

RHODE ISLAND Dancers' Forum



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

December 2008
Volume Volume VIII, issue 6



The RI Chapter of USA Dance and
RIC Ballroom Dance Club Present a

Holiday Dance

Friday,
December 12
8:00 - 11:00 PM



Dillon Council K of C Hall
1675 Douglas Pike
North Providence, RI

• \$10 USA Dance & PRO Newport members

• \$12 non-members

• \$5 students with current ID

- Lesson by Kathy St. Jean of The Dancin' Feelin'
- Light refreshments
- dance hosts
- cash bar
- singles welcome

Table of Contents

Chapter News	2 & 7C
Competition	3
Everything Dance Directory	6,7
Mission Statement	2
Social Dance Calendar	4,5

**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.

Executive Board Officers

Linda Succi, President
Mari DeMarco, VP
Nettie Riley, Secretary
Steve Branch, Treasurer

lswinggirl123@aol.com
mdemarco@thehopegroup.com
Nettieriley@yahoo.com
steveb@enigma.com

Members-at-Large

Michael Obara, music
Timothy Sorrentino, website
Joe DeMarco
Jayne Pawasauskas, Membership
Monika Curnett, Social Dances

obaramj@ele.uri.edu
tsor9362@postoffice.uri.edu
jdemarco@thehopegroup.com
jaynep@uri.edu
Monika99999@hotmail.com

National Officers

Leland Andrew, Treasurer
Efrosyni Iosiphidis, Regional VP

landrewcpa@aol.com
eidancer@hotmail.com

*Happy Holidays
from
the RI Chapter of
USA Dance*

Chapter News

**Going Green - Important
Announcement About the
Dancers' Forum**

This will be the last Printed issue - We will publish electronically

Dear Members,
This will be the last commercially printed hard copy of the Dancers' Forum. Your chapter officers made the decision to publish the Forum online on our website based on several factors:

- The newsletter is becoming very expensive to print and mail. Because our mailing list does not exceed 200, we're not entitled to use bulk mail rates. We must mail first class.
- Even using electronic photocopies instead of press printing, and collating and folding by our own volunteers, the cost of production is increasing
- By publishing online we're going green. We'll be saving paper, ink, time and money

HOW WILL IT WORK:

The editor will post the newsletter on the website as a PDF document. Then the Membership chair will send an email to chapter members notifying you that The Forum is ready to read on the website, www.riusabda.org.

Our Membership Chair Jayne Pawasauskas will be calling you if we don't have a working email for you - or you can email her at jaynep@uri.edu to give her your email address if you've not been receiving emails from us.

For those who do not use email, the chapter will continue to mail chapter news to you when the newsletters are posted online.

Chapter News continued on Page 7.

Competitions

Note: "NQE" notation = "national qualifying event for USA Dance national competition"

January 16-18, 2009

Manhattan Amateur Classic - NQE

Hosted by Greater New York USA Dance Chapter #3004

Manhattan Center Grand Ballroom, West 34th Street, NYC

<http://nyusabda.org> -- mac@nyusabda.org

January 30-31, 2009

USA Dance Smoky Mountain DanceSport Championships - NQE

Downtown Marriott, Knoxville, TN

Tim McGee - 865.386.7843 - tmcghee@usabda-knoxville.us

February 7, 2009

Southwest DanceSport Championships - NQE

NorCal Chapter, San Jose, CA

February 19-22, 2009

The Eastern United States Dancesport Championships

Boson Park Plaza Hotel & Towers

www.easterndancesport.com

877.883.872

dance@easterndancesport.com

February 20-21, 2009

2009 Triangle Open DanceSport Championships

Raleigh, NC

February 21, 2009

8th Annual Boston University Terrier Dancesport Competition

<http://people.bu.edu/ballroom/index.htm>

March 14, 2009

10th Annual Holy Cross Ballroom Competition

<http://hcballroom.com/competition/>

April 3-5, 2009

USA Dance 2009 National DanceSport Championships

Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, MD

www.usadancenationals.org.

646.734.9666

April 11-12, 2009

Rutgers DanceSport Competition

April 25-26, 2009

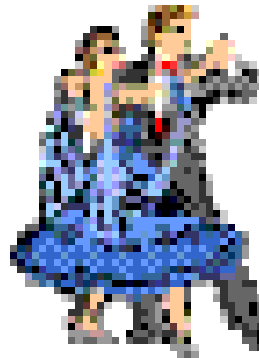
2009 MIT Open Ballroom Dance Competition

<http://ballroom.mit.edu/comp/>

Look for event updates and additions at

www.usadance.org/youth-and-college-dance/ycn-events

www.usadance.org/dancesport/competition-calendar/



Social Dance Calendar

DECEMBER 2008

Friday, December 12th

Holiday Dance Party
The Rhode Island Chapter
of USA Dance
Tri-sponsored with RIC Ballroom
Dance Club and NBD
8:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.
Lesson by Kathy St. Jean of The
Dancin' Feelin' at 8:00 p.m.
Dillon Council Knights of
Columbus Hall
1675 Douglas Pike, North
Providence, RI
\$10 USA Dance (USABDA) and
Pro Newport members
\$12 non-members; \$5 students
with current ID
Complimentary lesson; Cash bar;
Recorded dance music
www.riusabda.org

Saturday, December 13

K&S Holiday Dance
Knights of Columbus Hall
1047 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI
6:30 p.m. Waltz Line Dance Lesson
by Richard Maddalena
8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Social Dance
Hot – Cold Buffet at 7:00 p.m.
\$15 pp/\$10 students with ID
401-821-4108
kandsmusic@verizon.net
www.kandsmusic.net

Sunday, December 14

DOCMA Holiday Dance
Lake Pearl Luciano's
299 Creek Street, Wrentham, MA
508.987.8086

Thursday, December 18

Eastbay Ballroom Holiday Party
8:40 – 10:00 p.m.
Vasco DaGama Hall
15 Fenner Avenue, Newport, RI
\$15 pp lessons and dance
\$5 dance only 8:30 – 10 pm
www.eastbayballroom.com
401-849-5678
Sara@eastbayballroom.com
Sara Barker 401-849-5678

Friday, December 19

RI Dancesport Social Dance
461 Main Street – 2nd Floor
East Greenwich, RI
7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Foxtrot
Lesson
8:15 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. open dancing
\$10 adults; \$5 students under 25
www.ridancesport.com
401.885.0101 or
info@ridancesport.com

The Dancin' Feelin' Studio Party
272 Pettaconsett Avenue
Warwick, RI
8:00 – 11:0 p.m.
\$5 members \$10 public
www.dancinfeelin.com
461.0110

Saturday, December 20

K&S Dance
Knights of Columbus Hall
1047 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI
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@verizon.net
www.kandsmusic.net

Sunday, December 21

Always on Sunday Ballroom
Holiday Party
Hot Buffet
PB&J Formation Team Performance
Charleston Lesson w/Todd Schmenk
Oaklawn Grange
42 Wheelock Avenue
Cranston, RI
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
826.6005
swinggirl123@aol.com
www.AlwaysOnSundayBallroom.com

Saturday, December 27

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

Wednesday, December 31

K&S Dance
Knights of Columbus Hall
1047 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Lessons
New Year's Eve Dance
401-821-4108
kandsmusic@verizon.net
www.kandsmusic.net

Kathy and Randy's
New Year's Eve Gala
Rhodes-on-the Pawtucket
7:00 p.m. – 12:30p.m.
Dinner at 8:00 p.m.;
champagne toast at midnight
Ilya & Amanda Reyzin performance
\$98 per person – advance
reservations
401.463.1815
ksj111@verizon.net
www.kathyandrandydance.wwwcom/newyearseve.htm

Social Dance Calendar

NBD 22nd Annual
New Year's Eve Ball
Officers Club Grand Ballroom US
Naval Station
95 Perry Road, Newport, RI
Duke Belaire's 15 piece orchestra
www.PRoNewportcom/nbd
401.849.5323

ProviDance New Year's Eve Party
Illumination-Glow in the Dark
7:15 p.m. – 12:45 a.m.
The Bouffard Council
15 Bassett Street
North Providence
WCS, Hustle & Country, workshops
Casual attire
Jennifer Lyons - 401-447-7015
www.TwirltheGirl.com
Jennifer@TwirltheGirl.com



JANUARY 2009

Sunday, January 18

Eastbay Ballroom Event
Time, details, TBA
Vasco DaGama Hall
15 Fenner Avenue, Newport, RI
www.eastbayballroom.com
401-849-5678
Sara@eastbayballroom.com
Sara Barker 401-849-5678

Friday, January 23
RI USA Dance
On the Road w/ Johnson & Wales
Black and White Ball
Time TBA
Pepsi Forum
at Abbott Park Place
Providence, RI
\$10 USA Dance (USABDA) and
Pro Newport members
\$12 non-members; \$5 students
with current ID
Sunday, January 25
MASSABDA Inaugural Ball
Danversport Yacht Club

FEBRUARY 2009

Friday, February 13, 2009
RI Chapter USA Dance On the
Road
Valentine Dance with Always on
Sunday Ballroom
8:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.
Oak Lawn Grange – 43 Wheelock
Avenue
Cranston, RI
\$10 USA Dance (USABDA) and
Pro Newport members
\$12 non-members; \$5 students
with current ID

ONGOING

Mondays
Nelia Lawton
Monday Night Latin, Hustle, Swing
9:00 – 10:00 p.m.
(following dance instruction at 8)
Democratic Club
186 Roffee Street, Barrington, RI
www.nelialawton.net
401-245-1119
\$5 admission for open dancing only

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

East Bay Ballroom – Sara Barker
Open dance Party follows Lessons
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Lessons
8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Dancing
Vasco DaGama Hall
15 Fenner Avenue, Newport, RI
\$15 pp lessons and dance
\$5 dance only 8:30 – 10 pm
www.eastbayballroom.com
401-849-5678
Sara@eastbayballroom.com
Sara Barker 401-849-5678

Fridays

1st & 3rd Fridays
Providence Tango
99 South Bend Street
Pawtucket, RI
7:30 p.m. – midnight
\$10
401-728-9393
www.providencetango.com

Note: More 2009 dance listings
will be added in next month's
Forum



Everything Dance Directory

Rhode Island Dance Studios & Teachers

Always On Sunday Ballroom
Oaklawn Grange
42 Wheelock Avenue
Cranston, RI
www.alwaysonsundayballroom.com
401.826.6005
lswinggirl123@aol.com

American Ballroom Dance Studio
Clo and Joe Bouthiller, Directors
18 Whalen Drive, Lincoln, RI 02865
Phone/Fax 401-333-9270
clojoeb@cox.net

Arthur Murray Dance Studio
1478 Atwood Ave. Johnston, RI 02919
www.learntodancetoday.com/
contactjohnston.htm
401.274.8840

Bobbi's Place Social Ballroom Dance Studio
14 Cedar Swamp Road, Smithfield, RI
02917
401.949.2814 or 401.447.6216
bobbispl@naisp.net

Dancing Rivers Productions
520 Main St. Warren, RI 02885
774.930.7324
DancingRivers@Yahoo.com
www.dancingrivers.com

East Bay Ballroom – Sara Coelho Barker
The Vasco DaGama Hall
15 Fenner Avenue, Newport, RI
401.849.5678
sara@eastbayballroom.com
www.eastbayballroom.com

Fred Astaire Dance Studios
205 Weybosset Street Providence, RI 02903
401.331.0915
www.fredastair.com

Jeff Allen's Ballroom & Latin Dance Studio
831 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904
401.331.1400
Fax: 401.632.4425
jeffallen@quickstartbooks.com
www.quickstartbooks.com

Kabuta, Kana
Argentine Tango at The Towers
dancingkana@gmail.com
212.799.5712

Moveable Feet – Deborah Nash
Wickford and Narragansett, RI
401.295.7025
dnash@cox.net

PB&J The Providence Ballroom
And Jazz Project –
Artistic Director Nelia Lawton
186 Roffee Street, Barrington, RI
401.245.1119
Dancenelia@aol.com
www.nelialawton.net
Dance instruction by Nelia Lawton
(same as above)

Providence Swings
www.providenceswings.com
Phone: 401.365.7700

Providence Tango Studio
99 S. Bend Street Pawtucket, RI
Phone: 401-728-9393
ellen@providencetango.com
ewww.providencetango.com

RI Dancesport
461 Main Street – 2nd Floor
East Greenwich, RI
401-529-1690
info@ridancesport.com
www.ridancesport.com

Simply Ballroom Dance Studio
Richard J. Maddalena
680 Douglas Ave. Providence, RI
401-831-8353
Richardchaone@aol.com

SloaneDance (Hepcats)
Address: Providence & Narragansett, RI &
Fairhaven, MA
401-921-1898
sarah_sloane@cox.net

Souza, Gale
401-781-4235

Souza, Joe and Mary

Middletown, RI
401-847-6438
JFSMID@webtv.net

The Dancin' Feelin' Ltd.
Randy Deats, Kathy St. Jean, Directors
272 Pettaconsett Ave. Warwick, RI
401-461-0110
dancinfeelin@aol.com
www.dancinfeelin.com

Twirl the Girl – Jennifer Lyons
North Providence, RI
401-447-7015
jennifer@TwirlTheGirl.com
www.TwirlTheGirl.com

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGIATE DANCE CLUBS AND TEAMS

Brown University
Box 1930, Providence, RI 02912
bbdc@brown.edu (club)
ballroom_team@brown.edu (team)
www.brown.edu/students/Ballroom_Dance

Johnson & Wales University
jwudance@gmail.com
President Jonathan Arenas
JNA870@students.jwu.edu

Rhode Island College
www.ricballroom.com
contact@ricballroom.com

Roger Williams University
Ballroom Dancing Club
ballroom@hawks.rwu.edu

University of Rhode Island
www.uri.edu/student_organizations/
ballroom/mainpage.php
ballroom@etal.uri.edu

RHODE ISLAND DANCE GROUPS

Newport Ballroom Dancing (NBD)
Contact: Lindy Tatreau of PProNewport.com
LindyT@PProNewport.com
(401) 849.5323
(800) 521.8391
www.PProNewport.com/NBD
Dances held at Officers Club
U.S. Naval Station, Newport RI

Everything Dance Directory

Chapter News

K & S Music – Bryan & Kathy Soscia
kandsmusic@cox.net
(401) 821-4108
www.kandsmusic@verizon.net

Kathy and Randy's Ballroom Dances
The Dillon Council Knights of Columbus Hall
1675 Douglas Avenue, North Providence, RI
(401) 463-1815-- ksj111@cox.net
www.kathyandrandydance.com

Norm & Dette Social Dances
Norm and Claudette Piette
NormDetteDance@wmconnect.com
(401) 767-1765

Providence Tango
Phone: 401-728-9393
ellen@providencetango.com
www.providencetango.com

Swingin' 88's
(401) 683-6144
www.swingin88.com

REGIONAL USA DANCE CHAPTERS

Massachusetts

MASSABDA- Eastern Massachusetts and Boston – www.massabda.org
CIABDA – Cape and Islands Chapter – www.capecodballroomdancers.org
DOCMA – Central MA and Worcester – www.docma.org
Berkshire Ballroom Dancers – Western MA, Berkshires -www.berkshireballroom.org

Connecticut

New London County Chapter – New London, CT - www.usadancenewlondonct.com
Greater Hartford Chapter – Hartford, CT - http://ballroomdancect.com

REGIONAL DANCEWEAR VENDORS

Back Bay DanceWear
Burlington, MA 01803
www.backbaydancewear.com
1-800-554-2340
backbaydance@rcn.com

Take the Lead DanceWear
Brian Bercury
Brockton, MA
508.638.1790ttlead@comcast.net
www.ttleadancewear.com

DANCE INFORMATION RESOURCES

www.riDANCE - dn@riDance.com

www.DanceNet

www.havetodance.com

DANCENEWS.S.E.N.E.
Dance E-calendar for
Southeast New England
bbaldassari@earthlink.net
http://dancersvp.tripod.com

(see our USA Dance Rhode Island Chapter web site www.riusabda.org for additional listings of dance web sites.)

RHODE ISLAND DANCE VENUES

Dillon Council Knights of Columbus Hall
1675 Douglas Avenue, North Providence, RI
401-353-9800
(RI Chapter, USA Dance)
(Kathy and Randy Dances)
(Dancin' Feelin studio parties)
(Norm and Dette Dances)

Oaklawn Grange
42 Wheelock Avenue
Cranston, RI
(Always on Sunday Dances)

Vasco DaGama Club
15 Fenner Avenue
Newport, RI
(East Bay Ballroom Dances)

East Bay Democratic Club
186 Roffee Street
Barrington, RI
(Nelia Lawton dances)

Rhodes on the Pawtuxet
401-785-4333
www.rhodesonthepawtuxet.com

Why the Chapter is Scheduling On the Road Dances

In response to questions and concerns from our members and loyal attendees, we'd like to expand on the reasoning behind the introduction of the "on the Road" series of dances and put forth the goals we hope to achieve

Many chapters across the United States hold their dances at studios, renting the dance hall or - in some cities - rotating dances among studios in the area.

Dancers affiliated with a particular studio are introduced to USA Dance, and may wish to become members of our organization. Beginner dancers are introduced, first hand, to a variety of teaching studios and dance venues in various locations throughout the state. It's a way for Rhode Island ballroom dancers to meet each other and broaden their horizons beyond one group or one studio. When two or more sponsors share the expense and proceeds of a dance, it's economical, and allows our chapter to keep your admission costs low. We are including not only studios and other dance clubs, but also the college clubs as co-sponsors, helping them raise funds for their clubs and teams.

We would very much like to know members' reaction to these dances, both pro and con and your thoughts on how we can improve our dances. We'll be passing out questionnaires at the dances asking for your comments and ideas. Please take the time to fill them out and make suggestions. You can also send your comments to the chapter email riusadance@gmail.com.

*The Rhode Island Chapter of USA Dance
Social Dance Calendar for First Quarter 2009*

Friday, January 23, 2009 - On the Road w/ Johnson & Wales Ballroom Dance Club
Black & White Ball

Time TBA

Pepsi Forum, 6 Abbott Place, Providence, RI 02905

Lesson by Mike Obara and Jayne Pawasauskas, J & W Dance team coaches

Friday, February 13, 2009 - On the Road with Always on Sunday Ballroom
Valentine Dance

Oaklawn Grange, 42 Wheelock Avenue, Cranston, RI

www.alwaysonundayballroom.com

Friday, March 27, 2009 - On the Road with East Bay Ballroom

The Vasco DaGama Hall, 15 Fenner Avenue, Newport, RI

www.eastbayballroom.com

*Dances are 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Dates above are subject to change.
Be sure to visit www.riusabda.org for updates and additional information.*