

RHODE ISLAND Dancers' Forum



USA Dance, Inc. - a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to promoting the excitement and joy of both social and competitive dance

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*Need a Friday night breakaway? We have two for you!
Forget the work week, slip on your dance shoes,
head out to these USA Dance Rhode Island Chapter mini getaways!
You'll have fun - we guarantee it.*



Friday, September 21
National Ballroom Dance Week
Celebration Dance Party
*and Samba lesson with Randy Deats of
The Dancin' Feelin'.*



Friday, October 26
Halloween Costume Dance

Lesson with Greg Duda

Performance by Greg Duda & Linda Succi

Dillon Council Knights of Columbus Hall
1675 Douglas Avenue, North Providence, RI
8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m

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National Treasurer, Executive Board and Members At Large

Our Chapter Officers

Left to right:

Lee Andrews,
National Treasurer of USA Dance

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Linda Succi, member-at-large,

Efrosyni, Iosiphidis,
VP and Membership Chair,

Mike Obara, member-at-large and
music meister,

Nettie Riley, newsletter/publicity,

Laura Colannino, college chair,

Annette Limieux, Secretary,

Jayne Pawasauskas, president

Alicia Graves, treasurer

Pamela Harlowe Youth Chair

Timothy Sorrentino,
member-at-large and webmaster.

★ STARDUST ★

Dance Weekend

Friday, November 9
to Sunday, November 11, 2007

HUDSON VALLEY RESORT

KERHONKSON, NY 12446

YOUR RATE INCLUDES

- ★ 3 Fabulous Days ★ 2 Exciting Nights
- ★ 7 All You Can Eat Meals ★ Champagne Reception
- ★ Open Bar Cocktail Party & Smorgasbord
- ★ Over 60 Dance Workshops
- ★ Night & Day Dancing to 2 Dance Bands and 4 Great DJ's
- ★ Dancing During Lunch & Dinner
- ★ Professional Dance Shows Each Evening
- ★ Top Nite Club Entertainment Each Evening and MUCH, MUCH MORE!

RATES FROM \$289
for Entire Weekend



OVER 60 DANCE WORKSHOPS

ALL FACILITIES UNDER ONE ROOF!

GREAT BANDS! GREAT MUSIC!
THE DYNAMIC LATIN SOUNDS OF

CONJUNTO IMAGEN

APPEARING ON OUR STAGE

Latin and Theater Arts Champions
LUCAS JAIME & YANNA SAMKOVA

Swing Sensations
KEVIN FITZHUGH & TAMMY BROWN

Latin and Hustle Artists
RAUL SANTIAGO & SERGIO LOUISE ANDERSON

West Coast Swing Stars
CHRISTOPHER JOE & LISA SCHAUPP

Argentine Tangueros
CARLOS CANEDO & SANDRA ANTOGNAZZI

International Latin Champions
DMITRI & SVETLANA OSTASHKIN

BONUS: Friday Lunch is on us! (Served from 1 - 2 PM)
Dancing and classes start at 2:30 PM

BONUS: Economy Thurs Arrival Package

BONUS: Your choice - Separate Dance facilities for Latin, Ballroom, Hustle/Swing and Argentine Tango

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Stardust Hosts are Available for your Dancing Pleasure

Call for Complete Brochure (800) 537-2797 Mon-Fri 9-5
email to stardust@pronetisp.net www.stardustdance.com

Comp Results

USA Dance National Championships were held in Louisville in August. Congratulations to our chapter competitors. Luca Daniel and Efrosyni Iosiphidis placed 2nd by a Rule 11 tie at the competition in S1 Championship Latin. USA Dance will send them to represent the United States at the World Championships in March, 2008 in Sant Cugat (Barcelona, Spain.)



Luca and Efrosyni

Mike Obara and Jayne Pawasauskas won Adult Pre-Champ smooth, and made semi-finals in Adult Championship Smooth.



Jayne and Mike

Regional Competitions

Constitution State Challenge Dancesport Championships
Friday, October 5 through Sunday, October 7, 2007
Stamford Westin Hotel - Stamford, CT
Registration Deadline: September 10, 2007
Contact: Christa Cote - mambo2341@aol.com - 860-563-2623
www.csdancesport.com

UConn Ballroom Dance Competition
Saturday, October 13, 2007
E.O. Smith High School, Storrs, CT
Contact: Courtney Delmonico - secretary@uconnballroom.com
www.uconnballroom.com

USA Dance 2007 Southeast Regional DanceSport Championships
Friday, October 19 through Saturday October 20, 2007
Qualifying event for 2008 USA DanceSport Championships
Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA
Registration Deadline: October 1, 2007
Contact: Ann Smith - Jsmith5817@aol.com
www.atlantasrc.org

Grand National Dancesport Championships
Thursday, November 1 through Sunday, November 4
The Miami Beach Resort & Spa, Coral Springs, Florida
Contact: admin@grandnationalchampionship.com
www.grandnationalchampionship.com

DC Dancesport Inferno 2007
Friday, November 2 through Sunday, November 4, 2007
Stamp Student Union, College Park, MD
Contact: DCDICCoordinator@BallroomAtMaryland.com

Commonwealth Classic
Friday, November 2 through Sunday, November 4
Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Lowell MA
Contact: Gail Rundlett, organizer - grundlett@rcn.com

Brown Ballroom Dance Competition
Sunday, November 11, 2007
Moseley's on the Charles, Dedham, MA
bbdc@brown.edu
www.brown.edu/Students/Ballroom_Dance/

Ohio Star Ball Championships
Tuesday, November 13 through Sunday, November 18, 2007
Hyatt Regency, Columbus, Ohio
Contact: ohstarball@aol.com - 614-848-7827
www.ohiostarball.com

2007 National Collegiate DanceSport Championships
Saturday, November 17 through Sunday, November 18
Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio
Contact: Daphna Locker at 1-800-447-9047
<http://cdcusabda.accessdance.com>

6th Annual Tufts Ballroom Competition
Saturday, December 1-2, 2007
www.tufts.edu/as/stu-org/ballroom
tuftsballroom@yahoo.com

2007 Yale Winter Ballroom Competition
Saturday, December 8 through Sunday, December 9, 2007
Payne-Witney Gymnasium, Yale campus, New Haven, CT
www.yaleballroom.org/competition.org

Social Dance Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2007

National Ballroom Dance Week 2007

Friday Sep14th - Sunday Sep23rd

Friday, September 14

The Dancin' Feelin' Beginner Party
272 Pettaconsett Ave., Warwick RI
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
www.dancinfeelin.com - 401.461.0110

Saturday, September 15

PB&J Dance Fever Event #3 SALSA
East Bay Democratic Club
186 Roffee Street, Barrington, RI
Admission \$15. Register at the door to compete
7:30 p.m. Lesson; dancing 8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m. 401-245-1119 - dancenelia@aol.com
www.nelialawton.net

RI Dancesport Dance Party
461 Main St., 2nd Fl. 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

Kathy and Randy Dance
Dillon K of C Hall
1675 Douglas Ave. North Providence, RI
7:15 East Coast Swing Lesson
8:00 – 11:30 p.m. Dancing
\$15 pp; \$10 college student
www.dancinfeelin.com - 401.461.0110 -

Sunday, September 16

MASSABDA NBDW Celebration
Moseleys-on-the-Charles
Latin show Valentin & Valeria
6:00 Lesson; 7:00 – 10 p.m. dancing
Members \$25; non-Mem \$30,
603-219-1501 or featherand3@aol.com
www.massabda.org

Friday, September 21

**USA Dance RI Chapter
NBDW Celebration Dance
Dillon K of C Hall
1675 Douglas Ave. North Providence, RI
8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
\$12 non-member; \$10 member, \$5 student**

Saturday, September 22

Norm & Dette's Dance Social
Dillon K of C Hall
1675 Douglas Ave. North Providence
8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.e. RI
\$5 night. 401-767-1765
NormDetteDance@wmconnect.com

RI Dancesport Social Dance
461 Main St., 2nd Fl. E. Greenwich, RI
7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
\$10 per person; \$5 student
401-529-1690 - info@ridancesport.com
www.ridancesport.com

Sunday, September 23

D.O.C.M.A Dinner Dance
3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Maironis Park
\$25/\$29/\$33/\$38 Call Sandi at 508-832-2393 or
Purchase or reserve tickets by September 17
email stheros787@aol.com, www.docma.net

Friday, September 28

RI Dancesport Dance Party
461 Main St., 2nd Fl. E. Greenwich, RI
7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
\$10 per person; \$5 student
401-529-1690 - info@ridancesport.com
www.ridancesport.com

The Dancin' Feelin' Studio Party
Dillon K of C Hall
1675 Douglas Ave., North Providence, RI
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
\$10 members, \$12 non-members, \$7 students

Saturday, September 29

K&S Dance
Knights of Columbus Hall
1047 Park Ave., 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@cox.net
www.kandsmusic.net

Twirl the Girl
6th Annual Swing in the City
www.Twirlthegirl.com

Swingin' 88's Dance
Brightridge Club
56 Brightridge Ave. East Providence
7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
\$8 pp; \$6 students with ID

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Friday, October 5

Nelia Lawton Dance
East Bay Democratic Club
186 Roffee Street, Barrington, RI
Admission \$15.
Lesson: 7:30 p.m.; Dancing 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.
401-245-1119 - DANCENELIA@aol.com
www.nelialawton.net

Saturday, October 6

RI Dancesport Dance Party
461 Main St., 2nd Fl. 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

Kathy and Randy Dance
Dillon K of C Hall
1675 Douglas Ave. North Providence, RI
7:15 Salsa Lesson
8:00 – 11:30 p.m. Dancing
\$15 pp; \$10 college student
www.dancinfeelin.com

Sunday, October 7

Columbus Day Workshop & Dance
Cape Cod Chapter USA Dance
1:30 - 10:30 p.m.
<http://capecodballroomdancers.org>
vKraft15@comcast.net

Friday, October 12

RI Dancesport Dance Party
461 Main St., 2nd Fl. E. Greenwich, RI
7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
\$10 per person; \$5 student
401-529-1690; info@ridancesport.com
www.ridancesport.com

The Dancin' Feelin' Studio Party
Dillon K of C Hall
1675 Douglas Avenue
North Providence, RI
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
\$10 members, \$12 non-members, \$7 students

URI Dance
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
ballroom@etal.uri.edu

Social Dance Calendar

Saturday, October 13

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.com

Twirl the Girl
John Festa
www.Twirlthegirl.com

Sunday, October 14

PB&J Dance Fever Series
Dance Fever Winners Showcase Ball
Providence Biltmore Hotel
6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Advance Tickets sales - \$35 per person
401-245-1119
www.nelialawton.net
dancenelia@aol.com

Friday, October 19

The Dancin' Feelin' Studio Party
Dillon K of C Hall
1675 Douglas Ave. North Providence, RI
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
\$10 members, \$12 non-members, \$7 students

Saturday, October 20

RI Dancesport Murder Mystery Ball
"The Case of the Deadly Dance"
461 Main St., 2nd Fl. E. Greenwich, RI
7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
\$10 per person; \$5 student
401-529-1690; info@ridancesport.com
www.ridancesport.com

Kathy and Randy Dance
Dillon K of C Hall
1675 Douglas Ave. North Providence, RI
7:15 Quick Step Lesson
8:00 – 11:30 p.m. Dancing
\$15 pp; \$10 college student
www.dancinfeelin.com - 401.461.0110

Sunday, October 21
DOCMA Mini Dance Camp, Buffet & Social Dance
Maironis Park
1:00 – 9:00 p.m. All day \$40 member, \$60 non-member, \$15 student; dance only \$10, \$15, \$5
Stheros787@aol.com or 508.832.2393
www.docma.net

Friday, October 26

USA Dance RI Chapter Dance
Halloween Costume Dance
Dillon K of C Hall
1675 Douglas Ave. North Providence, RI
8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
\$12 non- member; \$10 member, \$5 student

The Dancin' Feelin' Beginner Party
272 Pettaconsett Ave., Warwick RI
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
www.dancinfeelin.com
401.461.0110

Saturday, October 27
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

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

FOBD Dance – Benny Goodman Tribute
Officers' Club, U.S. Naval Station
95 Perry Road - Newport, RI
Contact Skip Jones - SkipFOBD@cox.net
www.onaquidnect.com/fobd/

Swingin' 88's Halloween 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

Membership Memo

**Remember to tell your dance friends
that if they join USA Dance at a chapter
dance, they'll get free admission that
night. It's a deal!**

Dance Pix

**From
our August Chapter
Dance**



Maya and Bill Desrosiers



Mary Hodges and Mike Obara.



Jeanne Rose and Cesar Cruz

Chapter News

USA Dance - Rhode Island Chapter Needs You!

If you love to dance and want to help increase the quality and quantity of ballroom dancing in Rhode Island, then you are the perfect volunteer.

It doesn't take a big commitment of time and effort, and the time-honored adage applies... "many hands make light work." It's a good thing to help an organization that promotes and encourages ballroom dancing, whether you enjoy it as a form of healthy recreation, social activity, performance art, or competitive sport! Help spread the word about *all* the many benefits and wonderful aspects of dance.

Whether you are interested in a position on the Board, committee work, or a one-time-only volunteer commitment, you'll find something that suits you and your lifestyle. For board members-at-large, duties are flexible. Co-chair positions can also be arranged if you want to help and would like to job-share with another volunteer.

Current board terms end this year. The nomination process for the selection of new B.O.D. members will begin soon. When you volunteer for USA Dance you support your dance community and share your love of dance with others. Please consider taking a turn serving on a committee or as a board member.



The PB&J Performance Team

Disco Dance a Winner

Lots of enthusiastic dancers came to our Disco Dazzler in August, DJ'd by Sara Coelho of Eastbay Ballroom. Nelia Lawton taught a Hustle lesson. The PB&J performance team, coached and choreographed by Nelia, danced two routines in graceful precision. Meri and Joe DeMarco won the raffle - tickets to a PPAC performance of Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy.



Mari and Joe DeMarco, happy winners of the August raffle

Welcome

A warm welcome to our newest member, Eric Nihill of East Greenwich, who joined USA Dance RI Chapter in August as a Ballroom Dancer

Membership Anniversaries

We'd like to salute our long-time members, celebrating their USA Dance Membership Anniversaries during September and October:

Member for 18 years - Bill Desrosiers

Member for 12 years - Cheryl Johnson

Members for 9 years - Steve and Catherine Branch, Maya Desrosiers

Members for 8 years - Efrosyni Iosiphidis, Marie Stoeckl

Member for 7 years - Annette Lemieux

Thanks for your support and dedication to USA Dance - may you dance through life with ease, may your floor always be smooth, and may your music never end!

We'll continue with this feature in the newsletter and plan to do something special for the "significant" anniversaries - 10, 15, 20, and 25. Keep posted and don't forget to renew your membership when it comes due.

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.



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

5 PM - 9:30 PM ADMISSION \$10.00

****COMPLIMENTARY LESSON * 5 PM-5:45 PM W/ PRICE OF ADMISSION**

ARGENTINE TANGO 5:45 - 6 PM
BALLROOM DANCING FROM 6 PM - 9:30 PM

SINGLES AND COUPLES WELCOME * COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE, TEA, SWEETS
AND TREATS * MIXERS & LADIES' CHOICES * JACKIE DJ * PROPER DRESS *
JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FOR A WONDERFUL NIGHT OF DANCING TO A GREAT VARIETY
OF SMOOTH AND LATIN, SWING AND HUSTLE MUSIC.

*****SUNDAY SEPT. 23, 2007 SPECIAL AMATEUR DANCE SHOW *****

www.geocities.com/jddjdance JDDJDANCE@AOL.COM 781-871-3231

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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The Rhode Island Chapter of USA Dance Social Dance Calendar for 2007



Fridays , 8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m

SEP 21	Nat'l Ballroom Dance Week Party
OCT 26	Halloween Costume Dance
NOV 30	Holiday Dance Party

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