



USA DANCE

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President's Message by Nancy Welch

December brings lots of holiday parties and a final celebration of the year on New Year's Eve.

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In January, we'll begin the **25th year of our chapter**. We had such a great time celebrating USA Dance's national 50th anniversary this year that the board decided to do it again for **Suncoast Chapter's 25th anniversary!** To celebrate this anniversary, we'll have celebratory dances at participating studios as we did this year.

The **first** one will be held on **Sat, January 9th**, 8-10pm, at **Dancers Co-op**, with DeeJay **Sam Moses** playing the music.

Thanks to the efforts of **Jack & Geneva Maher, Peg Stetson, Trish & Jim Johnston, Ian Forestier, Betty Jo & George Scherer**, we were the **1st USABDA chapter in Florida!** Back then we were the **Treasure Coast Chapter**, named after Treasure Island where **Peg** lived. We changed our name in 2015 to **Suncoast Chapter** to better reflect the area we serve.

Louise Alford, who passed away in August, played a starring role, also. She threw a **party for 600** at the **Gulfport Casino**, which recruited enough members to start a chapter.

Harold der Garabedian, who now **hosts** at our monthly dances, was the **DeeJay** for the many Outreach Programs **Peg** organized at Community events, Nursing Homes, Mobile Home parks and other clubhouses.

Peg talked **Sam Moses and me** into joining USABDA to dance in Outreach Programs, and later into competing.

Performing at the **Festival of Trees** was our favorite, with **Sam** taking over **DeeJay** duties with cassette tapes for most of those. I still have **videotapes** of these filmed performances!

Peg Stetson also helped the **Southern Star** Chapter in Tampa get started, and did a marvelous job of organizing **competitions** at the Casino Ballroom – sometimes twice a year!

She was greatly assisted by **Jim & Trish, George & Betty Jo Scherer**, and **Ian Forestier**.

When **Peg** retired after six years, **Leone Lawrence** agreed to be President for one year. For the past **18 years**, I have been your

President. I am **grateful** for all the **volunteers** who have helped me keep our chapter thriving!

Board Secretary **Bets Meier** has been awarded **2015 Volunteer of the Year** by our Board, and will be given her award at our Dec 28th New Year's Dance.

Bets is at the **Front Desk** for the Pro Host ladies and selling raffle tickets at **every dance**. She has organized Membership Drives, and engaged a **photographer** for our Holiday Dance in 2013.

For our **25th Anniversary** in 2016, she is heading a committee to plan food and decorations for a **Semi-formal Gala**. You'll hear more about this in the next issue.



Many thanks, **Bets**, for being such a terrific Board member!

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SEPTEMBER DANCE

By Nancy Welch Photos by Ed & Mary Zuranski

We were delighted to have **Hector Quiles** and his **students** from **Rhapsody Ballroom** in Tampa entertain us at our **Member Appreciation Dance** with a group lesson in **Cha Cha**, and a great show!

Waltz with **Yan Jiang Lu** was first, then **Tango** with **Holly Jackson**, and **Rumba** with **Deborah Alberti**. Many thanks to all of you!

Thanks, also, to **Sylvia McKenzie** and **Wendell Wood** for the fresh fruit, **Lee Ferreira** for homemade cake, and **Susie Howell** for homemade pizza. **Sylvia** was the raffle winner, also.

60 members came to enjoy the **free admission** and we hope there will be more of you next year!



Yan & Hector



Hector and Holly



Deborah and Hector

Many thanks to our photographers **Ed & Mary Zuranski**, who capture great photos of our performers at almost every dance, and to **Rich Moss** who takes photos of couples on the dance floor for the Online Tempo. **Wayne Meier** helped **Sam Moses** with DeeJay duties, and **Bets Meier** performed her Front Desk duties, while **Essie Lutes** set up the Snack Table. We are **blessed** to have such **reliable volunteers**!

More September Dance Pictures



Suncoast Ballroom



7500 Ulmerton Rd. Largo, FL 33771

Located in ROSETREE PLAZA

Mark your Calendar



Sunday Dec. 6 "**WINTER SHOWCASE**" Lot's of dancing and great performances. 7 to 10pm. Adm. \$20

Saturday Dec. 19 "**GLISTENING SNOWBALL**" Dinner Dance.

Celebrate the season with good food, friends and dancing. \$25

Thursday Dec. 24 "**COOKIE DANCE**" 8 to 10pm Adm. \$10

Friday Dec. 25 "**Christmas Day Dance**" 8 to 10pm. Adm. \$10

Thursday Dec. 31 "**NEW YEARS EVE.**" Our biggest dance of the year. Reserve your seat now. 8 to 12pm. Adm. \$40

Saturday Jan. 30 "**BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE**" Dinner Dance.

Our first dance of the year. 7 to 11pm. Adm. \$20

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

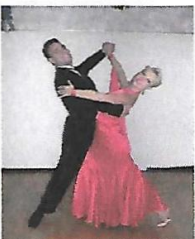
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HALLOWEEN COSTUME BALL

Photos by Ed and Mary Zuranski, Ed Cabana

It's always fun to see **Halloween costumes** and enjoy candy at our **October Dance**, and this year was no exception. We were treated to a group class in **Waltz** by **Paul Swaine**, and a dazzling show by **Paul and his students**. **Carole Faucher** danced a **Rumba** with **Paul**, and **Kathy Shiu** danced a **Waltz**. **Paul** gives private lessons at **1st Dance studio** in St Petersburg, and **Cabaret Dance Club** in Palm Harbor.

Susie Howell brought us Halloween hotdogs, pizza, spider deviled eggs! **Victoria Baker** and **Lee Daigle** brought the fresh fruit. I supplied the Halloween candy, and a small prize for everyone who marched in the costume parade. **Lee** was also the raffle winner.



Witch Nancy



Mary Allen, Ed Cabana



Victoria, Marion



Performers Carol, Paul, Kathy



Dan & Paula



Fallen Angel Essie

HALLOWEEN COSTUME BALL (continued)



Kathy, Susan, Dana, Ann



Pirate Wayne



Raggedy Ann Susie



The devil in Sylvia
made Wendell go batty



The devil in Teresa made.....
lets not go there.

2016 Monthly Dance Schedule

All on the fourth Monday at the Gulfport Casino, Gulfport Florida

January 25
February 22
March 28

April 25
May 23
June 27

July 25
August 29
September 26

October 24
November 28
December 19

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2015

Sunday

Crystal Blue Ballroom(1)	Class/Dance	6:30-8:30	PM	\$7
Dancers Co-op (Hans)	Group Class	6:00-7:30	PM	
Gulfport Casino (1)	Class/Band Dance	6:00-10:00	PM	\$8
Dance Forever Studio (10)	Arg Tango classes	Simone	PM	
Polish American Club (11)(14)	Dnnr, Polka Dance	2:00-6:00	PM	
Suncoast Ballroom	Foxtrot Class	7:00-7:30	PM	
Suncoast Ballroom (1)	Dance/Pizza/Wine	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10

Monday

1 st Dance Studio	Tea Dance	1:00-3:00	PM	\$7
1 st Dance Studio	Salsa Class	7:15-8:00	PM	\$10
Bayou Dance Club	Tea Dance	1:00-2:45	PM	\$5
Bayou Dance Club	WCS Classes	6:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Cabaret Dance Club (Hans)	Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$10
Dance Forever Studio	Group Classes	7:00-9:00	PM	\$10ea
New Magic Dance Club	Group Classes	7:30-9:00	PM	\$10ea
Suncoast Ballroom (9)	Beg Cha Cha Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Two Left Feet (2)	Beg Swing Class	7:00-7:50	PM	\$10
Vicki's Ballroom	Newcomer Class	7:00-7:50	PM	\$10

Tuesday

1 st Dance Studio	Tea Dance	1:00-3:30	PM	\$7
Cabaret Dance Club(5) (12)	Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$15
Gulfport Casino	Classes/Dance	12:00-3:00	PM	\$8
Gulfport Casino	Arg T Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$12
New Magic Dance Club	Group Class w/Jan	6:45-7:30	PM	\$10
New Magic Dance Club)	Group Classes	7:30-9:00	PM	\$10ea
Suncoast Ballroom	Swing Class	8:00-8:30	PM	
Suncoast Ballroom (1)	Dance/Dinner	8:00-10:30	PM	\$10

Wednesday

1 st Dance Studio	Cha Cha Class	7:15-8:00	PM	\$10
Bayou Dance Club (2 nd , 4 th)	Jane Hance class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Bayou Dance Club (2 nd , 4 th)	Danielle's Class/Dance	8:00-10:00	PM	\$10
Cabaret Dance Club	Country Dance	7:00-9:00	PM	\$7
Coliseum 1 st & 3 rd Wed	Tea Dance	12:30-3:30	PM	\$7
Crystal Blue Ballroom	Class/Dinner/ Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$10
Dancers Co-op	Class	7:30-8:15	PM	\$5
Gulfport Casino	Bonus Class	6:00-7:00	PM	
Gulfport Casino (1)	Swing Class/Dance	7:00-12:00	PM	\$8
New Magic Dance Club	Group Classes	7:30-9:00	PM	\$10ea
Rhapsody Ballroom	Group Class	6:45-7:30	PM	\$7
Rhapsody Ballroom	Dance	7:30-10:30	PM	\$7-9
Vicki's Ballroom	Full Bronze Class	7:00-8:20	PM	

Thursday

1 st Dance Studio	Tea Dance	1:00-3:00	PM	\$7
Bayou Dance Club	Group Class	7:30-8:15	PM	
Cabaret Dance Club	Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$8
Dance Forever	Group Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Gulfport Casino	Salsa Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$8
New Magic Dance Club)	Group Classes	6:45-7:30	PM	\$10ea
New Magic Dance Club	Bway Jazz w/Kyle	8:15-9:00	PM	\$10
66 th St Magic Dance Club	Dance	8:30-10:00	PM	\$10
Suncoast Ballroom (9)	Samba Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10

Friday

1 st Dance Studio	Swing/Waltz Classes	8:15-9:00	PM	
1 st Dance Studio (3)	Dance	8:45-10:00	PM	\$10-15
Bayou Dance Club (3)	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$15
Cabaret Dance Club	Singles Dance	6:30-10:30	PM	
Crystal Blue Ballroom	WCS Class/Dance	7:45-11:30	PM	\$7-10
Dancers Co-op	Class/Dinner Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$10
Dance Forever	Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$10
Largo Community Ctr (6)	Swing Class/Dance	7:00-11:00	PM	\$8
NEW Magic Dance Club	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10
Rhapsody Ballroom (5)	Dance	8:00-10:30	PM	\$8
Starlight Dance Club	Miami Salsa (Karen)	7:30-8:30	PM	\$15
Suncoast Ballroom	WC Swing Class	8:00-8:30	PM	
Suncoast Ballroom (1)	Dance	8:30-11:00	PM	\$10
Two Left Feet (8)	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$7/10
Vicki's Ballroom	Bronze 1&2 Classes	7:00-8:25	PM	\$10

Saturday

1 st Dance Studio (1 st Sat)	Deejay Sam Dance	8:00-10:00	PM	\$7
1 st Dance Studio (2 nd Sat)	Milonga Dance	8:00-12:00	PM	\$15
Bayou Dance Club	Technique Class	11:00-12:00	AM	
Bayou Dance Club 1 st Sat	Classes/Dance	7:30-11:00	PM	\$10
Bayou Dance Club 4 th Sat	WCS Class/Dance	7:30-11:00	PM	\$10
Crystal Blue (4)	Class/Dance/Dinner	7:00-10:00	PM	\$10
Starlight Dance Club (1)	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10
Suncoast Ballroom (1)	Tango Class	8:00-8:30	PM	
Suncoast Ballroom (4)	Dance/Dinner	8:30-11:00	PM	\$10
Vicki's Ballroom (7)	Class/Dance	8:00-10:00	PM	\$10

To make it easier for you to remember, our
Monthly dances at Gulfport Casino
 Ballroom will be held on the **4th MONDAY** in
2016, except for **December**, which will be the
3rd Monday

One more **Christmas Dance Party**
Monday, December 7, 12:30-3:00pm
 1st Dance Studio with Bobby Tess
 \$7 with gift, \$10 without



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5000 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota Group Class
 7-8pm, Dance 8-10pm

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Two WC Swing classes 7-8pm, Dance 8-11pm
 Happy Hour drink specials & appetizers all night

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR – JANUARY 2016

Sunday

Crystal Blue Ballroom(1)	Class/Dance	6:30-8:30	PM	\$7
Dancers Co-op (Hans)	Group Class	6:00-7:30	PM	
Dance Forever (10)	Arg Tango Classes	Simone	PM	
Gulfport Casino (1)	Class/Band Dance	6:00-10:00	PM	\$8
Polish American Club (11))	Dnnr, Polka Dance	2:00-6:00	PM	
Suncoast Ballroom	Samba Class	7:00-7:30	PM	
Suncoast Ballroom (1)	Dance/Pizza/Wine	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10

Monday

1 st Dance Studio	Hustle Class	7:15-8:00	PM	\$10
Bayou Dance Club	Tea Dance	1:00-2:45	PM	\$5
Bayou Dance Club	WCS Classes	6:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Cabaret Dance Club (Hans)	Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$10
DanceForever	Group Classes	7:00-9:00	PM	\$10ea
New Magic Dance Club	Group Classes	7:30---9:00	PM	\$10ea
Suncoast Ballroom (9)	Beg Waltz Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Two Left Feet (Hudson) (2)	Beg Swing class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Vicki's Ballroom	Newcomer Class	7:00-7:50	PM	\$10

Tuesday

1 st Dance Studio	Tea Dance	1:00-3:30	PM	\$7
Cabaret Dance Club (5) (12)	Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$17
Gulfport Casino	Classes//Dance	12:00-3:00	PM	\$8
Gulfport Casino	Arg T Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$12
New Magic Dance Club	Group Class w/Jan	6:45-7:30	PM	\$10
New Magic Dance Club	Group Classes	7:30-9:00	PM	\$10ea
Suncoast Ballroom	Bolero Class	8:00-8:30	PM	
Suncoast Ballroom (1)	Dance/Dinner	8:00-10:30	PM	\$10

Wednesday

1 st Dance Studio	Foxtrot Class	7:15-8:00	PM	\$10
Bayou Dance Club	Jane Hance Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Bayou Dance Club	Danielle Class/Dance	8:00-10:00	PM	\$10
Cabaret Dance Club	Country Dance	7:00-9:00	PM	\$7
Coliseum 1 st & 3 rd Wed	Class/Carol Baker	11:30-3:30	PM	\$3
Coliseum 1 st & 3 rd Wed	Tea Dance	12:30-3:30	PM	\$7
Crystal Blue Ballroom	Class/Dinner/ Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$10
Dancers Co-op	Class	7:30-8:15	PM	\$5
Gulfport Casino	Bonus Class	6:00-7:00	PM	
Gulfport Casino (1)	Swing Class/Dance	7:00-12:00	PM	\$8
New Magic Dance Club)	Group Classes	7:30-9:00	PM	\$10ea
Polish American Society 2 nd ,4 th	Class/Dance (11)	11:30am-3:30	PM	\$7-10
Rhapsody Ballroom	Group Class	6:45-7:30	PM	\$7
Rhapsody Ballroom	Dance	7:30-10:30	PM	\$7-9
Vicki's Ballroom	Full Bronze Class	7:00-8:20	PM	

Thursday

1 st Dance Studio	Tea Dance	1:00-3:00	PM	\$7
Bayou Dance Club	Group Class	7:30-8:15	PM	
Cabaret Dance Club	Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$8
Largo Community Ctr (13)	Class/Dance	6:45-9:00	PM	\$8
Dance Forever	Group Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
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Gulfport Casino	Salsa Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$8
Suncoast Ballroom (9)	Cha Cha Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10

Friday

1 st Dance Studio	Bachata/Cha classes	8:15-9:00	PM	
1 st Dance Studio (3)	Dance	8:45-10:00	PM	\$10-15
Bayou Dance Club (3)	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$15
Cabaret Dance Club	Singles Dance	6:30-10:30	PM	
Crystal Blue Ballroom	WCS Class/Dance	7:45-11:30	PM	\$5-10
Dancers Co-op	Class/Dinner Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$10
Dance Forever	Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$10
Largo Community Ctr (6)	Swing Class/Dance	7:00-11:00	PM	\$8
NEW Magic Dance Club	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10
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Suncoast Ballroom (1)	Dance	8:30-11:00	PM	\$10
Two Left Feet (8)	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$7/10
Vicki's Ballroom	Bronze 1&2 Classes	7:00-8:25	PM	\$10

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Bayou Dance Club	Technique Class	11:00-12:00	AM	
Bayou Dance Club 1 st Sat	Classes/Dance	7:30-11:00	PM	\$10
Bayou Dance Club 4 th Sat	WCS Class/Dance	7:30-11:00	PM	\$10
Crystal Blue (4)	ClassDanceDinner	7:00-10:00	PM	\$10
Starlight Dance Club (1)	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10
Suncoast Ballroom (1)	Tango Class	8:00-8:30	PM	
Suncoast Ballroom (4)	Dance/Dinner	8:30-11:00	PM	\$10
Vicki's Ballroom (7)	Class/Dance	8:00-10:00	PM	\$10



STUDIO UPDATES

Elks Lodge, NPR Weekly Wed Classes 7-8, 8-9,
Dance 9-10pm with Paul Friedlander \$6-8

Largo Community Center Swing Dance with Arlene
Norman now 1st & 2nd Fridays only

New venue for Sunday Swing Dance in Tampa
USS American Legion, 3810 W. Kennedy Blvd

Progressive Weekly Classes Tue, Wed, Thu at the new
Magic Dance Club need a minimum of 5 students.
66th St Magic Dance Club now has **Thu night Dance!**

Activity Table Notes

- (1) Price includes group class before the dance
- (2) Veterans Memorial Park Rec Ctr, 14333 Hicks Rd
- (3) \$10 for Dance only
- (4) See Coming Events for monthly \$20 Dinner Dance
- (5) Sergey & Yulia (813-919-8539)
- (6) Arlene Norman
- (7) Dec 5 & 12, Jan 2, 16, 30 only
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- (11) 1343 Beach Dr SE, St Pete 727-894-9908
- (12) \$10 for Dance only
- (13) Carol Baker & Paul Kirk
- (14) December 6 & 13 only

Memorials



ED LOESER

by Dave & Dottie Born

Ed passed away September 29th at age 87, and was preceded in death by his wife **Mary**. He loved his wife and three sons, music, and dancing.

He was raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and was in the **Merchant Marines** in World War II. He had his birthday changed to make him old enough to join up!

He married **Mary** after he came home from service, and they danced in Ohio with the **Arthur Murray studios**. They went on several **cruises** with Arthur Murray, and he was proud to have danced with **Katherine Murray!**

Ed took lessons with **Elissa** at **Suncoast Ballroom** and danced in many of their **showcases**. He won the title "**Lambada King**" when he **competed** with **Elissa!**

After **Ed** developed macular degeneration, we gave him **transportation** to Suncoast Ballroom for 19 years. **Ballroom Dancing** was his reason for living, and **he loved being at Suncoast Ballroom** even when he could only dance a little.

Ed, It will be strange not to see you dancing in the **Dec 6th Showcase** at Suncoast Ballroom. You will be missed by all your friends!

BILL MARSH

by Lynn Powell

Bill passed away Nov 6th at age 91. He was married to **Marge** for 70 years, and they danced every day for years until she became sick. **Marge** said he was a good man. He was very loving and took care of her at home until she passed away July 10th, 2015, at age 92.

Bill was in the service during World War II. He was captured, but escaped with another prisoner from a camp in the Phillipines in 1945, making it back to the safety of US forces, weighing only 85 lbs.

He was self employed, at one time owning several businesses. He owned his own **roofing business** for 30 years, and was still walking on the roof at age 85! He only quit because **Marge** was sick.

Bill grew up on a farm in Ohio with nine brothers and sisters. He said he started to dance at age 5. You didn't always know if he was kidding or serious, as he loved to joke and was fun to be around.

He knew what he wanted, was strong willed and hard-headed. He said it was his NATURE. **Bill** had a good life working hard and dancing seven days a week, sometimes twice a day. He was well-known and liked by everyone.

He is survived by a son and a daughter, and will be missed dearly by me, and by all his friends in the Ballroom Dance Community.



COMING EVENTS – December 2015

Wednesday, December 2 6:30-9:30pm \$6-8
Pasco Chapter Dance Elks Lodge, New Port Richey

Saturday, December 5 8-10pm \$7
1st Dance Studio DeeJay Sam Dance

Sunday, December 6 7:00-10:00 \$20
Suncoast Ballroom Winter Showcase

Wednesday, December 9 7:30-10:30pm \$7-9
Southern Star Chapter Dance, Rhapsody Ballroom

Saturday, December 12
Dance Forever Spectator Tickets 1:30pm \$15
 Winter Wonderland Showcase, call **advance** tickets only \$15

Starlight Dance Club 7:30-10:30 \$10 + baby item
 Christmas Showcase & Dance Party(no class)

Vicki's Ballroom Holiday Party 8:00-10:00pm \$15

Thursday, December 17 8-10pm \$8-10
Dance Forever USA Dance **50th Anniversary** Party

Friday, December 18 8:15 Class, Dance 9-11pm \$15
1st Dance Studio Christmas Party-bring dish to share

Saturday, December 19
Crystal Blue Christmas Dinner Dance 7:30-10:00 \$20

Magic Dance Club Holiday Extravaganza 12-9pm
 \$15 Spectator ticket includes lunch

Starlight Dance Club Formal Christmas Party 8pm

Suncoast Ballroom 7:00-11:00pm \$25
 Glistening Snowball Dinner Dance Reservations, please!

Sunday, December 20 727-798-3660 for info \$50
Gulfport Casino Carol Baker Black Tie Formal
 Class 4:30-5:30, Dinner 5:30, Showcase/Dancing 7pm

Wednesday, December 23
Bayou Dance Club Christmas Dance 7:30-10pm \$10

Thursday, December 24 8:00-10:00pm
Suncoast Ballroom Christmas Cookie Dance \$10

Friday, December 25 8:00-10:00pm \$10
Suncoast Ballroom Christmas Day Dance

Monday, December 28 7:00-10:15pm \$5-8
Gulfport Casino Suncoast Chapter New Yr's Dance

COMING EVENTS –January 2016

Saturday, January 2
1st Dance Studio DeeJay Sam Dance 8-10pm \$7

Starlight Dance Club New Year's Dance Party \$10

Wednesday, January 6
Pasco Chapter Dance Elks Lodge, Congress St,
 New Port Richey 6:30-9:30pm \$6-8

Saturday, January 9
Dancers Co-op Suncoast Chapter **25th Anniversary**
 Party 8-10pm Hosted by Shelley Harrington \$8-10

Wednesday, Jan 13 7:30-10:30pm \$7-9
Southern Star Chapter Dance, Rhapsody Ballroom

Monday, January 25 7:00-10:15pm \$5-8
Suncoast Chapter Dance Gulfport Casino

Saturday, January 30 7:00-11:00pm \$20
Suncoast Ballroom Dinner Dance, Reservations, please!



1st Dance Studio: Call studio as this is **tentative**
 Buffet Dinner, Champagne Toast, Open bar, BYOB

Bayou Dance Club 7:30pm-? \$60 adv, \$75 door
 Buffet dinner, show, fireworks, champagne toast

Crystal Blue Ballroom: 8:30-?pm \$35
 Buffet Dinner, Champagne before midnight!

Gulfport Casino: \$35 or \$45 reserved seating
 Non stop music & dancing, tapas after 10pm,
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Rhapsody Ballroom: Potluck DJ Dance \$40 door!
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St Petersburg Coliseum:
 Mitch Woods & Rocket 88s, Swing Class 8pm,
 Dance 9pm. Champagne & Cash Bar. \$27 by Dec
 10th, then \$30. Tickets: www.NewYearSwing.com,
 727-669-7830, or at Wed Casino Swing Dance.

Suncoast Ballroom: 8pm-? Reserve now! \$40
 Dinner buffet, champagne toast, mini-show

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USA Dance

Suncoast Chapter

25th. Anniversary Dances

Come Dance With Us!

Suncoast Chapter #6004 is the Pinellas County chapter of USA Dance, Inc. a 501C3 nonprofit organization, whose mission is to improve the quality and the quantity of ballroom dancing in the United States. 2016 marks the silver anniversary of Suncoast Chapter. Organized in 1991 as Treasure Coast Chapter, the Chapter changed its name to Suncoast Chapter in 2015. The Chapter hosts monthly dances at the Gulfport Casino and other dance events in Pinellas County.

To celebrate its 25th anniversary USA Dance Suncoast Chapter #6004 in cooperation with participating dance studios is hosting a series of dances throughout Pinellas County. The plan is to have at least one dance each month at various dance studios and dance venues. The first dance is at **Sat, January 9th**, 8-10pm, at **Dancers Co-op** in Clearwater.

Saturday, January 9, 8:00-10:00 pm

Dancers Co-op

1247 S. Missouri Ave,
Clearwater, FL 33756

Tel: 727-216-6991

Hosted by: **Shelley**

DJ: **Sam Moses**

Show and snacks

8:00 -10:00 Dancing

\$8 members with card • \$10 non-members

It's the 25th Anniversary. Wear something silver or at least colored silver.



PASCO CHAPTER NEWS

by President Linda Appleby, Photos by Robbie Cash

Our **Board** has worked hard on changing our venue, particularly because most of us are new to the Board. That didn't stop us ...our first Social Dance was held at our **new home**, the **Elks Lodge in New Port Richey** on Wed, November 4th. This location includes a very large floor and seating for so many more people!

At this Nov 4th Dance, we had the great pleasure of welcoming the **Arthur Murray Dance Studio of Palm Harbor**. **Lania Berger** and her team of students gave us an **outstanding show**. **Ekaterina** taught a **Merengue** class. I'm a student of theirs, so I was roped into a performance with **Misha**. Performers pictured opposite



Lania Berger and Linda Applebee at far left. Adele Rubenstein, Misha, Trudy Contessa, Megan & Jeffrey Watkins, Jamie Mick & David

performed routines of **Samba, Cha Cha, Bolero and International Rumba**. :



Stacy Kay, Linda Appleby, Hugo Miguez

We held a **Pre-Halloween Bash** for our **October Dance**. Lots of ghouls and goblins attended. We also made this our contribution to the **50th Anniversary** of USA Dance. Had quite a spread of food, drinks and fun. **Hugo Miguez and Stacy Kay** were our **lesson and show performers**. They are world renowned for their precision, variety, and teaching methods within the **West Coast Swing** community. Their dance was energetic and extremely smooth. We were so thankful for their expertise and communication in teaching our dancers.

This last month has been a whirlwind – a new board, new venue, and now we have weekly dance lessons (all levels including youth), starting Wed, Nov 18th. But wait, there's MORE! We are launching our **satellite dances** in Spring Hill and Brooksville, starting in **January, 2016**. More information to follow soon. We welcome you all to attend our next dance on Wed, December 2nd, at the NPR Elks Lodge on Congress St.

USA 50TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE at the COLISEUM

by Nancy Welch, Photos by Rich Moss

Each month this year Suncoast Chapter has held an Anniversary Dance at various dance venues to celebrate the 50th. Anniversary of USA Dance.

Our 50th Anniversary Dance for October was held on Wed, Oct 7th at the **St Petersburg Coliseum**, with USA Dance members receiving a \$2 discount on the admission price.

Board members **Gail Spear, Betty Jo Scherer and Nancy** staffed the Information Table, and **Rich Moss** captured the photos. **Carol Baker** taught a waltz lesson and the Maron DeLeon trio provided the music



Gail, Betty Jo and President Nancy hard at work

Many of us were there to enjoy this dance, including **District Director Don Davenport** and his wife **Yoshie**, and several members of the **White Sands Chapter** as well as our **Suncoast Chapter**. The show was given by couples from the **White Sands Chapter** in Sarasota/Bradenton.

We were treated to a **Tango** by **Dave and Edith Goudy**, a **Mambo** by **Larry and Dorothy Dunaway**, and a **Bolero** by **Daniel Fugazzotto and Janis Merluzzo** who are eight times **National USA Dance Champions in American Rumba and American Nine Dance**.

Many thanks to all our performers and attendees!



Rich, Gail, Yoshie, Don, Betty Jo, Nancy, Daniel, Janis, Dorothy, Larry, Edith, Dave



Such a beautiful, elegant ballroom!

Daniel and Janis returned to the **Coliseum** to perform a **playful Swing** at the **Veterans Day Dance** on Wed, November 4th. They were joined by **Ken McCleary & Pam Weaver** dancing **International Rumba**, and current White Sands **President Bill Grolemond** with partner **Jan Kizzia** who performed a **Waltz**.

Many Thanks to the **White Sands Chapter**!

More Anniversary Dance Pictures





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"It's not only about saving money."

While the primary reason to join is to belong to the only American organization that supports and represents amateur dancing for students, adults and seniors, there is a financial benefit to being a member.

Benefits of New and Renewed Membership

1. Members receive a discount on admission to all USA Dances.

Here is an example of the savings.

- **Members save \$3.00 on each monthly Suncoast Dance** at the Gulfport Casino. If you attend all 12 monthly dances that is a savings of \$36.00 **Members save on each special dance put on in association with USA Dance.** The savings may vary from dance to dance. In celebration of its 25th anniversary Suncoast Chapter is planning a dance a month to be held at participating dance studios around Pinellas County.
- **Members will be invited to attend a FREE member's appreciation dance.** Show a valid membership card and get in FREE.
- The Gulfport Casino is planning its own "Dancer Appreciation Dance". Members will be invited to attend the Gulfport Casino Dancer Appreciation Dance for FREE (an \$8 savings).
- Members may attend USA Dance dances in other areas at reduced member prices.

Adding it up, your \$35 annual membership could save you \$75 or more in dance admissions. That's a pretty good deal.

2. New Membership Benefits Program

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December 28

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33756
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Suncoast Chapter Dances

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00-10:15PM

LESSON: 7:15-7:45 ARLEENE NORMAN

SHOW: 8:30 DANIEL & JANIS, SARASOTA

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

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LESSON: 7:15-7:45 ARMANDO & CORRINE

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