

Dancin' Times



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Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association--Minnesota Chapter

September 1995

DANCERS NITE OUT

Sat. 9/2 Myron Sommerfield Big Band, Medina Ballroom, free lesson w/paid admission 7:30pm, dance 8:30pm, 478-6661.

Sat. 9/2 First Anniversary Ball, Capitol Ballroom, see ad pg 10.

Fri. 9/8 Dick Macko Orchestra, Shakopee Ballroom, lesson w/Alice Monson 7:30pm, dance 8pm, 445-0412,

Sun. 9/10 Hal Nelson Orchestra, Kato Entertainment Center, Mankato. The dance is *free*, sponsored by the Minnesota Ballroom Operators. Demos by *USABDA*, 507-625-7553.

Fri. 9/15 On Your Toes School of Dance, see ad pg 9.

Sat. 9/16 Coliseum Fall Showcase, Coliseum Ballroom, see ad pg 8.

Fri. 9/22 Sentimental Journey Big Band, Shakopee Ballroom, lesson w/Alice Monson 7:30pm, dance 8:30 pm, 445-0412.

Fri. 9/22 Dick Macko Orchestra, Medina Ballroom, free lesson w/paid admission 7:30pm, dance 8:30pm, 478-6661.

Sat. 9/23 Dancers Studio Fall Showcase, Sokol Hall, see ad pg 5.

Sun. 9/24 National Ballroom Dance Week Grand Ball, Minneapolis Hyatt Regency Hotel. See ad pg 4.

Fri. 9/29 Dean Olson Big Band, Shakopee Ballroom, lesson 7:30pm, dance 8:30pm.

Sat. 9/30 The Blue Gentian Ball, Capitol Ballroom, see ad pg 10.

Thu. 10/5 Bobby Lane Orchestra, Bel Rae Ballroom, 8:30pm, demo by *USABDA*, 786-4630.

Fri. 10/6 Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Medina Ballroom, dance 8-midnight, \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door. Dinner buffet available 6-8pm, \$9. 478-6661.

Ongoing Dances...

West Coast Swing Club, 2nd & 4th Fridays, B-Dale Club, 2100 N. Dale St., St. Paul. Lesson 7:30pm, dance 8:30pm, 731-9768.

Fridays, Everett McClay VFW, Bloomington, 854-1296.

Every Thursday and Sunday, Bel Rae Ballroom, 8-11pm, 786-4630.



GIVE IT A WHIRL is the theme of the 1995 National Ballroom Dance Week, September 15-24, 1995. It's the sixth anniversary of the national celebration.

The Minnesota Chapter of the U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association will be co-sponsoring National Ballroom Dance Week with the Minnesota Ballroom Operators Association and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Governor Arne Carlson has issued a proclamation in honor of National Ballroom Dance Week in Minnesota.

Included in the newsletter is a brochure listing all of the events. Here are the highlights of *USABDA's* events:

Exhibition--Wednesday, September 13, 7-8:30pm
Mall of America Rotunda, Bloomington

Kick-off for National Ballroom Dance Week-- Exhibition
Friday, September 15, 11:45am - 1pm, Atrium, World Trade Center, 5th & Wabasha, downtown St. Paul

Exhibition--Saturday, September 16, 1-4pm
Northtown Mall, Hwy 10, Blaine

Exhibition--Saturday, September 23, 1-3pm
City Center, Minneapolis

5th Annual Grand Ball--Sunday, September 24, 7-11:30pm
Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
Dazzling Showcase during dance-- "The World of Dance" featuring salsa, hip hop funk, West Coast swing jam, jazz, ethnic, clogging, country, rhythm and smooth ballroom... and more! Cost is a \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For more details and ticket information see pg 4.

USABDA HOTLINE
612-489-0581

Call for information on dance events. Leave
a message for membership information.

What Is USABDA? Who Are We?

USABDA stands for the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association, a non-profit organization formed to preserve and promote ballroom dancing not only as an art but a healthy sport. Minnesota's chapter was started in 1991.

Membership in USABDA is open to ballroom dancers of all levels. There are membership categories for all dancers: Social, Competitive, Junior (17 and under), College students and Associates (professional/instructors).

USABDA sponsors a monthly dance and other special dance events. Membership includes both national and local dues. Membership entitles you to discounts on our monthly dances, a monthly newsletter and a great network for meeting other dancers.

You'll have fun dancing and meet many new friends!
For more information Call the USABDA Hotline number.
612-489-0581

Minnesota Dancin' Times

Published monthly for members of the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association--Minnesota Chapter, providing news of ballroom dancing to chapter members and friends.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

USABDA Members: No charge

Non-members: \$10 per year

ADVERTISING

Display Ads: To advertise your professional service or event, submit camera-ready artwork.

Sizes: Full page 7 1/2" wide x 9 1/2" high
Half page 7 1/2" wide x 4 1/2" high (horizontal)
3 1/2" wide x 9 1/2" high (vertical)
Quarter page 3 1/2" wide x 4 1/2" high
Business cards

Rates: Full Page- \$35 Half Page- \$25
Quarter Page- \$15
Business card- \$15 for 3 consecutive months.

Classified Ads: Free 3-line ad in *Swaplines* available to members. Dance merchandise only

Payment: Please make checks payable to **USABDA-MN**
Payment must accompany ad.

DEADLINE

All materials due the 10th of each month.

Submit information, copy and ads to:

USABDA-MN Newsletter Editor
c/o Shari Akemann
1020 Sumter Ave. N.
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Newsletter Editor: Shari Akemann.....612/593-0822



Send local changes to Karen Voels at address on back of this newsletter. Please notify National USABDA also.



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

by Karen Voels
USABDA Chapter Secretary

- There is about \$3200 in the Treasury.
- Dorothy Jones is working on the brochure for National Ballroom Dance Week; Judi Pankratz is working on the Grand Ball arrangements including several different styles of dance for showcase. Dessert & beverages will be served. Cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.
- The policy for dance demos remains including only USABDA members for insurance reasons.
- There is a singles expo on September 30th USABDA-MN will do a dance demo as well as have an information table. More discussion at the next meeting.
- Minnesota Dancin' Times won the national USABDA newsletter contest. Dorothy Jones will accept her award at the competition in San Francisco..
- USABDA-MN will invest in a wireless microphone for use by instructors of our group classes. Pete Maki will look into compatibility with our sound system.
- It's time to begin thinking about nominees for open board positions in the upcoming election. Nominees are needed for Secretary and President. Let any board member know if you have a good candidate in mind for either position.
- The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 12th, 7pm at Dunwoody Institute.

COMPETITOR'S COLUMN

United States Ballroom Championships (USBC)

September 5-10, Fontainebleau Hilton, Miami, FL, 304-442-1288. Qualifier for USA reps to the World Professional Championships. If you're going, be sure to attend Gary & Carol's wedding! See details in the member profile on Gary Stroick.

North Central Regional Collegiate & Adult Dance Sport Festival

September 16-17, Scottish Rite and Indiana Roof Ballrooms, Indianapolis, IN, 317-885-8156. Unlimited entries: \$25 for students, \$25 for adults, competition, workshops, team match, public dance.

Northern Lights Star Ball

October 6-7, Convention Center, Minneapolis. Amy Anderson or Mary Hartell, Midwest Dance Promotions, 612-431-0936 or 884-0055

Chicago Harvest Moon Ball Championships

October 20-21, Clarion Hotel (O'Hare Airport), Rosemont, IL. Jay Jarquin, 312-935-4767, Rich Burnett, 708-782-6770.

***for a more complete list, see "Amateur Dancers", the national publication for the U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association.



USABDA-MN's Dancers Nite Out
by Verleen

Sat. 9/3: Sammy Jensen Big Band, Meadell Ballroom, 8:30 pm.
Fri. 9/9: Rod Smith Big Band, Shakopee Ballroom, Lesson 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30-12:30 am.
Fri. 9/9: West Coast Swing Club, B-Jale Club, 2100 N. Daer, St. Paul, Lesson 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30 pm.
Sat. 9/10: USABDA-MN Dance, CSPS (Jokoni) Hall, 183 Michigan Ave., St. West 7th, St. Paul, Lesson 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30-11:30 pm.
Sun. 9/11: Bonny Layne Big Band, Lincoln, Nebraska, Bel Rae Ballroom, Mouna View, 8-11:30 pm.
Fri. 9/16: Sun. 9/25 National Ballroom Dance Week. (See brochure for complete schedule and details.)
Fri. 9/16 Kick-off for National Ballroom Dance Week - USABDA-MN Dance Exhibition, World Trade Center Atrium, St. Paul, Noon - 1 pm.
Fri. 9/16 Rochester USABDA Dance, KC Hall, 2030 Hwy 14 E., 8:30 pm. \$4 memb. \$5 non-memb. 7:30 pm - \$2, 2077.
Sat. 9/17 USABDA-MN Dance, 8:30 pm.
Sat. 9/24 Interreg lesson & dance contest, Miracle Mile Shopping Center (see ad pg. 6).
Sun. 9/25 USABDA-MN Grand Ball, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Minneapolis pg. 41.
Fri. 9/30 Dance - Swing Spinnin' Band, Cedar Cultural Center, 416 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis, U of M, Free Latin lesson w/admission 7:30 pm, Dance 8 pm - 12 midnight. 338-2674.

MINNESOTA CELEBRATES NATIONAL BALLROOM DANCE WEEK



"Move
to the Music"

"Move to the Music" is the theme of the 1994 National Ballroom Dance Week, to be celebrated from September 16-25. That's just what the dancing world is doing as we "move" into ten days of dance events!

This is the fifth anniversary of the national celebration "about the wonderful health and social benefits of ballroom dancing." Both amateur and professional dancers, studios, and supporters of ballroom dancing will be encouraged.

In Minnesota, National Ballroom Dance Week is sponsored by the United States Amateur Ballroom Association Chapter (USABDA-MN), the Minnesota Ballroom Association and the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness. The Carlson issued a proclamation in honor of National Ballroom Dance Week.

Additional brochures are available—help spread the word about the fun of ballroom dancing! It's a great opportunity to try a different dance, learn some new steps and go to a dance studio or ballroom where you haven't been. There are many free events throughout the week.

Here are highlights of USABDA-MN sponsored events:
Kick-off for National Ballroom Dance Week - Dance Exhibition
Friday, September 16, Noon - 1 pm
Atrium, World Trade Center, 5th & Wabasha, downtown St. Paul

Dance Exhibition - Saturday, September 17, 1 - 4 pm
Northtown Mall, Hwy 10, Blaine

Dance Exhibition - Monday, September 19, 7 - 8:30 pm
Mail of America Rotunda, Bloomington

4th Annual Grand Ball - Sunday, September 25
Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
Sit-down Dinner 6:15 - 7:15 pm, Dance 7:30 - 10:30 pm
Professional Showcase during dance
For ticket information, call the USABDA Hotline - 612/489-0581

USABDA NEWSLETTER WINS BIG!!!

Major-league congratulations are in store for our own award-winning Dorothy Jones. As you may know, Dorothy was the newsletter editor for the first four years of our chapter. Last fall she sent in three copies for a contest that USABDA (national) was running. The winners have been announced and Dorothy got the gold! You'll see her picture on the front page of the next issue of *Amateur Dancers*. Way to go, Dorothy!

Awards were presented at the nationals in August. On the spur of the moment she bought a ticket and flew out to receive her award.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"HOW TO HAVE LOTS OF FUN AT EVERY DANCE."

For those of you who haven't figured it out yet, the way to have a really good time at the ballrooms and USABDA dances, is to call people you really enjoy being with and remind them when and where to go dancing. Encourage them to come and let them know it's more fun when they are at the dances. It's very simple! A lot of the people you enjoy being with are usually very busy and lead very active lives. A call to invite and remind them may be all it takes. They won't want to miss out on a really fun time!

Before you can call someone, you need a name and phone number, so at the dances take the time to exchange numbers, or at least offer your number so they can call you. We have started a sign-up list at USABDA dances for those who want their phone number made available. Each month more names may be added to this list, and the following month copies will be set out for those interested in getting more people out dancing.

According to the survey we took last year, many people do not go to ballrooms because their friends aren't there. Is one of them YOU?

Jim Flaskerud

DANCE NOTES

What do the family room foxtrot, the living room lindy, the kitchen quickstep or the staircase swing all have in common? They all **burn calories** at home. Dancing is not only more fun than many other exercises, you *should* try this at home! For a 150-pound person, the foxtrot, waltz and rhumba burn 3.5 calories per minute... the cha cha, swing and mambo 7.0 cpm, and the twist or lambada over 11! Of course space may be a consideration, and your neighbors might wonder, but just pretend that you're practicing for a demo on a *really* small dance floor.

USABDA Elections are coming up soon. We'll need to fill key positions, including President, Secretary, and Dance Coordinator. Plus several director positions. If you're interested or know someone who would be a good candidate, please pass names on to any current board members, or leave a message on the hotline. USABDA is **YOUR** organization, volunteer!!!

Also, many thanks to David Schmit and the College and Youth Committee for all of their efforts on the **Beginners' Dance**, August 23rd. Also thanks to Tony Jambor for offering the Bel Rae Ballroom for the event. It's just the first in what we hope to be a string of dances just for the beginners and newcomers. Future issues will include news of future dances!

A sincere apology to all of those who thought the **Dancers Studio Summer Spectacular** was on August 18th (as written in the Dancers Night Out column of the August issue.)

And yet another correction, the article in the August issue about the **Yankee Classic** listed Donnie Burns & Gaynor Fairweather as 2 time World Latin Champions instead of 11 time champions.

The **Dance Directory** is available! It provides information on studios, ballrooms, lessons, instructors and more. Pick one up at the next USABDA dance or leave your name and address on the **HOTLINE**.

DANCE IN THE NUTCRACKER

The **Continental Ballet Company** is looking for MEN to audition. Here's the scoop: The first act of the ballet has a party scene including a waltz formation. They'd like 5-6 men to dance this with women from the company. The Nutcracker will be performed just over a dozen times in auditoriums and community theaters in the Twin Cities, plus a few in greater Minnesota. Their mission is to take this ballet to small towns not able to draw this type of show.

Shows run mid-November to just before Christmas. Rehearsals are mainly Saturday afternoons for a couple of hours. Costumes (except shoes) are provided.

Auditions are September 10, 11:00am at the Bloomington Studio, 10800 Nesbitt Ave (off Normandale & Old Shakopee Rds). To learn more, call the Director, Riet Velthuisen, at 881-7378. What a fabulous opportunity!

You're invited to attend.....

the finale to National Ballroom Dance Week!

5th Annual

GRAND BALL

Sunday evening September 24



**Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
Greenway Ballroom, Second Floor**

**Dance 7 - 11:30 pm
Showcase 9 pm**

**Attire: Semi-formal
Cold hors d'oeuvres after showcase**

**Tickets -- \$15.00 advance, \$20.00 at the door
Purchase advance tickets by September 18**

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Dazzling showcase !!!

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Hip hop funk
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**Questions? Call Judi Pankratz 942-6649
For ticket information, call Dorothy Lea 455-1152**



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The Dancers Studio Fall Showcase and DANCE!

Professional Dance Show
Amateur Showcases
General Dancing
Hors d'oeuvres

Saturday, September 23
7-11 pm

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Sokol Hall- 383 Michigan St
(Just off W 7th & St. Clair)

Tickets: \$15 advance
\$17 door

For more information call The Dancers Studio at 641-0777

USABDA PROFILE

FOCUS ON USABDA
MEMBERS

GARY STROICK

He's only been dancing four years, but you'd never know it from all of the awards. In the Amateur 4-Dance American Smooth...



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| 1994: | 1st | Nevada Star Ball |
| | 2nd | Ohio Star Ball |
| | 3rd | USBC |
| 1995: | 1st | TX Challenge (Pre-Champ & Open Champ),
Minnesota Open (Pre-Champ), Capitol City
Dance Classic, |
| | 2nd | TCO, MN Open (Open Champ), Northcoast
Dance Classic |

Of course, all of these were won with dance partner and future wife, Carol Post!

Gary started lessons just four years ago as a way to socialize. The first years progressed slowly, the last year and a half he's rocketed skyward. At a demo at Maplewood Mall, Carol approached him with the idea of a partnership. He said, "No." He later reconsidered. Their goals meshed, and a new partnership was forged. After just two+ months of training, they took 4th at the 1994 Minnesota Open.

When asked his favorite dance, there is no hesitation--foxtrot. Two things really stand out in his mind about dancing. *"I like the technical challenge of having to control your body--the physical aspect of producing movement. The other part I really like is the freedom of expression. I've found dancing relaxing, it's a mechanism to get my mind off of work."*

Now there's an intellectually specific answer. It's understandable. Gary holds a double Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in Mathematics and Computer Science. He also holds a Masters in Comp Sci from UW and an MBA from the U of M's Carlson School of Management. Gary is an independent Management Consultant, developing 3-5 year strategic information technology plans for businesses.

Besides dance, Gary is into technical rock climbing, mostly in the Taylors Falls area. A native of Wausau, Wisconsin he was on the Ski Patrol at Rib Mountain, and still enjoys skiing whenever he can. Rollerblading, sailing, scuba, tennis and biking round out his interests.

Then, of course, there's Carol. They started dating about a year ago, and he proposed to her in February at Four Paws (an elegant, romantic Victorian restaurant near Twin City Ballroom). They'll be married September 10, the last day of USBC, on the beach at sunrise. Anyone at USBC is welcome to attend the wedding! Following, they're taking a cruise to the Caribbean, where he said they'll *probably* dance on the ship. Right. Gary & Carol, if you play it right, you'll probably be asked to do the shows!

Dance Demonstrations

by Yvonne M Riske

USABDA Dance Demonstration Coordinator

SUMMER HEAT AT SOMMERFEST

USABDA provided an excellent show during **Orchestra Hall's Viennese Sommerfest** celebration on July 13 (1:30-2:00pm) at Peavey Plaza in downtown Minneapolis. Although the temperature was 101 degrees, no one melted until the show was over! Those who helped heat up the plaza were Karen Kettler & Mark Tepley, Monica Mohn & Bobby Tarnowski, Sanae Storey & David Schmit, Doug Lusher, Dan Viehman and me! Each of these dancers deserves many kudos for surviving the challenges this performance presented. Thanks to Kris Sasse of the MN Orchestra for this festive occasion to dance.

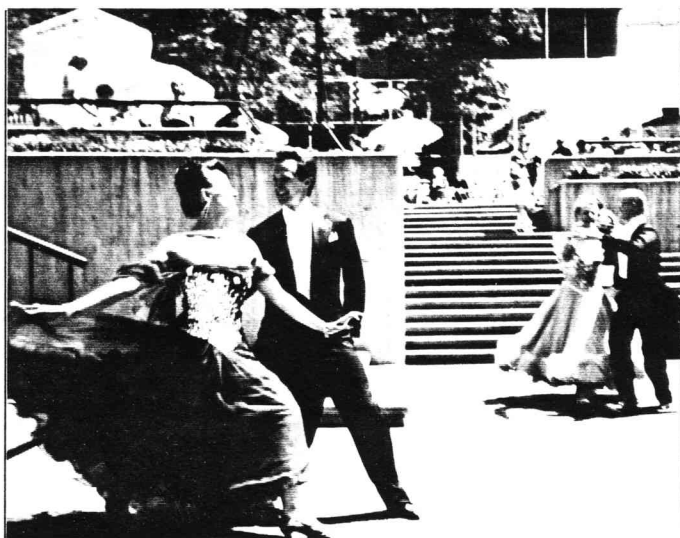
SUMMER SOUNDS AT THE BEACH

Summer Sounds of the MN Hearing Aid Association was a worthy cause which USABDA members helped promote and support on Monday, July 17 at the **Calhoun Beach Club**. The setting was the Boulevard Ballroom complete with a spiral staircase and romantic lighting. Our dancers dazzled the audience with smooth, latin and polka routines, including special performances from the Open Smooth Formation Team and the Rhythm Formation Team. We received many praises from the crowd as well as the coordinator, Clark Jones, for USABDA's exhibition. We are grateful to him and the MN Hearing Aid Association for the honor of participating in this fabulous event to raise money for hearing aids for indigent children! Thanks too, to the following who made USABDA shine: Karen Kettler & Mark Tepley, Colleen Williams & Jim Flaskerud, Diane Meissner & Doug Lusher & Karen Voels, Ellen Neuman & Jack Cain, Carol Post & Gary Stroick, Sue Lakso & Ha Twong, Theresa Kimler & Nels Petersen, Celia Mullen & David Schmit, Monica Mohn & Bobby Tarnowski, Dorothy Jones & Arthur Hellmann, along with Pete Maki and Joyce Thompson who brought it all together with some fine music!

Upcoming Dance Demonstrations

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| 9/10 | Kato Ballroom, Mankato, 7-11pm |
| 9/13 | Mall of America, Bloomington, 7-8:30pm |
| 9/15 | World Trade Center, St. Paul 11:45am-1pm |
| 9/16 | Northtown Mall, Blaine, 1-4pm |
| 9/17 | Bethesda Lutheran Care Center, St. Paul, 2-3pm |
| 9/23 | City Center, downtown Minneapolis, 1-3pm
Opera Guild, St. Paul Radisson, 9-10pm |
| 9/30 | Singles Expo. Details TBA |
| 10/5 | Bel Rae Ballroom, Moundsview, time TBA |
| 10-27 | MAHPERD (MN Association of Health, Physical
Education, Recreation and Dance) National
Convention, Thunderbird Hotel, Bloomington, 6:30-
7pm, followed by a dance. |

Please call Yvonne Riske if you'd like to perform at any of these demos... 525-8933 or 672-3243. We'll need many dancers!



Monica Mohn & Bobby Tarnowski • Karen Kettler & Mark Tepley



Theresa Kimler & Nels Petersen



Monica Mohn & Bobby Tarnowski • Karen Kettler & Mark Tepley



Yvonne Riske & Bill Nunn



Heidi Smith & Nels Petersen



Lori Kozicky & Bobby Tarnowski

GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTHERN MINNESOTA CHAPTER- ROCHESTER!!

by Kim Wettleson, USABDA Secretary/Newsletter Editor

Our USABDA chapter is busier than ever planning for future dances and practicing our new formations. We would like to invite all of you to attend our upcoming dances. Mark these events on your calendars!

Our regular dances are held the FIRST and THIRD Fridays of each month in the air conditioned, smoke-free Eagles Club, 409 First Avenue, Southwest, Rochester. The free dance lessons are at 7:30pm, the dance is from 8:30 to 11:30pm with taped music. The cost is \$5 for USABDA members and \$7 for non-members.

Ballroom Dance Week will include dancing in the skyway and at the Peace Plaza. On Friday, September 22, USABDA in conjunction with Fred Astaire Dance Studio will be dancing at the senior Citizens Center, 121 N. Broadway, with all the proceeds going to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The lesson is 7-8pm and dancing will be from 8-9:30pm. The cost is \$5.

Come and dance for **Habitat for Humanity**. Our charity fund raiser will be Saturday, September 23. The **Johnny Owen Orchestra** from the Twin Cities will be playing at the Pony Express, Mantorville, MN (15 mi. west of Rochester). The dance will be from 8-midnight. The cost is \$8 for members, and \$10 for non-members. Glen Fjerstad, owner of the Pony Express, will be selling tickets for the dinner from 7-8pm, \$6. In order to make reservations, call the Pony Express at (507) 635-5922 or at his home (507) 365-8109. The Rochester USABDA rhythm and smooth formation teams will be performing during the breaks.

Our **Formal Ball** will be Saturday, November 4, at the Kahler Hotel, with the **Johnny Owen Orchestra** playing. The theme is, "In the Mood" and formal attire is encouraged. Another option is to wear formal attire from the 30s and 40s and there will be a contest for the best costume. The dinner will be 6-7:30pm with the dance from 8-midnight. Again, the Rochester USABDA rhythm and smooth formations will be dancing during the breaks.

The **37th Street Gold Band** from Rochester will be playing at our December 15 dance at the Eagles Club.

We hope to see many of you at our upcoming dances. If you would like to call for more information or would like to reserve tickets, please call (507) 281-1034.

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COLISEUM FALL SHOWCASE



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
7PM -MIDNIGHT

7-10pm Student Exhibitions
10-10:30pm Professional Show
10:30pm-12:00am Dance Party

\$15.00
(includes refreshments)

Paul & Sandra Botes
Coliseum Ballroom
2708 East Lake Street, Third Floor
Minneapolis

For ticket reservations
call 722-6311

Celebrate National Ballroom Dance Week...

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LAS VEGAS STYLE!

Friday, September 15th 9-11p.m.

SWING HUSTLE
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admission:
\$10/\$5 charter members

MEMBERS TO PERFORM IN "NEW FOGGY FOLLIES"

Pam and Joe Krzyzaniak are in their second season as performers with the *New Foggy Follies* and will be dancing a samba in the October show. Reminiscent of the "follies of the '20s," this variety show features singing, dancing and comedy with people 55 years of age and older. Pam and Joe have, of course, danced in all of the productions.

They invite everyone to come to one of the 18 performances, beginning October 18. This show, entitled, *From Tiny Tots to Liver Spots*, varies slightly from the norm in that it covers the gamut of ages from children to seniors. The two-hour show is held at the Bloomington Education Center, 8900 Portland Avenue South. For performance dates and ticket information, call 887-1010. It's wonderful entertainment!

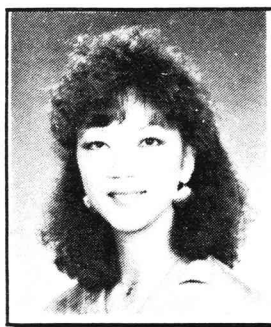
***Dancing with the New Foggy Follies gave Pam and Joe another opportunity to dance. As someone from an Aquatennial committee had seen them dance, Pam and Joe were invited to do a dance exhibition at the Aquatennial Senior Coronation Ball held July 16. They danced a waltz, foxtrot and tango.

SWAPLINES

Elegant black rhythm one-piece, Sz 4-8. Gold/black/AB stoning at neckline and bottom. Full length with leg-slit, black chiffon panels, hem detail. Stretch material to fit everyone. \$550. Theresa, 612-778-4405.

Dynamic canary-yellow latin two-piece, Sz 4-6. Long-sleeved, fringed V-bottom, triple-row AB rhinestones and beading throughout. \$425. Theresa, 778-4405.

Gorgeous white modern gown, Sz 8, full stoning, double boa, designed by Dore. Sandra, 722-6311.



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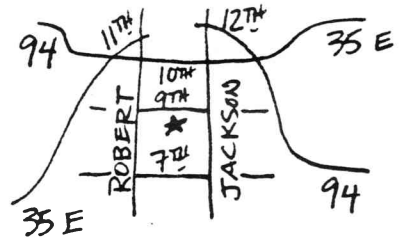


Join Gill, Julie and Rainier
for TWO FABULOUS September parties!

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HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 1ST YEAR IN EXISTENCE!
only \$1⁰⁰! 8:30-11:30 pm

The First Anniversary Ball!
AT CAPITOL BALLROOM

134 East 9th St.
downtown St. Paul
224-5523



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Join Us!
Sat. Sept. 30th for the
Blue Gentian Ball!



8:30-11:30 pm
\$7⁰⁰ dance to
the finest
ballroom and
latin music!

interested in
renting dance space?
27' x 51' floor! call us!
224-5523

NATIONAL USABDA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND LOCAL USABDA-MN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I affirm that I am an Amateur Dancer for whom ballroom dancing is strictly an avocation and a recreational activity and/or competitive sport; and who neither seeks nor receives, either at present or in the past, personal material gain from my dancing.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Signature _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Signature _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone/home (____) _____; work (____) _____

Is this a renewal application? ____ yes ____ no

If yes, member # _____

Please print clearly. Dues and donational are tax deductible. This for may be used by two persons residing at the same address.

Membership Category (one for each person)

* Social Dancer _____ x \$15 = \$ _____
 * Competitor _____ x \$30 = \$ _____
 * Junior (17 & under) _____ x \$12 = \$ _____
 * Students (college) _____ x \$12 = \$ _____
 * Associate (pro supporter) _____ x \$35 = \$ _____
 Plus voluntary contribution \$ _____
 Total Check Enclosed \$ _____

Additional Information

* Occupations _____
 * Hobbies _____
 * Competitor? Pro/Am _____; American _____; International _____
 * Are you willing to help USABDA? ____ How? _____



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FOOTNOTE

Early in August I attended the **USABDA Night Out** at the **Shakopee Ballroom**. The **Sentimental Journey Big Band**, comprised of 17 musicians, played a delightful blend of big band and swing music. Each selection was introduced with a little bit of history not only helping us learn something about the music, but also allowing plenty of time to get on the floor, off the floor or take a breather. The Shakopee Ballroom, for those who haven't been there is a lovely setting, with warm ambient lighting, candles, white tablecloths and miniature lights adorning the surrounding ironwork railing.

During one of the intermissions, the band expressed its pleasure at having USABDA choose this night as our Night Out. Then they asked for a show of hands to indicate how many people were from USABDA. Just three of us raised our hands. *Three*. In fact, the whole night the only folks I danced with were students and instructors from Arthur Murray. I had a blast.

There was a time when 30-40 people would come for a Night Out. And most any other dance would attract at least a dozen or two. Some of us complain that... "bands don't play enough latin. There's too much foxtrot. It's too fast. It's too slow. There are dance cards. There aren't dance cards. The floor is too waxed. The floor is too sticky. People move so slowly that they get in our way and we have a hard time doing all of our gold and silver steps, after all, we've paid all this money for lessons and we want to do them and if all those people are doing *social* dancing there just isn't enough room." Or... or... or... "they just don't understand what *real* ballroom dancers want." Sound Familiar?

Bottom line: If we don't support the ballrooms, they have no reason to support us. If we don't attend their events, they have no reason to promote USABDA. If we don't talk about them, they won't talk about us. We all lose.

Take a cue from Jim's President's Corner. If you want to go but are afraid you won't know anyone, call your friends. Plan to meet at a dance and make a night of it. Go have some fun.

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