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**Our mission is to
promote the quality
and quantity of
ballroom dance in the
U.S.A.**

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President's Message

Dear Gumbo Members,

I hope everyone had a fun and safe Mardi Gras. Now that Lent is here it is time for all of us to give up those sweet treats... But, NOT DANCING! Just joking but we do hope that all of you will continue to participate in our great dances and activities.

I want to thank all of you who took the time to evaluate last month's music. I'll

continue to try very hard to provide you with the best music, but we must all recognize that not all music will please everyone.

Kerry Lovell has spent a lot of time and effort on our website and I want to thank him for giving us something we can go to for much needed information.

Don't you like the newsletter? Diana Lovell is dedicated to providing us with

news about the chapter and she's the best! We want to thank all instructors and volunteers who are working with the youth in our area. It is so rewarding to see young dancers take to the floor and enjoy ballroom dancing. This, dear members is our future. Please help us support those who work to teach our youth to dance.

It is getting near competition time. It may seem far off in

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January Metairie Dance

The playoffs were on, the day was sunny and beautiful, and a Mardi Gras parade was going on outside, but that didn't stop our dancers from beating a path to the door of the Jefferson Orleans to indulge their favorite pastime. Our instructor, Celeste Pfefferle, did a great job of teaching the Hustle, and Jim Steven provided his usual array of good music. Thank you for filling out the music surveys so we know what kind of music you prefer.

Ruby cooked an excellent Jambalaya and there was a large table of snacks to accompany it.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next dance on March 17th.

Metairie Dance Schedule

Jefferson Orleans North
2600 Edenborn Avenue
Metairie, LA

January 20
February 17
March 17
April 14
May 19
June 16
July 21
August 18
September 15
October 20
November 17

Houma Schedule

Studio 371
371 School Street
Houma, LA

January 26
February 23—Canceled
March 23
May 25
June 22
July 27
August 9
September (Belle Chasse)
October 26
November 23
December 28

Special Events

Louisiana DanceSport Fundraiser
Jefferson Orleans North
March 24

2013 LA Gumbo 5031
Gumbo of Ballroom
Baton Rouge
June 28-30

National Ballroom Dance Week
Esplanade Mall
September 21

Gumbo Goes to the Ritz Fundraiser
September 28
Belle Chasse Auditorium

MARCH METAIRIE DANCE

Jefferson Orleans North
2600 Edenborn Ave
Metairie, LA 70002

March 17, 1:30—2:00 p.m. lesson
2:00—5 p.m. General Dancing

Mixers, no dance partner required

Teacher: Keith Gussoni

Teaching: Salsa

Exhibition by the Jefferson Parish School students

LOUISIANA DANCESPORT FUNDRAISING DANCE

(to benefit the Gumbo Competition & Scholarship Fund)

Sunday, March 24, 2013
1:00—5:00 pm

*Jefferson-Orleans North
2600 Edenborn Ave., Metairie*

Tickets:
\$25.00 per person
(Only 125 tickets available)



Music by DJ
Richard Stewart of Sunday Rhythms

Heavy hors d'oeuvres

Silent Auction, Exhibitions,
Jack & Jill and Pay-to-Dance

Bring your Dollars for the Dances!



Bring your Checkbook for the Auction!



For information or tickets call:

Peggy Clement at (225) 627-6154 or clementpg@hotmail.com

President's Message (cont'd)

a sense but it truly is right around the corner. Putting on a national qualifying event as our chapter does requires a lot of manpower and financial resources. We hope all of our members will contribute in some way to the success of this year's event. How can you help? Well, consider one of the following:

1. Compete in the event with a partner.
2. Volunteer at the event and enjoy a very rewarding and fun weekend.
3. Donate a scholarship to be awarded at the competition to a deserving couple.
4. Take out an ad in our competition program or a banner ad along the dance floor.
5. Join us as a spectator and cheer the dancers on to victory.
6. Join the planning committee to produce the best of amateur ballroom.

Please get involved and participate in our dance community. We want and need you.

Happy dancing,

Jim

Chapter Board of Directors

James Steven—President

Jesse Gellrich—Secretary

Diana Lovell—Treasurer

Jennifer Vaughn

Ruby Shrieves

Jackie Elliott

Joycelyn Perry

Visit the Chapter's new website
at <http://usadancegumbo.org>.

Dance Around Town

Aaron Smith at

Mandeville Ballroom

Beginner Class

Tuesday at 7 p.m. covering Waltz, Rumba, Foxtrot, Salsa, Merengue, Tango, Cha Cha and Swing (1 dance per week). Waltz class started January 15. \$100 for 8 classes or drop in for \$15.

Intermediate classes upon completion of beginner or by special permission

www.mandevilleballroom.com

Darlene Allen at Club Silhouette

Tuesdays: Intermediate Cha Cha 6:45 pm \$50/6 weeks (1 free lesson)

Beginner West Coast Swing 8:00 pm \$50/6 weeks (1 free lesson)

Call Darlene at 837-6620 to pre-register

Wednesdays: Latin (Salsa & More)

Level 1: 6:30 pm \$50/6weeks or \$10/lesson

Level 2: 7:30 pm \$10

Level 3: 8:15 pm \$10

Stela and Stephan Howard at Starlight Ballroom

Mondays: Intermediate Waltz 6 p.m. & Advanced East Coast Swing 7 p.m.:

Tuesdays:

Beginner Rumba 6pm; and

Wednesdays-Intermediate Foxtrot

Ballroom by Janis Hornsby at Club Silhouette

Thursdays: Intermediate Cha-Cha & Bolero: 6:15 -7:pm

Beginner Ballroom Sampler:

Jitterbug, Cha-Cha, Rumba,

East Coast Swing 7:15-8 pm

\$80/8 week session paid in advance or \$15 per class.

To register call Janis at 712-9924 or email at

jlhornsby@bellsouth.net, or leave a message at 885-1771.

IN MEMORY OF JIM PURCELL

As most of you have heard, our friend Jim Purcell passed away at the end of January. You all know him as Big Jim. Jim was very passionate when it came to dancing and was known for his smooth moves on the dance floor, especially in West Coast Swing. I have danced with him many times over the years. He will be greatly missed.

There will be a Memorial Service held at Ric Seeling's Dance Studio in Baton Rouge in honor of Jim Purcell on Sunday, March 3 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. The memorial will start around 2:00 p.m.

There will be a pot luck meal there, so please feel free to bring your favorite recipe. If you're too busy to make anything or can't afford much, just do what you can. We want you to be there to honor Jim and bring comfort and blessings to his family. We always have plenty of food, actually too much food, so there will be plenty to go round. Please call me at 225-802-0621 or call the studio at 225-928-2788 if you are bringing a dish and let us know what it is so we don't have too much of one thing.

Thank you all for your love, concern, sympathetic words and prayers. The family appreciates your kindness.

Cheryl Petrie

Attend our Youth Latin Workshop

Event Location: Delta Playground,
8301 West Metairie Ave.
Room #3

Date/Time of Event: Saturday, February 23, 2013
10:00—12:00 p.m.

Taught By: Coach Keith Gussoni &
Coach Joe Vaughn

2 dances covered in this workshop are: Cha Cha and Salsa

You will learn:

- Lead and follow techniques.
- Dance holds in both Cha Cha and Salsa
- Movement to rhythm
- Improving movement with your partner

Dancing, like everything in life, is learned by practicing. Thank goodness dancing is such fun, you don't mind "doing it over and over again"! Let's dance!

For more information:
Jen Vaughn: 504-258-2220
Ruby Shrieves: 504-607-1041
Sponsored by USA Dance LA Gumbo 5031

LA Gumbo Chapter 5031 Sponsors Workshop for Jefferson Parish Public School

The first two workshops to help the Jefferson Parish Public School System 5th grade dance program students prepare for their April Dance Challenge was a success. Please express your congratulations to Jennifer Vaughn and Ruby Shrieves for finding a venue, getting the word out to the students and arranging for the instructors.

This experience started off a bit noisy as the students straggled into the wonderful Fassbender Recreation Studio with their adult chaper-

ones and some siblings. There were 20+ participating in the workshops. Joe Vaughn started off teaching Waltz and Keith Gussoni wrapped it up with Tango. Both of these instructors did an outstanding job keeping these 5th graders engaged in the lessons and making dancing fun. We could have used a few more guys but as you can see in the photos the ladies without partners stayed engaged in the lessons nevertheless. You will see some of these students doing an Waltz exhibition at the February 17th dance.

The Waltz and Tango workshops were sponsored by our USA Dance LA Gumbo Chapter 5031 to give those students developing a taste for dancing opportunities to dance outside of their school program and to introduce our organization to their families.

Jennifer and Ruby plan another set of workshops for rhythm in about a week and hopefully we'll be fortunate enough to see the students do more exhibitions at our March 17th dance.

Kerry Lovell



Dance Around Town *Cont'd*

Shawn & Kristen Moody at Club Silhouette

**Sundays: New West Coast
Swing Sessions starts
February 17.** Beginner West
Coast Swing (Level 1) 7:00 pm
\$10

Novice (Level 2) 6pm \$10
Intermediate (Level 3) 6:00 pm
\$10

Advance (Level 4) 7:00 pm \$10
West Coast Swing Dance: 8:15
pm no charge (1 drink
minimum)

Celeste Pfefferle at Club Silhouette

Mondays: Hustle Beginner/
Intermediate 7:00-8:00 p.m.
\$10.

Club Silhouette Events

N. Hullen St., Metairie
February 22nd 8 p.m. Chuck
Cavet & the Allstars \$10
February 23rd Latin Dance
Night hosted by Javier &
Darlene \$6.

Joe Vaughn

Dancing with Style

Our group class is offered every
Tuesday Night at 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Lakeview Presbyterian Church
5914 Canal Blvd New Orleans
1 block north of 610 towards the
lake on the left side of street

All classes are \$10 per person
For more info call Joe
504-235-1485

or visit: [http://](http://neworleansballroom.com)

neworleansballroom.com

Take advantage of our free
beginner lessons on video at our
website.

We also offer private instruction
by appointment.

Saturday Night Ballroom

**American Legion Hall
Baton Rouge**

**First Saturday of every
month 8:00—11:00 p.m.
\$10**

www.snbdancer@cox.net

Competition Update

By Ann Durocher

The USA Dance Gumbo DanceSport Championships is now officially accepting registrations for the June 28-30, weekend. Competitors can go on line and register or they can download a hard copy and mail their registration package.

The new website is on line with the latest competition information and will be updated as new information becomes available.

We've begun staffing the panel of judges and have a partial list of judges and officials below.

Chairman of Judges: Dan Calloway
Judges: Charles Jones
Linda Jackson
Steve Hadley
Kim Smith
Melissa Dexter
Andrei Gavriline
Anya Klimova-Preston
Kathryn Schaffer
Inez Sahlin

Scrutineer: Mark Tabor
Emcee: Yang Chen
DJ: Richard Stewart
Registrar: Charlie Clement
Organizer: Ann Durocher

Our planning committee has kicked off the 2013 Fundraising Drive with a goal of \$25,000. One of the biggest fundraising activities is our annual Fundraising Dance set for Sunday, March 24th. The dance is full of fun activities, including a large silent auction, pay to dance events, lots of great food and wonderful dance music. The dance is held at the Jefferson Orleans North, 2600 Edenborn Ave., Metairie, Louisiana and begins at 1PM. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available by contacting Peggy Clement at (225) 627-6154 or by email at clementpg@hotmail.com. If you haven't attended one of these dances you have missed a lot of fun. So, everyone plan to join us on March 24th and help us raise funds for scholarships to be awarded at the 2013 "Gumbo."

Houma Dance Class Schedule

Mondays: (March 4, 4 week series) Beginner level - **Instructor Carrie DeLorge (985) 226-2257**

7:00 p.m. Basic Salsa (Social Dancing Made Easy)
8:00 p.m. Waltz (Social Dancing Made Easy)

Tuesdays: (March 5, 4 week series) Ballroom - **Instructor Brad Petrie (504) 237-1292**

7:00 p.m. Cha Cha (Basic to Intermediate)
8:00 p.m. Bolero (Basic to Intermediate)

Private lessons available during the day on Tuesdays. Call Brad for appointment.

Wednesdays: **Private lessons before & after Flirty Girl Fitness.**
Call for an appointment with one of the instructors.
Michelle Boudreaux (504) 400-8782 (Country & Social)
Carrie DeLorge (985) 226-2257 (Social ballroom mix)

The floor fee for private lessons is \$10 per hour. When making arrangements for private lessons, determine if your instructor's fee includes the floor fee or not. If not, dancers are responsible to pay it.

Thursdays (March 7) Line Dancing (\$5 per class) NOTE: NO CLASS MAR. 21- **Instructor Susan Waalk (985) 860-8147**

7:00p.m. Beginner level

If you are interested in this class please call Susan to sign up for it. Minimum number of students required. (Private lessons are available before and after line dancing.)

Fridays Tammy Clark Duke is available for private lessons. Call (504) 473-8264.

Ballroom & Social Dance Classes meet once a week and generally run in monthly series. The cost is \$10 per class per student (Example: \$40 per four week series). We recommend that you join at the beginning of the series, but it is not required. Dancers are encouraged to participate in multiple classes as it helps accelerate learning to dance. Note: Minors (18 and under) may take classes at half price. Contact numbers (985) 655-3627 or 853-0030. (The above does not