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News from the Richmond and Tri-Cities Chapters of USA Dance, Inc

## Richmond and Tri-Cities USA Dance Chapter Dances

**Saturday Dec 7** Richmond Chapter First Saturday Dance. **Rigby's Jig, 5470 W. Broad St**, 7:00-7:50pm Bolero lesson with Eleanor. Dancing 7:50-10p. Music by Eleanor.

**Saturday Dec 14** Tri-Cities Chapter Dance. NO REGULAR DANCE. JOIN US ON DEC 21<sup>ST</sup> FOR A COMBINED HOLIDAY DANCE WITH THE RICHMOND CHAPTER. See details below.

**Saturday Dec 21** Richmond and Tri –Cities Chapter **Holiday Dance**, 7-10pm, Deep Run Rec Center, 9910 Ridgefield Parkway. **No lesson; No reservation required.** Black tie optional. Heavy hors d'oeuvres. Music by Mike Recant.

*The Richmond Chapter of USA Dance, Inc. holds dances on the first Saturday of each month at Rigby's Jig Dance Studio and the third Saturday at Deep Run Recreation Center. Richmond Chapter only: Member admission: Adults \$5, Students w/ID & Social Youth-free. Nonmember admission: Adults \$8, Student (with valid ID) & Youth \$3; No children under 8 years admitted to any Richmond Chapter dance. The Tri-Cities Chapter holds a dance on the Second Saturday at Wesley United Methodist Church, 3701 Conduit Rd, Colonial Heights Tri-Cities admissions – members \$6; nonmembers/guests \$10; student w/ID \$4*

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## President's Corner

Happy Holidays! As I write this, Thanksgiving is approaching and plans are being made for holiday travel and meals. I hope that you had a wonderful dinner with family and/or friends to celebrate the day we give thanks for all of the good things we have in this great country. I certainly appreciate the wonderful people in MY life – my family, my friends and my DANCE family. You are an important part of that group and I thank you for being in our growing Richmond dance family. It's always fun to run into friends and no matter where you go in the RVA – if there's music for dancing, there's a good chance there'll be somebody you know from your favorite studio or our chapter enjoying it as well. I encourage you to look for these dance opportunities and to invite your friends to go out and dance. It's always a lot of fun.

And speaking of a lot of fun, we had two more evenings of it in November. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Dance at Rigby's Jig was a big success with over 60 dancers in attendance. Eleanor Robertson kicked the evening off with a terrific Bolero lesson, highlighting a beautiful new pattern and showing us some styling and moves to enhance our enjoyment of this elegant dance. She will be back on December 7 to complete the pattern and add more pizzazz to our dancing. She will also be our deejay again with another new dance mix for us. Come join us at 7 for the class and stick around to dance and to enjoy the tasty treats provided by Karen's Krew. We also enjoyed seeing the Rigby's Jig Formation Team in November as they danced two exhibitions that they had prepared for a charity event they attended earlier this fall. The team looked great and danced spectacularly.

At Deep Run for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Dance, we had Doug McRae as our instructor for a Country 2-Step class. Doug and his assistant instructor, Ruth Graninger, taught a basic class to an enthusiastic group of students that quickly advanced through a number of fun steps. This isn't technically a "ballroom" dance, but country music is VERY popular and it adds another option to our regular mix of dances. We typically only play one or two C2Steps per dance but

after their class, we played a few extra and the number of couples on the floor showed they learned the new moves and enjoyed the extra dances. Connie's Crew again supplied the treats and DJ Bill Irwin had more great dance tunes lined up for us. This month we will NOT have a lesson at the Deep Run dance as this will be our annual "Holiday Ball" for ours and the Tri-Cities chapters. The Ball is our one formal dance a year where we offer our dancers a chance to dress up for the evening. It's "black tie optional," which means coat and tie for the gents or tuxedos if you like. (If you get warm dancing, you can remove your jacket, guys.) Ladies – we know you will wear something sparkly, fun and appropriate – and something you can dance in. The refreshments will be catered that evening and Mike Recant will be our guest deejay. This dance is \$10 per person, with no free admissions, so if you have a birthday in December, your free dance will have to be at the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday dance. For our special entertainment that evening, we are also excited to welcome back Mike and Rose-Ann Lynch, just recently returned from yet another successful comp and another title. They always bring exciting new routines that showcase their amazing talent – and they also enjoy the social dancing afterwards!

It's not too late to be a part of the Richmond group at the Tidewater NY's Eve Gala in Portsmouth. We've reserved tables for both formal dinner dances, December 29 and 31, should you wish to join us. Go to their website for tickets and info and tell them you wish to be seated with the Richmond group.

And finally, please check out the article inside this issue about the new "Refreshments Committee" that we are setting up for 2020. We hope to recruit a few volunteers willing to share their time and talents to help with a new refreshments program for our dances. This is an equal opportunity offer – open to any guys or gals who would like to be a part of the "team".

See you on the dance floor! Phil

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>SUNDAY EVENING LESSON &amp; DANCE</b>  6p Interm. Waltz w/John 7-9p (Ballroom Mix) DJ-Mike	<b>2</b> 5:45-6:45 SHiNE Dance Fitness The Salsa Guy – Angel R 7-8p Basic Salsa & Salsa Rueda; 8-9 Basic Salsa and Salsa Intermediate	<b>3</b>  7-9pm – Private Rental	<b>4</b> 7-8 Beg East Coast Swing w/Mike 8-9 Practice dance w/coaching	<b>5</b>  Private Lessons	<b>6</b>  <b>Friday Night Party – California Mix</b> 8-8:30 WCS w/Baramon 8:30-10p w/ DJ Jerry <b>TOYS FOR TOTS</b>	<b>7</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sat Swing Dance</b> 7:30p Beg Lesson 8:30-11:30 Dancing  <b>Hosted by Catherine Farmer</b>
<b>8</b> <b>SUNDAY EVENING LESSON &amp; DANCE</b>  6p Interm. WCS w/Ashley Byrd 7-9p (Ballroom Mix) DJ- Rebecca Hsu	<b>9</b> 5:45-6:45 SHiNE Dance Fitness The Salsa Guy – Angel R 7-8p Basic Salsa & Salsa Rueda; 8-9 Basic Salsa and Salsa Intermediate	<b>10</b>  Private Lessons	<b>11</b> 7-8 Beg American Tango w/Mike 8-9 Practice dance w/coaching	<b>12</b>  Private Lessons	<b>13</b>  <b>Friday Night Party Fright Night w/DJ Baramon</b> 7:30-8:30-“Thriller lesson” by Baramon dancing til 10:30	<b>14</b>  <b>2nd Saturday Swing Dance</b> 7:30p Beg Lesson 8:30-11:30-19 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary party w/ the Boilermaker Jazz Band. Hosted by Andy & Rita
<b>15</b> <b>SUNDAY EVENING LESSON &amp; DANCE</b>  6p-interm. NC2 Step w/Phyllis 7-9p (California Mix) DJ - Doug	<b>16</b> 5:45-6:45 SHiNE Dance Fitness The Salsa Guy – Angel R 7-8p Basic Salsa & Salsa Rueda; 8-9 Basic Salsa and Salsa Intermediate	<b>17</b>  Private Lessons	<b>18</b> 7-8 Beg Hustle/Disco w/Mike 8-9 Practice dance w/coaching	<b>19</b>  Private Lessons	<b>20</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Tacky Sweater Party</b> 8-8:30 Foxtrot w/John 8:30-10p w/DJ Phil	<b>21</b>  <b>RVA Rent Party w/ The Jazz Den Swing Dance – 7:30 - Beginner Swing Lesson</b> Dancing 8:30-11:30
<b>22</b> <b>SUNDAY EVENING LESSON &amp; DANCE</b> <b>Holiday Dance</b> 6p –Intermed ECS w/Angel 7-9p (Ballroom Mix) DJ - Doug	<b>23</b> 5:45-6:45 SHiNE Dance Fitness  <b>NO SALSA CLASSES</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>  Private Lessons	<b>27</b> <b>Friday Night Line Dance Party – a new line dance every 30 min. by Phyllis</b> Ballroom mix in between w/Mike 8-10pm	<b>28</b>  <b>WCS RVA MONTHLY DANCE, 7-11p</b> 7-8 lesson Dancing 8-11
<b>29</b>  <b>SUNDAY EVENING DANCE</b>  <b>NO LESSON</b> 7-9 (Country Mix) DJ - Jerry	<b>30</b> 5:45-6:45 SHiNE Dance Fitness  <b>NO SALSA CLASSES</b>	<b>31</b> 	<b>Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> is our Toys for Tots collection. Bring a new, unwrapped gift and get in for <u>half price</u>.</b>  <b>On Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, wear your tackiest Christmas sweater or shirt!</b>			

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*Just a reminder that we are  
unable to take bills larger than  
\$20 for a \$5/8 admission.  
This does not apply to  
membership or renewals*

## **Renewals**

### **Richmond Chapter**

Mark Crean  
Monty Curling  
Ruth Graninger  
George Green  
Karen Pennington

**Current Richmond policy  
gives "first timers" at our  
dances free admission. So  
bring a friend or 2 and let  
them be our guest.**

**REMEMBER - Richmond members  
get into 1 free dance during their  
birthday month (with the  
exception of the Holiday Dance)**

## **Birthdays**

### **Richmond Chapter**

12/2 Jan Robertson  
12/5 Mark Kunze  
12/6 Simon Nagi  
12/8 Maddy Dunn  
12/8 Ralph Walters  
12/11 Jaden Funez  
12/15 Jack Schuler  
12/16 Karen Willis  
12/19 Leah Habib  
12/21 Alicia Boguslavsky  
12/23 Rebecca Hsu  
12/26 Ava Krol  
12/27 Cy Aman  
12/26 Bill Nelms  
12/28 Connie Allison  
12/29 Shirlene Howard  
12/29 Mike Recant

### **Tri Cities Chapter**

12/19 Michelle Hacker



**Eleanor & Marvin demonstrating  
a Bolero move**

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10am Jazzercise 6:30pm Beginner Foxtrot & Swing 7:30pm Intermediate Foxtrot	<b>3</b> 10am Jazzercise 1:00pm Ballroom Basics Tango & Waltz 7-9pm DVIDA Instructor Training	<b>4</b> 11am Parkinson's Dance 6:15pm Line Dance 7:15pm Variety Class Argentine Tango	<b>5</b> 9am Ballroom Boogie 10:15 am Jazzercise 7pm Bronze Variations Tango	<b>6</b> 10am Jazzercise 7:00pm Bachata 8:00pm Party Includes Tango Lesson	<b>7</b> 9am Ballroom Boogie 1:00pm Beginner Foxtrot & Swing 2:00pm Intermediate Swing
<b>8</b> <b>Newcomer Social 1-3pm</b>	<b>9</b> 10am Jazzercise 6:30pm Beginner Cha Cha & Rumba 7:30pm Intermediate Cha Cha	<b>10</b> 10am Jazzercise 1:00pm Ballroom Basics Foxrot & Swing 7-9pm DVIDA Instructor Training	<b>11</b> 11am Parkinson's Dance 6:15pm Line Dance 7:15pm Variety Class Viennese Waltz	<b>12</b> 9am Ballroom Boogie 10:15 am Jazzercise 7pm Bronze Variations Rumba	<b>13</b> 10am Jazzercise 7:00pm Salsa 8:00pm <b>Holly Ball Party Includes Waltz Lesson</b>	<b>14</b> 9am Ballroom Boogie 1:00pm Beginner Cha Cha & Rumba 2:00pm Intermediate Rumba
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10am Jazzercise 6:30pm Beginner Tango & Waltz 7:30pm Intermediate Waltz	<b>17</b> 10am Jazzercise 1:00pm Ballroom Basics Cha Cha & Rumba 7-9pm DVIDA Instructor Training	<b>18</b> 11am Parkinson's Dance 6:15pm Line Dance 7:15pm Variety Class Quickstep	<b>19</b> 9am Ballroom Boogie 10:15 am Jazzercise 7pm Bronze Variations Foxrot	<b>20</b> 10am Jazzercise 7:00pm Nightclub 2-Step 8:00pm <b>Tacky Sweater Party Includes Swing Lesson</b>	<b>21</b> 9am Ballroom Boogie 1:00pm Beginner Tango & Waltz 2:00pm Intermediate Tango
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10am Jazzercise 6:30pm Beginner Foxtrot & Swing 7:30pm Intermediate Swing	<b>24</b> <b>No Group Classes Today Merry Christmas!</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Studio Closed Merry Christmas!</b>	<b>26</b> 9am Ballroom Boogie 10:15 am Jazzercise 7pm Bronze Variations Swing	<b>27</b> 10am Jazzercise 7:00pm 4 count Hustle 8:00pm Party Includes Cha Cha Lesson	<b>28</b> 9am Ballroom Boogie 1:00pm Beginner Foxtrot & Swing 2:00pm Intermediate Foxtrot
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10am Jazzercise 6:30pm Beginner Cha Cha & Rumba 7:30pm Intermediate I Rumba	<b>31</b> 10am Jazzercise <b>No Group Classes Today</b>  <b>9pm-1am New Year's Eve Party RSVP</b>	<p align="center"><b>Pricing:</b>  <b>Group Classes &amp; Parties:</b>            \$15.00/person drop in, <b>10-Class Card: \$120 20-Class Card: \$199</b>            10% discount on class cards for active military, students, first responders and C-fit</p> <p align="center"><b>Give the gift of dance! Holiday Gift Certificates Available!</b>  <b>Holiday Special: 10% off 5,10, 20 Private lesson packages and class cards!</b></p>			

## New for December:

**Newcomer Social:** Sunday, Dec. 8th 1-3pm. Party designed especially for newer students! We will play music only for the 6 major dances that are taught in our beginner series. We will mix in a couple line dances and have some light refreshments as well. \$15/person, free for monthly members.

**Holly Ball Party:** Our annual Holly Ball is Friday, December 13th from 8-10:30pm. Enjoy a Waltz lesson at 8pm followed by dancing to a mix of holiday themed music. Showcase routines, special refreshments, door prizes. \$15/person, free for monthly members.

**Tacky Sweater Party:** Wear your tackiest holiday sweater and enter to win a "Major Award"! Swing lesson at 8pm followed by dancing to great holiday music till 10:30pm. Refreshments, door prizes, line dances and more. \$15/person, free for monthly members.

**New Year's Eve Party:** Join us for an exciting night of heavy hors d'oeuvre, music, dancing, midnight champagne toast, party favors, and showcase routines! Watch the ball drop on the big screen! Tickets \$45/person in advance, \$55 at the door. Seating by reservation only. Dress to impress!! This event sells out every year, don't delay - get your tickets now!!



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# 30<sup>th</sup> New Year's Gala

## Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

10am – 5pm Workshops  
7:30pm – 10:30pm Open Social Dance

## Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

10am – 5pm Workshops  
7pm – 12pm Semi formal Dinner Dance  
*with Pro/Am Performances*

## Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

10am – 5 pm Workshops  
7:30pm - 10:30 pm Informal Social Dance

## Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

10am – 5pm Workshops  
7:00pm – 1:00am New Year's Eve Dinner  
Pro Show  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>4:30-6:30pm</b>  <b>Tea Dance</b> <i>Hosted by Beth, Doug &amp; Maggie</i>  Join us for a Cookie Exchange and a Fun Afternoon of Dance!!	2 <b>7:00pm</b> Intermediate West Coast Swing with Eleanor 2 of 3  <b>8:00pm</b> Advanced Rhumba with Eleanor 2 of 3	3 <b>7:00pm</b> Beg. I Country Two Step with Eleanor 3 of 3  <b>8:00pm</b> Beg. II Waltz with Marvin 3 of 3	4 <b>WCS Night with Scott Brandt!</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Sugar & Sugar Tuck Turn with Scott 1 of 3 <b>7:30pm</b> Beginner Two Step with Scott 1 of 3 <b>8:00pm-9:00pm</b> Open Dancing!! Practice with other Westies!!!	5 <b>7:00pm</b> Eleanor's Formation - Cha Cha 4 of 6  <b>8:00pm</b> Intro to Nightclub Two Step with Eleanor 1 of 3  <b>8:30pm - 10:00pm</b> Dance Party!!! Men's Night - Men get in FREE!!!!	6	7 <b>**USA Dance**</b> <i>(Richmond Chapter)</i> <b>7:00pm-7:50pm</b> Bolero Lesson with Eleanor Robertson  <b>7:50pm-10:00pm</b> Social Dancing \$5.00 for USA Dance members. \$8.00 for non-members
8	9 <b>7:00pm</b> Intermediate West Coast Swing with Eleanor 3 of 3  <b>8:00pm</b> Advanced Rhumba with Eleanor 3 of 3	10 <b>7:00pm-9:00pm</b> Intermediate Viennese Waltz Workshop with David	11 <b>WCS Night with Scott Brandt!</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Sugar & Sugar Tuck Turn with Scott 2 of 3 <b>7:30pm</b> Beginner Two Step with Scott 2 of 3 <b>8:00pm</b> Open Dancing!! Practice with other Westies!!!	12 <b>7:00pm</b> Eleanor's Formation - Cha Cha 5 of 6  <b>8:00pm</b> Intro to Nightclub Two Step with Eleanor 2 of 3  <b>8:30pm - 10:00pm</b> Dance Party!!!	13	14
15	16 <b>7:00pm</b> Blast from the Past Foxtrot!!  <b>8:00pm</b> Blast from the past Cha Cha!!  <i>In both classes, we will review a sequence taught in a recent class!</i>	17 <b>7:00pm-9:00pm</b> Beginner II Shag Workshop with Marvin (Will work on the basics, the Sugarfoot and more!)	18 <b>WCS Night with Scott Brandt!</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Sugar & Sugar Tuck Turn with Scott 3 of 3 <b>7:30pm</b> Beginner Two Step with Scott 3 of 3 <b>8:00pm</b> Open Dancing!! Practice with other Westies!!!	19 <b>7:00pm</b> Eleanor's Formation - Cha Cha 6 of 6  <b>8:00pm</b> Intro to Nightclub Two Step with Eleanor 3 of 3  <b>8:30pm - 10:00pm</b> <b>Tacky Sweater Christmas Party!!!</b> Ladies Night with DJ Doug McRae!	20	21
22	23 	24 	25 	26 	27	28 <b>4th Saturday Christmas Dance with 'Swing Step'</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Beginner Two Step with Scott Brandt  <b>8:00-11:00pm</b> Dance Party!!
29	30 	31 <b>8:00pm-12:30am</b> Annual New Year's Eve Extravaganza!! Appetizer & Dessert Bars Cash Bar-Beer & Wine All to Benefit The Greater Richmond Dance Project! \$25 per person	<b>Wednesdays - West Coast Swing night with Scott Brandt!</b> He will teach two 30-minute classes from 7-8pm and then host Open Dancing 8-9pm! <b>Thursdays 12/19 - Tacky Sweater Christmas Party!!</b> Break out your tackiest holiday apparel and join us for an awesome Dance Party!! <b>Saturday 12/28 - 'Swing Step'</b> will host their 4th Saturday Christmas Party! 7pm Lesson, 8-11pm Dance! <b>Tuesday 12/31 - Join us for our New Year's Eve Extravaganza!</b> 8pm-12:30am. \$25 per person includes Appetizers, Dessert Bar & Cash Bar - A Benefit for GRDP! Where else can you dance all evening on NYE in RVA ???			



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# Tri-Cities Newsletter

By Sharon Dunn



Bachata may not be the most well-known of all the Latin-inspired ballroom dances, but it's certainly an incredible amount of fun! The Tri-Cities Chapter enjoyed some of the more advanced moves taught by Doug McRae at the November 9<sup>th</sup> Tri-Cities Dance. We appreciate Doug's patience and endurance as he worked with all the dancers until they felt very comfortable with the new moves. Everyone was executing them effortlessly by the end of the class.

We look forward to more classes by Doug to add some additional Bachata moves. We all aspire to master this dance as professionally as Doug and Maggie McRae!



As we come to the end of another dance year, we would like to send a warm heartfelt "thank you" to all of the instructors and DJ's that taught and the DJ's that played great music for the Tri-Cities Chapter in 2019. We look forward to many more great dance opportunities with each one of you in the coming new year.

An update on the Tri-Cities activity for 2020 will be forthcoming.



**\*Reminder\*** This year the Tri-Cities Chapter will again celebrate the holidays with the Richmond Chapter at the "Holiday Formal" on December 21st at Deep Run, with music by Mike Recant. The admission is \$10.00, and it is optional black tie. We will not be having our normal dance on December 14th. Please mark your calendars and come dance with both the Richmond Chapter and the Tri-Cities Chapter. Location: Deep Run Recreational Center, 9900 Ridgefield Parkway, Henrico, VA 23238. Time: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.





## Refreshment Committee

The Richmond Chapter is looking to form a "Refreshment Committee" to help coordinate the snacks we provide at our chapter dances at Deep Run and Rigby's Jig.

We put on 23 dances a year where we try to provide snacks for our dancers. Over the years we have been fortunate to have a number of talented volunteers to help with this. Right now, we have a small group of individuals who provide refreshments for our dances on a regular or semi-regular basis. Karen Willis has been coordinating this for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday dances and Connie Nelms for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Connie has indicated that she is not going to be able to coordinate at Deep Run in 2020. We've learned that it is too much to ask for one person to coordinate all of our dances so we need to take a new approach.

We're looking for a core group of people who would be willing to be part of a rotation that would be responsible for coordinating the refreshments for one or more dances. That doesn't mean they provide all of the food/snacks for that dance. They would be the point of contact to make sure that a few snacks were provided at their assigned dance. The more people on the committee, the fewer dances per person to coordinate – 24 dances and 8 volunteers would mean 3 dances per year per person. This would not involve stocking or restocking the supplies that we need at the dances. The Board will take care of that. We keep a bin of supplies for each venue that includes plates, cups, plastic utensils, serving spoons, platters and tablecloths. A Board member will inventory the supplies and make sure the bin is available for each dance. We also reimburse basic expenses for the food at the dances. The treasurer is on hand at each dance to collect valid receipts and write a check. We usually only provide water for drinks and keep water dispensers at both venues. We are also going to create a checklist of responsibilities to clarify what is – and what is NOT expected of you.

Our recent experience has shown that there are a number of individuals who enjoy providing baked goods or other treats for the occasional dance. Some do it for every dance they attend and have said that they will continue to help. The idea behind this committee is that some of these individuals might consider being on this team. Karen has agreed to act as the Coordinator for the committee. She would be the committee point of contact to make sure that the supply bins are in place and that there is someone lined up to be at the dance to coordinate the setup and cleanup of the kitchen and serving areas. We would make a schedule for this as we do for our instructors and DJ's. The Henrico work crew at Deep Run sets up the tables and chairs and moves the bins from storage to the kitchen and back. At Rigby's, it takes a bit more work as the tables need to be moved, but there are Board members on hand to help with this. All of this is a fun and fairly easy process, according to Karen and Connie. They both have people lined up to bring items to the dances and have the flexibility to do as much or as little themselves as time allows.

This committee of volunteers can grow as time goes by, but we need to look at what we are going to do beginning in January. If you are willing to volunteer to help or if you have any questions about the team or the procedures at our dances, please call Karen Willis at (804) 512-1606.



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USA DANCE RICHMOND AND  
TRI CITIES CHAPTER



*Holiday Dance*

*Deep Run Park Ballroom*

*7:00 to 10:00 pm*

*Saturday, December 21, 2019*

*Music by Mike Recant*

*Richmond and Tri-Cities chapter members,  
guests and non-members are invited*

*Admission: \$10.00 each*

*Attire: Black Tie Optional*

*Heavy hors d'oeuvres, strict tempo ballroom music  
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# USA DANCE RICHMOND 2020 DANCES

## Rigby's Jig/Simply Ballroom

Date (Location)	Instructor(s)	DJ	Dance
1/4/2020 (RJ)	David Headly	Mike Recant	Foxtrot
2/1/2020 (RJ)	David Headly	Mike Recant	Foxtrot
3/7/2020 (RJ)	Marvin Simms	Marvin Simms	Rumba
4/4/2020 (RJ)	Marvin Simms	Marvin Simms	Rumba
5/2/2020 (RJ)	Walter & Judy Schultz	Walter Schultz	East Coast Swing
6/6/2020 (RJ)	Walter & Judy Schultz	Walter Schultz	East Coast Swing
7/4/2020 (RJ)	Ruth Graninger	Doug McRae	Night Club Two Step
8/1/2020 (RJ)	Ruth Graninger	Doug McRae	Night Club Two Step
9/5/2020 (RJ)	Eleanor Robertson	Eleanor Robertson	Tango
10/3/2020 (RJ)	Eleanor Robertson	Eleanor Robertson	Tango
11/7/2020 (SB)	Lee & Veronica Nugent	Lee Nugent	Cha Cha
12/5/2020 (SB)	Lee & Veronica Nugent	Lee Nugent	Cha Cha

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DANCER WHEN  
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## Deep Run

1/18/2020	Edwin Roa	Bill Irwin	Salsa
2/15/2020	Edwin Roa	Bill Irwin	Salsa
3/21/202	Gabor Seres	Bill Irwin	Waltz
4/18/2020	Gabor Seres	Bill Irwin	Waltz
5/16/2020	John Holcomb	Bill Irwin	Quickstep
6/20/2020	John Holcomb	Bill Irwin	Quickstep
7/18/2020	Phyllis Harris	Bill Irwin	Samba
8/15/2020	Phyllis Harris	Bill Irwin	Samba
9/19/2020	Ashley Byrd/Brian W	Bill Irwin	West Coast Swing
10/17/2020	Ashley Byrd/Brian W	Bill Irwin	West Coast Swing
11/21/2020	Doug McRae	Bill Irwin	Country Two Step
12/19/2020	N/A (Holiday Dance)	Mike Recant	N/A



## December 2019 DANCE CALENDAR

Date	Organization/Event/Time	Location	Contact	Admission/Band/Notes
12/1	Tea Dance hosted by Beth, Doug & Maggie. 4:30-6:30p.	Rigby's Jig 5470 W. Broad St.	RigbysJig.com	Join us for a Cookie Exchange
12/4-18	WCS Night w/Scott Brandt. 7p & 7:30p lesson. Open dance 8-9	Rigby's Jig 5470 W. Broad St.	RigbysJig.com 864-2300	3 Wednesdays in December
12/7	Friday Night California Mix party. 8-WCS less,dance til 10. <b>Bring a new, unwrapped toy and get in half price.</b>	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 <a href="mailto:info@thedancespace.com">info@thedancespace.com</a>	\$8 per person DJ Jerry Benefit Toys for Tots
12/7	<b>Richmond Chapter dance. 7-7:50 Bolero less w/Eleanor; dancing 7:50-10p</b>	<b>Rigby's Jig 5470 W. Broad St.</b>	<b>Phil Sisk <a href="mailto:plsisk@aol.com">plsisk@aol.com</a></b>	<b>Music by Eleanor</b>
12/7	Williamsburg USA Dance Holiday Greetings Dance.. 7p Waltz lesson w/Phyllis. Dance 8-10	Quarterpath Rec Center 202 Quarterpath Rd Williamsburg, VA	Williamsburgusadance.com	Music by Alan Hedgpeth
12/7	Charlottesville USA Dance December Dance, 7-10:15 .Festive attire. No class.	Unity of Charlottesville 2825 Hydraulic Rd Charlottesville, VA	usadanceceville.org <a href="mailto:usadancecharlottesville@gmail.com">usadancecharlottesville@gmail.com</a>	Genl. public - \$13 USA Dance memb - \$10 Stud. w/ID - \$6
12/8	Newcomer Social, 1-3pm. 6 major dances, plus some line dances. Review of basic steps; help avail.	Simply Ballroom 3549 Courthouse Rd, Richmond, VA	(804)-276-3343 simplyballroomva.com	Light refreshments. Singles and couples. \$10pp/8 members
12/13	Sophisticats Ballroom Dance Club Dancing 7-9:30p. DJ Bill Irwin	Tomahawk Creek Mid. Sch'l 1600 Learning Pl. Loop	(804)-276-8872 sophisticats.x10host.com	See website for cost-membership, visitor, etc.
12/13	Friday Fright Night. 7:30-8:30p-"Thriller" less w/Baramon, dancing 8:30-10:30 w/DJ Baramon	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 <a href="mailto:info@thedancespace.com">info@thedancespace.com</a>	\$8pp
12/13	Simply Ballroom annual Holly Ball, 8-10:30. Showcase, special refreshments, door prizes	Simply Ballroom 3549 Courthouse Rd, Richmond, VA	(804)-276-3343 simplyballroomva.com	\$15 pp. Members free
12/13	Holiday Dance w/Johnny Bender & Split Oak Swing Band. 7-9p	The Ballroom Club 10960 Three Chopt Rd	theballroomclub.com (804)-447-3082	\$10pp SEE FLYER THIS ISSUE
12/20	Friday Tacky Sweater Party.Foxtrot less 8-8:30; 8:30-10p dancing	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 <a href="mailto:info@thedancespace.com">info@thedancespace.com</a>	DJ Phil \$8 pp
12/20	Simply Ballroom Tacky Sweater Party, swing less @ 8;dancing til 10:30	Simply Ballroom 3549 Courthouse Rd, Richmond, VA	(804)-276-3343 simplyballroomva.com	\$15 pp. Free to members
12/21	<b>Richmond &amp; Tri-Cities Joint Holiday Dance. 7-10. No lesson. Black tie optional.</b>	<b>Deep Run Rec. Center 9910 Ridgefield Parkway</b>	<b>Phil Sisk 804-382-2889 <a href="mailto:plsisk@aol.com">plsisk@aol.com</a></b>	<b>\$10 pp – no free adm. No reservations required. Music by Mike Recant</b>
Dec	<b>NO Richmond USA Dance Board Meeting this month</b>	<b>9620 Evansway Lane Richmond</b>	<b>804-382-2889 <a href="mailto:plsisk@aol.com">plsisk@aol.com</a></b>	<b>Agenda items 24 hr. prior to meeting</b>
12/21	Charlottesville Swing Dance Society Holiday Dinner/Dance. 7-less w/Kristen Larson, Dancing 8-11p. MUST RSVP BY 17 <sup>th</sup> .	Municipal Arts Center 1119 5 <sup>th</sup> St SW Carlottesville, VA	cvilleswingdance.com	DJ – Kristin Larson
12/27	Friday Night Line Dance party. New line dance every 30 min w/Phyllis; dancing til 10p	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 <a href="mailto:info@thedancespace.com">info@thedancespace.com</a>	\$8pp
12/27	4 <sup>th</sup> Sat. dance w/SwingStep. Christmas Party w/Scott B. 8-11	Rigby's Jig 5470 W. Broad St.	804-864-2300 or RigbysJig.com	Cntry 2-Step lesson @ 7; dancing 8-11p
12/28	WCS RVA dance. lesson 7-8; dancing 8-11.	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	<a href="mailto:westcoastswingrva@icloud.com">westcoastswingrva@icloud.com</a>	Ugly Holiday Sweater contest. White elephant gift exchange.
12/28-1/1	30 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tidewater New Years Eve Gala	Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel		SEE FLYER THIS ISSUE
12/31	Simply Ballroom New Years Eve party. Reservations only. Dress to impress. Champagne toast, favors	Simply Ballroom 3549 Courthouse Rd, Richmond, VA	(804)-276-3343 simplyballroomva.com	\$45pp adv; \$55 @ door SEE FLYER THIS ISSUE
12/31	Rigby's New Year's Eve Party, 8-12:30. Appetizers, dessert, cash bar	Rigby's Jig 5470 W. Broad St.	804-864-2300 or RigbysJig.com	\$25 pp Benefit GRDP

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