



DanceSTAR

NORTH STAR CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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"Summer Heat"

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President USA Dance North Star Chapter

The summer is almost over, but the "heat" of our dances has just begun. The recent theme parties have been a great success and we are planning to continue them. If you have any suggestions for a theme, please feel free to let us know.

The success of our dances is mainly due to the wonderful group of volunteers - and your attendance, of course. As you know, USA Dance is a non-profit organization and could not run so smoothly without the help of its dedicated members.

As you may or may not know, the National Chapter has revised the board election process this year and going forward, requires at a minimum, a nine-member board. Holding an election this year is optional for our Chapter, however some key positions are vacant, and need to be filled. Like I said before, opportunities are created by our volunteers. If you would like to take over a position, please let us know. No one will be offended. The current board members and volunteers have worked very hard and may want a change or a term off.

You may think that you want to donate time, but are not absolutely sure. Take a chance, volunteer for the Christmas party committee by contacting me. Use this opportunity as a trial run. Our Christmas party is the biggest "theme" party that we throw all year. We may not have glitz and glam, suits and ties throughout the year, but on that special night, we outshine all the clubs in town! I am proud to be part of such a important event and look forward to all your participation and help for every dance.

We need all board positions filled: these positions include managing door prizes/charitable donations, decorations, catering, outreach, and last but not least venue.

Thank you, and see you on the dance floor!

2010/2011

Dance Calendar

Friday Musicale

645 Oak Street

Jacksonville, Florida

(904) 355-7584

September 26th

October 24th

November 28th

December tba

(Christmas Dance)

January 23rd

February 27th

Doors open at 6:20 PM

Lesson 6:30 - 7:15 PM

General Dancing 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Members \$7.00

Non-Members \$10.00

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 News

If you missed last month's dance...it was a great time enjoyed by all! There was a very festive Hawaiian luau theme set for the occasion, plenty of great food, good attendance and many in colorful dress suitable to the occasion. Come and join the fun at our next dance!

Upcoming Themes (always optional)

September: Fifties dress

October: Halloween attire

For the Social Dancer

USA Dance Chapter #6104

Dancing With Victoria
4420 US Highway 1 South
St Augustine, FL

Ph: 904-669-8276

Sept 18th

October 16th

Lesson 7:00 pm

General dancing: 8:00 - 11:00 pm

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

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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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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

September 11th, 25th

October 9th, 23rd

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**

September 17th - Latin Fiesta

October 15th - Masquerade Ball

Lesson 7:30 - 8 pm—Dance 8 - 11 pm

Admission \$6.00 members, \$10.00 guests

Competition Corner

2010 Competition Calendar

- 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
- Oct 2-3** Heartland Classic NQE Indianapolis, IN
- Oct 22-24** Carolina Fall Classic NQE Greensboro, NC
- Oct 23-24** Northwest DanceSport Championships NQE Seattle, WA
- Dec 11th** Classic Ballroom Dancing Holiday Classic Jacksonville, FL

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

Good Luck!!

In 2010

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

Editor's Notes

* ***Reminders from USA Dance Central Office:***

National Ballroom Dance week is coming up on September 17th-26th. Please let any of the Board members know your ideas for special events to make our September (26th) dance especially memorable. e.g. Dance spotlights, get folks from local studios to come to our dance etc.

General Elections of board members should be held by November to fill some vacant positions...the date is coming up soon! We need some candidates to come forward seeking nomination to serve on the board, as well as folks to serve on the Nominating and Elections Committee (3-5 members). This is your opportunity to help our Chapter continue to be a great place to dance every month!

* Speaking of serving your Chapter, it is my intention to step down from the position as Newsletter Editor at the end of this year - please give some consideration to taking over this position - it can be quite rewarding, and you will get to know more about your fellow Chapter members.

* The "Member Spotlight" will be back for the next issue.

* The Central Florida Chapter's October Masquerade Ball (see Page 3) will have an increased price as it is also a "For the Cure" event to benefit Breast Cancer Research .

* **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.

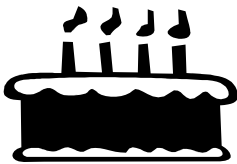
Welcome New Members

*Janette Crisostomo * Linda Plunkett * Patricia Hoening *
* Cheryl Hicks *

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

September

October

Patricia Hoening	8	Richard Lucey	3
Curtis Price	11	Luanna Bailey	12
Michael Gordon	14	Jean Beckwith	18
Joy Bellemare	25	Charlotte Davis	19
		Anne Grix	20
		Laura Andersen	23
		Brady Davis	23
		Henry Sookram	26
		Joseph Jones	31

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	vacant
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

"Happiness is the feeling you're feeling when you want to keep feeling it. "

~Author Unknown

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