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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 Chapter Members and Dancing Friends,

I hope all of you enjoyed a happy Easter with families and friends. Hopefully Easter means the end of the cold, nasty weather and we can begin to enjoy the sunshine again, making us want to dance.

Our first Friday night dance, held April 4th, proved to be quite successful. We look forward to hosting more such opportunities to dance. We will continue with the regular Sunday afternoon dances which usually fall on the 3rd Sunday of each month. In addition to the Metairie dances, the chapter also hosts a Saturday evening dance in Houma, generally on

the 4th Saturday. For more information about what is going on, please visit our website periodically at www.usadancegumbo.org.

At the end of March our chapter was well represented at the USA Dance National Championships in Baltimore, with approximately 20 members attending this year. Five couples from the Gumbo competed, bringing home some good placements, including one national championship by Richard and Melanie Stewart. Congratulations to all of you and to the super cheerleading team who went to enjoy the moment with you.

Recently, in preparation for

the upcoming Gumbo DanceSport Championships, the planning committee held a hugely successful fundraiser in Metairie. I want to congratulate all who worked on this project, as it was very well organized and incorporated lots of fun for a good cause. Our chapter has been recognized across the nation for hosting a premier national qualifying event. Along with the event June 27-29, 2014, we will hold the Senior IV National Championships and the championship level of Junior II Standard, Latin and Ten Dance National Championships. And to top it off, this will be the 10th anniversary of the chapter's national qualifying event. It is a

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Competition Update

by Ann Durocher

On March 9th our organizing team hosted a Gumbo Fundraising Dance and Silent Auction. It turned out to be our most successful one to date. Many thanks to Sterling Sightler, Charlie and Peggy Clement for the outstanding

job they did organizing the event. Richard Stewart kept the afternoon on a high note with his great music. And, Jack Jaubert did the honors as our master of ceremonies. He is always good on the microphone; fun too. While

many friends turned out, shared their afternoon and spent their money at the silent auction and the pay to dance dances, the highlight of the event was the outstanding performances by Nels Petersen and Theresa Kimler.

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Competition Update cont'd

In addition to the four dances they performed, they served as celebrity dancers, thrilling all who danced with them. But, they didn't stop giving there. Nels and Theresa came to us from Minnesota, gave coaching on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, didn't charge us for any expenses and donated all coaching fees to our fundraiser. Their friendship is truly a blessing.

Registrations opened for the June event in February and at this point it is just a bit more than we've had in the past. Now that the national championships are over, we expect the pace of registrations to pick up.

2014 is such an exciting year for our team, primarily because of the two national championships we are hosting.

The Junior II dancers are some of the best in the nation and if you haven't seen this level of championship dancers, you do not want to miss their dancing events. We know that one couple planning to join us recently placed number five in the World Championships.

While our fundraising is in full swing and we are having some success with it, we are still in need of advertising in our competition program. If you have a local business or are a professional, please consider advertising in our program. If you know of someone who may consider placing an ad, please contact them and inquire. Our competition program is fairly expensive and we try to bring in enough advertising to cover the cost for the book. We produce a very nice program of such quality that it is a

good keepsake. Please call me (Ann) at (504)722-4800 or email me at flprann@aol.com to inquire about ads.

It is volunteer time! We need you at the Gumbo! Please contact Sterling Sightler at ssightler@gmail.com if you can give us some time and want to be part of the best Gumbo ever. We'll have the usual gift bag for all Gumbo volunteers and Peggy Clement promises some nice treats in it.

See you June 27-29, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge.

USA DANCE PERFORMANCE TEAM

USA Dance is looking for dancers to join in the fun and art of performance dancing. The team's mission is to promote ballroom dancing through performance. USA Dance welcomes dancers of all skill levels interested in improving their dancing by training with a group for public performances such as National Ballroom Week, Saturday Night Ballroom, the Gumbo DanceSport Championships and other locations such as nursing homes and hospitals. Couples or singles can join but if you are a single, finding a partner would be preferable, unless we know of someone available. Expenses would be limited to sharing in the cost of an instructor, studio and minimal costumes.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the team, please contact Kerry Lovell at grandpa.kjl@gmail.com (cell: 504-453-7646) or Diana Lovell at dlovell308@gmail.com (cell: 225-324-9830).

Monthly Dance News *by Diana Lovell*

February Metairie Dance

Our February dance featured Margaret Lancaster teaching Rumba followed by exhibitions, with Margaret dancing a Rumba with Mike Richoux and a Swing with Ed Williams. We appreciate the time our instructors give to teaching and performing exhibitions at our Sunday dances.

April Metairie Dance

Kerry and I were on a much needed Caribbean cruise and missed the April Sunday dance, although we did plenty of dancing on the ship. Unfortunately, the eating overtook the dancing and we gained a few pounds! We thank Joe Vaughn for teaching a Tango lesson and also for handling the music at all of our dances.



Mike Richoux performing a Rumba with Margaret Lancaster

President's Message (cont'd)

special time for our chapter and I hope that all of you will plan to participate in the weekend in some way. If you dance, consider competing, if you don't dance come and be a spectator and/or volunteer some of your time. You will meet new dancing friends from across the country.

As I look forward into the calendar year, I want to remind you to post the date of our chapter's formal dance. It is scheduled August 23rd at the Belle Chasse Auditorium. The theme this year is a Golden Anniversary, as USA Dance will be celebrating 50 years as an organization and we want to kick the celebration off in style. More information will be available about this dance in the next month.

Recently, one of our board members accepted a position in the national organization. In addition to her duties as a national dancesport official, Ann Durrocher has been appointed Director of Development for USA Dance. Congratulations to Ann.

The board of this chapter is focused on increasing membership and providing more opportunities to dance. If you have some thoughts that may help achieve these goals, please share them with me or one of the board members. My email is jtsteven61@yahoo.com and my cell is (504) 214-3145.

Hope to see you on the dance floor!

Jim Steven, President

Dancing at Emeritus Senior Living

Our good friend and dance instructor Aaron Smith, his wife Sarah, and guest dancer, Margaret Cranwell, performed for the residents of Emeritus on Valentine's Day. Aaron has been performing at Emeritus for the last five years. They danced the Waltz, Foxtrot, Rumba and Swing. Aaron and Sarah also brought along their 10-month old son, Harrison, who managed to make the residents smile

Monthly Dance News (cont'd)



Suzanne Jaubert teaching the Samba technique.

March Metairie Dance

We were excited to have talented amateur couple, Jack and Suzanne Jaubert, teach a Samba line dance. This is probably the first time a line dance was taught in one of our lessons and it was a great idea as it gave the ladies more opportunities to dance. Jack admitted that he sucks at Samba (according to Suzanne) but he did an excellent job of teaching us the steps, with Suzanne emphasizing the technique which involved pushing off the supporting foot and dancing on the balls of the feet. She also demonstrated the hip movements that characterize the dance, explaining that these could be added once you are familiar with the routine. Later in the afternoon, when Joe played a couple of Samba tunes, we accompanied Jack on the floor.

Although we had to compete with the Irish parade in Metairie, we had a good turnout. Thanks to the Savoy's for again bringing delicious stuffed eggs, to Joe Vaughn who kept the music going, and to Jim Steven for his good dance music. We also very much appreciate the DeLorges for bringing us strawberries and oranges for door prizes.

Keep dancing and most of all, keep coming to our dances!

Monthly Dance News (cont'd)

May Metairie Dance

What a great afternoon we had! There was delightful dance music from Jim Steven played by our DJ (also professional instructor), Joe Vaughn. Thanks also to Ed and Carrie DeLorge for bringing several bags of oranges for door prizes. Our food table was filled with goodies and we thank those who brought items for the table. Please keep them coming! The afternoon is even more enjoyable with tasty snacks to keep us going, especially as we start our dances at 1:30 and go on until 5 p.m. For our lesson, Stephan and Stela Howard demonstrated a Tango pattern for the class which everyone enjoyed.

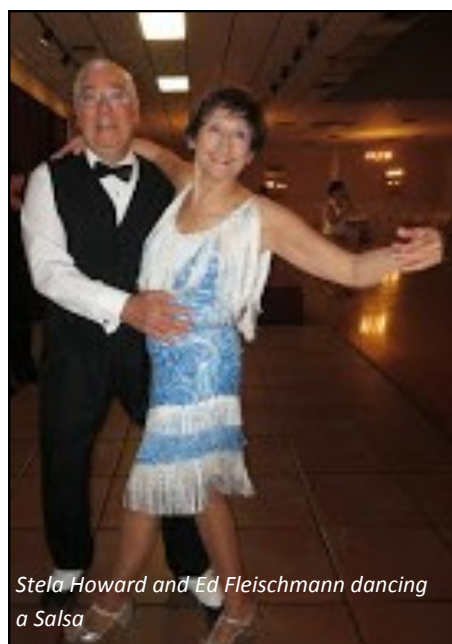
Later in the afternoon both Stela and Stephan performed exhibitions with their students. We were also treated to a delightful Waltz exhibition danced by a very cute couple, Antoine and Francine Camenzuli who are regular attendees. I believe this was the first time on the floor by themselves but they looked completely at ease.



Antoine and Francine Camenzuli dancing a Waltz



Stephan Howard and Ronna Lejeune dancing a Tango



Stela Howard and Ed Fleischmann dancing a Salsa



Stephan Howard and Doris Liu dancing a Quickstep



Stela Howard and Tyler Videll dancing a Cha Cha

DancingAroundTown

Club Silhouette

3505 N. Hullen Street, Metairie, Louisiana
504-885-1771

www.clubsilhouette.net

As classes and events change from week to week, please check their website or call the above number.

Starlight Ballroom

5050 W. Esplanade Ave., #L, Metairie, Louisiana
504-889-0906

Private and group lessons from owner/instructors Stela and Stephan Howard. Please contact Stela or Stephan Howard regarding their classes. They also hold a dance on the second Saturday of the month.

Jefferson Orleans North

2600 Edenborn Ave. Metairie, Louisiana
504-454-6110

www.jeffersonorleansnorth.com

Sunday and Wednesday night dances with orchestra, and venue for our Sunday afternoon chapter dances. Check website or call Jefferson Orleans North for more details.

Mandeville Ballroom

5150 Hwy 22 Suite A-5 Mandeville, LA 70471
985-966-0178

www.mandevilleballroom.com

Private and group lessons from owner/instructor Aaron Smith. Check website or call Aaron for details.

Studio 371

371 School Street, Houma, Louisiana
<http://www.studio-371.com>

Private and group lessons and venue for Houma chapter dances. Check website for more details.

Saturday Night Ballroom

American Legion Hall, Baton Rouge, LA
www.saturdaynightballroom.com

Home to Saturday Night Ballroom on the first Saturday of each month. Check their website for details.

Sunday Rhythms at Jeffie Jean Studio

11600 S Harrells Ferry Rd
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Sunday evening dance run by Richard Stewart and Melanie Tichenor. Dance from 7-9 p.m.



USA Dance Sunday, June 15

Jefferson Orleans North
2600 Edenborn Ave., Metairie, LA

1:30: Teacher: Carrie DeLorge teaching Nightclub Two-step
2:00-5:00 p.m. General Dancing

Mixers

Food

Exhibitions

Great music, no partner required

Admission:

Members: \$10

Non-Members: \$12

Students (under 25): \$5

For more information, contact President, Jim Steven, at 504-214-3145



USA Dance Saturday, June 21

Studio 371
371 School Street, Houma, LA

General Dancing 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Lots of food, fun and great music

Admission: \$10

For more information contact (985) 853-0030



Showcase Dance Invitation

Are you preparing to compete in the USA DanceSport Championships at the end of the month? Competitors are invited to showcase their dances during the breaks from general dancing at our Sunday dance on June 15 —Waltz and Foxtrot during first break and Rumba and Cha Cha during second break. Ninety seconds of music will be played for each dance by our D.J. Costumes are optional. Sign up at the registration table when you arrive.

Metairie Dance Schedule

Jefferson Orleans North
2600 Edenborn Ave. Metairie, LA

June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16
December 21

Houma Dance Schedule

Studio 371
371 School Street, Houma, LA

June 21
July 26
August (no dance)
September 27
October 25
November 22
December (no dance)

USA Dance Special Events

June 27-29—Gumbo DanceSport
Championships, Baton Rouge

Saturday, August 23, USA Dance
Fund Raiser
Belle Chasse Auditorium, Belle Chasse,
LA
7:30-11:00 p.m.

USA DANCE 2014 NATIONAL DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BALTIMORE, MD

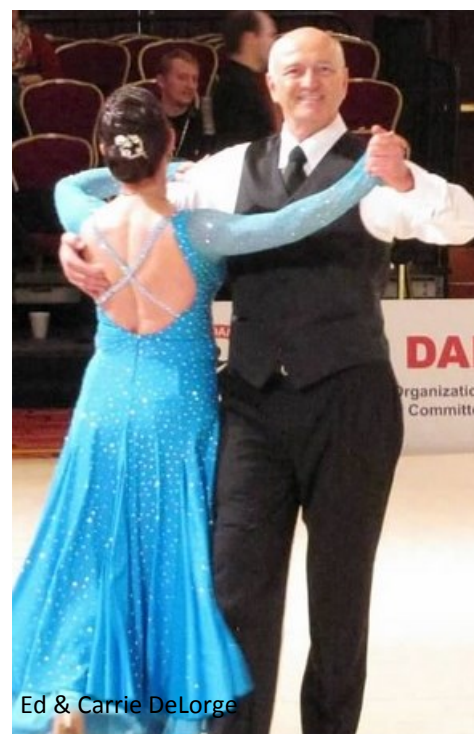
In March of this year, several couples from our chapter competed in the national USA Dance championships in Baltimore, Maryland.



Terry & JoAnne Sauceman



Richard Stewart & Melanie Tichenor, proud winners of the Senior III Novice competition.



Ed & Carrie DeLorge



Richard Stewart & Melanie Tichenor



June Bug Howard Willis & Addi Philippi



Walker Fleming & Taylor Schoen

GUMBO GOES TO THE RITZ

Fundraiser Formal

Hosted by: LA Gumbo Chapter

\$30.00 per person

Saturday, August 23, 2014

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Belle Chasse Auditorium

8398 Hwy 23

Belle Chasse, LA

Call for information and tickets:

Gwen Becnel (504) 256-7090

Ann Durocher (985) 853-0030

Diana Lovell (225) 324-9830

Peggy Clement (225) 627-6154

Dress Code:

Men: Formal preferred, Dark suit acceptable

Ladies: Formal preferred, Tea length or evening pants acceptable

DJ Music by Richard Stewart

Showcase Dances

Hors D'oeuvres & Set ups provided/BYOB

**The Net Profit will benefit the chapter's mission to expand
ballroom dancing.**

USA Dance is a 501(c)3 charity.



**Gumbo DanceSport Championships
Baton Rouge, June 27 - 29, 2014**

Spectator Tickets

**\$80 for the Weekend includes
Banquet
\$10/session in advance \$15 at the
door**

**Youth spectators - \$5
Saturday Banquet \$55 advance
purchase only! (Includes Dinner,
Championships and Dance)**

Get your tickets by calling

Jen Vaughn [504-258-2220](tel:504-258-2220) in New Orleans

Peggy Clement [225-627-6154](tel:225-627-6154) in Baton Rouge

Ann Durocher [504-722-4800](tel:504-722-4800) in Houma

We are still on the lookout for

VOLUNTEERS.

**DONATE 2 HOURS OF YOUR TIME TO
PROMOTE THE HOSPITALITY OF
LOUISIANA AND ENJOY THE BEST IN
DANCING ENTERTAINMENT FOR A
GREAT PRICE! YOU WILL BE GLAD
YOU DID!!**

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One inch (5 lines) \$ 5.00

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Contact Diana Lovell at dlovell308@gmail.com

or call 225-324-9830

DISPLAY ADS: To advertise your event or professional service, submit a digital file (Word format for documents and jpeg format for photos) or camera-ready artwork to Diana Lovell at the above email address along with payment to USA Dance at LA Gumbo Chapter 5031, P.O. Box 7021, Metairie, LA 70010-7021.

DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIALS: 20th of month before each quarterly issue.

NEW MEMBERS

Isabelle Donahue

Frannie Levenstein

Laura Hudson

Cynara (Margaret) Cranwell

Wayne LeBoeuf

Welcome and thank you for joining our local organization. We have enjoyed seeing you at our past events and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming dances.

Highlights from the Louisiana DanceSport Fundraiser held last March at the Jefferson Orleans North in Metairie



Fundraiser organizers left to right, Peggy Clement, Ann Durocher and Sterling Sightler presenting Nels and Theresa with a gift to thank them for their overwhelming support.



Nels and Theresa with Jesse Gellrich who presented the couple with a commemorative portrait painted by our own talented dancer and artist, Jack Jaubert. Jesse won the portrait in the silent auction.



Nels Petersen and Theresa Kimmler performed several exhibitions and were the highlight of the fundraiser.



Jack & Jill competition judged by Stephen Hadley & Kim Smith professional instructors from Birmingham, Alabama.

Fourth Annual Celebration of Dance

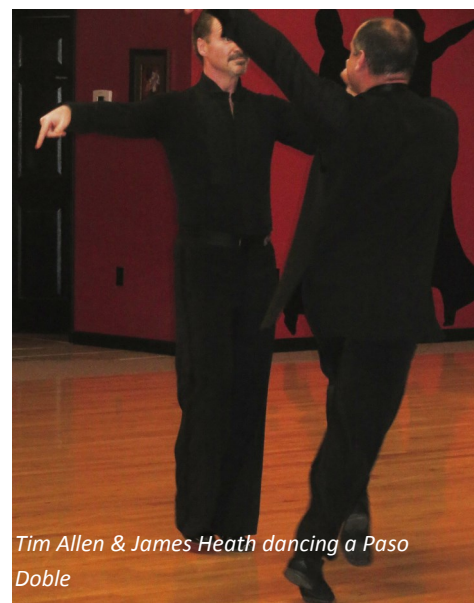
It was a fun day on May 31st at Tim Allen's studio in Gulfport, MS. If you are too intimidated to compete in a formal competition, try a team match. Tim Allen and James Heath prancing around the floor doing a Paso Doble will calm anyone's nerves! Tim invited professional couple Sergei Shapoval and Ania Tarnowska, American nine dance champions, to judge the competition, with Dana Perry as adjudicator. Sergei and Ania also did some workshops and evening exhibitions during the three-day event. Instructors competing with their students were Tim Allen, Brad Petrie, James Heath, Courtney Black, Melanie Seeling, and Julie Pagano, who also catered an excellent lunch and dinner for the dancers. Two of the amateur couples competing, Lt. Col. Joe Jackson & Brandi Deroche, and Bill & Karen Watson, will be competing in the Gumbo competition at the end of June.



Brad Petrie and Yvonne Pecoul



Kerry & Diana Lovell



Tim Allen & James Heath dancing a Paso Doble



Lt. Co. Joe Jackson and Brandi Deroche



Brad and Cheryl Petrie



Bill Watson & Melanie Seeling