



*USA Dance, Inc. - a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quantity and quality of ballroom dancing in the United States*

## Rhode Island Chapter of USA Dance Newsletter

Happy New Year 2012!

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### **RIUSADANCE Chapter #3010 New Year's Resolution Dance "Resolved: to Dance More in 2012!" Co-sponsored with Studio One Rhode Island**

**Tonight, Friday, January 6, 2012**

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Studio One RI

85 Industrial Circle

Lincoln, RI 02865

RIUSADANCE is kicking off the New Year with a special dance encouraging all dancers to spend more time on the dance floor in 2012. **And, as an additional incentive to our loyal chapter members - this dance is free to all current members of the Rhode Island Chapter of USA Dance.**

Free Lesson: 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM East Coast Swing Lesson with John & Dee Soares

General Dancing: 8:00 until 9:30 PM

9:30 PM Performance: Waltz by James Herbert and Sharon Jones; Cha Cha by Johnny Montalvo and Chakara White.

General Dancing resumes following the performance.

Annual Chapter Meeting: 7:00 PM . Please join our Board of Directors for our annual business Meeting. The BOD will report on current status of the chapter and members

will be invited to contribute suggestions and feedback to guide our chapter in its service to the Ballroom Community.

**Admission:**

USA Dance RI members - **Free**, Other Chapter Members \$10, Non-members - \$12, College students with current ID - \$5

Chapter website: [www.riusadance.org](http://www.riusadance.org)

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## **RI Special Express News**

Our wonderful Special Olympics Performance team has been showing off their super style in numerous performances in the last few months. On September 30 they performed at the "Poise, Style & Motion" studio dance party in Shrewsbury, MA. They enjoyed a fun potluck and awards party at Studio One in October, danced at the Coast Guard Academy in CT on November 18th, at the Artists Exchange in Cranston on December 11 and Rhodes on the Pawtuxet on December 23.

Coaches John and Dee Soares will teach a new routine to the team in 2012. The team has welcomed new Special Olympic athletes and now needs additional Dancesport Unified Sports ® Partners to be leaders.

Dancers - please consider volunteering for this team. This is a wonderful opportunity to use your dance skills to share with others, and belong to a warm, friendly and very enthusiastic group! Men and women dancers are needed to be leaders for the Special Olympic Athlete dancers. No need to be an advanced dancer. The routines are easy to learn and practices are held every other Thursday evening 6:30 - 7:30 PM at Trudeau Center in Warwick. Volunteers are requested to sign up as a Special Olympics volunteer and view a brief online training course and orientation session. For additional information, answers to your questions, interest in volunteering, please email [riusadance@gmail.com](mailto:riusadance@gmail.com) and we'll help you get started. Thank you!

## **Chapter Welcomes new BOD Members**

Three new members have joined the BOD: Kamila Barzykowski as Treasurer, Louis Piccolo who will be updating the website, and Laura Albanese, Director-at-Large. A warm welcome and thank you for volunteering! Continuing to serve on the Board this year, are Linda Succi, President; Dee Soares, Vice President; Janice Markey, Secretary, and Directors-at-Large Steve Branch, Tim Sorrentino and Nettie Riley. Thanks to Monika Curnett who served as Social Dance Chair in the last term.

If you'd like to lend your time and talents to an organization dedicated to the promotion of ballroom dance, email [riusadance@gmail.com](mailto:riusadance@gmail.com). We offer many volunteer opportunities large and small.

## Website and Facebook Guidelines

USA Dance has recently issued guidelines regarding chapter websites and Facebook.

Website: Bookmark and visit our chapter website <http://www.riusadance.org> for news of upcoming events, competitions, and contact information for local dance studios and instructors. You may submit announcements to be posted to the site to [riusadance@gmail.com](mailto:riusadance@gmail.com). Ads for products, dance classes and services are not allowed. You do not have to be a member to submit announcements.

Facebook: Join up at <http://www.facebook.com> then search for USA Dance RI Chapter under "groups" and ask to join the dancers there. Once you are a member you may post, however, advertising for products and/or services for personal or commercial reasons is not allowed.

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