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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 — Jim Steven

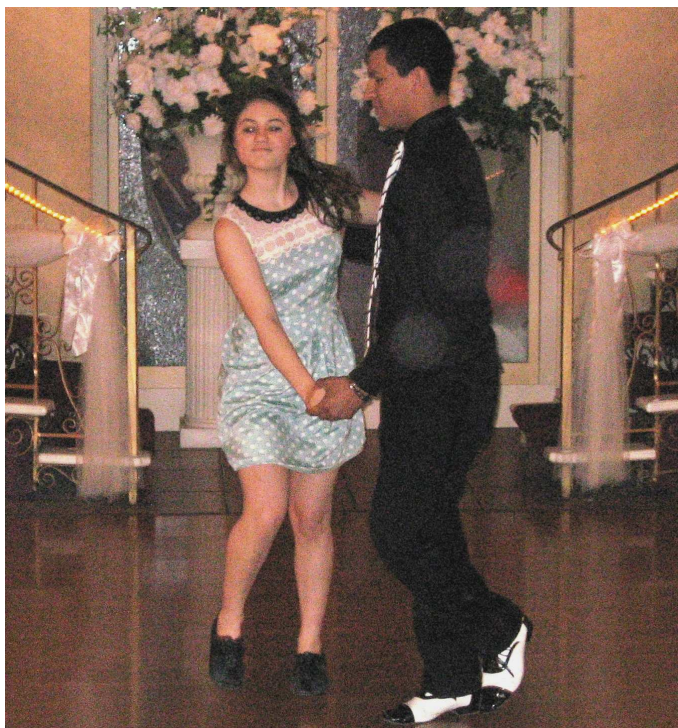
Dear Gumbo Members,

Some of you may not realize that this chapter hosts one of the most prestigious national qualifying events in the nation. The USA Dance Gumbo DanceSport Championships is one of the most popular national qualifiers for USA Dance's National Championships. Our chapter is the official host of this great ballroom competition weekend. We work alongside Louisiana DanceSport and Saturday Night Ballroom to bring about this successful event. As you might imagine, lots of preparation goes into the success of such a major event. Each year the planning committee, headed up by Sterling Sightler, Peg-

gy and Charlie Clement, hold an outstanding fundraising dance in Metairie, at the Jefferson Orleans North. This year the dance and silent auction is scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 24th at 1PM. The tickets are \$25 per person. I want to encourage all of our members to attend this event, as it provides most of the scholarships awarded at our own Gumbo DanceSport Championships. The music is provided by Richard Stewart who is also the DJ for the competition weekend. Jack Jaubert is our emcee and he will certainly see that everyone has fun during the afternoon. Sterling and Peggy promise some delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres and lots of great items will be in the

silent auction, so bring your checkbook. There will be Pay to Dance events and an always fun Jack and Jill. In addition, our performing couple will be Ranko Bogosavac and Darinka Divljak. Ranko and Darinka are currently professional instructors working in Charlotte, NC. They both hold national championship titles from their countries. This promises to be an outstanding show and we want to thank Jules Borne for hosting them over the weekend.

Plan to join us for this very important part of our Gumbo weekend. Tickets are available through Peggy Clement at (225) 627-6154 or Jennifer Vaughn at (504) 258-2220.



February Metairie Dance

Osmond Torres and partner, Taylor Schoen, dancing an East Coast Swing. Osmond and Taylor have just partnered together and plan on competing. Taylor lives in Baton Rouge but distance doesn't stop them from dancing together!

Page 3: Joe Vaughn & Carrie DeLorge demonstrating the Waltz.

Page 4: Waltz exhibition by Jefferson Parish School students.

Thanks to all those who attended and we look forward to seeing you at our St. Patrick's day dance in March..

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
December 15

Houma Schedule

Studio 371
371 School Street
Houma, LA

January 26
February 23—Canceled
March 23
April 27
May 25
June 22
July 27
August 24
September (Belle Chasse)
October 26
November 23

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

APRIL METAIRIE DANCE

Sunday, April 14, 2013

1:30—2:00 p.m. lesson

2:00—5 p.m. General Dancing

Mixers, no dance partner required

Teacher: Janis Hornsby

Teaching: TBA



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:



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

Competition Update

By Ann Durocher

Registrations have begun coming in for the 2013 USA Dance Gumbo DanceSport Championships. What an exciting thing to discover who will be with us this year!

Our panel of judges is now complete and they are:

Chairman of Judges:	Daniel Calloway, Bethesda, MD
Judges:	Charles Jones, Louisville, KY
	Linda Jackson, Louisville, KY
	Stephen Hadley, Birmingham, AL
	Kimberly Smith, Birmingham, AL
	Melissa Dexter, Carlsbad, CA
	Andrei Gavriline, Morganville, NJ
	Anya Klimova-Preston, Beaverton, OR
	Kathryn Schaffer, Temple Terrace, FL
	Inez Sahlin, Bonita Springs, FL
	Richard Booth, Denver, CO
	Jennifer Booth, Denver, CO

I am happy to report that Kathryn Schaffer's husband Christopher Skates will also be with us throughout the weekend. Christopher will be available for private coaching anytime a workshop is not being held, as he will be using the same room as the workshops. Competitors, social dancers and professionals are invited to take advantage of this opportunity for his excellent instruction. The floor fee will be waived for registered Gumbo competitors and for all others the fee will be \$15 per hour. Christopher's fee will be additional. If you are interested in coaching time with Chris during the weekend, please call me

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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). Started March 5 Int. Rumba 8—9pm. \$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: Beginner Cha Cha 7:30 pm \$50/6 weeks (1 free lesson) or \$10/lesson
Beginner Jamaica 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—7:00 p.m. \$80/8 week session (paid in advance) or \$15 per class.
Beginner/Intermediate Sampler: 7:15—8:00 pm (Jitterbug. Cha Cha, Rumba, East Coast) \$80/8week session or \$15 per class.

Joe Vaughn

Dancing with Style—Int. Cha Cha
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://neworleansballroom.com>

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Vendors have begun signing on for the weekend. So far we have the following scheduled to participate:

Dore' Designs
Fancy Fashions
International Dance Design
Dance Connection and Custom Orthotics
Moon Dance Entertainment
Ballroom Video
Purple Tiger Hair and Makeup

Our planning committee has kicked off the 2013 Fundraising Drive and we encourage everyone to participate in it in any way you can. If you have a business or if you are a professional, please consider taking out an ad in our souvenir program. If you are promoting a particular product or cause, please consider having a banner ad along our beautiful dance floor during the competition weekend. Or, if you feel that you want to honor someone's memory, please consider a scholarship in their name. There are many ways you can help to make the Gumbo weekend successful. Regardless of your choice of support, we hope you will join us June 28-

YOUTH WORKSHOPS

Our Youth Dance program continues with the Jefferson Parish Schools ballroom dance students. Joe Vaughn and Keith Gussoni did a Waltz and Tango Workshop with the students, and then the students came to our dance on Sunday, February 17th to do an exhibition of those dances. On February 23, Keith and Joe had another workshop on the rhythm dances, and the kids will be back on Sunday, March 17 to do exhibitions in Salsa and East Coast Swing.

Their Intra school competition will be at the Pontchartrain Center on April 17, and then those children who want to go on to the Gumbo of Ballroom in Baton Rouge in June will continue to practice their dancing at the monthly dances that USA Dance Gumbo Chapter 5031 sponsors, utilizing the Jefferson Parish playground facilities. We do not have a permanent "home" for these dances; we must schedule with whatever facility is available at the time, and there are other restrictions, as well. We will continue to look for a home, but meantime, we will keep on dancing.



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

**March 22—Ballroom Dance
Night
March 23—Latin Dance Night**

Saturday Night Ballroom

**American Legion Hall
Baton Rouge**

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

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