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Chapter News - Rhode Island Named Chapter of the Year

We are honored and proud to announce that Rhode Island Chapter #3010 has been named National USA Dance Chapter of the Year in recognition of our sponsorship of the RI Special Olympics Ballroom Dance Team Project. The award was presented to Chapter President Dr. Linda Succi at the National DanceSport Championships in Baltimore, MD.

Welcome

A warm welcome to our newest chapter members: Linda Primeau, Social Dancer and Special Olympic Dance Team Volunteer, of Uxbridge, MA and Franca Jarvis, social dance teacher of Hope, RI.

Rhode Island Round Up

Here are some wonderful dance opportunities coming soon in Rhode Island:

April

This Saturday, April 23

Studio One Rhode Island 1st Anniversary Celebration

Free workshops all day; refreshments, giveaways, followed by a Country Swing Dance Party 7:00 PM - Midnight.

Details at

<http://www.studiooneri.com>

Saturday, April 30

Workshops and Dance Party Event presented by The Dancin' Feelin' Dillon Council K of C, Douglas Avenue, North Providence

5:30 PM Two Step Workshop with Alan Gaskell

6:30 PM Powerize Your Dancing with Kathy St. Jean

7:30 PM Sandwiches & Snacks

8:00 - 11:30 PM California Mix Dance Party

\$30 workshops, snacks & dance; \$25 one workshop, snacks, dance; \$15 dance only.

<http://www.dancinfeelin.com>

May

Thursday, May 5, 6:00-10:00 PM

So You Think You Can Dance Finale Rhodes on the Pawtuxet

Finalists battle it out with their best performances while Judge Mary Murphy and celebrity judges choose the winners in three categories. All proceeds from this event benefit the Womens Center of RI, serving victims of domestic violence.

Tickets are \$60 per person. Please RSVP by April 22nd. Visit

<http://www.womenscenterri.org> for details.

Friday, May 6, 8:00 -8:30 PM

RIUSADANCE Chapter #3010 Ballroom Dance Party

Studio One Rhode Island, Lincoln, RI

Join us for an evening of dance and a free Night Club Two Step Lesson. Light refreshments, Mixer, Music by Studio One. \$10 members, \$12 non-members, \$5 students with ID. Additional info at <http://www.riusadance.org>.

Sunday, May 22, 2011, 3:30-8:30PM

East Bay Ballroom presents an elegant afternoon-into-evening of ballroom dance at **Ocean Cliff Mansion in Newport.**

More details posted soon at

<http://www.eastbayballroom.com>.

Tuesday, May 24, 5:30-11:00 PM

The ever-popular **Cavalcade of Bands at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet** will feature big bands playing ballroom favorites in the ballroom, smaller ensembles playing in foyer, vocalists, cash bar. Advance Mail order tickets \$10; At the door \$15. Order form available from Providence Federation of Musicians,

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



Special Olympics Ballroom Dance Team Fast Facts

- Many thanks to all the dancers who performed the Hustle at the Special Olympics Disco-Theme Fashion Show Fundraiser at the Twin River Casino on April 7th.
- Our Dance Team will perform at the So You Think You Can Dance New England Finale on Thursday, May 5th at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtucket.
- They'll soon begin working on a Country routine for the Special Olympics Summer Games performance
- Save the date: Saturday, June 11 for a fundraiser dance for the team to be held at St. Luke's Church in East Greenwich. Details at <http://www.riusadance.org>.

USA Dance Second National Dance Cruise
Dates set for December 4 - 11, 2011

The cruise ship Westerdam will depart Ft. Lauderdale for a 7-day cruise of dancing and fun, visiting San Juan, St. Maarten, Grand Turks and a private island. Prices begin at \$999 per person based on double occupancy. This includes taxes, port fees and travel insurance. The cruise includes ballroom, latin and club-style dance instruction from top professionals and great shipboard dining and entertainment. Intermediate skill Dance Host program available for \$120 for the week. Book online at www.dancecruiseUSADANCE.com or call 1-866-391-2680 for additional information.



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