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President's Message

by Nancy Welch

I hope that you are okay after Hurricane Irma. Although Pinellas County did not receive the full force of the hurricane, many dancers lost power, phone service, and had property damage. As I write this one week on, it seems like we are all getting back to normal. At least I hope so.

Many of us are saddened by the loss of Crystal Blue Ballroom in Seminole. Their large dance floor was ruined when Irma blew the roof off. Owners Joe and Judite have decided to sell the ballroom as the cost to rebuild it is too high.

I am grateful to Crystal Blue for many years of Saturday night dances, Halloween Costume contests, New Year's Eve parties where I drank pink champagne well before midnight!

No more Wed and Sat night dances at Crystal Blue, and no more 1st and 3rd Friday night WC Swing dances. See their web site for possible relocation of these dances: www.tbwcsa.com

The weekly DeeJay Sam Tea Dance held on Thursdays, 1-3pm

will now be held at Suncoast Ballroom. Many thanks, Joe and Elissa!

I am saddened to learn that Charter member Pat McSmith died in N. Carolina on Sept 9th.

Her obituary is in the Sun, Sept 17th Tampa Bay Times. Our next issue will have photos of Pat and her dance partners.

In this issue, you will find Memorials for Bobby Steptoe and Papa Diaz who died in July.

A volunteer DeeJay is urgently needed for our weekday afternoon or Sunday afternoon Outreach Programs.

Volunteers Marjorie Reynolds and Rachel Hamilton also need help setting up venues and calling dancers. Let's keep this program thriving!

Many thanks to all of you who renewed your membership in our Suncoast chapter and all of you who joined during the USA Dance Membership Contest. We may not win the contest, but will receive \$5 for everyone who joined or renewed.

Because of Hurricane Irma, the contest has been extended to October 1st, so you still have time

to join our chapter or renew your membership.

Fortunately, the Gulfport Casino was not damaged by Irma, and low rain chances predicted for our

Member Appreciation Dance there Sept 25th as we celebrate **National Ballroom Dance Week**. **FREE admission** for members who bring their card.

We'll have **FREE CDs** to give you, courtesy of **USA Dance!** Thanks to Board member **Rich Moss** for bringing them back from the **DanceSpree** Presidents meeting.

As a **special** treat, member **Don Koeller** will bring his **train set** for you to enjoy at this dance. It will be on the stage.

Hope you'll **join me** for a late **NBDW** celebration at the St Petersburg **Coliseum** Wednesday, **October 4th**. You'll enjoy the **show** at intermission given by couples from the **White Sands chapter** as well as dancing in this beautiful and **elegant** ballroom. **Bring** your membership card for **\$5 admission!**

Time to plan those **Halloween costumes** now! See the **Coming Events** page for all the parties.

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JULY DANCE

by Nancy Welch Photos by Ed & Mary Zuranski



Michelle and Joe



Keith and Sandy



Dorothy and Joe

JOE TAYLOR from **SUNCOAST BALLROOM** gives us a terrific show every **JULY**, and this year was no exception! **DOROTHY WALTER** and **JOE** got the show started with a playful **WEST COAST SWING**, then **KEITH & SANDY SCHAFFNER** gave us a lovely **WALTZ**.

Theatrical **BOLERO** was next, danced by **BUNNY OTT** and **JOE**. Making her debut was **MICHELLE DAVIDSON**, dancing a **TagCha** with **JOE** – Tango and Cha Cha. For the workshop, **JOE** taught a **figure** that can be used in **SALSA**, **RUMBA**, or **BOLERO**. **Many thanks** to all of you!

Member **JANE HERMAN** won the 50/50 raffle, and new volunteer **CINDY SIMON** provided fresh fruit for the SnackTable. We also enjoyed **SUSIE HOWELL's** homemade pizza, **LEE FERREIRA's** baked goods.

SUNCOAST BALLROOM holds dances **Tue, Fri, Sat, Sun** nights, and group classes **Mon and Thu** nights, as well as a **themed Dinner Dance**, usually on the **3rd Saturday**. **Joe and Elissa** also brought cruise flyers with them for their **Costa cruise** departing **January 8th, 2018**.



Joe and Bunny

PETER BERNA, who is the DeeJay for the Adventure Coast Chapter's **Spring Hill Dance**, played his **great music** at this dance, while our usual DeeJay **SAM MOSES** did a great job **selling** raffle tickets! **PETER** can now be a backup DeeJay along with **ARLEENE NORMAN** in case **SAM** is ill.

PETER and his wife **CHRISTINE** plan to attend our **Member Appreciation Dance** on September 25th, so we can thank him again for putting much time and effort into being a **terrific DeeJay**.

Pinellas Group Classes and Dances

MAGIC DANCE CLUB

MONDAY: Advanced Group Class 8:15-9:00pm

TUESDAY: Class 7:30, Members only Dance 8:15pm

WEDNESDAY: Group Class for Kids 3:45pm

FRIDAY: Class/Pizza/Dance 7:30-10:00pm

BALLROOM 66 (FORMER MAGIC DANCE CLUB)

TUESDAY: Beg WCS w/John & Ariel; Intermediate WCS w/Hugo & Stacy, both 7-8pm

THURSDAY: Adv WCS classes 7-8, 8-9, 9-9:30pm, Practice to 10:30pm

STARLIGHT DANCE CLUB

TUESDAY: Group Class 7:30-8:00pm, Dance 8:00-9:30pm

THURSDAY: Argentine Tango Class 6:30-7:30pm

FRIDAY: Salsa Class 7:30-8:30pm 2ND SATURDAY: Class/Dance 7:30-10:00pm

SUNCOAST BALLROOM

MONDAY Beginner Group Class with Joe Taylor 7-8pm

TUESDAY Class/Lite Dinner/Dance 8:00-10:30pm

THURSDAY DeeJay Sam Tea Dance 1-3pm Group Class with Joe Taylor 7-8pm

FRIDAY Group Class/Dance/Sandwich buffet 8-11pm

SATURDAY Class/Lite Dinner/Dance 8-11pm 3rd Saturday \$20 Dinner Dance

SUNDAY Class/Pizza & Wine/Dance 7-10pm

BAYOU DANCE CLUB

MONDAY: Tea Dance 1:00-2:45pm; WCS Classes with Rene & Tommy 6-8pm
Bayou Group Classes 7:30-9:30pm

TUESDAY: Social Ease Class & Guest Party 7:30-9:00PM

WEDNESDAY: Country Western Class Jane Hance 7-8pm,
CW Class/Dance Danielle Blouin 8-10pm
Bayou Group Class 7:30-8:15pm, Dance 8:15-9:45pm

THURSDAY: Group Classes 7:30-9:00pm

FRIDAY: Group Class 7:30-8:15pm, Dance 8:30-10:30PM

SATURDAY: Bayou Group Classes 11:00am-1:15pm
2nd Saturday Floorplay meets Country: 7:45Classes, 8:30-11:00pm Dance
4th Saturday Floorplay WCS Dance 8:30pm-1:00am

CABARET DANCE CLUB

TUESDAY: Group Class 7-8pm, Dance 8-10pm with Sergey & Yulia

THURSDAY: Ballroom Class/Dance 7-10pm

FRIDAY: Singles Dance 6:30-10:30pm

SATURDAY: See Coming Events and web site for Special Events: cabaretdanceclub.com

DANCERS CO-OP

2ND MONDAY: Ballroom Dance with Arleene Norman 7-9pm

WEDNESDAY: Beginner Group Class 7:30-8:15pm

FRIDAY: Group Class 7:30, Lite Dinner 8, Dance to 10pm

2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS: Swing Class/Dance with Arleene Norman 7-11pm

DANCE FOREVER

SUNDAY: Argentine Tango Classes - call Simone 813-391-1056

MONDAY: Group classes 7-9pm

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Group Class 7pm

FRIDAY: Group Class 7:30, Dance 8-10pm

1ST DANCE STUDIO

SUNDAY: Milonga Dance with Luigi 4-7pm

MONDAY: Live Band Dance 1:00-3:00pm Group Class 7:15-8pm

TUESDAY: Salsa/Bachata Class & Practice 7:15-10pm

WEDNESDAY: Group Class 7:15-8pm THURSDAY: Dance 8:30-10pm

FRIDAY: Group Class 8:15, Dance 9-11pm

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THURSDAY: Salsa Class/Dance with Carol Rivera 7-10pm

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AUGUST DANCE

By Nancy Welch Photos by Ed & Mary Zuranski

70 brave souls drove through heavy rain and poor visibility to attend our August 25th Dance, but we had a good time once we got inside out of the rain! **Many thanks** to all of you!

Special thanks to **Judy Davy, Drew Milano, and Starlight Dance Club students**, to our Amateur and Pro Dance Hosts, DeeJay Sam, Front Desk staff **Lee Ferreira, Virginia Hokes, Judy Polk, Rich Moss**, to **Boni Locke** for the fresh fruit, and to photographers **Ed & Mary Zuranski**.

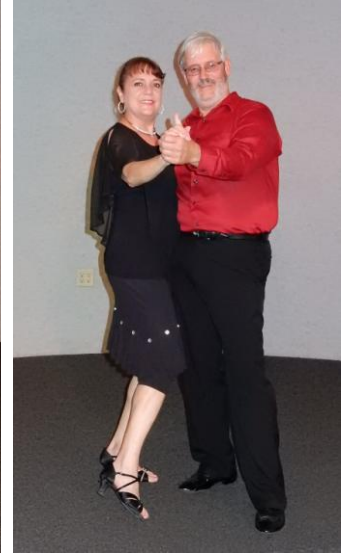
Judy, assisted by **Drew**, taught figures to use in **Waltz, Tango, and Foxtrot** for the **Workshop**. **Judy** gave us a terrific show, dancing **Rumba** with **Jake Gladdin**, **Quickstep** with **Jim Dwane**, **Tango** with **Mike Dewyre**, and **Cha Cha** with **Pro Drew Milano**.

Judy also presented an **Argentine Tango formation team**, starring **David Miller, Mike Dewyre, Drew Milano, Toni Miller, Mary Jean Clements, and Heidi Wang**.

It was strange to hold **no drawings** for Gulfport Casino **free admission passes** or the **50/50 raffle**, but these are now considered a **violation of anti-gambling laws**. However, we may have a way around the free admission passes, although not the 50/50 raffle.



Jim and Judy



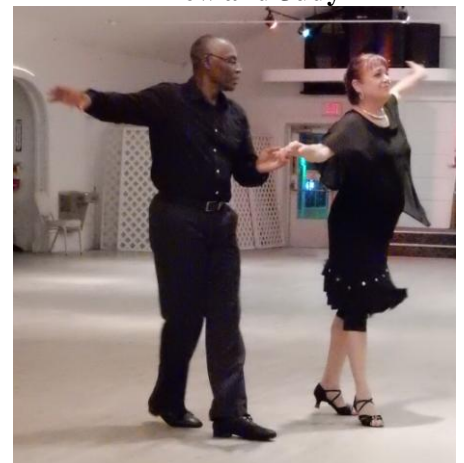
Judy and Mike .



Drew and Judy



Drew, David, Judy, Mary Jean, Jake, Mike, Toni, Heidi, Jim



Jake and Judy

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR OCTOBER 2017

Sunday

1 st Dance Studio	Milonga Dance	4:00-7:00	PM	\$10
American Legion, Tampa (11)	Swing Class/Dance	7:00-11:00	PM	\$10
Gulfport Casino (1) 2 nd Sun	Fusion Dance	6:00-11:00	PM	\$8
Dance Forever Studio (7)	Arg Tango classes	Simone	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	Live Band Dance	1:00-3:00	PM	\$8
1 st Dance Studio	Swing 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
Dancers Coop 2 nd Monday	Ballroom Dance(6)	7:00-9:00	PM	\$6
Dance Forever	Hustle Classes	7:00-9:00	PM	\$10ea
Suncoast Ballroom (9)	Beg Foxtrot Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Two Left Feet (Hudson) (2)	Call Al for location	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10

Tuesday

1 st Dance Studio	Advanced Salsa	8:15-10:00	PM	\$15
Cabaret Dance Club(5) (3)	Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$15
Crowne Plaza Hotel (10)	WCS Classes,Dance	7:00-11:00	PM	
Dance Forever	Bachata Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Gulfport Casino	Classes/Dance	12:00-3:00	PM	\$8
Starlight Dance Club	Arg T Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$12
Suncoast Ballroom	Class/Dance	7:30-9:30	PM	\$10
Suncoast Ballroom (1)	Rumba Class	8:00-8:30	PM	
	Dance/Dinner	8:00-10:30	PM	\$10

Wednesday

1 st Dance Studio	Tango Class	7:15-8:00	PM	\$10
Bayou Dance Club	Jane Hance class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Bayou Dance Club	Danielle'ClassDance	8:00-10:00	PM	\$10
Bayou Dance Club (12)	Class/Dance	7:30-9:45	PM	\$12
Coliseum 1 st & 3 rd Wed	Class	11:30-12:30	PM	\$3
Coliseum 1 st & 3 rd Wed	Dance	12:30-3:30	PM	\$7
Dancers Co-op	Beginner Class	7:30-8:15	PM	\$5
Dance Forever	Group Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Gulfport Casino	Bonus Class	6:00-7:00	PM	
Gulfport Casino (1)	Swing Class/Dance	7:00-12:00	PM	\$8
Rhapsody Ballroom	Group Class	6:30-7:30	PM	\$7
Rhapsody Ballroom	Dance	7:30-10:30	PM	\$8-12

Thursday

1 st Dance Studio	Dance	8:30-10:00	PM	\$10
Cabaret Dance Club	Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PN	\$8
Dance Forever	Samba Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Gulfport Casino	Latin Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$8
Starlight Dance Club	Arg Tango Class	6:30-7:30	PM	10
Suncoast Ballroom	Deejay Sam Dance	1:00-3:00	PM	\$7
Suncoast Ballroom (9)	Salsa Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10

Friday

1 st Dance Studio	Salsa/Fxt Classes	8:15-9:00	PM	
1 st Dance Studio (3)	Dance	9:00-11:00	PM	\$10-15
Bayou Dance Club (3)	Class/Dance	7:30-10:30	PM	\$15
Cabaret Dance Club	Singles Dance	6:30-10:30	PM	
Dancers Co-op	Class/Dinner Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10
Dance Forever	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10
Magic Dance Club	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10
Rhapsody Ballroom (5)	Dance	8:00-10:30	PM	\$8
Starlight Dance Club	Salsa Class	7:30-8:30	PM	\$10
Suncoast Ballroom	Cha Cha Class			
Suncoast Ballroom (1)	Dance	8:30-11:00	PM	\$10
Two Left Feet (8)	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$7/10

Saturday

1 st Dance Studio (3rd Sat)	Milonga Dance	8:00-12:00	PM	\$15
Bayou Dance Club 2nd st Sat	WCS Classes/Dance	7:30-11:00	PM	\$10
Bayou Dance Club 4 th Sat	WCS Class/Dance	7:30-11:00	PM	\$10
Dancers Co-op (6) 2 nd , 4 th	Swing Class/Dance	7:00-11:00	PM	\$8
Suncoast Ballroom (1)	Hustle Class	8:00-8:30	PM	
Suncoast Ballroom (4)	Dance/Dinner	8:30-11:00	PM	\$10

ADVENTURE COAST NEWS

by President Peter Berna

Wow! Talk about success! Our August 10th dance saw a record crowd. My wife **Christine's** intense **media focus** has paid off incredibly! Even surrounding counties are making the trip to our **Lake House** venue. **Attendees** have expressed their **joy** over the facility, the music, the kitchen goodies, and fun atmosphere.

So yes, there is a **lively** place in **Spring Hill** to dance and have fun. Come experience it for yourselves. Our next dance is **Thursday, October 12th**.

We will have a booth at **America's Wellness Fair 2017**, on **October 28th, 9am-3pm**. It's held at the Hernando County Fairgrounds. Come visit us!

Christine and I will be cruising on **Costa** with **Stardust Dance Productions** January 13-23, 2018. Dancing round the clock with 3 DJs, 50+ workshops. See the ad on page 6.



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Dance Forever (7)	Arg Tango Classes	Simone	PM	
Gulfport Casino (1) 2 nd Sun	Fusion Dance	6:00-11:00	PM	\$8
Suncoast Ballroom	Tango Class	7:00-7:30	PM	
Suncoast Ballroom (1)	Dance/Pizza/Wine	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10

Monday

1 st Dance Studio	Live Band Dance	1:00-3:00	PM	\$8
1 st Dance Studio	Rumba 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
Dancers Co-op 2 nd Monday	Ballroom Dance(6)	7:00-9:00	PM	\$6
DanceForever	Group Classes	7:0-9:00	PM	\$10ea
Suncoast Ballroom (9)	Beg Rumba Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10
Two Left Feet (Hudson) (2)	Beg Swing Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10

Tuesday

1 st Dance Studio	Advanced Salsa	8:15-10:00	PM	\$15
Cabaret Dance Club (5) (3)	Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$17
Crowne Plaza Hotel (10)	WCS Classes, Dance	7:00-11:00	PM	
Gulfport Casino	Dance / Lesson	12:00-3:00	PM	\$8
Gulfport Casino	Arg T Class/Dance	7:00-10:00	PM	\$12
Starlight Dance Club	Class/Dance	7:30-9:30	PM	\$10
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	Waltz 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
Bayou Dance Club (12)	Class/Dance	7:30-9:45	ON	\$12
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Gulfport Casino (1)	Swing Class/Dance	7:00-12:00	PM	\$8
Rhapsody Ballroom	Group Class	6:30-7:30	PM	\$7
Rhapsody Ballroom	Dance	7:30-10:30	PM	\$7

Thursday

1 st Dance Studio ^h	Dance	8:30-10:00	PM	\$10
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
Starlight Dance Club	Arg Tango Class	6:30-7:30	PM	\$10
Suncoast Ballroom	Deejay Sam Dance	1:00-3:00	PM	\$7
Suncoast Ballroom (9)	Foxtrot Class	7:00-8:00	PM	\$10

Friday

1 st Dance Studio	Merengue/Tango	8:15-9:00	PM	
1 st Dance Studio (3)	Dance	9:00-11:00	PM	\$10-15
Bayou Dance Club (3)	Class/Dance	7:30-10:30	PM	\$15
Cabaret Dance Club	Singles Dance	6:30-10:30	PM	
Dancers Co-op	Class/Dinner Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10
Dance Forever	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10
Magic Dance Club	Class/Dance	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10
Rhapsody Ballroom (5)	Dance	8:00-10:30	PM	\$8
Starlight Dance Club	Salsa Class	7:30-8:30	PM	\$10
Suncoast Ballroom	Salsa 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

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Bayou Dance Club 4 th Sat	WCS Class/Dance	7:30-11:00	PM	\$10
Dancers Co-op (6) 2 nd , 4 th	Swing Class/Dance	7:00-11:00	PM	\$8
Starlight Dance Club 2 nd Sat	Class/Dance (1)	7:30-10:00	PM	\$10
Suncoast Ballroom (1)	WCSwing Class	8:00-8:30	PM	
Suncoast Ballroom (4)	Dance/Dinner	8:30-11:00	PM	\$10

WHITE SANDS CHAPTER

Ballroom City, 3801 Bee Ridge Rd, Sarasota

Class 7-8pm, Dance 8-10pm

1st, 3rd, 5th MONDAYS

Be wise, confirm events before you go

CHARITY SWING DANCES

Thursday, October 19th, 7-10pm

Mini-lesson, Live Band Dance, heavy appetizers
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Thursday, November 16th

Mini-lesson, Live Band Dance, heavy appetizers
\$15 donation benefits The Life Center

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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) Arleene Norman
- (7) Call Simone: 813-391-1056
- (8) Al Walker, Mary Ann Dance School, 9330 Little Rd, NPR
- (9) \$28/4 weeks (\$35 for 5 week month)
- (10) 5303 W. Kennedy Blvd, Tampa
- (11) 3810 W. Kennedy Blvd, Tampa
- (12) \$5 for Dance only



USA Dance Suncoast Chapter #6004 2017 Board

Pictured above is your **current Board of Directors**. **Election** for a two year term will be held at our **November 27th Dance** and all **nine** Board members are running for office. National USA Dance has changed the rules, and we are now **allowed** to have as many as **eleven Board members**.

If **you would like to run** for office, and can attend **four Board meetings** a year held on Sunday afternoons, please contact any Board member by **November 15th**. We would love to have you join us in making suggestions and decisions for the **benefit** of all our members.

You can also help by chairing or working on the **Outreach, Publicity, or Membership Committee**, by using your **computer skills** on our **newsletter**, taking on jobs at our **monthly dances** – many opportunities there. They are **listed** on the Front page of our **Aug/Sept issue**. Please call **Nancy Welch (727) 576-1206** to **volunteer** in any capacity. **Especially needed is a volunteer deejay** for our **Outreach Programs**.

Remember: All volunteers get invited to our annual **Volunteer Appreciation Dance** for **sandwich buffet** and **FREE** admission. It's held at **1st Dance Studio**, usually the **1st Saturday in March**.

COMING EVENTS OCTOBER 2017**Wednesday, October 4**

St Petersburg Coliseum Suncoast Chapter celebrates National Ballroom Dance Week. \$5 members with card, \$7 guests. Show by White Sands Chapter. 12:30-3:30pm

Saturday, October 7 \$10**Cabaret Dance Club** Dress up for **Prom Night**, 8pm**Wednesday, October 11** 7:30-10:30pm \$8-12**Southern Star Chapter Dance**, Rhapsody Ballroom**Thursday, October 12**

Adventure Coast Chapter Dance Lake House, 1202 Kenlake, Spring Hill 6:30-9:30pm \$6-8

Friday, October 20 8:00-10:30pm **Dance with Pros****Bayou Dance Club** Breast Cancer Fundraiser \$15**Saturday, October 21** 7-11pm Reserve now! \$20**Suncoast Ballroom** Pumpkins n Parties Dinner Dance**October 21,22****Tropicana Dance Challenge**, Hilton Carillon Park

TropicanaDanceChallenge.com 727-481-6789

Live band dance Oct 21st, Pro Show Oct 22nd**HALLOWEEN PARTIES****Monday, October 23** 7:00-10:15pm \$5-8**Suncoast Chapter** Halloween Ball, Gulfport Casino**Wednesday, October 25** 6pm-12am**Gulfport Casino Swing Dance** Costumes welcome \$8**Friday, October 27****1st Dance Studio** Costume prizes 9-11pm Dance \$15**Bayou Dance Club** Costume Ball 8:30-10:30pm \$15**Dancers Co-op** Costumes welcome 7:30-10pm \$10**Dance Forever** Costumes welcome 7:30-10:00pm \$10**Magic Dance Club** Costume Ball 7:30-10pm \$10**Saturday, October 28****Cabaret Dance Club** Latin Dinner & Dancing \$15**Starlight Dance Club** 7:30-9:30pm \$10**Tuesday, October 31** 8-10pm \$10**Suncoast Ballroom** All Hallows Eve Costume Ball**Don't forget to reserve a seat!****COMING EVENTS NOVEMBER 2017****Saturday, November 4****Cabaret Dance Club** Disco Night at 8pm \$10**Wednesday, November 8** 7:30-10:30pm \$8-12**Southern Star Chapter Dance**, Rhapsody Ballroom**Thursday, November 9**

Adventure Coast Chapter Dance, Lake House, 1202 Kenlake, Spring Hill 6:30-9:30pm \$6-8

Saturday, November 18 7:00-11:00pm \$20**Suncoast Ballroom** Thanksgiving Dinner Dance**Saturday, November**

Cabaret Dance Club All Latin Night Dinner 7:30, Party 8pm RSVP, please 727-459-3201 \$15

Monday, November 27 7:00-10:15pm \$5-8**Suncoast Chapter Dance**, Gulfport Casino**MEMORIAL BOBBY STEPTOE**

by Nancy Welch

How sad to lose **Bobby Steptoe** on July 21st after his **long battle** with cancer. Two of his **friends** wrote **poems** about him, and I'm sorry I don't have space to share them with you.

Harriet and Bobby loved ballroom dancing and turned most of their living area into a **practice dance floor!** They danced four nights a week at **Suncoast Ballroom**, and took lessons with **Manuel and Elissa**. They were also **regulars** at our monthly dances until **Bobby** became too ill. **We miss you, Bobby and Harriet!**

**Harriet and Bobby**

MEMORIES OF ORESTES (PAPA) DIAZ

by Nancy Welch

There was **no one like Papa!!** He deserves a special **tribute** for bringing **so much joy** to so many ladies at **dances everywhere**, and at our **Outreach Programs!** Some of the ladies are **pictured** here, as well as five of his dance partners who attended the August 14th **farewell luncheon** at his house: **Marjorie Reynolds, Inez Spake, Nancy Welch, Trish Johnston Sarita Lastrapes.**

Sarita was Papa's first **dance teacher**, at the **Come Dancing** studio on 4th St N. She is no longer teaching, but came to dance with him a few times during the past year at the Thursday Tea Dance held by **Deejay Sam.**

With Alzheimer's disease, **Papa** was lost and lonely after his wife **Irene** died in March. His three children **Omar, CeCe, Raphael** took care of **Papa** at his house until he died on **July 29th**. He was always **devoted** to his children who are **grieving the loss** of both mother and father this year, and to his **entire Cuban family.**

Papa was a member of our **Suncoast** Chapter for many years and danced at the Festival of Trees, malls, and countless other Outreach Programs as well as in **shows** at our monthly dances. For several years, he was a **dance host** on **Lenny Corbett's** cruises. He couldn't speak good English, but ladies **loved to dance** with him!



Omar, CeCe, Raphael



Inez Spake and Papa



Marjorie Reynolds and Papa



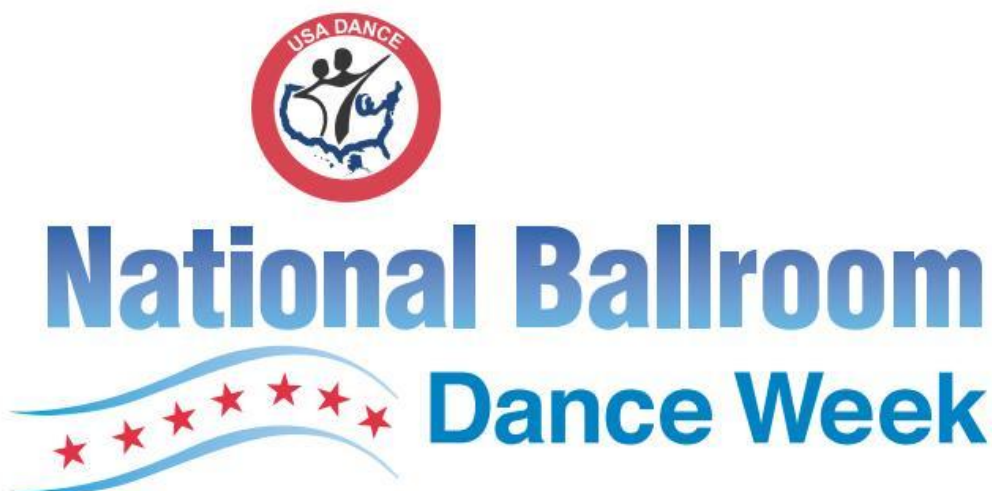
Marjorie, Inez, Nancy, Trish Sarita



Papa and Ginny Burk



Nancy and Papa



Come Dance With Us!

Celebrating National Ballroom Dance Week

*Let's share the joy and fun
of Ballroom Dance!*

St. Pete Coliseum, October 4, 12:30pm.

Coliseum's Season Opening Tea Dance

11:30 -12:30 Optional Waltz Lesson with Carol Baker \$3.

12:30 – 3:30 Dance/Band \$ 5 member with card, \$7 no card

Show by White Sands Dance Team

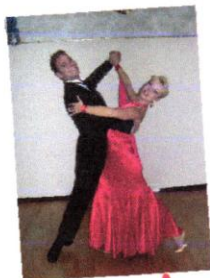
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→ **Mark your calendar!**

Saturday Oct. 21st. " Pumpkins & Parties " Dinner Dance. A colorful evening with good food and great dancing. 7 to 11pm. Adm. \$20

Tuesday Oct. 31st. "Halloween" The scariest dance of the year. LOT'S of dancing and prizes. for scariest , funniest and most original costume. 8 to 10:30 pm. Adm. \$10

Saturday Nov. 23rd. "Thanksgiving" Dinner Dance. Come and join the feast as we give Thanks for our Suncoast Family . 7 to 11pm. Adm. \$20

Tuesday , Friday , Saturday and Sunday - 4 nights of public dancing here at Suncoast Ballroom. Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun night of dancing with some of the friendliest people around. Great food, music and " Marvelous" people. What more could you want ?

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GIVE US A CALL @ 727-535-1893 OR E-MAIL US AT WWW.SUNCOASTBALLROOM@GMAIL.COM.

RESERVATIONS!

BE A MEMBER!

USA Dance is a nation-wide non-profit organization supporting and promoting amateur, social and competitive Ballroom Dancing. USA Dance functions as the governing body in the US for amateur competition ballroom dancing (aka DanceSport). Suncoast Chapter #6004 is the Pinellas County chapter of USA Dance. We are a non-profit volunteer organization promoting ballroom dancing by holding a monthly dance as well as through out-reach events and providing information on area dance activities. Your membership in USA Dance helps Suncoast Chapter offer a dance programs and workshops in Pinellas County. If you are not a member, but enjoy our dances and want to support ballroom dancing, please join us.

"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 Suncoast Dance. 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. For example: in celebration of the National Ballroom Dance week, members get a discount to the Opening Tea Dance at the St. Petersburg Coliseum.
- Members may attend FREE the monthly September 2017 (member's appreciation) dance. Show a valid membership card and get in FREE.
- Members may attend USA Dance dances in other areas at reduced member prices.

2. Membership Benefits Program

Using the national Membership Benefits Program, USA Dance members can receive participating hotel/motel discounts ranging from 10% to 25%, auto rental discounts from 20% to 25%, office supply discounts up to 80% on preferred products, and prescription drugs discounts up to 55%.



Membership Benefits Program details with additional links and online registrations are at: www.usadance.org/extra/membership-value

Get the most out of USA Dance:

Join and attend dances.

Help USA Dance give the most to the dance community:

Volunteer to help.



ALREADY A MEMBER? HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our Chapter, as with any membership organization, needs member support.

Attend dances: The important thing is to attend functions and let your board members know if these functions meet your expectations. And, at dances **GET ON THE DANCE FLOOR** at every opportunity! Leads, here is a thought: Ask someone with whom you have never danced to dance.

Introduce your friends and acquaintances to ballroom dancing. Invite them to chapter activities and encourage them to become members of USA Dance Suncoast Chapter #6004.

Volunteer to help during functions; this could be welcoming arrivals at the door, bringing refreshments. Help with publicity, planning events, newsletter, photos at events, and set-up and clean-up after our dances. Chapter members who volunteer will be invited to the volunteer dance held in March. It is **FREE** for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact Nancy Welch (727) 576-1206 nancy01FL@aol.com
Remember: **All volunteers get invited to the FREE volunteer dance.**

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

USA DANCE is holding a Membership Contest Aug 1-Oct 1. Joining or renewing during this contest brings both you and the Chapter some benefits

- Renew your membership or join our Suncoast Chapter 6004 during this time, so you'll enjoy free admission at our Sept 25th Member Appreciation Dance here at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom
- The Chapter gets \$5 for each member that joins or renews during the contest.
- There are prizes for chapters that have the highest percentage increase. **You can renew up to two years in advance.** So if all our current members renewed that would be a 200% increase. Add some new members and it could be a 250% increase.

Membership forms at the Front Desk at dances, on the next page of this newsletter or at or go to <http://usadance.org/membership> .

About USA Dance

USA Dance's mission is to improve the quality and quantity of ballroom dancing in the United States.

USA Dance Inc is organized and operates exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and is approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a Section 501©(3) nonprofit organization. You can find USA Dance rules, policies, and bylaws at <http://documents.usadance.org/governance/rules-policies-and-bylaws/> .



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USA Dance Suncoast Chapter
does not endorse any particular
studio or instructor.

Suncoast Chapter Dances

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00-10:15PM

LESSON: 7:15-7:45 ARLEENE NORMAN

SHOW: 8:30 ARLEENE AND STUDENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00-10:15PM

LESSON: 7:15-7:45 MAGIC DANCE CLUB

SHOW: COLLETTES, MAGIC DANCE CLUB

Admission: \$5 Members, \$8 Non-members

GULFPORT CASINO 5500 SHORE BLVD, GULFPORT FL

Directions:

From the north on I-275, take exit for 22nd South. Right at end of exit ramp to drive west on 22nd Avenue South, then left at 58th Street traffic light. At the end of 58th Street, turn left on Shore Blvd. to the Casino. Park on the street or in parking lot next to playground.

From the South on I-275, take exit for 26th Ave. South. Turn LEFT at end of exit ramp, cross 34th Street, then take 1st right to 22nd Ave. South where you will turn left. Turn left again at 58th Street traffic light and then left on Shore Blvd. to the Casino.



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