



DanceSTAR

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"Summer's Here"

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President USA Dance North Star Chapter

Last month's dance was a sure sign that summer has arrived and with that arrival come a lot of distractions: Everything from graduations to going to the beach. Yard work, pool parties and vacations can take a lot out of a person. But to anonymously quote someone who is close to me, "I always feel better when I get to the dance".

People come to these various dance events for many different reasons, and they always feel better when they get there. Not too long ago, before a dance event, I had a disgruntled student say to me that their teacher was "making" them to do an event. I had the pleasure of being invited to this particular event and I decided to go to support the student. I watched the mood of the disgruntled student change throughout the three hour "ordeal." From the bad dancing to the good dancing, from the frown to the laughter, I watched: the hugs hello to the kisses good-bye. I thought to myself...will the student remember to thank the "horrible pushy" instructor that forced her, an unwilling victim, to attend? The answer, the truth is ... that I am going to take a page out of that instructor's book and encourage all of you to go to any of these dance events. Go to them and dance, volunteer, laugh and have fun. Cheer each other up with the hugs and kisses. Have a drink, tell a story and dance!

Our dance is the fourth Sunday of every month. We work hard to start with a group class at 6:30 and eat/dance at 7:00. I hope, expect, push/strongly encourage to see all of you there!

On a more serious note, I know of three couples from Jacksonville that are pushing themselves to compete - Job and Sandy, Randy and Jean, and Terri and Sandra. Please join me in lending your support and the support of this club by congratulating them when you see them.

Thank you, and see you on the dance floor!

2010

Dance Calendar

Friday Musicale

645 Oak Street

Jacksonville, Florida

(904) 355-7584

July 25th

August 22nd

September 26th

October 24th

November 28th

December tba

(Christmas Dance)

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Lesson 6:30 - 7:15 PM

General Dancing 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Members \$7.00

Non-Members \$10.00

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Dance Host Program

Just a reminder ladies...the Dance Host Program is still in effect!!! Contact **Joyce Pastre at 262-3789** by the Thursday prior to the monthly dance to get on the dance host's dance card. Please call early so we can ensure we have enough hosts to keep you all dancing! The cost is \$10.00 per lady...PREPAID. Send checks to: 12249 Kinelaven Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32258-9472

Member



Michael Byrd is one of our newest members. He is one of those rarities, a Florida native, who has lived most of his life in Florida. He grew up in the Tallahassee area: during his teens he lived in Central America in the Panama Canal zone for about a year and a half. He moved to Jacksonville twenty-five years ago: his two children grew up here and live in the local area.

Michael always enjoyed free-style dancing but was looking for more structure in dance, and hence began ballroom dancing in 2000. He began by taking Duval County Adult Education classes at Du Pont Middle school for about four years, where classes were being taught by one of our Chapter members, Luanna Bailey. He then continued with lessons at Kaluby's dance studio, during which time he competed in several local ballroom competitions as well as travelling to compete in Puerto Rico, Las Vegas, Miami, Tampa and Atlanta. In recent times he has enjoyed social dancing at local venues. Michael thoroughly enjoys both the social and the physical aspects of dance – he says of dance “There is no limit to what you can do, and there are always new things to learn.”

He is a man of many interests – he particularly enjoys golfing, and has played since his teen years. For seventeen years he volunteered at our Tournament Players' Championship in Sawgrass. He has a strong interest in custom hot rods and currently owns a matching number (all original) 1971 Dodge Superbee. He plays tennis, and is also a private pilot. He serves in the Civil Air Patrol (for about twenty-five years), and has been very active within the American Institute of Architects (AIA), holding various offices. Over time he has pursued other interests including offshore fishing, scuba diving, water-skiing, painting and sketching. (oils, pastels, pencil, pen and ink).

Michael is an architect and is currently working for architectural firm, Pond and Co. He has thirty-seven years of architectural experience and has completed a large number of projects within Jacksonville and the region. As well as being a registered architect in numerous states, he holds licenses as a general and roofing contractor, and has been a real-estate developer for twenty-three years.

He is looking forward to a trip to the Central CA Coast during July, and the FA/AIA convention to be held in Ponte Vedra Beach in August.

For the Social Dancer

USA Dance Chapter #6104

VFW Post 2391
6184 US Highway 1 South
St Augustine, FL
Ph: 904-669-8276

July 17th
August 21st
Lesson 7:00 pm

General dancing: 8:00 - 11:00 pm

Admission \$6.00 members,
\$10.00 non-members

www.usadancestaugustine.net

Join USA Dance for America's First National Ballroom Dancing Cruise aboard the Luxurious Costa Atlantica

Coming up on November 28th, 2010, this seven-day dance cruise departs from Ft Lauderdale: prices begin at \$599 per person based on double occupancy, plus tax. The cruise is co-sponsored by USA Dance and Costa Cruise Lines; Port cities are Key West, Ocho Rios, Grand Cayman and Cozumel.

Space is limited, so book online at www.dancecruiseUSADANCE.com

Send your questions to the cruise organizer, Social VP Jean Krupa- e-mail:

Social-vp@usadance.org

FOR THE SOCIAL DANCER

Thursday

Ballroom Dancing at Club Savoy,

6354 Arlington Road

Free Group 8 - 8:30 pm

General dancing 8:30 -10:30 pm. Cost \$6

Music by Wade Nolan and Burt Pringle.

Saturday (1st & 3rd)



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Well-

ness Center

10131 Atlantic Blvd, Jacksonville, FL

Free group at 8 pm.

North Star members \$8

You MUST show your USA Dance card!

Call 721-3399 for more information.

Daytona and Orlando

Dance Calendar

**Greater Daytona Chapter
City Island Recreation Center
108 E. Orange Ave**

386-423-7455 or 386-427-4591

July 10th, 24th

August 14th, 28th

Lesson 7 - 8 pm—Dance 8 - 10:30 pm

\$6.00 members , \$10.00 non-members

**Central Chapter—Orlando
Bahia Shrine Ballroom**

**2300 Pembroke Dr, Orlando
John Davis @ 407-644-6286**

July 16th - Beach Ball

August 20th - Sock Hop

Lesson 7:30 - 8 pm—Dance 8 - 11 pm

Admission \$6.00 members, \$10.00 guests

Competition Corner

2010 Competition Calendar

July 9-10 IDSF Open Latin & Open Standard Champ.
Palm Desert, CA

July 31 - Aug 1 Fort Wayne DanceSport Championships
Fort Wayne, IN

Aug 7 Boleros Grand Challenge
Jacksonville, FL

Sept 2-5 Embassy Ball, IDSF Grand Slam Champ.
Irvine, CA

Sept 19 New England Fall Challenge
Hartford, CT

Sept 30-Oct 2 First Coast Classic, World Golf Village
St. Augustine, FL

More...

<http://usadance.org/dancesport/competition-calendar/>

Good Luck!!

In 2010

***Job & Sandy
Randy & Jean
Terry and Sandra***

Editor's Notes

- * Are you looking for a weekend of fun and relaxation enjoying your favorite activity - dancing? The Sebring Social is the place to be the weekend of July 9th - 11th. The comfortable Kenilworth Lodge is situated on the shore of Lake Jackson off Highway 27 at 1610 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL.

The schedule has plenty of workshops and social events. The workshops begin on Friday night after you have checked in, attended the Meet and Greet in the lobby and had dinner. Sounds like a great start to the weekend...

__Weekend Package \$165, per person, double occupancy

__Weekend Package \$230, single occupancy

__Saturday and one night stay only rate \$110. per person, double occupancy

__Saturday and one night stay only rate \$154. single occupancy

For more information you can contact Jean Krupa at 386-295-7870. She will take your reservations and you can also mail your checks to her at:

3765 Fiano Drive,
Port Orange, FL 32129

But hurry!

- * From Director of Public Relations, Angela Prince's desk:
Here is an opportunity to bring our national dance organization into the spotlight by voting for the "USA DANCE 2010 National DanceSport Championships as the Best Single Amateur Sports Event and also Best Multi-Sports Amateur Sports Event in the World, -- a prestigious annual recognition sponsored by Sports Travel Magazine and the SportsTravel Awards 2010. the SportsTravel Awards will be presented at the TEAMS 2010 Conference & Expo in Charlotte, NC October 18-22."

We made it to the ballot last year, but could win this year - we're not competing against the Olympics! But your votes are needed - **THE DEADLINE IS July 16th, 5 pm, PDT**. Go to the website <http://vote.schneiderpublishing.com/ballot/> and enter USA DANCE 2010 DanceSport National Championships on the ballot. Ask your friends to vote too!

- * **Calling all you writers out there!** We would love you to submit a dance-related article that our readers would enjoy, please contact me: bronwen_chandler@hotmail.com and I'll notify you when it is time to collect submissions for the next newsletter. Also, if you are competing in Dancesport and not listed in our competitors' list please let me know and I'll add you in. Thank you!
- * Here's a useful link to tell you about the various dance venues around Jacksonville:
<http://www.dancersdelight.net/newsletter.htm>
- * Don't forget to visit <http://usadance.org/> for a wealth of interesting information regarding our national organization as well as upcoming events and information on the Chapters.
- * If you need a spare copy of our newsletter to share with friends, we are posting it on our web-site.

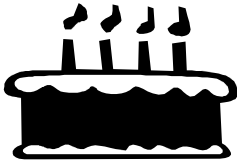
Welcome New Members

* Michael Byrd *

Keep our chapter a Quality Chapter.

Renew your membership early!!

Bring a friend to a dance...they get in for half price for their first dance!



Member Birthdays

July

August

David Suk	2	Sungmie Lye	16
Donna Wilkins	11	Joyce Pastre	24
Sharon Dixon	15	Cecil Dixon	24
Wanda Phillips	21	Michael Singleton	28
Wade Nolan	31	Marcia Cadenhead	30
		Jim Anderson	30

North Star Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs

President.....	Michael Singleton
1 st Vice President.....	vacant
2 nd Vice President.....	Joy Bellemare
Secretary.....	Jackie Hamlin
Treasurer.....	Cheryl Schoonmaker
Membership.....	Carol Wyninger
Publicity	Kathy Anderson
Dance Host Program	Joyce Pastre
Web Design	Jim Scalise
Newsletter.....	Bronwen Chandler
Hospitality/Decorating.....	vacant
Youth.....	Lisa Buckloh
Telephone	Sharon Alexander
Outreach	Helen & Joe Jones/ Burt Pringle
Members-at-Large.....	Suzanne Connery Carol Wyninger
Immediate Past President..	Wade Nolan

Have You Moved ?

Don't miss a single issue of the North Star newsletter—DanceStar. If you have moved, please let us know your new address(s) - mailing and email!

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michaelsingleton@yahoo.com

North Star Chapter

www.northstarjax.org

The newsletter is now available on our web-site. If anybody has any suggestions for our web-site please let us know!!!

Tony Love-DJ Services

Music For Your Special Occasion

Private Party - Wedding - Anniversary - Birthday

Ballroom		R & B
Disco		Latin
Rock and Roll	40's - 90's	Line Dance

904-744-5427

Danceballroom@excite.com

"The one thing that can solve most of our problems is dancing."

James Brown

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WWW.NORTHSTARJAX.ORG

