



The Fox Trotter

"Dance News for the Ocala Area"

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President's Message

As we begin 2016, I hope everyone is following their New Year's resolutions. I hope one of your resolutions was to get out and do more dancing. It is a great way to exercise and at the same time have fun, meet new friends and socialize. If some of your friends are looking for something to do, encourage them to join you and bring them to one of our dances.

Our December 1st "Silver & Gold" themed dance brought out the sparkle in those attending. As part of the announcements during the brief intermission, I had the privilege of presenting Richard Accomando with the Ocala Chapter USA Dance "2015 Volunteer-of-the-Year" award for his help in cleaning up after the dances... thank you Richard. With temperatures still hovering in the 80's, I don't know if or when we ladies will be able to wear our "winter" clothes. Since we still have such unusually high temperatures for this time of year, we need to run the air conditioners at the dances. I know...I, and others, often feel very cold when we arrive at the dance but after a dance or two it soon feels comfortable. If you are like me, I would advise bringing a sweater or something to wear to keep you feeling comfortable. If the thermostat is changed to a higher setting, dancers then begin to feel very warm and it is then too late to get the temperature back to a comfortable level.

DJ's Marty and Liz Newton provided good music during the month of December including some holiday music to dance to. During his Foxtrot dance amalgamation,

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dance pro Justin White stressed the importance of dancing slowly and enjoying this particular dance. We all know how important it is to practice after a lesson, unfortunately, we don't always get to do that.

With the return of the snowbirds we are seeing some new faces at our dances along with others who visit us from other chapters.

Our December 15th "Black Tie Christmas Ball" was a hit with many in attendance and in their holiday attire and dressed to the 9's, as they say. We had plenty of hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages. I want to thank our board member Dorothy Hefferon who made the beautiful centerpieces for each table in addition to her usual duties as hospitality chairperson who sets up the food and shops for supplies needed at each dance. We greatly appreciate her willingness to volunteer her time and energy for everyone's benefit.

We didn't have a dance lesson for the last dance of the year but instead had a wonderful dance showcase performed by dance instructors Brittany Coy partnering up with Michael Singleton from the Jacksonville area. What a spectacular dance they performed beginning with a Viennese Waltz to the song "Carol of the Bells", and later moving on to an energy filled Foxtrot/Cha-cha mix. These two looked the part as professional ballroom dancers with their classic postures and stance. All eyes were on this couple as they moved effortlessly throughout the room and wowed the audience throughout the performance. Brittany will begin teaching the "Beginner" and "Intermediate" dance lesson each Tuesday beginning this month at the Armenian-American Center. Trish Sands is teaching in the Ocala area on Mondays at PM Respiratory in Ocala (see flyers below). Sign up now.

As we begin the New Year I also want to thank all the board members for volunteering and holding positions and following through responsibly in getting the duties assigned to those positions completed. Nothing would happen without their hard work and dedication.

Many local businesses generously donated gift certificates and services for our raffle drawing to benefit our fundraisers throughout the year. A list of these businesses is shown in the section below. Please support them.

Our first dance of the New Year is on Tuesday January 5th with DJ's Dennis Rose & Linda Bird (aka Fred & Ginger) and Brittany Coy teaching the lesson. Come join us! Until then...keep on dancin'. - Pat

Messages from the Board of Directors

From The Desk of the Membership

Chairman: Please continue to support the Ocala Chapter by renewing your membership either on line at USADance.org, or bring your check to our next dance and Completed Application. Thanks for your support.

Secretary's Message

Happy Birthday to all our January dancers.

Please let me know, if one of our members is in need of a get well wish, sympathy card or you need an address.

With Warmest Regards, Gail 352-861-8542

Note: USA Dance Ocala board meetings are 10:30 AM the 3rd. Wednesday of every month at the Belleview public

Library, 13145 SE Highway 484 in Belleview, FL 34420

This month's meeting is January 20th

Sick or Distressed?

Please report all cases of distress, illness, or hospitalization of a fellow member to the chapter secretary:

We cannot comfort fellow members if we are not informed so please assist in this matter.

AREA DANCE CONTACT INFORMATION:

www.usadanceocala.com

USA Dance Ocala Chapter, Armenian American Cultural Society, 8831 SE 58th Ave, Ocala

Spirit of Citrus USA Dance Kellner Auditorium 102 Civic Cir, Beverly Hills PH 344-1383

Ocala Singles - Scottish Rite Bldg., 3632 NE 7th St., Ocala Live music Call Lynn 528-3626

Swing & Sway Thelma Boltin Ctr 512 NE 2nd Ave/Senior Rec Ctr 5701 NW 34th St Gainesville PH 215-5660

USA Dance Lake-Sumter Chapter at 109 E. Dixie Ave., Leesburg Comm. Center PH 793-2707

Sunday Dance Social- Plantation Recreation on Rte 466 in Lady Lake call Joe 304-8672

Citrus County Builders Association Lecanto Social Dance with food PH 464-0003

Royal Highlands Great Hall 14 miles south of Leesburg off Hwy 27 PH 293-8709

USA Dance Orlando – Bahia Shrine 2300 Pembroke Dr. Maitland call John Davis 407-614-3472

Dance Dance Dance – Owner Mary K Thomas, 307 N. Main St. Wildwood PH 266-0015

Parris Dance, Rena's Ballroom 720 23rd Ave. Gainesville Call Ray & Eileen 331-2742

ALL PHONE NUMBERS HAVE AREA CODE OF 352 UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE Notes that every effort is made to list correct information. Please report any discrepancies to the Newsletter Editor.

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Support these Businesses that support us

Thank you for Your Donations!!

Bellevue Car Wash & Detailing – Hwy 441 Bellevue

Del Webb Spruce Creek Country Club – Eagle Ridge Golf Course – Hwy 441 Summerfield

Francesca's Restaurant – Hwy 441 Summerfield (Baylee Plaza)

Gene Ladik – Swedish & Therapeutic Massage – The Villages & Del Webb

Harry's Restaurant – Ocala Downtown Square

Pasta Faire Restaurant – Hwy. 441 Bellevue

MLC Handyman Services (Ken Ward) - Ocala

Horse & Carriage Rides (Ken Ward) - Ocala

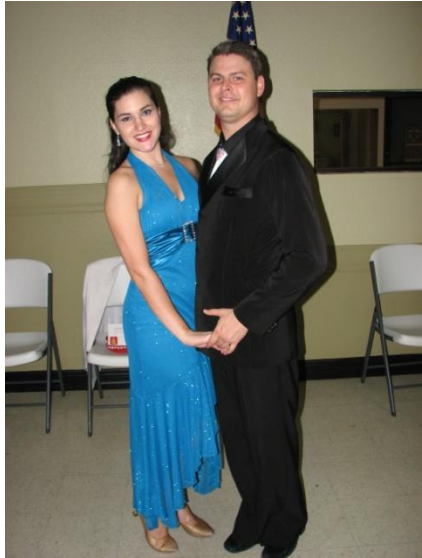
Topper's Restaurant - Del Webb Spruce Creek Country Club – Hwy 441 Summerfield

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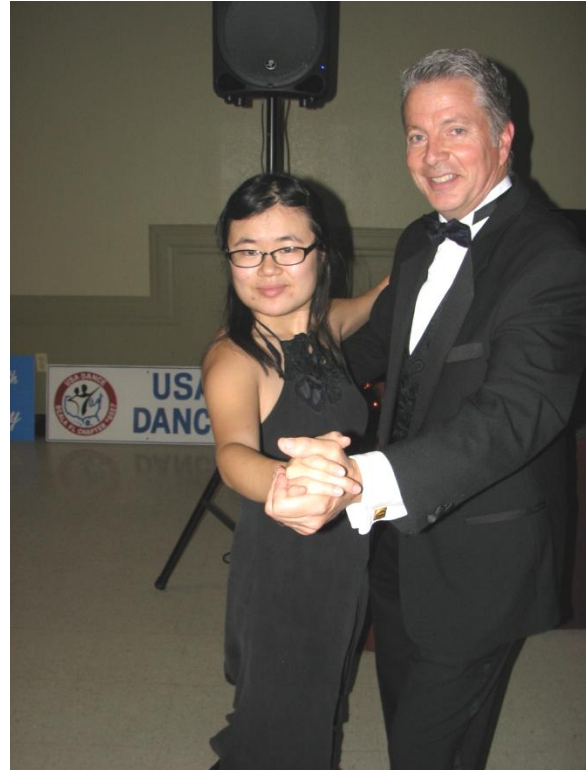
Pictures From Our Black Tie Gala



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SAVE THE DATE

Florida Fun Mini Match



A portion of the proceeds will benefit the MTRA

At the Ocala, Florida, Circle Square Cultural Center

January 17th, 2016

For More Information Contact:

Mary K. Thomas - 352.266.0015 or Cristina Spicher - 352.432.0873
www.floridafunminimatch.com info@dancedancedance.biz

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 <u>Beginner Dance Class w/ Trish 6:00pm</u> <u>Intermediate Dance Class w/ Trish 7:30pm</u>	5 <u>Intermediate class w/ Brittany 6:00pm</u> <u>Beginner Class w/ Brittany 7:00pm</u> <u>Night at the Copacabana 7:00pm</u>	6	7	8	9 <u>Dance Party Rena's Ballroom 8:00pm</u> Event has changed location
10	11 <u>Beginner Dance Class w/ Trish 6:00pm</u> <u>Intermediate Dance Class w/ Trish 7:30pm</u>	12 <u>Intermediate class w/ Brittany 6:00pm</u> <u>Beginner Class w/ Brittany 7:00pm</u>	13	14	15 <u>Anniversary Dance Orlando's USA Chapter 8:00pm</u>	16 <u>Rena's Ballroom Grand Opening Party 7:00pm</u> Event has changed location
17 <u>Mini Match 1:00pm</u> (See Attached Flyer)	18 <u>Beginner Dance Class w/ Trish 6:00pm</u> <u>Intermediate Dance Class w/ Trish 7:30pm</u>	19 <u>Intermediate class w/ Brittany 6:00pm</u> <u>Beginner Class w/ Brittany 7:00pm</u> <u>Roaring 20's Dance 7:00pm</u>	20 <u>USA Dance Ocala Board Meeting 10:30am</u>	21	22	23 <u>Parris Dance Gainesville Tropical Dance Party 8:00pm</u> Event has changed location
24	25 <u>Beginner Dance Class w/ Trish 6:00pm</u> <u>Intermediate Dance Class w/ Trish 7:30pm</u>	26 <u>Intermediate class w/ Brittany 6:00pm</u> <u>Beginner Class w/ Brittany 7:00pm</u>	27	28	29	30
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USA Dance Ocala

Ballroom Dance Classes

*Dancing is FUN and EASY to learn.
Learn all the popular dances or just choose the ones
you prefer.*

So don't sit on the sidelines anymore.....

Celebrate life, learn to dance!

Guaranteed to learn and have fun in the process or your money back!

No partner required. Two classes to choose from below:

Starting Nov 9, 2015

Mondays

Beginner - 6:00 PM

Intermediate - 7:00 PM

PM Respiratory Services

3306 SE 26th Ave, Suite 402, Ocala

Call Trish 352-216-1657

4 consecutive weeks of the same dance is taught in each class.

Each month learn a new dance.

\$25 per month for USA Dance members, \$35 for non-members

New USA Dance Ocala members also receive 4 free dance admissions.

For more information or to Register call Trish 352-216-1657.



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USA Dance - Ballroom Lessons with Brittany Coy

- Singles or Couples Welcome •

\$25 per month for USA Dance members

\$35 for non-members

Starting January 5, 2016 (every Tuesday)

- 6:00pm Intermediate Class •
- 7:00pm Beginner Class •

Armenian-American Hall

8831 SE 58th Ave. (aka Baseline Rd. or Hwy. 35) Ocala, FL

Call Brittany at 352-359-4340