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The Rhode Island Chapter of USA Dance cordially invites you to join us at Dillon Council Knights of Columbus Hall 1675 Douglas Pike North Providence for our annual

Holiday Dance

Friday December 88:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

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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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Chapter News



Halloween Dance a Treat

Clowns and pirates, witches, wizards, a leprechaun, flappers and gypsies, dance police, Wizard-of-Oz characters, PeeWee Herman, and Hugh Hefner all showed up at our October dance, and a fun time was had by all. A special show featured

Ed and Linda dancing Country at the October Party

chapter members Ed Martin and Linda Resnik dancing a very nice Country waltz and a lively Two-Step. A grand march by all costumed dancers was followed by a costume contest. The winners, who received movie ticket prizes, were:

"Best Couple" - Bob and Mary Schmidt, pirates

"Overall Favorite" - Wizard of Oz group Lion and Dorothy - Ed and Cathy Landry: Tin Man and Glinda the Good Witch - Rudy & Rosie DiPippo Scarecrow and the Wicked Witch - Tom & Pat Linehan Wizard - Joe Fleming

"Most Original" - Dance Cop - Annette Lemieux



Bob and Mary Schmidt, Winners of the "Best Couple "Costume Contest



Cute Clown Jayne Pawasauskas shares a laugh with PeeWee Herman (Mike Obara)



The cowardly lion (Ed Landry) and Dorothy (Cathly Landry) and the Straw Man Rudy Dipippo



Tin Man (Rudy DiPippo) guides Glinda the Good Witch (Rosie DiPippo) across the dance floor.



FACE THE MUSIC.....AND DANCE BALLROOM DANCE PARTY EVERY SUNDAY WORKMEN'S HALL WILSON ST. NORWOOD

<u>5 PM - 9:30 PM ADMISSION \$10.00</u> **COMPLIMENTARY LESSON * 5 PM-5:45 PM W/ PRICE OF ADMISSION

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CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 17, 2006 ADMISSION \$20.00 BUFFET

****NO DANCE DEC 24, 2006 AND DEC 31, 2006*********

JACKIE 781-871-3231 JDDJDANCE@AOL.COM

JACKIE TEACHES BALLROOM DANCING IN WEYMOUTH EVERY TUESDAY AND IN ROCKLAND EVERY MONDAY SEE DETAILS ON WEBSITE

WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/JDDJDANCE

*******GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR CLASSES OR SUNDAY DANCES ARE AVAILABLE.*******

DIRECTIONS TO WORKMEN'S HALL FROM RTE 128: TAKE ROUTE 1 SOUTH EXIT - GO PAST TOM'S CHEVROLET AND TAKE THE NEXT EXIT (ROTARY) AND FOLLOW SIGN TO NORWOOD CTR. TAKE LEFT AT CENTER, THIS IS ROUTE 1A (WALPOLE ST.), FOLLOW RTE 1A SOUTH TO HANNAFORD MARKET PLAZA (ON LEFT). AT BROOKS AT THE LIGHT-TAKE A RIGHT. THIS IS WILSON'ST. THE HALL IS ONE HALF MILE UP ON THE RIGHT. THERE IS A WHITE WOODEN SIGN OR FROM 128 YOU CAN TAKE 95 SOUTH THEN THE FIRST EXIT NORWOOD 11B AND FOLLOW SIGNS TO NORWOOD CENTER. TAKE LEFT. THIS IS RTE 1A AND FOLLOW AS ABOVE

WORKMEN'S HALL TEL NO. 781-762-1146 FROM R.I. TAKE 95 NORTH TO EXIT 11B AND FOLLOW SIGNS TO NORWOOD CENTER THEN CONTINUE AS ABOVE

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Regional Competitions

Late Fall 2006-Early Spring 2007 - Eastern U.S. Competitions

Tuesday November 14 - Sunday, November 19

Ohio Star Ball Championships Hyatt Regency, Columbus, OH Deadline: October 7, 2006 Contact: 614-848-7827 www.ohiostarball.com

Saturday, December 2, 2006

The 2006 Yale Winter Ballroom Competition Location TBA yaleballroomdanceteam@panlists.yale.edu

Sunday, December 10, 2006

5th Annual Tufts Ballroom Competition
Cousens Gymnasium, 161 College Avenue
Medford, MA
www.tufts.edu/as/stu-org/ballroom/comp.html
tuftsballroom@yahoo.com

2007

Friday, January 12-Sunday, January14 USA Dance Manhattan Amateur Classic

Pace University NYC

Sponsored by Greater NY Chapter; sanctioned by USA Dance http://nyusabda.org/mac/aboutmac.html

Sunday, January 28, 2007

Royal Palm USA DanceSport Championships Coconut Creek, FL Hosted by USA Dance Royal Palm Chapter Sanctioned by USA DanceSport. Contact Bernard Matos at 561-282-0899 Orbrny07@yahoo.com

Friday, February 2 - Saturday, February 3, 2007 USA Dance Triangle Open

Talley Student Center, Raleigh, NC. Organized by Wayne and Marie Crowder. For more info, http://dancingwithwolves.org/triangle/main.htm

Friday, February 9 - Saturday, February 10, 2007

Smoky Mountain DanceSport Championships

Downtown Marriott, Knoxville, TN. Organized by Greater Knoxville Chapter. Sanctioned by USA Dance. For more information contact Tim McGhee, 865-386-7843, or www. usabda-knoxville.us

Saturday, February 17, 2007

2007 Boston University Dancesport Competition Metcalf Hall, George Sherman Union Boston University Campus http://people.bu.edu/ballroom/comp2007.html ballroom@bu.edu

Saturday March 10 - Sunday March 11

Harvard 16th Annual Invitational Competition www.harvardballroom.org comp@harvardballroom.org

Saturday, March 24, 2007

8th Annual Holy Cross Ballroom Dance Competition
The Hogan Campus Center, Holy Cross Campus
One College Street, Worcester, MA 01610
http://college.holycross.edu/studentorgs/bdance/theComp.ntm
contact Katie Schmieg: kaschm09@holycross.edu

Saturday, March 31- Sunday, April 1, 2007

MIT Open Ballroom Competition 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.

Friday, Apr 20 - Sunday, April 22, 2007

South Mountain Arena, West Orange, N.J.

www.njdancesportclassic.com

USA Dance NE Regional DanceSport Championships/NJ Dancesport Classic

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- 399

Social Dance Calendar

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 17

New London Chapter - USA Dance
"No Frills" Dance - 7:00 p.m.
East Lyme Community Center - ELCC
31 Society Road, East Lyme, CT
Admission is \$5.00.
Contact spacheco@pacheco-computer.com
www.usadancenewlondonct.com

The Dancin' Feelin' Beginner Party 272 Pettaconsett Avenue Warwick, RI 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. \$10 admission 401-461-0110 www.dancinfeelin.com

Saturday, November 18

Brown Ballroom Dance Club
Snowflake Ball
8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight
Brown Campus - Leung Gallery
Faunce House, 2nd Floor
Waterman Street, Providence - college
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(bordering the main green)
Formal attire
\$3. Club Members
\$5. Students with an ID
\$10. Adult Community Members

Kathy & Randy Dance
Dillon Council, 1675 Douglas Pike
North. Providence RI
Lesson7:15; dance until 11:00 p.m.
\$15/\$10
401-461-0110
www.dancinfeelin.com

Thursday, November 23 -Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 24

RI Dancesport Grand Opening Party 7:30 - 11:30 p.m.
461 Main Street, 2nd Floor
East Greenwich, RI
Adults \$10; Students \$5.00
www.ridancesport.com
info@ridancesport.com
401-529-1690

Saturday, November 25

K & S Dance & Buffet Knights of Columbus Hall 1047 Park Ave. Cranston, RI Lessons 6:30-8:00 Dancing 8:00 - 11:30 p.m. \$15 pp; Students \$10

Norm & Dette's Social Dance, Dillon Council, 1675 Douglas Pike North. Providence RI 8:00-11:30p.m. \$10pp 401-767-1765 NormDetteDance@wmconnect.com

Swingin' 88's Dance
Brightridge Club
56 Brightridge Avenue
East Providence, RI
Swing Lesson 7:15 p.m.-7:45p.m.
Dance until 11:30 p.m.
508-222-2185
swingin88s@yahoo.com
www.swingin88.com

Sunday, November 26

Meadowlarks Trio German Hall 78 Carter Ave., Pawtucket RI. 1:30-4:30p \$6pp; 866-226-4693 Dan@themeadowlarks.com

DECEMBER

Friday, December 1

Nelia Lawton Dance, Democratic Club, 186 Roffee St Barrington RI . 7:30-11p 7:30 p.m. Cha-cha lesson 9:30 p.m. Show \$10 pp. 401-245-1119 dancenelia@aol.com www.nelialawton.net

Saturday, December 2

New London Chapter - USA Dance East Lyme Community Center - ELCC 31 Society Road, East Lyme, CT Lesson: 7:00 p.m. Dancing: 8:00 p.m. \$5 members; \$7 non-members spacheco@pacheco-computer.com www.usadancenewlondonct.com

FOBD Holly Ball Artie Cabral Dance Band Glen Manor House, Portsmouth, RI 401-847-2980 SkipFOBD@aol.com

Sunday, December 3

Meadowlarks Trio - German Hall 78 Carter Ave., Pawtucket RI. 1:30-4:30p \$6pp; 866-226-4693 Dan@themeadowlarks.com

Social Dance Calendar

Friday, December 8 USA Dance RI Chapter Holiday Dance 8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Dillon Council K of C 1675 Douglas Pike, N. Providence, RI \$10 USA USABDA and FOBD members \$12 non-members; \$5 students with current ID. Contact: (401) 439-1769

Saturday, December 9

K & S Dance Knights of Columbus Hall 1047 Park Ave. Cranston, RI Lessons 6:30-8:00 Dancing 8:00 - 11:30 p.m. \$15 pp; Students \$10

Sunday, December 10

Meadowlarks Trio - German Hall 78 Carter Ave., Pawtucket RI. 1:30-4:30p \$6pp; 866-226-4693 Dan@themeadowlarks.com

DOCMA/MASSABDA Winter Gala Lake Pearls Luciano's 299 Creek Street, Wrentham, MA 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. www.docma.net, hjodancer@aol.com

Saturday, December 16

K & S Holiday Dance Knights of Columbus Hall 1047 Park Ave. Cranston, RI Waltz Lessons 6:30-8:00 Hot/Cold Buffet Dancing 8:00 - 11:30 p.m. \$15 pp; Students \$10 Bring a toy for Toys-for-Tots

Sunday, December 17

Meadowlarks Trio - German Hall 78 Carter Ave., Pawtucket RI. 1:30-4:30p \$6pp; 866-226-4693 East Bay Ballroom Holiday Party Vasco DaGama Fenner Ave. Club 15 Fenner Avenue, Newport, RI www.eastbayballroom.com 401-849-5678 Sara@eastbayballroom.com

December 30

Swingin' 88's Holiday Dance Brightridge Club East Providence, RI Lesson 7:15 p.m.-7:45p.m. Dance until 11:30 p.m. 508-222-2185; swingin88s@yahoo.com www.swingin88.com

December 31

Meadowlarks New Year's Eve Dance German Hall - 78 Carter Ave., Pawtucket RI. 866-226-4693 Dan@themeadowlarks.com

FOBD New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Duke Belaire Dance Band Officers Club, Newport RI 7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. 401-847-2980; skipFOBD@aol.com Members \$90 pp; Non Members \$100 pp.

Randy Deats and Kathy St. Jean Deats Rhodes on the Pawtuxet New Year's Eve Celebration - 7:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres, Dinner, Midnight Champagne toast Performance by Garry & Rita Gekhman www.dancinfeelin.com

ONGOING

Tuesdays

Open dance party follows lesson. 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Vasco DaGama Fenner Ave. Club 15 Fenner Avenue, Newport, RI Sara@eastbayballroom.com

Wednesdays

Latin & Hustle Night -- Nelia Lawton 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. - Democratic Club 186 Roffee Street, Barrington, RI www.nelialawton.net 401-245-1119. \$10 admission

Open Dancing follows WCS lessons 9:15 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. The Bouffard Council, 15 Bassett Street North Providence - Jennifer Lyons www.TwirltheGirl.com - 401-447-7015 Jennifer@TwirltheGirl.com

Thursdays

Open dance Party follows Lessons 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Vasco DaGama Fenner Ave. Club 15 Fenner Avenue, Newport, RI www.eastbayballroom.com 401-849-5678 Sara@eastbayballroom.com Sara Coelho 401-849-5678

Fridays

Providence Tango 99 South Bend Street Pawtucket, RI 7:30 p.m. - midnight 401-728-9393 www.providencetango.com

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FRIDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 1, 2006

Hors D'oeuvres-Desserts-Coffee-Tea-Free water-Cash bar- Social Dancing til 11:30pm \$15 pp at the door rsvp's available Democratic Club 186 Roffee Street Barrington RI

Contact Nelia Lawton 401 245 1119 dancenelia@aol.com www.nelialawton.net

Comp Results

Congratulations to our competitors who participated in the USA Dance 2006 Southeast Regional Championships in Atlanta, Georgia last month.

Luca Daniel and Efrosyni Iosiphidis:

• 2006 1st - USA Dance Inc. Southeast Regional Championship Adult B Championship Latin

Tim Sorrentino and Efrosyni Iosiphidis:

- 2006 1st USA Dance Inc. Southeast Regional Championship PreChampionship Latin
- 2006 finalist (2nd) USA Dance Inc. Southeast Regional Championship Championship Latin
- 2006 finalist (2nd) USA Dance Inc. Southeast Regional Championship Novice Standard
- 2006 finalist (2nd) USA Dance Inc. Southeast Regional Championship PreChampionship Standard
- 2006 finalist (2nd) USA Dance Inc. Southeast Regional Championship Open Vienesse Waltz

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7-8pm Team A-Advance Level
8-9pm Team B-Newcomer Level

\$10 per class

TUESDAY NIGHTS

BALLROOM & LATIN DANCE CLASSES

7-8pm Beginner levels 8-9pm Int/Adv levels 3 consecutive 4 week sessions

\$40 per 4 week session

EVERY WEDNESDAY LATIN & HUSTLE NIGHT

7:30 -8pm - Latin lesson 9-9:30 pm - Hustle lesson 8-11pm Social Latin & Hustle Dancing Light snacks - Cash bar- Free water

\$10 at the door

FIRST FRIDAY EVERY MONTH DANCING AND A SHOW!

7:30 Lesson by Nelia Lawton or guest instructor Social Dancing 8-11:30pm - Showtime 9:30pm Hors D'oeuvres - Desserts - Coffee - tea Free water - Cash Bar \$15 at the door

Dancing on Sundays

The German American Hall

78 Carter Ave in Pawtucket, RI

from 1:30 to 4:30 PM on the following Sunday afternoons Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 - Nov 5, 13, and 26 - Dec 3, 10 and 17

Sundays January 7th through April 29th of '07 Foxtrot Shuffle

(except Easter Sunday April 8th) Two-step

Waltz

Samba

Polka

Swing

Latin



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College News

Submitted by Laura Colannino

Rhode Island College and University of Rhode Island participated in the Harvard Beginners Competition in Cambridge on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Alex Biyevetskiy and Nicole Heisler of RIC placed 6th in the Bronze International Cha-Cha/Rumba. Christopher Figueiredo and Kelly Almond of URI placed 6th in the Silver American Rumba/Swing and 8th in the Silver International Cha-Cha/Rumba. Congratulations to all!

Brown University and University of Rhode Island team members competed at the UConn Competition on Saturday, November 4, 2006.

Student competitors from Brown University, Rhode Island College, and University of Rhode Island competed at the Brown University comp on Sunday, November 12, along with Amateur couples Mike Obara and Jayne Pawasauskas (SuperShag) and Tim Sorrentino and Efrosyni losiphidis (Independents.) The event was held at Moseley's on the Charles in Boston.

Upcoming college comps are listed on page six, along with other regional competitions.

Student Rate Membership Increase

A reminder, effective September 1, 2006, the USA Dance membership rate for Students increased to \$20.00 per vear.

News from National

New Year's Eve Weekend

The Tidewter, VA chapter of USA Dance is sponsoring their 16th New Year's Eve Extravaganza at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside in Norfolk VA. The gala includes nightly social dances, a dinner dance, afternoon tea dances. more than 60 workshops at all levels. professional shows and exhibitions. Attend individual events or enjoy them all - select from the various packages at twcusadance.org. Inquires to Allen Brown at 804-965-6313 or email

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Haddy Holidays!

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Ocean State **Ballroom Buzz**

Nelia Lawton, after a two-and a half year hiatus, has brought back PB&J to a new home in the Democratic Club in Barrington, RI. The all new sparkling six-couple amateur dance team will debut on December 1, 2006, at their new home.

Sara Coelho of East Bay Ballroom is creating a Latin Formation team that will perform Cha-Cha/Rumba choreographed routines. They've been meeting in November and December.

A new Rhode Island dance studio is opening this month. The Grand opening Party will be on Friday, November 24, 2006, the day after Thanksgiving at Rhode Island Dancesport, 461 Main Street, 2nd Floor in East Greenwich. Visit www.ridancesport.com for additional information and find opening party details on our calendar page in this issue. Contact info@ridancesport. com or call 401-529-1690.