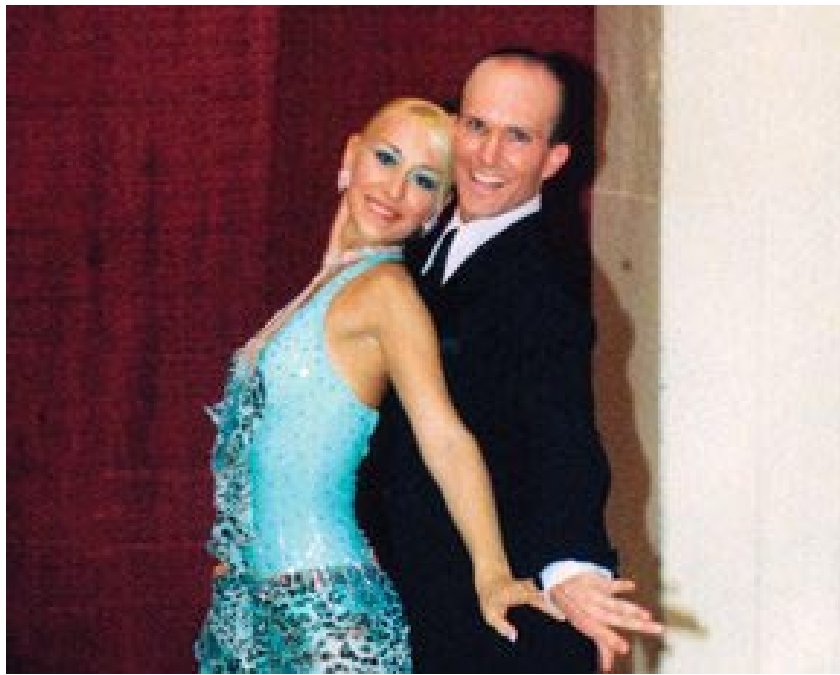


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**American Smooth Amateur Champs
Chris Allen and Elona Bets will present
a four dance performance on
Friday, March 30 at our Chapter Dance**

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8:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.
Dillon Council Knights of Columbus Hall
1675 Douglas Pike, North Providence, RI
\$10 USA Dance (USABDA) and FOBD members
\$12 non-members; \$5 students with current ID
Partners not required; couples and singles welcome

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USA Dance Rhode Island Chapter Mission Statement

The Rhode Island Chapter of USA Dance, Inc. promotes ballroom dancing in Rhode Island and educates the public regarding the physical, mental and social benefits of ballroom dancing. We welcome beginner dancers and help them get started. We promote and sponsor amateur ballroom dancing for competitors, social dancers, and the general public. We strive to bring the joy and the benefits of ballroom dancing to as many people as possible in Rhode Island and beyond.

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*Join our Chapter Members
Friday, April 20th
For the
Vincent Fazio Memorial Benefit Dance
Barrington High School
220 Lincoln Ave. Barrington, RI
8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
\$15 donation – general public
\$10 donation – students with ID
Music by Kathy and Randy
Performance by Mike and Jayne*

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Chapter News

Christopher Allen and Elona Bets, 2006 American Smooth National ballroom dancing champions, will perform this Friday, March 30th, at the USA Dance RI Chapter dance party at Dillon Council in North Providence.

Christopher Allen teaches several levels of physics and coaches volleyball and fencing at The Masters School, a boarding school in Dobbs Ferry, New York. He has taught mathematics and science electives, and coached tennis at the school. Chris has a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a M.S. from the University of Maryland.

Elona left Belarus, formerly part of the Soviet Union, at the age of 18 to come to the United States. In Belarus, Elona was three-time national ballroom dancing champion and placed ninth in the world. She started ballroom at age 11 after starting gymnastics at four and beginning dance at six.

During her sophomore year in college Elona took part in a cultural exchange program and came to Stamford, CT. She is currently completing a degree in International Business at Mercy College.

Ballroom Buzz



Dancing with the Stars competitors Maksim Chmerkovskiy and Laila Ali, undefeated world boxing champion and daughter of Muhammad Ali

Another season of Dancing with the Stars premiered in March on ABC. The series web site is a fun place to visit: <http://abc.go.com/primetime/dancingwiththestars/> You can replay shows, read the stars' bios and even download an elimination chart to keep track of the competition. Nice closeup pix of the dancers, too.

The Dancin' Feelin' will hold its annual Showcase on Sunday, April 15th at Rhodes On the Pawtucket. Details at www.dancinfeelin.com.

The FOBD dance on Friday, April 27 will be very singles-friendly according to Skip Jones. They plan the first dance as a singles-only dance, followed with more singles and ladies' choice dances throughout the evening.

Top U.S. rhythm couple Evgeny Dyachenko and Inna Ivanenko are coming to RI Dancesport May 11th for a weekend of great performance, private lessons and master classes/group workshops.

Burn the Floor Presents Floorplay will be in Providence for only one performance on Wednesday, May 23, 8:00 p.m. at PPAC. www.ppacri.org/specialinfo/floorplay.cfm The show will also travel to Boston's Citi Performing Arts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 1-3. "Floorplay," as described on its website, "builds on the raw and

sizzling soul of dancing and the physical chemistry that dance ignites." Tickets available from ticketmaster. Visit www.burnthefloor.com/floorplay/ for more information about the show.

College News

Increased Participation for Brown's Ballroom Club

By Hilary Johnson, BBDC President



Fall semester for Brown Ballroom was marked by increased participation by both university and community members. This kicked off an outstanding season in competition success and two well-received dances - the club's semi-formal, and the formal Snowflake Ball.

The first club class of the fall semester drew an unprecedented number of eager dancers, and a surprisingly large number of newcomers joined our team. In fact, and let me just note that this is very rare, there were more men signed up than women on our team at the newcomer level for the UConn competition in November! Usually there are far more females and they have to partner with each other. This year, we had two male dancers who had to partner for the Newcomer Rhythm competition. This naturally drew some raised eyebrows and a definite look of apprehension from one judge in particular, but this is certainly not the first time there has been male-male coupling in ballroom.

Fall semester also felt a bit lonely as almost all of the juniors on the team left campus to study abroad. Many of them are still practicing and competing ballroom in Australia, Barbados, Israel, London, Spain and Mexico.

As for our club, our semi-formal and formal dances were huge successes. Dancers enjoyed the Zoot Suit Ball, which was co-sponsored by our club and Brown's Swing Club on March 2nd in Alumnae Hall at no charge.

We also have a formal dance on April 27th. Brown Ballroom is taking an active initiative in creating and maintaining connections in the Rhode Island community by attending dances in the area, teaching lessons for groups on our campus, assisting Russell Monk (our amazing coach) in teaching classes at a church close to campus, and performing at various events. We're looking forward to Waterfire in downtown Providence this spring!

RIC plans Fundraiser Dance



RIC's ballroom club has scheduled a Fundraiser Dance for Friday, April 6th at the Student Union Ballroom on campus. Admission is \$5 for students and \$7 for general public. Details and directions are posted on their web site, www.ricballroom.com or email ricballroom@yahoo.com.

Social Dance Calendar

MARCH 2007

Friday, March 30

USA Dance RI Chapter Dance

Christopher Allen and Elona Bets

Current U.S. Amateur Champions

American Smooth

Dillon K of C Hall

1675 Douglas Avenue

North Providence, RI

8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Members-\$10.00

Non-members \$12.00

Students w/ I.D. \$5.00

Light refreshments, cash bar

Saturday, March 31

K&S Dance

Knights of Columbus Hall

1047 Park Ave., Cranston

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Lessons

8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Social Dance

\$15 pp/\$10 students with ID

401-821-4108

kandsmusic@cox.net

www.kandsmusic.net

Kathy & Randy Ballroom Dance

Dillon K of C Hall

1675 Douglas Ave. North Providence, RI

7:15 p.m. ECS Lesson

8:00 – 11:30 p.m. dancing

\$15 per person; \$10 student wID

401-461-0110

www.dancinfeelin.com

Swingin' 88's Dance

Brightridge Club

56 Brightridge Ave. East Providence

7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Swing Lesson 7:15 – 7:45 p.m.

\$8 pp; \$6 students with ID

508-222-2185

swingin88s@yahoo.com

APRIL 2007

Sunday, April 1

Masquerade Ball

Presented by Nelia Lawton

Biltmore Hotel – Providence, RI

6:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight

Advance ticket sales only by March 17

401) 245-1119

DANCENELIA@aol.com

www.nelialawton.net

Friday, April 6

Nelia Lawton Dance

East Bay Democratic Club

186 Roffee Street, Barrington, RI

Admission \$15. 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

401-245-1119, www.nelialawton.net

DANCENELIA@aol.com, www.

RI Dancesport Social Dance

461 Main Street, 2nd Floor

East Greenwich, RI

7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

\$10 per person; \$5 student

401-529-1690; info@ridancesport.com

www.ridancesport.com

Rhode Island College Fundraiser Dance

Student Union Ballroom - 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

www.ricballroom.com

ricballroom@yahoo.com

Saturday, April 7

Kathy and Randy Dance Party

Dillon K of C Hall

1675 Douglas Ave. North Providence, RI

7:15 p.m. Salsa Lesson

8:00 – 11:30 p.m. dancing

\$15 admission, Students \$10

401-461-0110

www.dancinfeelin.com

Friday, April 13

The Dancin' Feelin' Studio Party

Dillon K of C Hall

1675 Douglas Ave. North Providence, RI

7:15 p.m. Lesson; 8:00 – 11:30 p.m. dancing

Members \$10 non members \$12

College students \$7

401-461-0110; www.dancinfeelin.com

Saturday, April 14

K&S Dance

Knights of Columbus Hall

1047 Park Ave., Cranston

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Lessons

8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Social Dance

\$15 pp/\$10 students with ID

401-821-4108

kandsmusic@cox.net

www.kandsmusic.net

Sunday, April 15

The Dancin' Feelin' Studio Showcase

Rhodes on the Pawtucket

www.dancinfeelin.com

Social Dance Calendar

Friday, April 20

Vincent Fazio Scholarship Fundraiser

Barrington High School

8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Proceeds donated to the
Vincent Fazio Memorial
Scholarship Fund
\$15 adults; \$10 students

RI Dancesport Social Dance

461 Main Street, 2nd Floor

East Greenwich, RI

7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

\$10 per person; \$5 student

401-529-1690

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Swingin' 88's Benefit for Day One

Brightridge Club – Rockin All Starz band

56 Brightridge Ave. East Providence

7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

\$8 pp; \$6 students with ID

508-222-2185; swingin88s@yahoo.com

▣ ONGOING ▣

Saturday, April 21

Kathy and Randy Dance

Dillon K of C Hall

1675 Douglas Ave. North Providence, RI

7:15 p.m. Quickstep Lesson

8:00 – 11:30 p.m. dancing

\$15 admission; students \$10

www.dancinfeelin.com

The Dancin' Feelin' Studio Party

Dillon K of C Hall

1675 Douglas Avenue

North Providence, RI

7:15 p.m. Lesson

8:00 – 11:30 p.m. dancing

Members \$10 non members \$12

College students \$7

401-461-0110

TUE & THU

East Bay Ballroom - Vasco DaGama Club

15 Fenner Avenue - - Newport, RI

8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

401-849-5678; www.eastbayballroom.com

Sunday, April 22

D.O.C.M.A Social Dance

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Maionis Park – 52 S. Quinsigamond Ave.

Shrewsbury, MA.

Members \$10, Non-Members \$15, Students \$5

email stheros787@aol.com

www.docma.net

Saturday, April 28

K&S Dance

Knights of Columbus Hall

1047 Park Ave., Cranston

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Lessons

8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Social Dance

\$15 pp/\$10 students with ID

401-821-4108

kandsmusic@cox.net

www.kandsmusic.net

WED

PB&J Latin Hustle

7:30-11:00 p.m. \$10

www.nelialawton.net

ProviDance – WCS

The Bouffard Council

15 Bassett Street, N. Providence, RI

8:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.

401-447-7015

Friday, April 27

FOBD Dance – Mel-Tones

Officers' Club, U.S. Naval Station

95 Perry Road - Newport, RI

Contact Skip Jones - SkipFOBD@cox.net

www.onaquidnect.com/fobd/

Saturday, April 28

Norm & Dette's Dance Social

Dillon K of C Hall

1675 Douglas Ave. North Providence, RI

8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

\$10 per person. 401-767-1765

NormDetteDance@wmconnect.com

Brown Ballroom Club Formal Dance

6:00 p.m.

Regional Competitions

Saturday, March 31—Sunday, April 1, 2007

MIT Open Ballroom Competition

Featuring a Professional Show by

Mirko Gozzoli & Allesia Betti, current Blackpool Standard Champions

<http://ballroom.mit.edu/comp/comp@harvardballroom.org>

Friday, Apr 13—Sunday, April 15, 2007

USA Dance Pittsburgh Dancesport Championships

Chatham College, Pittsburgh, PA

Sanctioned by USA Dancesport

For more information contact the organizer,

Andrew Pueschel at 412-656-3667.

Saturday, April 14, 2007

8th Annual Rutgers Dancesport Competition

New Brunswick, NJ

includes Social Dance and Professional show Fri, April 13

Delyan Terziev & Boriana Deltcheva,

2006 World Cup Professional Latin Champions

Contact Yulyia at yuliyak@eden.rutgers.edu

[Http://eden.rutgers.edu/%7Eballroom/](http://eden.rutgers.edu/%7Eballroom/Competition/RUcomp2007.html)

[Competition/RUcomp2007.html](http://eden.rutgers.edu/%7Eballroom/Competition/RUcomp2007.html)

Friday, Apr 20—Sunday, April 22, 2007

USA Dance NE Regional DanceSport

Championships/NJ Dancesport Classic

South Mountain Arena, West Orange, NJ

Organized by Mario Battista and Wendi Davies

Qualifying event for 2007 USA Dance National Championships

Info: www.njdancesportclassic.com

Email questions@njdancesportclassic.com or call 973-325-1399

www.njdancesportclassic.com

Saturday, April 28, 2007

Treasure Coast Dancesport Championship

Gulfport Casino Ballroom, Gulfport, FL

organized by Treasure Coast Chapter

Contact Nancy Welch, nancy01fl@aol.com

727-576-1206

Saturday, May 19 - Sunday, May 20,

2007 USA North Central Regional

DanceSport Championships

Chicago DanceSport Challenge

Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel

Qualifying event for 2007 USA Dance National Championships

Barbara Finn, organizer - barbarakfinn@comcast.net

www.usadancechicago.org

Saturday June 1 - Sunday June 2, 2007

USA Dancesport South Central Regional Championships

Holiday Inn Select Executive Ctr - Baton Rouge, LA

Qualifying event for 2007 USA Dance National Championships

Ann Durocher, 504-722-4800 or 985-853-0030, fliprann@aol.com

<http://www.usabdanola.org>.

June 30 - July 1, 2007

USA Dance Northwest Regional Championships

Seattle, WA - Qualifying event for National

Mark Tabor 425-486-6023

email chair2007@nwregional.org

July 21 - 22, 2007

New Jersey DanceSport Classic Summer Sizzler

Hackensack, NJ. Sanctioned by USA Dance

questions@njdancesportclassic.com

973-325-1399

July 28, 2007

Southern Star Midsummer Classic

Rhapsody Ballroom, Tampa, FL

Contact Michael Nolan

mnolan10@yahoo.com

813-681-5275

August 3-5, 2007

2007 USA Dance National Championships

Galt House - Louisville, KY

Greater Louisville Chapter

Betty Stevens 502-896-6906

Comp Results

Luca Daniel and Efrosyni Iosiphidis - 1st place Senior 1 Championship Latin, Manhattan Amateur Classic, NYC, January 2007

First, Second and Third Place Results from the Boston University Competition, Feb. 17, 2007-

Zhihao Tan (Brown) & Xiaoxuan Chen (Brown) - 2nd Place - Newcomer American Cha Cha

Chrysostomos Kalousios (Brown) & LanShiow Tsai (Brown) - 3rd Place - Newcomer International Tango

Derek Bangle (Brown) & Sandy Trinh (Brown) - 1st Place - Bronze American Waltz/Foxtrot

Kyle Dillon (Brown) & Lisa Lokshin (Brown) - 3rd Place - Bronze American Waltz/Foxtrot

Derek Bangle (Brown) & Margaret Puelle (Brown) - 1st Place - Bronze International Waltz/Tango

Nikhil Medhekar (Brown) & Claire DeJong (Brown) - 3rd Place - Silver American Swing

Eric Nielsen (MIT) & Laura Colannino (RI Dancesport) - 1st Place - Championship American Waltz/Tango/Foxtrot/Viennese Waltz,

2nd Place - Gold American Waltz/Tango/Foxtrot/Viennese Waltz



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North Central Regional Championships

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 (630) 893-2926
Chicagochallenge@aol.com

Barbara Finn, Competition Chair:
 (847) 426-7978
BarbaraKFinn@comcast.net




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Social Dance Calendar for 2007*

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March 30
June 1
July 13
August 24
September 21
Friday, October 26
Friday, November 30

All dances held at Dillon Council Knights of Columbus Hall, 1675 Douglas Avenue, North Providence, RI
Dates above are subject to change. Be sure to visit www.riusabda.org for updates and additional information.