

# 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*

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**Please join USA Dance -  
Rhode Island Chapter  
to celebrate National Ballroom Dance Week  
and pay tribute to Leland Andrew**

- National Treasurer of USABDA for 8 terms (16 years)
- A founding father of the RI USBD A chapter
- Chapter BOD member 1990-2001
- Community leader, WWII vet
- Fundraiser for worthy causes
- Volunteer extraordinaire
- Dedicated to the promotion and enjoyment of ballroom dancing.



Leland E. Andrew

**Ballroom Dance Party  
Friday, September 19, 2008  
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

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

\$10 USA Dance & NBD members  
\$12 non-members  
\$5 students with current ID  
Contact (401) 439-1769  
**[www.riusabda.org](http://www.riusabda.org)**

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## 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.*

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## Chapter Dancers Add Pizzazz to Dunkin Donuts Center Grand



# Chapter News

## We Salute our National Treasure(r) Leland E. Andrew

The RI Chapter of USA Dance will honor one of our very special members, Leland Andrew, for his years of dedicated service to USA Dance at the September 2008 dance.

In 1990 Lee and his wife Florine, along with 24 other dancers, met at Vinnie and Meredith Fazio's home to form RIUSABDA, now USA Dance Chapter #3010. Lee served as Chapter Treasurer from its beginning in 1990 until 2001. As chapter treasurer he helped raise funds for the RI Lung Association, the Alzheimer's Disease Center, Amos House, and Brown University Dance Club. He's been a member of USA Dance for 21 years. He

has danced as a Pro-Am competitor, as an Amateur Competitor with Florine, and as a social dancer as well. In 1992 he became National Treasurer of our organization and remained in office for eight terms, through 2008.

Not only has he volunteered his time and talent to the dance community, his contributions to the local community are truly significant. Lee has been treasurer of the Cranston Historical Society for 14 years, Treasurer of Cranston Veteran's Memorial Scholarship fund for 22 years. He also served as Treasurer of Warwick Lodge #16 and of Oaklawn Public Library. He was auditor for St David's On the Hill

Episcopal Church. For 22 years he worked as an ACE volunteer for SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives.) He served as President of the Cranston Hall of Fame Foundation and Chairman of the Veteran's Spring Dance, raising college funds for deserving Cranston high school students. He is the recipient of the National Association of Accountants Distinguished Service Award and was inducted into the Cranston Hall of Fame in 1995.

We salute Leland Andrews and thank him for his wonderful achievements, contributions, leadership, and generosity of spirit.



Our August 22 Chapter Dance featured a Salsa demo by Johnny Montalvado and partner. Prima Donna displayed jewelry items for sale and donated a fabulous choker and earrings for our door prize. It was a fun party.



HALLOWEEN DANCE  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31  
DILLON COUNCIL  
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
COME IN COSTUME



# Chapter News

On September 6 several Chapter members participated in the reopening of the Dunkin Donuts Center. Tim Sorrentino gave a lesson. PB&J Performance Team, Steve Branch and Janie Markey performed for the public, and we staffed a table with handouts and answered questions about ballroom dancing from the public.





# Regional Competitions

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

## **Saturday-Sunday, September 27-28, 2008**

USA Dance NC Qualifying Event - Heartland Classic  
& USA Dance Cabaret National Championship  
Hosted by Heartland Chapter #2022  
Adams Mark Hotel, Indianapolis  
[www.indyusadance.org](http://www.indyusadance.org)

## **Sunday, October 12, 2008**

NJ DanceSport Classic "Fall Frolic"  
Hosted by Wendi Davies & Mario Batista  
[www.njdancesportclassic.com/fall.html](http://www.njdancesportclassic.com/fall.html)  
973.325.1399 – [wadbuf@earthlink.net](mailto:wadbuf@earthlink.net)

## **Saturday, October 18, 2008**

University of Connecticut Ballroom Dance Competition  
EO Smith High School, Storrs, CT  
Featuring Eugene Katsevman & Maria Manusova  
Contact Abby Lund – [competition@uconnballroom.com](mailto:competition@uconnballroom.com)  
[www.uconnballroom.com](http://www.uconnballroom.com)

## **Saturday-Sunday, October 25-26, 2008**

2008 Northwest Regional DanceSport Championships NQE  
hosted by Seattle Chapter #1004, Sea-Tac Hilton Hotel, Seattle, WA  
[www.usadanceSeattle.org/nwregional](http://www.usadanceSeattle.org/nwregional)

## **Saturday, October 25, 2008**

16th Annual Harvard Beginners' Competition  
Malkin Athletic Center  
<http://www.harvardballroom.org/competitions/beginners08/home>

## **Saturday-Sunday, November 1-2, 2008**

Commonwealth Classic  
Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Lowell, MA  
Contact: Gail Rundlett [gnrundlett@rcn.com](mailto:gnrundlett@rcn.com)  
[www.commonwealthclassic.com](http://www.commonwealthclassic.com)

## **Sunday, November 9, 2008**

2008 Brown University Ballroom Dance Competition  
Mosley's on the Charles, Dedham, MA  
[www.brown.edu/Students/Ballroom\\_Dance/comp](http://www.brown.edu/Students/Ballroom_Dance/comp)  
[browncomp@gmail.com](mailto:browncomp@gmail.com)

## **Saturday, November 15, 2008**

2008 Yale Ballroom Dancing Competition  
<http://yaleballroom.org/comp>  
Contact Yuen-Jong Liu: [jong@yaleballroom.org](mailto:jong@yaleballroom.org)

## **Tuesday-Sunday, November 18 - 23, 2008**

Ohio Star Ball Championships  
Hyatt Regency, Columbus, Ohio  
Contact: Sam Sodano  
[www.ohiostarball.com](http://www.ohiostarball.com)

## **Saturday-Sunday, November 22 -23, 2008**

2008 National Collegiate Dancesport Championships  
Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio  
Contact: Daphna Locker 1-800-447-9047  
<http://cdcusabda.accessdance.com/>

## **January 16-18, 2009**

Manhattan Amateur Classic – NQE  
Hosted by Greater New York USA Dance Chapter  
#1004Manhattan Center Grand Ballroom, West 34th Street  
<http://nyusabda.org> -- [mac@nyusabda.org](mailto:mac@nyusabda.org)

Party Pix from our  
August Chapter Dance



# Social Dance Calendar

## SEPTEMBER 2008

### National Ballroom Dance Week September 19 – 26

#### Friday, September 19

*The Rhode Island Chapter  
of USA Dance Celebration Dance  
National Ballroom Dance Weekend  
Honoring our National Treasurer Lee  
Andrew*

8:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Dillon Council K of C Hall

1675 Douglas Pike, North Providence,  
RI

\$10 USA Dance (USABDA) and FOBD  
members

\$12 non-members; \$5 students with  
current ID

Complimentary lesson; Cash bar;  
Recorded dance music

[www.riusabda.org](http://www.riusabda.org)

Newport Ballroom Dance  
Glenn Miller Orchestra  
Rhodes on the Pawtuxet  
[www.onaquidnect.com/nbd](http://www.onaquidnect.com/nbd)  
401.849.5323

#### Saturday, September 20

Kathy and Randy Dance

Lesson 7:15 p.m.

Dancing 8:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Dillon Council K of C Hall

1675 Douglas Pike

North Providence, RI

\$15 adults; \$10 students with ID

[www.KathyandRandydance.com](http://www.KathyandRandydance.com)

401.463.1815

#### Sunday, September 21

MASSABDA NBDW Celebration

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Massabda Challenge A search  
for the most entertaining Ballroom Dance  
Couple

Moseleys on the Charles

Dedham, MA

Gala Dance 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.

[www.massabda.org](http://www.massabda.org)

DOCMA NBDW Dinner Dance

Maironis Park

52 South Quinsigamond Avenue

Shewsbury, MA

3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

508.865.1142

[paulajean1950@chater.net](mailto:paulajean1950@chater.net)  
[www.docma.net](http://www.docma.net)

#### Friday, September 26

RI Dancesport Social Dance

461 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

East Greenwich, RI

7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Rumba lesson w/  
Stephen Havenor

8:15 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. open dancing

\$10 adults; \$5 students under 25

[www.ridancesport.com](http://www.ridancesport.com)

401.885.0101

[info@ridancesport.com](mailto:info@ridancesport.com)

The Dancin' Feelin' Studio Party

8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Dillon Council K of C Hall

1675 Douglas Pike, North Providence,  
RI

\$10 members; \$12 non-members; \$7  
students

[www.dancinfeelin.com](http://www.dancinfeelin.com)

401.461.0110

#### Saturday, September 27

K&S Dance

Knights of Columbus Hall

1047 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Ch Cha Lessons

8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Social Dance

\$15 pp/\$10 students with ID

401-821-4108

[kandsmusic@verizon.net](mailto:kandsmusic@verizon.net)

[www.kandsmusic.net](http://www.kandsmusic.net)

Norm & Dette's Social Dance

Dillon Council K of C Hall

1675 Douglas Pike,

North Providence, RI

8:00 – 11:30 p.m. \$12 pp

[NormDetteDance@wmconnect.com](mailto:NormDetteDance@wmconnect.com)

401.767.1765

Swingin' 88's Dance

Brightbridge Club

56 Brightbridge 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](mailto:swingin88s@yahoo.com)

#### Sunday, September 28

Always on Sunday Ballroom

Oaklawn Grange

42 Wheelock Ave., Cranston

4:00 p.m. Ballroom Pilates Class

5:00 p.m. CW lesson w/Wayne Learned

6:00 p.m. Paris Academy Show Dance  
Team

General Dancing until 8:00 p.m.

\$15 general admission

\$12 USA Dance, NBD members &  
students

401.826.6005

[lswinggirl123@aol.com](mailto:lswinggirl123@aol.com)

[www.alwaysonsundayballroom.com](http://www.alwaysonsundayballroom.com)

## OCTOBER 2008

#### Friday, October 3

Nelia Lawton Dance

East Bay Democratic Club

186 Roffee Street, Barrington, RI

Admission \$15.

Swing Lesson: 8:00p.m.

Social Dancing 8:30 – 11:30 p.m.

401-245-1119

[dancenelia@aol.com](mailto:dancenelia@aol.com)

[www.nelialawton.net](http://www.nelialawton.net)

#### Saturday, October 4

Twirl the Girl – Jennifer Lyons

West Coast Swing Workshop/Dinner/  
Dance

Jordan Frisbee and Tatiana Mollmann

The Bouffard Council

15 Bassett Street, N. Providence

[Jennifer@TwirlTheGirl.com](mailto:Jennifer@TwirlTheGirl.com)

401.447.7015

Kathy and Randy Dance

East Coast Swing Lesson 7:15 p.m.

Dancing 8:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Dillon Council K of C Hall

1675 Douglas Pike,

North Providence, RI

\$15 adults; \$10 students with ID

[www.KathyandRandydance.com](http://www.KathyandRandydance.com)

401.463.1815

#### Friday, October 10

RI Dancesport Social Dance

461 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

East Greenwich, RI

7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Tango

8:15 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. open dancing

\$10 adults; \$5 students under 25

[www.ridancesport.com](http://www.ridancesport.com)

401.885.0101  
info@ridancesport.com  
Dancin' Feelin' Sports Theme Party  
8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.  
Dillon Council K of C Hall  
1675 Douglas Pike,  
North Providence, RI  
\$10 members; \$12 non-members; \$7  
students  
www.dancinfeelin.com  
401.461.0110

**Saturday, October 11**  
K&S Dance  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
1047 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Quikstep 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

**Friday, October 17**  
URI Dance Club Halloween Dance  
Memorial Union Ballroom  
7:30 Beginner Lesson  
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. General Dancing  
\$10 public; \$5 students  
Costumes encouraged but not required

**Sunday, October 19**  
DOCMA Mini Dance Camp and Social  
1:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
USA Dance members w/ID - \$45, dance  
only \$10  
508.865.1143  
paulajean1950@charter.net

**Friday, October 24**  
RI Dancesport Social Dance  
461 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
East Greenwich, RI  
7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Cha Cha lesson  
8:15 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. open dancing  
\$10 adults; \$5 students under 25  
401.885.0101 or info@ridancesport.com

NBD Dance  
Pat Bigelow and "Anything Goes"  
Officers' Club, U.S. Naval Station  
95 Perry Road - Newport, RI  
www.PRoNewportcom/nbd  
401.849.5323

The Dancin' Feelin'  
Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser Dance  
8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.  
Dillon Council Knights of Columbus Hall  
1675 Douglas Pike,  
North Providence, RI  
\$10 members; \$12 non-members;  
\$7 students  
www.dancinfeelin.com  
401.461.0110

Rhode Island College Dance Club  
Halloween Dance – costumes optional  
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Student Union  
\$10 adults; \$5 students

**Saturday, October 25**  
K&S Halloween Dance  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
1047 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Hustle 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

Norm & Dette's Social Dance  
Dillon Council Knights of Columbus Hall  
1675 Douglas Pike, North Providence, RI  
8:00 – 11:30 p.m. \$12 pp  
NormDetteDance@wmconnect.com  
401.767.1765

Swingin' 88's Halloween Dance  
Brightbridge Club  
56 Brightbridge 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

**Sunday, October 26**  
Always on Sunday Ballroom  
Halloween Dance  
Oaklawn Grange  
42 Wheelock Ave., Cranston  
costumes optional but encouraged  
\$15 general admission  
\$12 USA Dance, NBD members & students  
401.826.6005

lswinggirl123@aol.com  
**Tuesday, October 28**  
Festival of Bands  
Rhodes on the Pawtuxet  
7:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.  
Federation of Musicians fundraiser  
\$10 advance registration.  
Call 401.941.2717 for advance order  
form  
\$15 at the door

**Friday, October 31**  
***The Rhode Island Chapter  
of USA Dance Halloween Costume  
Party***  
***8:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.***  
***Dillon Council Knights of  
Columbus Hall***  
***1675 Douglas Pike, North  
Providence, RI***  
***\$10 USA Dance (USABDA) and  
FOBD members***  
***\$12 non-members; \$5 students  
with current ID***  
***www.riusabda.org***

## NOVEMBER 2008

**Friday, November 7**  
***USA Dance RI Chapter  
Dances "on the road" with  
Nelía Lawton Dance  
East Bay Democratic Club  
186 Roffee Street, Barrington, RI  
Hustle Lesson: 8:00p.m.  
Social Dancing 8:30 – 11:30 p.m.***  
***401-245-1119***  
***dancenelia@aol.com***  
***www.nelialawton.net***





*The Rhode Island Chapter of USA Dance  
Social Dance Calendar for 2008*

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

**September 19<sup>th</sup> – Dillon Council – NBDW – Lee Andrew Salute  
October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Costume Dance -Dillon Council  
November 7 - Dance wih Nelia Lawton - Democratic Club - Barrington  
December 12<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Dance – Dillon Council**

*Dillon Council Knights of Columbus Hall  
1675 Douglas Pike, North Providence, RI*

*Note - although every effort is made to keep to the published schedule, changes may occur, so please check our website, [www.riusabda.org](http://www.riusabda.org), or sign up for our email notices for up-to-date information.*