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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 6** Richmond Chapter **First Holiday Dance**. Deep Run Recreation Center, 9910 Ridgfield Parkway. 7:30-10:30. No Reservations/1st come, 1st served. Semi or formal attire only, please. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres. \$12 per person.
- Saturday Dec 13** Tri-Cities Chapter Holiday Dance, Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 3701 Conduit Rd, Colonial Heights. 7:30-10:30pm No Lesson. Semi-formal attire. Music by Doug McRae.
- Saturday Dec 20** Richmond Chapter **Second Holiday Dance**, Deep Run Recreation Center, 9910 Ridgefield Parkway. 7:30-10:30pm. No Reservations/1st come, 1st served. Semi or formal attire only, please. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres. \$12 per person.

The Richmond Chapter of USA Dance, Inc. holds dances on the first Saturday of each month at Brookland Middle School 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 \$10

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President's Corner

What a roller coaster ride of weather we are having in the River City, with both record highs and record lows - and it's not even winter, yet! We had great turnouts at both of our November dances despite the strange weather. Alan Hedgpeth returned to Brookland for our 1st Saturday dance and taught a second Waltz lesson to over 50 dancers. It was a great opportunity to learn some new moves to enhance your waltz experience and I saw many dancers using the new routine during the dance. Alan also did a great job again as deejay, along with his partner, Mary Clark, and, as usual, Connie's Crew provided another wonderful array of treats for us to snack on between dances. It was a fun evening and a great way to finish the year 2014 at the school venue. We will return to dance at Brookland again in February, 2015.

Were you at our Pot Luck dinner dance at Deep Run on November 15? Many of you were. We kicked off the evening with a delicious buffet of homemade food. It never ceases to amaze us that there is always such a wonderful mix of dishes at these dinners. Almost 50 of you brought in enough food to feed our hungry crowd a scrumptious feast as we socialized before the dance, with enough leftovers to last throughout the evening. By intermission, we had 99 in attendance, enjoying Bill Irwin's great playlist and the great conditions for dancing. The Deep Run staff did an awesome job of preparing the ballroom for dinner and dancing and the county also cooperated by turning down the heat so that the room would not get so uncomfortably warm during our dance. The floor surface was also in great shape for dancing - the best it has been in more than a year, according to comments from our dancers. It was a wonderful evening that brought back memories of our dances at this beautiful facility when it first opened. Those were the days when "Dancing with the Stars" had just hit the air and ignited a new passion for ballroom dancing across the country. Our ranks grew to over 300 members and we often had to turn people away

at our dances - both held at Deep Run - when we reached capacity. If you weren't there by 7:45, you just might not get in! DWTS is still on the air, but as the ratings for this fun show have declined, so has interest in dancing and our membership has now fallen below 200. We are glad you are still here and hope that you are enjoying the dance opportunities and social interaction as much as we are.

This month we celebrate the season on December 6 & 20 with our annual formals. Mike Recant returns as deejay and we are pleased to announce that Mike and Rose-Ann Lynch are returning to regale us with their dancing skills. Mike and Rose-Ann are 5-time Senior II National Champions and will be performing a medley of the dances that have won them their titles. We will also have catered refreshments and a serving staff working the kitchen. I hope that you will take this opportunity to dress up and join us as we end another wonderful year of dancing. The dances are black tie optional, with coat and tie suggested for the men and fancy dancewear for our lovely ladies. You are welcome to attend both dances with no advance tickets required. We will limit attendance to 110 to insure a comfortable dance experience for all.

We are still looking for more dancers to join us at our Regency Square dance exhibition on Saturday, December 13 to entertain holiday shoppers. Dancers will gather at 1:00 PM and will perform from 1:30-2:30 on the second floor in a large open area. All of you are welcome to come out and dance with us. If you want to perform a special number, let Gabe Pascarella know right away by phone or email (contact info on page 2). These events are always fun - especially because so many of you come out and dance with us as we demonstrate why we love ballroom dancing so much. Have a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year. See you on the dance floor!

WORKSHOPS BY KRISTIN WENGER

SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH
AT THE DANCE SPACE



1:00PM NIGHT CLUB TWO STEP:
"SMOOTH MOVES"
LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE AND UP

2:00PM WEST COAST SWING:
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LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE AND UP

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The Dance Space: 6004 West Broad St., Richmond, VA 23231 www.thedancespace.com
Questions? Contact Kristin Wenger 814-444-3267 or 813-8753/virginia,1001

NEW SWING CLUB IN RICHMOND – THE WEST SIDE OF SWING

There's a new social dance club in Richmond promoting West Coast Swing dancing called West Side of Swing. We are just getting started in December, with third Friday dances each month at The Dance Space. While our dances and lessons will focus mostly on West Coast Swing, we will include music for other dances such as Hustle, Cha Cha, East Coast Swing, Country Two Step, Night Club Two Step and Waltz. Email info@westsideofswing.com to join our mailing list. "Like" our page on Facebook ("West Side of Swing") to get updates.

EVENT West Side of Swing, presented by The Dance Space
6004-A West Broad Street, Richmond, VA

DATE/TIME Friday, December 19th*
Beginner Lesson 7:30 PM-8 PM
Intermediate Lesson 8 PM-8:30 PM
Dance Party 8:30 PM-11:30 PM
DJ Ashley Byrd

INSTRUCTOR Dance pro Kristin Wenger, Charlottesville, VA

**January's event will be held on Friday, January 16th.*



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Renewals

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Heather Mlot
Tom Mlot
John Reap
Lowell Wiltbank

Tri Cities

Tim Dunn

New Members

Richmond

Sheryn Holinsworth (see below)



Tri Cities

Sieglinde Holtz

REMEMBER - Richmond members get into 1 free dance on their birthday month !

Birthdays

Richmond Chapter

12/3 Cecil Sears
12/4 Kay Enos
12/5 Mark Kunze
12/8 Ralph Walters
12/9 Robin Marles
12/13 Lynette Shahnian
12/16 Karen Willis
12/23 Rebecca Hsu
12/28 Connie Allison
12/29 Shirlene Howard
12/29 Mike Recant
12/29 Roberta Solomonova
12/30 Winfree Segal
12/31 Albert Helou

Tri Cities

12/14 Carolyn Hayden
12/21 Stan Orchel

Richmond has a youth scholarship program. Check out our website and click on the Scholarship link



If you don't like reading LOD on your computer screen, you do have an option to subscribe to The Line of Dance by paying \$18/year. It would be mailed to your house via 1st class mail. Send your check to: Ginny Engler, editor 8323 Charlise Rd, Richmond, VA 23235.

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Gabriela Sevillano**

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Phyllis Harris
Alan Hedgpeth
Tou Kue
Melinda Spencer Mielock
Marie Rants
Walter Schultz
Martin Smith
Ernest Williams

Main Ballroom DJ

Alan Hedgpeth
(All 4 nights)

**Visit Website to Register Online
for Showcase Exhibitions**

25th TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S Weekend Event

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, December 31st

Registration: Noon - 6:00pm

7:30pm - 1:00am - NYE Gala
Main Ballroom

8:00pm - 10:00pm Buffet Open
Professional dance performances
during the evening Midnight -
Champagne Toast & Family Style
Continental Breakfast

8:30pm - 1:00am - Club Rooms
Steppin/Urban Ballroom Event -
Check Website for details
(starts @ 8:30pm)
Salsa Club (starts @9:00pm)

Thursday, January 1st Military Appreciation Day/Night

11:00am-8:15pm - Workshops

6:30pm - 7:30pm - VIP Reception
(Reservations Required)

7:30pm 1:00am - Social Dance
Main Ballroom

9:00pm - 1:00am - Club Room
Ballroom/Country Social Dance Mix
West Coast Swing/Hustle

Friday, January 2nd

8:00am - Noon - Fun Competition

11:00am - 8:15pm - Workshops

7:30pm - 1:00am Social Dance
Main Ballroom

9:00pm - 1:00am Club Rooms
Shag / Argentine Tango

Saturday, January 3rd

11:00am - 8:15pm - Workshops

7:30pm - 1:00am Dinner Dance
in Main Ballroom

9:00pm - 1:00am Club Rooms
West Coast Swing/Hustle American
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Tri-Cities News

by Sharon Dunn

It is with your feet that you move, but it is with your heart that you dance, and Salsa dancing is what we did at our November Dance. We had a fabulous time with Steve Kirvan of 7 Cities in Williamsburg. We really enjoyed both of Steve's Salsa Classes! We would also like to thank Doug McRae for allowing us to practice some of those great Salsa moves with some great Salsa music.



What a privilege to have Veterans in our midst at the November Dance. I hope all of us carry the respect of our veterans with us each day. We should show our gratitude in the manner that we live our lives and the message we share with our children. It is our responsibility to teach each generation of the sacrifice made in order that we can live freely.



LtoR: Col. Zenen Limbo-Perez, Army; Sp5 Larry Brown, Army; LCDR Lisa Finklea, Navy; CPT Debbie Castrinous, Army; LTC Phil Sisk, Army; Sieglinde Holtz, widow of Major William Richard Holtz, Army; PO3 Bernard Smith, Navy; YNC Marva Farrington, Navy Reserves; SFC John Brooks, Army; LT Pat Dewey, Navy; Major Al Giles, Air Force; Cpl Randy Goodfellow, Marines.

It has been a busy month for the Tri-Cities Chapter. Harry E. James Elementary School in Hopewell invited us to dance with the students at their "Rodeo Night". The kids loved dancing to the "Achy Breaky" but it came in second to the Cupid Shuffle. We would like to send out a special thanks to Patty Ramey from Hopewell Public Schools, and Debbie Pershing from the City of Hopewell, who assisted us in dancing with the students.



If you never had the opportunity to dance at one of the nursing homes or assisted living centers, you must try it. Phyllis Harris and Matthew Nio,, were

having way too much fun dancing the Macarena and encouraging chair dancing at the Lucy Corr Assisted Living Center. I am still not sure who had more fun, the residents or the dancers! It is a very rewarding experience to put a smile on an elderly person's face and to have the opportunity to interact with them. I am sure we will have upcoming opportunities; so if you think you would like to try it, please let me know!



Please note that our December dance will be semi-formal. Pull out that Holiday attire that you only wear at Holiday time. I am sure you will all look fabulous and you will light up the dance floor! We hope you can all join us. We will not have a lesson, but you can practice all the latest moves you have learned and I promise you will have fun!



Our flyer "Dance by the Light of the Moon," is in this December 2014 Line of Dance. We hope all of you are beginning to prepare to attend this wonderful evening of ballroom dancing. We are now also offering online ticket purchasing through the BrownPaperTicket system. (Information on enclosed flyer).

◀ **Dancers at Lucy Corr Village in November: Bill Gandel, Sharon Dunn, Ruth Wilbourne Gandel, Phyllis Harris, Poppy Nio, Tim Dunn and Matthew Nio**



For your planning purpose, the following are the upcoming lessons, instructors and DJ's:

December 13, 2014 Holiday Dance -NO lesson – Semi-Formal Attire - DJ-Doug McRae



2015 USA Dance Tri-Cities Chapter 6060

MONTH/DATE	INSTRUCTOR/CLASS	DJ
January 10, 2015	Phyllis Harris - Bolero	Edith Lanning
February 14, 2015	Phyllis Harris - Bolero	Randy Goodfellow
March 14, 2015	Fort Lee Dance	Mike Recant
April 11, 2015	Veronica Braun - Samba	Doug McCrae
May 9, 2015	Veronica Braun-Samba	Phil Sisk
June 13, 2015	Sandy Yeon-Cha Cha	Edith Lanning
July 11, 2015	Sandy Yeon-Cha Cha	Randy Goodfellow
August 8, 2015	David Headly- West Coast Swing	Doug McCrae
September 12, 2015	David Headly-West Coast Swing	Edith Lanning
October 10, 2015	Cliff Knittel - Salsa	Doug McCrae
November 14, 2015	Cliff Knittel- Salsa	Randy Goodfellow
December 12, 2015	No lesson	Doug McCrae



DECEMBER 2014



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>7:00 pm Inter/Adv. Country Western Two Step with Eleanor 2 of 3</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 pm Open Dance Floor</p> <p>7:00 pm Beg. I Salsa with Chris 1 of 3</p> <p>8:00 pm Beg. II East Coast Swing with Ashley 1 of 3</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm Beg. I Ballroom Crash Couse with Nicole 1 of 3</p> <p>8:00 pm Inter. Hot & Cheeky Cha Cha with Nicole 1 of 3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 pm Beg. I/II Quickstep with Nicole 1 of 3</p> <p>8:00 pm Intro to West Coast Swing with Eleanor 1 of 3</p> <p>8:30-10:30 Dance Party</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 pm Beg. II Hustle with Ashley</p> <p>8:30pm- 10:30 pm First Friday Jig Jam!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Holiday Dance & Toy Drive Bring a Toy and get in Free! 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Swing & West Coast Swing</p> <p>8:00 pm – 10:00 pm Hustle, Swing, Line Dances & Holiday Music</p> <p>10:00 pm – 12:00 am Latin Music</p>
<p>8</p> <p>7:00 pm Inter/Adv. Country Western Two Step with Eleanor 3 of 3</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00 pm Open Dance Floor</p> <p>7:00 pm Beg. I Salsa with Chris 2 of 3</p> <p>8:00 pm Beg. II East Coast Swing with Ashley 2 of 3</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 pm Beg. I Ballroom Crash Couse with Nicole 2 of 3</p> <p>8:00 pm Inter. Hot & Cheeky Cha Cha with Nicole 2 of 3</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 pm Beg. I/II Quickstep with Nicole 2 of 3</p> <p>8:00 pm Intro to West Coast Swing with Eleanor 2 of 3</p> <p>8:30-10:30 Dance Party</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00-10:00 pm HOLLY BALL Dress to Impress</p>
<p>15</p> <p>7:00 pm Inter/Adv. Waltz with Eleanor 1 of 3</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00 pm Open Dance Floor</p> <p>7:00 pm Beg. I Salsa with Chris 3 of 3</p> <p>8:00 pm Beg. II East Coast Swing with Ashley 3 of 3</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 pm Beg. I Ballroom Crash Couse with Nicole 3 of 3</p> <p>8:00 pm Inter. Hot & Cheeky Cha Cha with Nicole 3 of 3</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 pm Beg. I/II Quickstep with Nicole 3 of 3</p> <p>8:00 pm Intro to West Coast Swing with Eleanor 3 of 3</p> <p>8:30-10:30 Dance Party</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00-10:00 pm Members Only Christmas Dance Party: <i>Hosted by Tim & Eleanor</i></p> <p><i>Let us know your favorite Christmas tune so we can include it on the playlist.</i></p>
<p>22</p> <p>7:00 pm Inter/Adv. Waltz with Eleanor 2 of 3</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:00 pm Open Dance Floor</p> <p>7:00 pm Beg. I West Coast Swing with Ashley 1 of 3</p> <p>8:00 pm Beg. II Salsa with Eleanor 1 of 3</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>29</p> <p>7:00 pm Inter/Adv. Waltz with Eleanor 3 of 3</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00 pm Open Dance Floor</p> <p>7:00 pm Beg. I West Coast Swing with Ashley 2 of 3</p> <p>8:00 pm Beg. II Salsa with Eleanor 2 of 3</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve Showcase!!!</p>	<p>Happy New Year</p>		



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Member of the Month

By Shirlene Howard



Theresa Kitts

LOD: Theresa, one of the things I've admired about you is the short time between seeing you start ballroom dancing and when you were voted "Volunteer of the Year". You are a valuable member of USA Dance, and on behalf of the people who have enjoyed your efforts, I want to thank you.

LOD: What was your dance experience before you started taking ballroom dance lessons?

None, really. I did take 1 year of tap and ballet when I was 10 years old.

LOD: What prompted you to start ballroom dancing?

I have always wanted to learn to dance and early in our marriage, my husband and I were given a coupon for 3 free dance lessons at a local dance studio that no longer exists. There the seed for ballroom dancing was planted, but unfortunately at that time it was cost prohibitive. Dancing was put on hold but not forgotten. For years, the Parks and Recreation Dept. in Chesterfield offered classes but stated you had to have a partner. My husband at that time traveled a lot with his job and wasn't able to accompany me. Then 5 years ago Ron Marchal was offering classes at ACAC Health Club to which I belonged. I signed up and haven't stopped dancing since.

LOD: What are your favorite dances? Why are they your favorites?

I enjoy all the dances but I especially like the smooth dances. Tango and Waltz tie for my favorites. The Tango is full of drama and passion and the Waltz is flowing and romantic. For pure fun I like the Country Two Step.

(Theresa, I LOVE your description of these 2 dances)

LOD: Have you taken both private and group lessons? If you've taken both, what have you learned from each?

I started out taking group lessons and learned the basics but progress was slow and I realized that if I wanted to improve more rapidly I would need private lessons. I began taking private lessons from Ron Marchal and have been impressed with how far I have come in 5 years. I now feel comfortable dancing with even the best dancers who have also taught me some new steps. I am still learning to be a good dance partner and follower.

Also, dancing is good exercise. I lost 25 pounds in my first year of dancing. Yeah!

LOD: What advice do you have for others who may want to learn ballroom dance?

Just keep going to classes and dance parties and USA dances where you can practice steps learned. I realize progress is slower if only taking group classes but the fun and benefits of dancing will still be there. If your goals are to improve more rapidly and you can financially afford it, then take some private lessons.

LOD: What are your dance goals?

To learn to dance more smoothly and to master the technique for the Latin dances, which is a real challenge for me.

LOD: If you could dance with any celebrity dancer, living or dead, with whom would you dance?

Without question, Fred Astaire. I grew up watching Fred dance with Ginger Rodgers and they were so elegant and graceful. Come to think of it, that may have been the real seed that started me thinking about dancing.

LOD: Where were you born? Where have you lived other than Richmond.

Unlike many others I have lived in only 3 places. The first was Charleston, West Virginia where I was born and lived until graduating from high school. I then spent the next 8 years of my life in Parkersburg, West Virginia where I spent 3 years attending St. Joseph's School of Nursing and upon graduation worked as a nurse there for 5 years. In 1972 after spending the summer as a camp nurse in Maine, I moved to Richmond where Dale (my future husband) lived and have been here ever since.

LOD: Tell us about your family. Do you have children and where do they live? How many siblings do you have and where do they live?

My brother and I were reared by our maternal grandparents in the country (to locals known as a Holla) outside of Charleston, WV. My brother passed away at the age of 53 from a heart attack. I also have a half-sister who still lives in WV.

Dale and I have 2 grown daughters—Catherine and Ashley. Catherine, a physical chemist, lives and works in Sweden and will marry her Swedish boyfriend in the spring of next year. My youngest, Ashley, is a registered nurse working at Sentara Hospital Norfolk. She lives with her husband in Virginia Beach and this past August she gave birth to my first grandchild, Ryan.

LOD: Tell us about your career? How long have you pursued this career? Have you worked at any other jobs?

Nursing has been my only career and most of it has been at VCU Medical Center (formerly Medical College of Virginia), where I've worked in several different areas—Pediatrics, Poison Control Center, Hemodialysis, and lastly as a Transplant Coordinator in the Kidney/Pancreas Transplant Clinic. Nursing has been a rewarding career and I couldn't leave it for long after retiring. I now work 2 days a week.

LOD: Do you have hobbies other than dance? Will you tell us about them?

I enjoy crocheting, reading, traveling, and sewing. Just recently I made a Ghost Buster's Marshmallow Man costume for my grandson. Other activities include volunteering as a dance helper with Phyllis Harris at the Riverside School, and working on the Haiti committee at my church.

LOD: Have I heard you say you have taken dance cruises? Where have you gone on the cruises? What do you like best about this type of get-away? Would you advise others to try them?

Connie Nelms introduced me to the world of dance cruising which combines 2 of my loves—dancing and traveling. My first dance cruise was from Los Angeles to Vancouver, Canada, and this past summer I spent 14 days cruising the Mediterranean from Venice, Italy, to Barcelona Spain. Next is the USA Dance Cruise to the Caribbean in March.

I would recommend to anyone who loves to dance to try a dance cruise because it offers the excitement of visiting new places, the opportunity to make new friends, and the advantage of dancing every evening with experienced dance hosts.

LOD: Is there anything you'd like to share with the dance community that I haven't asked?

Just to keep dancing and thank you for allowing me to talk with you.

LOD: Theresa, the big smile I see on your face when you're dancing tells me how much you enjoy it. Your love of dance and your friendly personality have made me want to know you better, and I appreciate you sharing your life with me and with our Line of Dance readers.

We will be dancing at Regency Square Mall on December 13th, and still have time slots available for more dancers. Please Contact Gabe Pascarella at 379-2810 to help us continue this tradition for our chapter.

USA Dance Cruise

National is again sponsoring a 7 day cruise on the elegant Celebrity Silhouette, departing from Fort Lauderdale on January 25, 2015. Stops will include Cozumel, George Town, Falmouth Jamaica and Labadee before returning on February 1st. You won't want to miss the 80 hours of workshops and over 14 hours of social dancing sessions. That still gives you time to enjoy the gorgeous pools, spas and Jacuzzis, as well as attend Broadway style shows.

And ladies – there will be a dance host program for the first 50 women to sign up. The cost is only \$120 for the entire week. All dance hosts are USA Dance members from across the US.

The cost is very reasonable, ranging from \$1289 for an inside cabin to \$1649 for the Veranda. Call now to reserve: 800-999-9302

Holiday Dances



We will be holding two Holiday Dances again this year, on December 6th and 20th, BOTH dances at Deep Run. To simplify things for all involved, we will NOT be taking reservations. Our capacity will be 110 at each dance, so come early to reserve your spot. We certainly don't want to turn anyone away, but we will be obligated to if we surpass 110. That has not happened in several years, so we don't expect it to be the case this year.

You WILL be allowed to attend both dances if you wish. Admission will be \$12 per person paid at the door. As always, we will have special refreshments, catered, decorations, holiday music and exceptional exhibitions. All we ask is that you dress in your fancy holiday attire (semi/formal) to help with the sophisticated atmosphere.

Mike Recant will provide the music for both dances.

Membership Incentive Program

Many chapter leaders have expressed the lack of incentives to recruit members to USA Dance. So National has announced a new member incentive program.

For every new member recruited between October 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, the chapter will receive a \$5 incentive. This is irrespective of membership category – social, competitor, youth, etc. The individual must not have been a USA Dance member for the 12 months preceding October 1, 2014.

Here is your chance to help your chapter. Invite a friend and encourage them to join.

Simply Ballroom Dance Studio - December 2014

3549 Courthouse Rd., Richmond, VA 23236 (804) 276-3343 www.simplyballroomva.com

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 7:30pm Beginner Cha Cha & Rumba	2 7-9pm DVIDA Ballroom Instructor Training Pre-enrollment only**	3 11am Parkinson's Dance 6:30pm Line Dance 7:30pm Variety Class Samba 1 of 3 8:15pm Intermediate Swing 1 of 3	4 7:30pm Advanced Tango 1 of 3	5 7:15pm Salsa 8:00pm Holly Ball Party - Includes Cha Cha Lesson	6 3:30-4:30pm Beginner Cha Cha & Rumba 4:30pm Intermediate Waltz 1 of 2
7	8 7:30pm Beginner Tango & Waltz	9 7-9pm DVIDA Ballroom Instructor Training Pre-enrollment only**	10 11am Parkinson's Dance 6:30pm Line Dance 7:30pm Variety Class Samba 2 of 3 8:15pm Intermediate Swing 2 of 3	11 7:30pm Advanced Tango 2 of 3	12 7:15pm Salsa 8:00pm Party - Includes Waltz Lesson	13 3:30-4:30pm Beginner Tango & Waltz 4:30pm Intermediate Waltz 2 of 2
14	15 7:30pm Beginner Foxtrot & Swing	16 7-9pm DVIDA Ballroom Instructor Training Pre-enrollment only**	17 11am Parkinson's Dance 6:30pm Line Dance 7:30pm Samba 3 of 3 8:15pm Intermediate Swing 3 of 3	18 7:30pm Advanced Tango 3 of 3	19 7:15pm Salsa 8:00pm Party - Includes Swing Lesson	20 3:30-4:30pm Beginner Foxtrot & Swing 4:30pm Intermediate Tango 1 of 2
21	22 7:30pm Beginner Cha Cha & Rumba	23 7-9pm DVIDA Ballroom Instructor Training Pre-enrollment only**	24 Studio Closed Merry Christmas!!	25 Studio Closed Merry Christmas!!	26 7:15pm Salsa 8:00pm Party - Includes Foxtrot Lesson	27 3:30-4:30pm Beginner Cha Cha & Rumba 4:30pm Intermediate Tango 2 of 2
28	29 7:30pm Beginner Tango & Waltz	30 7-9pm DVIDA Ballroom Instructor Training Pre-enrollment only**	31 New Year's Eve Party 9pm - 1am	Pricing: Group classes: \$8.00/person (\$6/students) 10-Class Card: \$70.00 Friday class/party: \$12.00/person (\$10/students) Classes marked ** pre-enrollment only.		

December Special Events

Samba Variety Classes: Wednesdays in December 7:30-8:15pm (40 min. class). Learn basics and build your skills in a series of 3 classes. \$8/person per class drop in, \$4/cfit members, free for SB monthly members. Class cards accepted.

Holly Ball Party: Celebrate the season!! Special Friday party featuring student/staff showcase routines, special goodies to eat, and dancing to a mix of holiday favorite music!! \$12/person (free for monthly members).

New Year's Eve Party: No need to go far when we have the best party in town!! Ring in 2015 at Simply Ballroom Dec. 31st from 9pm - 1am. Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres, champagne toast, student/staff routines and lots of social dancing. Tickets \$40/person in advance or \$45 at the door. RSVP (804) 276-3343.

Other Weekly Classes: Ballroom Boogie - Tues. 4pm, Thurs. & Sat. 9am. \$3/class for C-Fit members, \$8/ non-members **Yoga** - Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am. \$3/class for C-fit members, \$10/non-members.

Holiday Gift Certificates Available!!

All private lesson packages and merchandise 20% off through December 31st!!



Dance the Night Away - Celebrate New Years in Style!
Simply Ballroom New Year's Eve Celebration
December 31, 2014 9:00pm – 1:00am


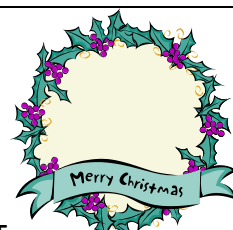
Join us for an exciting night of heavy hors d'oeuvre, music, dancing, midnight champagne toast, party favors, and showcase routines! Watch the ball drop on the big screen! Tickets \$40/person in advance, \$45 at the door. Seating by reservation only. Dress to impress!! This event sells out every year, don't delay - get your tickets now!!



Congratulations Simply Ballroom Competitors for winning Top Studio at the Roanoke Valley Star Ball in November 2014!!!
Congratulations to Lee Nugent for winning Top Teacher and
Ginny Montano for winning Top Bronze Student!!!

Pot Luck Dinner November 15th



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7p Beg Salsa Series – 1 of 5 - Clara & Gio 8p Adv Beg/Int Salsa - Clara & Gio <i>Pre-register Online!</i>	2 5 – 8:30p Private Lessons	3 M Strahan's Wed Lineup: Beg 1 Foxtrot 7p Beg 2 Foxtrot 7:45p Adv Foxtrot 8:30p	4 7:30p Beginner Swing (1 of 3) – Erica & Ryan 8:30p Foundations: Swingouts (1 of 3) Ruth & John 9:30p Open Social Dancing for JDEC Students.	5 <i>Christmas Party!</i> <i>Proceeds to</i> <i>Christmas Mother</i> 8:00p Beg Swing - Ruth 8:30p Dance Party	6 9a No Zumba today! Kristin Wenger Workshops! 1p – NC2 – “Smooth Moves” (Intermediate & Up) 2p – WCS – “Hip” New Moves (Intermediate & Up) 7:30p USADance – Deep Run
7 5:15p-6:30 p ArgentineTango: “Colgadas” Phyllis H and Gary D 7-9p Sunday Evening Dance (Ballroom Mix)	8 7p Beg Salsa Series – 2 of 5 - Clara & Gio 8p Adv Beg/Int Salsa - Clara & Gio <i>Pre-register Online!</i>	9 5 – 8:30p Private Lessons	10 M Strahan's Wed Lineup: Beg 1 Tango 7p Beg 2 Tango 7:45p Adv Foxtrot 8:30p	11 7:30p Beginner Swing (1 of 3) – Erica & Ryan 8:30p Foundations: Swingouts (2 of 3) Ruth & John 9:30p Open Social Dancing for JDEC Students.	12 8:00p Beg Rumba - Phyllis 8:30p Dance Party	13 9a No Zumba today! Will return in January! 7:30pm Swing Dance USA Dance – Tri-Cities
14 5:30p WCS: Whips & Variations: Phyllis and Dave 7-9p Sunday Evening Dance (California Mix)	15 7p Beg Salsa Series – 3 of 5 - Clara & Gio 8p Adv Beg/Int Salsa - Clara & Gio <i>Pre-register Online!</i>	16 5 – 8:30p Private Lessons	17 M Strahan's Wed Lineup: Beg 1 Waltz 7p Beg 2 Waltz 7:45p Adv Foxtrot 8:30p	18 7:30p Beginner Swing (1 of 3) – Erica & Ryan 8:30p Foundations: Swingouts (3of 3) Ruth & John 9:30p Open Social Dancing for JDEC Students.	19 <i>NEW! NEW! NEW!</i> <i>West Side of Swing</i> <i>Event</i> 7:30p 1 HR WCS Lesson with Kristin Wenger!! 8:30p – 11:30p Dance Party Admission \$10	20 9a No Zumba today! Will return in January! 7:30pm Swing Dance 7:30p USADance – Deep Run
21 No Argentine Tango today! 7-9p Sunday Evening Dance (Ballroom Mix)	22 7p Beg Salsa Series – 4 of 5 - Clara & Gio 8p Adv Beg/Int Salsa - Clara & Gio <i>Pre-register Online!</i>	23 5 – 8:30p Private Lessons	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>No group classes</i>		26 8:00p Beg Country 2 Step - Ron 8:30p Dance Party	27 9a No Zumba today! Will return in January!
28 5:30p WCS: Whips & Variations: Phyllis and Dave 7-9p Sunday Evening Dance (Country Ballroom Mix)	29 7p Beg Salsa Series – 5 of 5 - Clara & Gio 8p Adv Beg/Int Salsa - Clara & Gio <i>Pre-register Online!</i>	30 5 – 8:30p Private Lessons	31 M Strahan's Wed Lineup: Beg 1 Rumba 7p Beg 2 Rumba 7:45p Adv Foxtrot 8:30p	TDS will host the <i>West Side of Swing</i> the 3 rd Friday of each month. This will be a special event that includes a one hour (1 hr lesson) starting at 7:30 pm followed by a 3 hour dance! Mark your calendars! Tell your friends! Admission at the door will be \$10!		

December 2014 DANCE CALENDAR

Date	Organization/Event/Time	Location	Contact	Admission/Band/Notes
12/3, 10,17	Samba Variety Classes, Wed. in Dec., 7:30-8:15p	Simply Ballroom 3549 Courthouse Rd	804-276-3343	No experience necessary \$8pp.Free to members.
12/5	Simply Ballroom Holly Ball Party w/Cha Cha lesson. 8pm	Simply Ballroom 3549 Courthouse Rd	804-276-3343	\$12 pp; free to members. Stud/staff showcase rout.
12/5	Dance Space Christmas Party. 8p-Beg. Swing less	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 bill.irwin2@gmail.com	Proceeds to Christmas Mother.
12/5	First Friday Jig Jam, 7p hustle less. Dancing 8:30-10:30	Rigby's Jig 5470 West Broad St.	(804)864-2300 or www. RigbysJig.com	
12/6	Richmond Chapter First Holiday Dance. 7:30-10:30pm. No reservations. Formal/semi-formal	Deep Run Rec. Center 9910 Ridgefield Parkway	Phil Sisk plsisk@aol.com	Music by Mike Recant
12/6	Rigby's Holiday Dance & Toy Drive 6-8pm Swing & WCS less. Dancing til 12am	Rigby's Jig 5470 West Broad St.	(804)864-2300 or www. RigbysJig.com	BRING A TOY & GET IN FREE.
12/6	Night Club 2-Step & WCS workshops by Kristin Wenger	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	KLW2S@VIRGINIA.EDU or 434-466-3269	SEE FLYER THIS ISSUE \$12 /class or 20 for both
12/6	Williamsburg USA Dance. 7:30 Waltz less. w/Anna Deasy. Dancing 8:30-10:30pm	Quarterpath Rec. Center 202 Quarterpath Rd Williamsburg, VA	williamsburgusadance.com or boardmembers@@williamsburg usadance.org	
12/7	NEW-Argentine Tango, w/Phyllis and Gary. 5-6:30pm	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 bill.irwin2@gmail.com	
12/7 & 29	Sunday Evening Dance, Ballroom Mix Dance, 7-9pm	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 bill.irwin2@gmail.com	\$7 pp TheDanceSpace.com
12/13	Tri-Cities Chapter Holiday Dance. 7:30-10:30. No lesson. Semi-formal attire.	Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 3701 Conduit Rd. Colonial Heights	804-721-4904 sdunn6060@aol.com	Music by Doug McRae
12/13	Rigby's Holly Ball, 8-10pm. Dress to impress	Rigby's Jig 5470 West Broad St.	(804)864-2300 or www. RigbysJig.com	
12/13	Charlottesville Swing Dance Soc. Hol.-Potluck Dance. Beg & inter. Night Club 2-Step less by Kristin W	Unity Church 2825 Hydraulic Rd. Charlottesville, VA	www.cvilleswingdance.net	Bring a sm. side dish or dessert to share \$13pp;10 for CSDSmemb,
12/14	Sunday Evening Dance, California Mix 7-9pm	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 bill.irwin2@gmail.com	\$7 per person
12/14 & 28	Phyllis & Dave's WCS:Whips & Variations, 5:30	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 bill.irwin2@gmail.com	
12/19	NEW: West Side of Swing Event. 7:30p -1 Hr. WCS less. w/Kristin Wenger. Dancing til 11:30pm	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 bill.irwin2@gmail.com	\$10 pp Third Fri. of every month
12/20	Richmond Chapter 2nd Holiday Dance, 7:30-10:30pm. No reservations .Formal/semi-formal attire.	Deep Run Rec. Center 9910 Ridgefield Parkway	Phil Sisk plsisk@aol.com	Music by Mike Recant
12/20	Rigby's Members Only Christmas Dance Party, 8-10pm	Rigby's Jig 5470 West Broad St.	(804)864-2300 or www. RigbysJig.com	Hosted by Eleanor and Tim
12/22	Richmond USA Dance Board Mtg. 6:00 pm.	9620 Evansway Lane Richmond	804-447-0175 plsisk@aol.com	Agenda items 24 hr. prior to meeting
12/27	Charlottesville USA Holiday Dance. 7:15-8p Beg. WCS w/Kristin Wenger Dancing 8-10pm	Unity Church Ballroom 2825 Hydraulic Rd Charlottesville, VA	Copelandnatasha1@gmail.com	DJ Kristin Wenger
12/27	Almost New Year's Eve Party by The Good Tymes Band, 7:30- 10:30pm	American Legion Post 125 1401 Hilliard Rd Richmond, VA	Call 804-314-8257 to reserve tables for 6 or more	\$8 pp Open to public SEE FLYER THIS ISSUE
12/28	Dance Masters Winter Dance Gala, 5:30-9pm. Gourmet dinner buffet.	DoubleTree by Hilton, Midlo. 1021 Koger Center Blvd.	262-9587	\$55 pp Floor show, general dancing.
12/28	Sunday Evening Dance, Ballroom and Country Mix, 7-9pm	The Dance Space 6004 W. Broad St	804-673-3326 bill.irwin2@gmail.com	\$7pp
12/31	Simply Ballroom New Year's Eve Party 9-1am.	The Dance Space 6004 W. Broad St	RSVP (804)276-3343	SEE FLYER THIS ISSUE
12/31	Rigby's New Year's Eve Showcase	Rigby's Jig 5470 West Broad St.	(804)864-2300 or www. RigbysJig.com	
12/31	Tidewater 25 th Annual New Year's Eve Weekend Event	Portsmouth, VA		SEE FLYER THIS ISSUE
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3/14	Tri Cities Annual Formal at The Lee Club, Fort Lee. 7:30-10:30.			SEE FLYER THIS ISSUE



Dance by the Light Of the Moon

At
The Lee Club
Fort Lee, Virginia
Saturday, March 14, 2015

Music by Mike Recant

\$40.00 per person

7:30pm – 10:30pm (doors open 7:00pm)

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres, Cash Bar

Men: Tux or Business Suit; Ladies: dress to impress
(No outside food or beverages allowed)

Cutoff date for reservations/ticket purchase:
Monday, March 2, 2015 NO REFUNDS

**Purchase tickets online, or use
reservation form below.**
**You will receive telephone
confirmation that your reservation
has been received.**
For information call: 804-452-1452

Purchase tickets online at
<http://chapter6060.brownpapertickets.com>
Small processing fee will apply

The Lee Club:
Bldg 9009 Battle Drive
Mahone Ave & Battle Drive
Ft Lee, VA 23801

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Fort Lee Entry Requirements:

Photo ID for driver and all passengers; Registration of Vehicle, proof of insurance for vehicle being driven

Directions: From I-95, take Exit 54 (Temple Ave.), keep to the Right and turn Right onto Temple Ave. Stay on Temple, bear off to the Right, (follow Ft Lee signage). Turn Left at light, stay in Right lane, Turn Right at Sisisky Boulevard Gate, turn Right on C Avenue, turn Left on Lee Avenue, The Lee Club is straight ahead.

From I-295 take Exit 9B (Fort Lee) you will be on Oaklawn Blvd (Rt. 36). Stay in Left lane, turn Left at Sisisky Boulevard Gate, turn Right on C Avenue, turn Left on Lee Avenue. The Lee Club is straight ahead.

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Detach here and return with your check, made payable to: USA Dance Tri-Cities Chapter 6060

Number of Reservations _____ X \$40 per person = _____ Total Amount Enclosed

Contact Phone No. _____ E-Mail Address _____

Please print names of all attendees as on photo ID for Fort Lee entry checklist.

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