brickyardboogiedancers.org

continentaldanceclub-indy.com

danceCincinnati.org - USA Dance Cincinnati Chapter

dancerdesigns.net/designs.html

dancescape.com

danceshoesofatlanta.com

DanceShoesOnline.com

dancesportexchange.com

dancesportbycapezio.com

danceterrehaute.com

dancevision.com

dancingart.com

dancingdates.com/hoosierdancecalendar.htm

dcdancenet.com

donandjean.com

fredastairesouthindy.com

fwdancesport.org – USA Dance Fort Wayne Chapter

indiana.edu/~dance

intosalsa.com

indvarthurmurrav.com

indyballroom.com

indydancers.com

indyswing.org

ledanseballroom.com

melodiecarr.com - Dance Lessons in Muncie

purdueballroom.org

riolodance.com

starlitedanceindy.com

tangoindy.com

<u>usadancesb.tripod.com</u> – USA Dance South Bend Chapter <u>usadancechicago.org</u> – USA Dance Chicagoland Chapter





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Dress Code Reminder

Please remember that appropriate dress for our chapter dances includes: slacks/skirts, nice shirts/blouses, dresses and dance shoes. Please do not dance in jeans, shorts, or bare feet. On occasion we modify the dress code for special theme dances but when we do so, we will announce it in our newsletter and on the web site.



JOIN US FOR FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN DANCES

Every Friday night: \$10/person 7:30-8:30 Group Lesson 8:30-10:30 Open Dance

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Continental Club Dance Schedule for April/May Dance Lesson 5:45 - 6:45 pm Dancing 7:15 - 10:00 pm DANCE Lesson – RUMBA LARGE BALLROOM BEGINNER LESSON: 5:45-6:45 PM Beginner Lesson – Fox Trot SMALL BALLROOM

APRIL

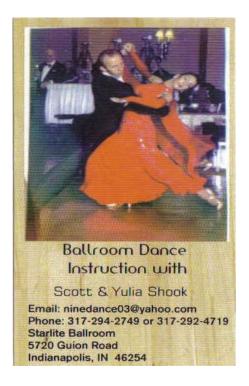
April 5 Mike McCarty
April 12 Dave Lowe
April 19 Blue Notes
April 26 TBA

MAY

May 3 Blue Notes
May 10 Larry Mecham
May 17 Mike McCarty
May 24 Sundown
May 31 Brass & Irory

May Lesson - TBA

Continental Dance Club





BOOGIE BEAT

A Listing of Places to Dance in Central Indiana. Call to see if the events listed are being held before going.

Tuesdays:

Tango Indy meets every week at <u>Riolo Dance</u> for Argentine Tango lessons and practica – See <u>www.tangoindy.com</u> for details. *Indy Dancers* meet at various locations. Call Dance Line 767-5665 for information.

Wednesdays

IS Dances (formerly Indianapolis Senior Center Dances) - Riolo Dance Studio, 2nd Floor (w/elevator): Wednesdays-Group Lesson 11 AM, Dance 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM; Fridays, Group Lesson 5:00 PM, Dance Party 6:15 PM-8:15 PM. www.MonicaLung.com (317) 590-2655

Thursdays

Tango Indy meets every week at Riolo Dance for Argentine Tango lessons and practica – See www.tangoindy.com for details.

Fridays: (selected dates unless noted-see web sites for exact dates)

Dean & Company @Academy of Dance Arts (121st & Cumberland) 8-10 pm. See ADAdancers.com

Fred Astaire Indy North, 820 E. 116th & Guilford 317-207-9191: Open dance 9-11 pm \$10; drinks & snacks free.

Starlite Ballroom, 5720 Guion Rd., Open Dance 7:30-10pm, \$10/person including lesson & snacks. Info call 299-4740

Ballare Ballroom, 111 Medical Drive, Carmel 46032, 7:30-10:30pm, \$10 incl lesson & snacks, 317-698-8535

Aurelia Dance Studio (Roslender), 3198 E. State Road 32, Westfield, IN 46074.Website: http://www.aureliadancestudio.com/
- tel. 317-496-5254 Open dances on selected Friday nights. Call for schedule.

Any Swing Goes dances will be on selected Friday nights; Contact Charlotte Heiney at 317-445-5224 for more info IS Dances (formerly Indianapolis Senior Center Dances) - Riolo Dance Studio, 2nd Floor (w/elevator): Fridays - Lesson 5:00 PM, Dance 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM www.MonicaLung.com (317) 590-2655

Brickyard Boogie Dancers meet at Riolo & Starlite; check their web site for details. DJ Ron Fentz, \$7 members with card and \$12 non-members and members without card. Lessons each week at 6pm; dancing from 7-10 pm.

<u>Saturdays:</u> (selected dates – see web sites for details)

Riolo Dance Studio --502 N. Capitol (second floor) for more info, call 317-490-6739 or check www.riolodance.com E.O,M Dance – Starlite Ballroom, Cancelled until further notice.

Sundays:

<u>Continental Dance Club</u> weekly dance at Starlite Ballroom. Lesson 5:45-6:45 pm; Dance 7:15-10 pm. Info: call 767-4040. <u>Indy Swing Dance Club</u> meets twice a month at Madam Walker Theater. For more info, call 691-1239 or check <u>indyswing.org</u> <u>Indiana Rebels Swing Dance Club</u> at Riolo Dance. from 5:00-9:00 pm on selected dates. See web site.

Apr, 2015

| Saturday, Apr. 11 | Heartland Spring Dance at Riolo Dance Studio |
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| Saturday, Apr. 11 | Fort Wayne Dancesport Dance at IPFW's Walb Memorial Ballroom. 7-11:00 pm. Call 260-485-6226 |
| Saturday, Apr. 18 | Indy Dancers Chicago Party East Side Moose call Dance Line 767-5665 for information |
| Saturday, April 18 | Ballare Spring Showcase. See e-mail for details. |
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May, 2015

| Saturday, May 9 | Fort Wayne Dancesport Dance at IPFW's Walb Memorial Ballroom. 7-11:00 pm. Call 260-485-6226 |
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| Saturday, May 9 | Heartland Mother's Day/500 Dance at Riolo Dance Studio |
| Saturday, May 16 | <u>Indy Dancers</u> at East Side Moose call Dance Line 767-5665 for information |

For an additional list of dancing opportunities, please visit our website at: http://www.indyusadance.org/local-resoures

April 11 - Spring Dance

7:30 pm - Lesson - Cha Cha Instructor: Natasha Cox of Riolo

Dance: 8:30 - 11 pm

Exhibition: Natasha & Javior

Cost: \$8 members; \$6 member students; \$12 non-mbers; \$8 non-mbr students

DJ: Rog Greenawalt

Location: Riolo Studio, 502 N. Capitol Ave, 2nd FI For more information, call 849-6373 or 759-0171

Open Monthly Dance

May 9 - Mother's Day/500 Dance

7:30 pm - Lesson - American Fox Trot

Instructor: Rob Jenkins

Exhibition: TBA

Cost: \$8 members; \$4 member students;

\$12 non-mbers; \$6 non-mbr students

DJ: Rog Greenawalt

Location: Riolo Studio, 502 N. Capitol Ave, 2nd FI For more information, call 849-6373 or 759-0171

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