

# September 2014 *Line of Dance* Vol 29 Issue 9

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

## Richmond and Tri-Cities USA Dance Chapter Dances

- Saturday Sept 6** Richmond Chapter First Saturday Dance – **Brookland Middle School**, 9200 Lydell Drive. 7:30-8:30 Intermediate Fox Trot with Pete Godfrey. Dancing til 10:30pm.
- Saturday Sept 13** Tri-Cities Chapter Dance, Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 3701 Conduit Rd, Colonial Heights. 7:30-8:15 Foxtrot lesson by Gwendolyn Glenn. Social Dancing 8:15-10pm Music by Doug McRae.
- Saturday Sept 20** Richmond Chapter 3rd Saturday Dance, Deep Run Recreation Center, 9910 Ridgefield Parkway. 7:30-10:30pm. Celebrating National Ballroom Dance Week. Special demo by Kristin Wenger & Edwin Roa. Music by Doug McRae.

*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

"Hot time, summer in the City. Dancin' so fine and lookin' so pretty." Is that how that song goes? Maybe not, but that WAS the case as we gathered twice in August. The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday dance at Simply Ballroom was SO much fun and almost 90 of you made it another very special evening for our chapter. Veronica Braun and Lee Nugent welcomed us once again to their beautiful Southside studio for another great night of dancing, with over 60 there to participate in one of the two Samba lessons. All of the comments we received about the classes were very positive as everyone learned new moves to show off during that evening's dance. We've never had as many dancers actually out on the floor doing Samba as couples as we did that night. And again, Veronica and Lee – now Mr. & Mrs. Veronica and Lee Nugent, by the way, as they were married shortly after our event – were the epitome of dance hosts for our group. The crowd was a bit smaller than in July, but the energy and excitement were high and the floor was packed all night. Lee did another great job as DJ and he and Veronica seemed to be in no hurry to get us out of there as the last dancers were still waltzing long past the normal cut-off. Obviously, time DOES fly when you are having fun... And the food! Once again, Connie's Crew tantalized us with a bevy of beautiful and tasty treats that pleased the palate and kept our energy high for dancing. I want to thank all of those who brought goodies to share and Veronica and Lee for opening their studio to us twice this summer. We do hope to do this again down the road as the occasional move across the Rivah always draws a good crowd. However, this month we are very excited to be returning to Brookland for our September 6 dance. Pete Godfrey – one of the Grand Masters of ballroom dance instruction in Richmond – returns for a Foxtrot lesson that you will not want to miss. Many of our other instructors have trained with Pete at one time or another. If you have not yet had a chance to take a lesson with him, this is the time. Foxtrot is one of our most popular dances and, no matter

how much you know about it, it is one of those dances where you can always find ways to improve your technique and style. Doug McRae will be there to DJ for the lesson and the party to follow so plan to join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in September – which is the weekend AFTER Labor Day this year.

The conditions at Deep Run were great again in August as the crew continues to put extra time in to prepare for our arrival. Bill Irwin's playlist was spot on and the large summer-time crowd had a lot of fun. They also witnessed a beautiful exhibition of two dances – West Coast Swing and Night Club 2-Step – presented by Chris Broom and his lovely partner, Lori Thaxton. Those in attendance seemed mesmerized by the passion and beauty of their dancing. If you missed it, you'll have another chance to see it on September 20, as Chris and Lori will be among those who will be performing at Regency Square Mall as part of our exhibition for National Ballroom Dance Week (NBDW). It's not too late to join us for this fun event. Just contact Gabe Pascarella (see page 2 for contact info) and let him know you would like to be part of our group. We will be offering prepared routines, such as Chris & Lori's, as well as group dances that demonstrate how we dance at our events. Even if you don't plan to dance, please come out to support our performers and to encourage shoppers to give it a try. We will be gathering at 1:00 PM on 9/20 at the mall and will perform from 1:30-2:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

We hope you will then return that evening to join us at Deep Run for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Dance and annual celebration of NBDW. There will be LOTS of great door prizes donated by local studios, instructors, and shops, two VERY special exhibitions by Edwin Roa and Kristen Wenger, and the announcement of our chapter's Volunteer of the Year. You won't want to miss THIS dance!

See you on the dance floor!

# Simply Ballroom Dance Studio - September 2014

3549 Courthouse Rd., Richmond, VA 23236 (804) 276-3343 [www.simplyballroomva.com](http://www.simplyballroomva.com)

<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>7:30pm</b> Beginner Foxtrot & Swing	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>11am</b> Parkinson's Dance <b>6:30pm</b> Line Dance <b>7:30pm Variety Class</b> Country 2-Step 1 of 4 <b>8:15pm Intermediate</b> Cha Cha 2 of 2	<b>4</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Advanced Cha Cha 1 of 3	<b>5</b> <b>7:15pm</b> Salsa <b>8:00pm</b> Party - Includes Waltz Lesson	<b>6</b> <b>3:30-4:30pm</b> Beginner Foxtrot & Swing <b>4:30pm</b> Intermediate Foxtrot 1 of 2
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Beginner Cha Cha & Rumba	<b>9</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Samba 1 of 4	<b>10</b> <b>11am</b> Parkinson's Dance <b>6:30pm</b> Line Dance <b>7:30pm Variety Class</b> Country 2-Step 2 of 4 <b>8:15pm Intermediate</b> Swing 1 of 2	<b>11</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Advanced Cha Cha 2 of 3	<b>12</b> <b>7:15pm</b> Salsa <b>8:00pm</b> Party - Includes Rumba Lesson	<b>13</b> <b>3:30-4:30pm</b> Beginner Cha Cha & Rumba <b>4:30pm</b> Intermediate Foxtrot 1 of 2
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Beginner Tango & Waltz	<b>16</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Samba 2 of 4	<b>17</b> <b>11am</b> Parkinson's Dance <b>6:30pm</b> Line Dance <b>7:30pm</b> Country 2-Step 3 of 4 <b>8:15pm Intermediate</b> Swing 2 of 2	<b>18</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Advanced Cha Cha 3 of 3	<b>19</b> <b>7:15pm</b> Salsa <b>8:00pm</b> <b>50's Sock Hop</b> <b>Party-Includes</b> <b>Swing Lesson</b>	<b>20</b> <b>3:30-4:30pm</b> Beginner Tango & Waltz <b>4:30pm</b> Intermediate Tango 1 of 2
<b>21</b> <b>4-6pm</b> <b>Rumba</b> <b>Intensive</b> <b>w/Cliff</b>	<b>22</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Beginner Foxtrot & Swing	<b>23</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Samba 3 of 4	<b>24</b> <b>11am</b> Parkinson's Dance <b>6:30pm</b> Line Dance <b>7:30pm</b> Country 2-Step 4 of 4 <b>8:15pm Intermediate</b> Foxtrot 1 of 2	<b>25</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Advanced Swing 1 of 3	<b>26</b> <b>7:15pm</b> Salsa <b>8:00pm</b> Party - Includes Tango Lesson	<b>27</b> <b>3:30-4:30pm</b> Beginner Foxtrot & Swing <b>4:30pm</b> Intermediate Tango 2 of 2
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Beginner Cha Cha & Rumba	<b>30</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Samba 4 of 4	<p align="center"><b>Pricing:</b></p> <p><b>Group classes:</b> \$8.00/person (\$6/students) <b>10-Class Card:</b> \$70.00</p> <p><b>Friday class/party:</b> \$12.00/person (\$10/students)</p> <p><b>Sunday Social:</b> \$8/person</p> <p><i>Classes marked ** pre-enrollment only. Call for details.</i></p> <p><b>Gift Certificates Available!!</b></p>			

## September Special Events

**Samba Series:** Tuesdays Sept. 9-30th. **NEW TIME!! 6:30pm** (one hour class). Basic samba taught in the first class and new figures added each week. \$35/person for the 4 week series or \$10/class drop in (\$25/person series or \$8/class for monthly members).

**Country 2-Step Variety Classes:** Wednesdays in September 7:30-8:15pm (40 min. class). Learn basics and build your skills in a series of 4 classes. \$8/person per class drop in. Class cards accepted. No prior 2-step experience necessary.

**50's Sock Hop Party:** Get out your poodle skirts and bobby socks for our fun 50's themed party!! Swing lesson at 8pm followed by dancing to a mix of great hits of the 50's and more!! \$12/person (free for monthly members)

**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. **Adult Beginner Ballet:** Sat. 11am, \$5/person c-fit members, \$10/person non-members.

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## Renewals

### Richmond Chapter

Irina Berdichevsky  
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Ellen Hollands  
Hadis Morkoc  
Gary Pennington  
Karen Pennington  
Dan Pinnell  
Carmen Snyder  
Fanya Vilenskaya

Tri Cities  
Linda Kibler



**Chris Broom & Lori Thaxton  
performed a West Coast/Night  
Club combo at Deep Run**

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

## Birthdays

### Richmond Chapter

9/7 Bill Gallahan  
9/9 Russell Harris  
9/10 Pam Bishop  
9/12 Natalya Shulgina  
9/13 Lesly Duff  
9/15 Howard Lynch  
9/19 Everette Worthington  
9/20 Scott Allison  
9/20 Maggie McRae  
9/24 Janet Brookover  
9/25 Scott Dillard  
9/27 Pat Bryson  
9/27 Richard Posa  
9/29 Windy Schatzle

### Tri Cities

9/4 Matthew Nio  
9/26 Wendy Strauss  
9/27 Lois Chiu  
9/30 Mike Berman

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

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

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your computer screen, you do have  
an option to subscribe to The  
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**Only \$10 a Class**

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**Wed Classes 12 noon @ DSCR Gym**



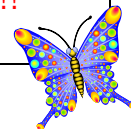
## **PERFORMANCE TEAM CLASS**

MEETS Monday 5:30 pm!

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If you dance now come learn great new combinations!

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*Instruction for singles, couples & groups!*



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# *The Good Tymes Band*

Dance hits from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's

- **Classic Rock n Roll**
- **Social Dance tunes**
- **Motown**
- **Country**
- **Beach**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**The American Legion Post 125**

1401 Hilliard Rd, Richmond, VA 23228

7:30 PM to 10:30 PM

**\$8.00 per person**



## **SAVE THESE DATES:**

Saturdays –

Sept 27th, Oct 25th, Nov 22nd & Dec 27th 2014

**Yes, you can** – Rumba, Cha Cha, Swing, Foxtrot, Waltz ... express yourself!

**Join us & bring your friends - We love dancers!**

[www.facebook.com/thegoodtymesband](http://www.facebook.com/thegoodtymesband)

**These dances help support our Veteran's programs...**

**Please help us help them!**

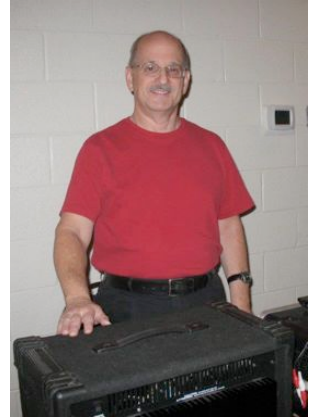


# Tri-Cities News

by Sharon Dunn

Where has the summer gone? We have a lot to reflect on for the past couple of months. The USA Dance Tri-Cities Chapter has been busy!

We had a great turnout for our August Dance so come and join us for some more great moves on September 13, 2014, again with Gwendolyn Glenn. Everyone enjoyed the music provided by Mike Recant, who did a fabulous job and brought back our Mixer!



We had the privilege of teaching "Dance and Manners" to the Hopewell Boys and Girls Club in July at Harry E. James Elementary School in Hopewell, VA. We acknowledge that teaching children at this age can help them improve their social and communication skills, learn how to work as part of a team, and develop a greater sense of trust and cooperation. We would like to send our appreciation to Gwendolyn Glenn and Jeff Dewey for teaching this class. We would also like to extend thanks to Ruth Wilbourne, Emma Humrickhouse, and John Brooks for assisting.



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

<b>September 13, 2014</b>	<b>Foxtrot lesson, Instructor Gwendolyn Glenn; music Doug McRae</b>
<b>October 11, 2014</b>	<b>Salsa Lesson, Instructor Steve Kirvan, music Randy Goodfellow</b>
<b>November 8, 2014</b>	<b>Salsa Lesson, Instructor Steve Kirvan, music Edith Lanning</b>
<b>December 13, 2014</b>	<b>Holiday Dance – NO lesson; music Doug McRae</b>


**March 14, 2015 Dance at the Lee Club, Fort Lee**

The Tri-Cities Chapter is supporting the September 27th "Let's Go to the Hop" dance sponsored by the Prince George County Parks and Recreation Department. The proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. See flyer in this issue.

If you are looking for somewhere to dance on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, "The Good Tymes Band" plays at the American Legion on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Several members of Tri Cities Chapter and I went to a dance at the American Legion on 1401 Hilliard Road in Richmond last month. The venue, the people, and the music pleasantly surprised us. The Good Tymes Band, headed by fellow ballroom dancer Jeff Dewey, provided an evening of very danceable popular songs.

Everyone had a great time and we will be going back in the future. The band is scheduled there the 4th Saturday of each month. Dances are open to the public. \$8.00 per person at the door. 7:30 to 10:30. Proceeds benefit The American Legion, which in turn supports our veterans. It's a great dance opportunity and I hope more of you will join us in the future.



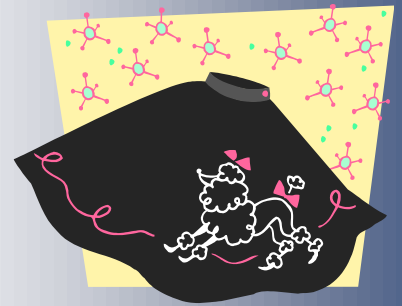
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  <i>Happy Labor Day!</i>  No Salsa Class Tonight	<b>2</b>  5 – 8:30p Private Lessons	<b>3</b>  <b>M Strahan's Wed Lineup:</b> Beg 1 Swing 7p Beg 2 Swing 7:45p Adv Rumba 8:30p	<b>4</b>  7:30p <b>Beginner Swing</b> (1 of 4) – Erica and Ryan 8:30p <b>Foundations: Swing Outs</b> (1 of 4) – Ruth & Drew 9:30p <b>Savoy Lindy Hop:</b> (Jam Circles) (1 of 4) – Ruth & John	<b>5</b>  8:00p <b>Beg WCS - Phyllis</b> 8:30p <b>Dance Party</b>	<b>6</b> 9a <b>Zumba</b> with Jenika  7:30pm <b>Swing Dance</b> hosted by Catherine Farmer  USA Dance – 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Dance
<b>7</b>  <b>Sun Evening Dance 7-9p</b> (Ballroom Mix)	<b>8</b>  7p <b>Beg Salsa Series</b> – 1 of 4 - Clara & Gio 8p <b>Adv Beg/Int Salsa</b> - Clara & Gio  <i>Pre-register Online!</i>	<b>9</b>  5 – 8:30p Private Lessons	<b>10</b>  <b>M Strahan's Wed Lineup:</b> Beg 1 Tango 7p Beg 2 Tango 7:45p Adv Rumba 8:30p	<b>11</b>  7:30p <b>Beginner Swing</b> (2 of 4) – Erica and Ryan 8:30p <b>Foundations: Swing Outs</b> (2 of 4) – Ruth & Drew 9:30p <b>Savoy Lindy Hop:</b> (Jam Circles) (2 of 4) – Ruth & John	<b>12</b>  8:00p <b>Beg Swing - Ruth</b> 8:30p <b>Dance Party</b>	<b>13</b> 9a <b>Zumba</b> with Jenika  7:30pm <b>Swing Dance</b> hosted by Andy and Rita  USA Dance – Tri-Cities
<b>14</b>  5:30p <b>Sweet Heat – Salsa!</b> Phyllis & David  <b>Sun Evening Dance 7-9p</b> (California Mix)	<b>15</b>  7p <b>Beg Salsa Series</b> – 2 of 4 - Clara & Gio 8p <b>Adv Beg/Int Salsa</b> - Clara & Gio  <i>Pre-register Online!</i>	<b>16</b>  5 – 8:30p Private Lessons	<b>17</b>  <b>M Strahan's Wed Lineup:</b> Beg 1 Waltz 7p Beg 2 Waltz 7:45p Adv Rumba 8:30p	<b>18</b>  7:30p <b>Beginner Swing</b> (3 of 4) – Erica and Ryan 8:30p <b>Foundations: Swing Outs</b> (3 of 4) – Ruth & Drew 9:30p <b>Savoy Lindy Hop:</b> (Jam Circles) (3 of 4) – Ruth & John	<b>19</b>  8:00p <b>Beg Tango– Mike</b> 8:30p <b>Dance Party</b>	<b>20</b> 9a <b>Zumba</b> with Jenika  4-6 Swing Workshop  7:30pm <b>RTown Strutters Ball</b> (Live Music!) hosted by JDEC  USA Dance – Deep Run
<b>21</b>  <b>Sun Evening Dance 7-9p</b> (Ballroom Mix)	<b>22</b>  7p <b>Beg Salsa Series</b> – 3 of 4 - Clara & Gio 8p <b>Adv Beg/Int Salsa</b> - Clara & Gio  <i>Pre-register Online!</i>	<b>23</b>  5 – 8:30p Private Lessons	<b>24</b>  <b>M Strahan's Wed Lineup:</b> Beg 1 Rumba 7p Beg 2 Rumba 7:45p Adv 8:30p	<b>25</b>  7:30p <b>Beginner Swing</b> (4 of 4) – Erica and Ryan 8:30p <b>Foundations: Swing Outs</b> (4 of 4) – Ruth & Drew 9:30p <b>Savoy Lindy Hop:</b> (Jam Circles) (4 of 4) – Ruth & John	<b>26</b>  8:00p <b>Beg Waltz - Maria</b> 8:30p <b>Dance Party</b>  <b>Ballroom Dance Celebration!!</b>	<b>27</b> 9a <b>Zumba</b> with Jenika  No Dance Tonight!
<b>28</b>  5:30p <b>Sweet Heat – Salsa!</b> Phyllis & David  <b>Sun Evening Dance 7-9p</b> (Country Western & Ballroom Mix)	<b>29</b>  7p <b>Beg Salsa Series</b> – 4 of 4 - Clara & Gio 8p <b>Adv Beg/Int Salsa</b> - Clara & Gio  <i>Pre-register Online!</i>	<b>30</b>  5 – 8:30p Private Lessons	<b>Ballroom Dance Week – September 19<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>!</b> <b>Sept.26-bring a first time dancer and you both get in free!</b> September 9 <sup>th</sup> - "Dancing in Jaffa" will be playing at the hippodrome in Richmond. Tickets are available at <a href="mailto:maria@dancingpartners.com">maria@dancingpartners.com</a> . Help support the dream of youth dancing!			

# Let's Go to the Hop

## Dance to the Hottest

## Music

## of the Fifties



**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

**7:30-10:00pm**

**\$10—Pay at the Door**

**Joe Beaudet —DJ**

**Prince George County Community Center**

**11100 Old Stage Road, Prince George, VA 23875**

**Dress in 50's Attire if you wish**

The fashion decade of poodle skirts, ponytails, duck-tail haircuts, saddle oxford shoes

Music of Bill Haley & the Comets, Fats Domino, Elvis Presley, Pat Boone, Chubby Checker

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Life of Riley, I Love Lucy, What's My Line



**Proceeds Go to The American Cancer Society**







# Remembering Renee Stephan

*March 25, 1929 - August 1, 2014*

## Thoughts from Sharon Dunn & Ruth Wilbourne

*On August 1, 2014 we were extremely saddened to hear about the loss of Renee Stephan. She was a long time friend and dancer, truly a beautiful person inside and out. I have received a lot of expressions of sympathy from our Chapter. Everyone had so many kind things to say about Renee. She was a person that gave unreservedly from her heart and warmed a room with her presence. I would like to share with you thoughts from Ruth Wilbourne, a long time friend of Renee's:*

*"Renee and I met in 1999 when I joined USA Dance Tri-Cities Chapter 6060. Over the years, we became good friends, talking at least once a week by phone, and on the second Saturday of the month, my husband Bill and I would meet Renee at a restaurant for a get-together prior to going to our chapter dance. If I were later calling her than usual, she would call me and say, "haven't heard from you, and wondered if something was wrong". That was Renee, always concerned for others.*

*She loved ballroom dancing and talked about it to everyone she met, encouraging them to attend our chapter dances, and if they had a good time, encouraged them to join. Many became members after talking with Renee. She served on the Chapter's Board of Directors for eight years, and worked at the admissions table, greeting everyone with a warm welcome.*

*When our chapter dances were held at a studio, she would volunteer to come on the day after Thanksgiving and help decorate for the holidays. She would say, "I can't do much, but I'll do what I can". Always a volunteer and willing to help - that was Renee.*

*Renee loved volunteering at the Thomas Johns Cancer Hospital, greeting patients, family members and interacting with the staff. She also spent many hours swimming at the YMCA pool, early in the morning too, because she would be able to swim before a lot of people came. She loved her "volunteer and Y families".*

*Late last Fall she and I were talking about decorating and she asked me what colors were in our house, I told her, and lo and behold, a few weeks later, she presented Bill and I with a wedding present of a beautiful afghan she had crocheted. The colors matched our décor perfectly.*

*When Bill and I were at The Homestead last fall, I saw some chairs in the Great Hall were upholstered in fabric that had dragonflies in the pattern. Knowing how much Renee liked dragonflies, I took a picture of one of the chairs and emailed it to her. She just thought that was wonderful. She was so appreciative of anything that you did for her.*

*Renee now dances in heaven. I already miss our weekly chats and her friendly smile".*

## Thoughts from the editor

*I had the good fortune of knowing Renee through both her volunteer work at The Thomas Johns Cancer Center, and through dance. We met in 1998 when she first began dancing. The first time I saw her in the hospital, we were both surprised to see each other, and there were big hugs. Our friendship was special because we shared two passions in our lives – dancing and the care of those in the hospital. If I hadn't seen her at work for a while, she would say, "Ginny – I haven't seen you in a while. I hope everything is OK with the kids and your mother!" As mentioned so many times at her Memorial Service, Renee was a caring, compassionate woman.*





*You know that description of someone who would give you the shirt off their back? It shouldn't surprise you that Renee was one of those people. When one of my daughters was in high school, she needed a special camera for a photography course. We shopped all over and couldn't find the one she wanted. I was talking to Renee about our unsuccessful afternoon at a dance and she said, "I have one of those cameras and I'd be happy to give it to her! It's just sitting in the closet." Well, it took some haggling to convince her I would PAY her for the camera, but I did succeed eventually. I asked my daughter, now 33, if she still has the camera, and she assured me it is one she will always keep.*



*As many of you know, Renee was an early riser. We roomed together one year at the Tidewater Chapter New Years weekend event in Norfolk. Since we partied some after the dance, bedtime was 2am and I was looking forward to sleeping in the next morning. Around 6am I heard Renee stirring around and I growled something like, "Renee, why are you up so early? We can sleep late!" Her response- "I did sleep late. I usually get up at 4am." I dove under the covers and awoke a couple hours later to find Renee standing there with 2 cups of hot coffee and a muffin. All was forgiven.*



*As recently as last December, Renee's compassion was evident when she was admitted to the same facility where my 98 year old mother resides, for rehabilitation/physical therapy. Renee kept an eye on Mom and reported to me every day when I came to visit. She even sent a message to me on New Years Eve, through Ruth Wilbourne, to say that Mom was doing fine.*

*I'll miss that smiling face, but I know she's brightening someone else's day where she now lives. Bless you Renee for being a part of my life.*



**Release of doves at the Memorial Service for Renee on August 9, 2014**

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1  <b>Closed for Labor Day</b>	2 <b>1:00 pm</b> Open Dance Floor  <b>7:00 pm</b> Beginner I <b>Salsa</b> with Ashley 3 of 3  <b>8:00 pm</b> Beginner II <b>Rhumba</b> with David 3 of 3	3 <b>7:00 pm</b> Beg. I / II <b>Shag</b> with Marvin 1 of 4  <b>8:00 pm</b> Beg. II <b>Wild Whip Variations</b> with Chris 1 of 4	4 <b>7:00 pm</b> Beg. I/II <b>Salsa Choreography</b> with David 1 of 4 <b>8:00 pm</b> Intro to <b>Country Two Step</b> with Eleanor 1 of 4 <b>8:30 pm -10:30 pm</b> <b>Dance Party</b> <b>Men's Night!</b> <b>Men Get in Free!!!</b>	5 <b>7:30 pm</b> Beg. II/Int. <b>Hustle</b> with David 1 of 1  <b>8:30 - 10:30</b> <b>First Friday Jig Jam!</b>	6 <b>8:30 pm</b> Group Class w/ Angel Group Class, TBD  <b>9:00 pm - 12:00 am</b> <b>First Saturday Fiesta Latina</b> Salsa · Cha Cha · Bachata Tango · Bolero · Rumba Cumbia · Salsa Rueda
8 <b>7:00 pm</b> Inter/Advanced <b>Hustle</b> with Eleanor 2 of 3	9 <b>1:00 pm</b> Open Dance Floor  <b>7:00 pm</b> Beginner I <b>Foxtrot</b> with Ashley 1 of 3  <b>8:00 pm</b> Beginner II <b>Salsa</b> with Nicole 1 of 3	10 <b>7:00 pm</b> Beg. I / II <b>Shag</b> with Marvin 2 of 4  <b>8:00 pm</b> Beg. II <b>Wild Whip Variations</b> with Chris 2 of 4	11 <b>7:00 pm</b> Beg. I/II <b>Salsa Choreography</b> with David 2 of 4 <b>8:00 pm</b> Intro to <b>Country Two Step</b> with Eleanor 2 of 4  <b>8:30 pm -10:30 pm</b> <b>Dance Party!</b>	12	13 <b>8:00 pm -10:00 pm</b> <b>Back to School Dance Party!</b> with <u>Marvin</u>  <i>wear your school colors!</i> <b>Students w/I.D. - \$5.00</b>
15 <b>7:00 pm</b> Inter/Advanced <b>Hustle</b> with Eleanor 3 of 3	16 <b>1:00 pm</b> Open Dance Floor  <b>7:00 pm</b> Beginner I <b>Foxtrot</b> with Ashley 2 of 3  <b>8:00 pm</b> Beginner II <b>Salsa</b> with Nicole 2 of 3	17 <b>7:00 pm</b> Beg. I / II <b>Shag</b> with Marvin 3 of 4  <b>8:00 pm</b> Beg. II <b>Wild Whip Variations</b> with Chris 3 of 4	18 <b>7:00 pm</b> Beg. I/II <b>Salsa Choreography</b> with David 3 of 4 <b>8:00 pm</b> Intro to <b>Country Two Step</b> with Eleanor 3 of 4 <b>8:30 pm -10:30 pm</b> <b>Dance Party!</b> <b>Ladies Night!</b> <b>Ladies Get in Free!!</b>	19	20 <b>8:00 pm -10:00 pm</b> <b>Members Only</b>  <b>Beatles &amp; Friends Dance Party</b>  <b>hosted by Ken &amp; Carol Yorgey</b>
22 <b>7:00 pm</b> Inter/Advanced <b>Rhumba</b> with Eleanor 1 of 3	23 <b>1:00 pm</b> Open Dance Floor  <b>7:00 pm</b> Beginner I <b>Foxtrot</b> with Ashley 3 of 3  <b>8:00 pm</b> Beginner II <b>Salsa</b> with Nicole 3 of 3	24 <b>7:00 pm</b> Beg. I / II <b>Shag</b> with Eleanor 4 of 4  <b>8:00 pm</b> Beg. II <b>Wild Whip Variations</b> with Chris 4 of 4	25 <b>7:00 pm</b> Beg. I/II <b>Salsa Choreography</b> with David 4 of 4 <b>8:00 pm</b> Intro to <b>Country Two Step</b> with Eleanor 4 of 4 <b>8:30 pm -10:30 pm</b> <b>Dance Party!</b>	26	27 <b>8:00 pm -10:00 pm</b> <b>Saturday Night Dance Party!</b>  <b>Ballroom Country Swing Latin</b>
29 <b>7:00 pm</b> Inter/Advanced <b>Rhumba</b> with Eleanor 2 of 3	30 <b>1:00 pm</b> Open Dance Floor  <b>7:00 pm</b> Beginner I <b>Country Two Step</b> with Marvin 1 of 3  <b>8:00 pm</b> Beginner II <b>Foxtrot</b> with Nicole 1 of 3		<p>Dance more, pay less</p> <p><b>only \$35</b></p> <p>a month</p> <p>Rubber Sole Membership Unlimited classes and parties, and exclusive discounts</p>	 <div>Save the Date! Pink Tie Gala October 25<sup>th</sup>!</div>	



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## Member of the Month

By Shirlene Howard



**Mayra Koldan**

**LOD: Tell us about yourself. Where were you born and where, besides Richmond, have you lived?**

I am originally from Guatemala which is located in Central America and borders West with Mexico. My family consisted of my parents Roger and Emma, my younger sister Emma Lucrecia and my brother Luis Fernando. I am the very proud mother of three, Jose Luis (29), Geril Paola (26), and Juan Manuel (21). We came to the US in the cold month of February, 19 years ago. We had no winter clothes as we don't have snow in our country. We lived with my brother-in-law Luis and wife Sonia in Mechanicsville for a couple of months. I came with \$100 in my pocket and 3 kids. My ex-husband had \$25.00 when he came a month before us. We didn't speak the language nor did we know how to drive. I didn't even know how to use the washer and dryer. The first time I used it, I shrank the clothes!! The pants now looked like capris and the socks had shrunk to fit a baby. I learned how to use the vacuum at my first job at McDonalds. I got bathed in milkshakes, orange juice, ketchup, mustard while taking the trash bags to the containers outside. My kids thought I had the greatest job in the world!

A couple of months later, my ex-husband got his driver license and we moved to the West End of Richmond so our kids could attend a school where English as a second language was taught. He worked in the mornings and I worked at nights at the Hyatt Hotel off Broad Street. I worked in restaurants, at banquets and provided room service. I learned a lot while I was there and met a lot of good people. A couple of years later I got a job at a call center for Circuit City Stores off Staples Mill Road. I started in the Customer Service Center and advanced to Payroll. I had the chance to work abroad for three months and went to India. On the way back I spent time in Paris where I was dying to eat a steak!!! There is no meat in India because cows are sacred. It's a good place to start a vegetarian diet.

Upon my return to the US, I was laid off so I took time off and went with my kids to spend time with my parents in Guatemala. When I returned to the US I got a job at

Chesterfield County in the payroll department. I was offered an opportunity to belong to the Diversity Team where I coordinated the first Latino Heritage Month for the County. Our events included a lot of food from local restaurants, vendors, music, and dancing. Later, I decided I wanted to have more time with my kids since they were almost ready to start college, and I got a job in Payroll with the Virginia Retirement System. I now work in Payroll for AECOM, a global Fortune 500 Company.

**LOD: Are you involved in community service?**

Being in a new country, learning a new language, and adapting to the culture was quite a shock, but nothing compares to how to file your taxes!! My brother-in-law invited me to a "Tax Free Service for the Community", which helped people complete their paper tax forms. At the time I had no idea what they were doing, but I soon learned and for the next five years worked as a Volunteer Tax Payer. I got my certification from VITA-IRS and my work for them was a rewarding experience that allowed me to give back to the community.

**LOD: Is there something most people don't know about you?**

In Guatemala, I graduated as Valedictorian of my high school class of 240. I studied four years at Francisco Marroquin University and attained a Bachelor in Education degree with a minor in Computer Science. I taught elementary school to high school students. After all this education, I still didn't know how to use a vacuum or a microwave!

**LOD: How long have you been dancing and what prompted you to start?**

I have been dancing since my early teens. I am Latina and dancing is in my blood. I participated in dancing events starting with elementary school. My parents were great dancers, as were the rest of my family. All family gatherings ended with dancing.

**LOD: When did you begin ballroom dancing? Where did you first dance ballroom?**

I started taking ballroom group classes almost two years ago at Rigby's Jig. A receptionist there suggested I start with introductory group classes, which I did, and I've been taking classes and attending parties ever since. I am hooked for life.

**LOD: What are your favorite dances?**

My first choice is Salsa. It's the music and dancing that I grew up with and that I have great memories of dancing. My second choices would be Rumba, Waltz and Night Club Two Step, which have similar moves with the Latin Bolero. Last but not least, the Hustle, Tango and West Coast Swing, which are still a challenge for me.

**LOD: Have you taken private or group lessons?**

I have been taking group classes only. I had never learned the technique, not even for Salsa. It is important for me to learn the basics; the hold, poise, balance, footwork, turns



and the vocabulary. I confess that most of the time I didn't understand what was meant when the instructor said inside turn, outside turn, cross body lead, chasse, spiral turn, back ochos, promenade, closed and open positions. I learned by watching, practicing and memorizing the steps and the moves. I'll work on the vocabulary later!

One advantage of group classes is that I get the chance to practice with different dancers. Most of the advanced dancers are willing to give you positive feedback and teach you how to do the dance steps at your level. The disadvantage is that sometimes there are not enough gentlemen in the group sessions.

**LOD: Are you concentrating on any particular dances? Which ones?**

Not at this time. I want to learn as many dances as time permits and then make my choice to excel in one. I have taken Night Club Two- Step, Rumba, Waltz, Shag, Foxtrot, Argentine Tango, Viennese Waltz, Salsa, Hustle, East Coast Swing, Country Two-Step, and Cha-Cha and I still can't decide which one I like the most.

**LOD: What is the best dance experience you've ever had?**

Dancing the waltz with my Dad at my sweet sixteen birthday party.

**LOD: What are your dance goals?**

To learn the vocabulary!! I need to learn the names and then link them to the steps. Also, I hope one day to learn more technique, but I don't want to lose the art of dancing.

**LOD: If you could dance with any celebrity dancer who would it be and what dance?**

I would choose JR Martinez, the winner of the 13<sup>th</sup> season of "Dancing with the Stars". I would love to dance a rumba or waltz with him. His dedication, passion, hard work and determination earned my respect.

**LOD: Thank you for sharing your life with us.**

Likewise Shirlene, the pleasure is mine. Thank you to LOD for allowing me to share with your readers a little bit of my life and my dancing.

## Richmond Chapter 2014 Lesson Schedule

**Sept 6 Pete Godfrey Foxtrot Doug McRae**

**Sept. 21 National Ballroom Dance Week; volunteer of the year presentation**

**Oct. 4 Alan Hedgpeth Waltz Alan & Mary**

**Nov. 1 Alan Hedgpeth Waltz Alan & Mary**

**Nov. 15 Pot Luck Dinner**

**Dec. 6 and 20 - Holiday Dances at Deep Run  
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## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

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Joe and his band will also be performing at the fully restored Historic Hotel John Marshall for their annual Halloween Spooktacular. This year, the Halloween Ball will take place on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## September 2014 DANCE CALENDAR

Date	Organization/Event/Time	Location	Contact	Admission/Band/Notes
9/3-24	Country 2-Step Variety Classes, 7:30-8:15p	Simply Ballroom 3549 Courthouse Rd	804-276-3343	No experience necessary \$8pp
9/5	Rigby's Jig First Friday Jig Jam 8:30-10:30pm	Rigby's Jig 5470 West Broad St.	(804)864-2300 or www. RigbysJig.com	Beg.ii/interm. Hustle lesson 7:30
9/6	<b>Richmond Chapter First Sat. Dance. 7:30-8:30 Foxtrot less. w/Pete Godfrey. Dancing 8:30- 10:30</b>	<b>Brookland Middle School 9200 Lydell Drive</b>	<b>Phil Sisk plsisk@aol.com</b>	<b>Music by Doug McRae</b>
9/6	Williamsburg USA Dance. 7:30- 8:20 Cha Cha less. w/Anna Deasy; dancing til 10:30	7 Cities Ballroom 5251 John Tyler Hwy #65-57 Williamsburg, VA	www.williamsburgusadance. com	\$10/12/5 Music by 7 Cities Ballroom
9/6	First Sat. Fiesta Latina, 9-12am	Rigby's Jig 5470 West Broad St.	(804)864-2300 or www. RigbysJig.com	
9/7 & 21	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
9/9- 30	Samba Series, 6:30-7:30. Note new time	Simply Ballroom 3549 Courthouse Rd	804-276-3343	\$35pp for 4 week series or \$10/class drop in
9/13	Back to School Dance Party with Marvin, 8-10pm	Rigby's Jig 5470 West Broad St.	(804)864-2300 or www. RigbysJig.com	Wear your school colors! Stud w/ID \$5
9/13	<b>Tri-Cities Chapter Dance. 7:30- 8:15 Foxtrot less. w/Gwendolyn Glenn. Dancing til 10:00.</b>	<b>Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 3701 Conduit Rd. Colonial Heights</b>	<b>804-721-4904 sdunn6060@aol.com</b>	<b>Music by Doug McRae</b>
9/14	Sunday Evening Dance, California Mix 7-9pm	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 bill.irwin2@gmail.com	\$7 per person
9/14 & 28	Phyllis & Dave's Sweet Heat Salsa, 5:30	The Dance Space 6004 West Broad St	804-673-3326 bill.irwin2@gmail.com	
9/19	50's Sock Hop Party. Swing less 8p followed by dancing to 50's hits	Simply Ballroom 3549 Courthouse Rd	804-276-3343	Wear your poodle skirts! \$12pp.Memb. free
9/19	Back-to-School Spotlight Potluck, 7-9:30	Dance Masters 5008 Lakeside Ave	DanceMastersStudios.com 804-262-9587	Bring a dish to share
9/20	<b>Richmond Chapter 3rd Saturday Dance, 7:30-10:30. No lesson. Natl. Ballroom Dance Week</b>	<b>Deep Run Rec. Center 9910 Ridgefield Parkway</b>	<b>Phil Sisk plsisk@aol.com</b>	<b>Music by Doug McRae Special demo, door prizes</b>
9/20	Members Only Beatles & Friends Dance Party, 8-10pm.	Rigby's Jig 5470 West Broad St.	(804)864-2300 or www. RigbysJig.com	Hosted by Ken & Carol Yorgey
9/20	Charlottesville Swing Dance Soc. 7-8 WCS less.w/Mike Glasgow; Dancing 8-11p	Unity Church 2825 Hydraulic Road Charlottesville, VA	www.cvilleswingdance.net	Music by Mike Glasgow \$13 pp;10 CSDS
9/21	Rumba Intensive w/Cliff, 4-6p	Simply Ballroom 3549 Courthouse Rd	804-276-3343	
9/22	<b>Richmond USA Dance Board Mtg. 6:00 pm.</b>	<b>9620 Evansway Lane Richmond</b>	<b>804-447-0175 plsisk@aol.com</b>	<b>Agenda items 24 hr. prior to meeting</b>
9/27	Tidewater USA Dance. 7:30 Foxtrot less w/ Alan Hedgpeth Dancing til 11pm	A Time to Dance 5444 Va. Beach Blvd Virginia Beach, VA	757-550-0450 info08@twcusadance.org	\$10/12/5 Music by Alan Hedgpeth
9/27	Charlottesville USA Dance Chapter 7:15 beg. Samba less w/Edwin Roa. Dancing 8-10pm	Unity Church 2825 Hydraulic Road Charlottesville, VA	Copelandnatasha1@gmail.com	
9/27	Prince George "Let's Go to the Hop" 7:30-10p \$10 at door	Prince Geo. Comm. Center 11100 Old Stage Rd	PROCEEDS TO AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	SEE FLYER THIS ISSUE
9/27	Rigby's Jig Sat. Night Dance Party 8-10pm	Rigby's Jig 5470 West Broad St.	(804)864-2300 or www. RigbysJig.com	
9/28	Sunday Evening Dance, Ballroom and Country Mix, 7-9pm	The Dance Space 6004 W. Broad St	804-673-3326 bill.irwin2@gmail.com	\$7pp
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