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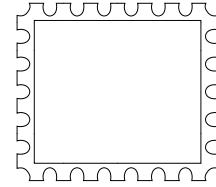
By Burt E. Pringle

There was a girl I asked to dance,
and we danced the night away
as my heart was growing fonder.
At twelve o'clock, she took flight,
. . . this I had to ponder.
Like Cinderella, she rode away,
but this time in a Honda.
No glass slipper in my hand,
not even a phone number,
Her image kept coming back to me,
to wake me from my slumber.

I searched the city far and wide,
trying to find where she could hide.
When I finally found her,
I just sat down and cried.
For on that very night
(was the very year before.)
the Honda had crashed
and she had died.

It was her ghost that had
come back for a final dance
and touched me deep inside.
Now, forever in my fondest memory,
there, she will reside.

This evening, when I went to dance
. . . there was this girl I asked to dance,
and we danced the night away.
At twelve o'clock. . . was this a dream
or am I dreaming?



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President's Message

The Christmas season is coming quickly. I am so excited to announce that the St. Augustine chapter will be joining us at our Christmas dance. If you are not aware, their dance is held on the third Saturday of the month, and begins at 7 pm with a one hour free group class. Both chapters are interested in giving back to the community by giving back to dancers of all levels and ability.

The next three months will be very exciting, so mark your calendars. Leading up to December, we have a lot of activities planned. Please invite your guests to join us in the next couple of months. We are trying to expand our dance floor space and offer the next generation a healthy start in dancing.

Although, according to our treasurer, our chapter has not fully rebounded from recent changes. We feel that we want to offer more to our membership at our dances, in the way of a fabulous dance and a exquisite Christmas

celebration. We want a growth of "passion" in dance to grow in our community. Please offer any suggestion in helping further our efforts to bring success to the end of our year.

Our chapter has always been short of volunteers. This is the best way to give back to the community. If you are interested, general elections are coming up in November. If you would like to help us in the success of promoting dance, please let me know. If you have any questions regarding the Christmas party please contact Jan. Her number is listed here in the newsletter (Dance Host Program). Only a few members have volunteered so far. The tickets will go on sale at our September dance.

This is your President, keep your posture up and your spirits high!

Michael Singleton

Dance Host Program

We are trying to make the Dance Host Program as organized as possibly. You are now able to sign up and pay for the following month at the current dance. This helps us all out in that you don't have to mail a check to Jan, and you will receive a receipt as proof of payment. Jan Crisostomo's contact information is: jancrisostomo57@gmail.com (904) 616-6541. If you do mail a check, please send it to 10942 Reading Road, Jacksonville, Fl. 32257. The cost is \$10.00 per host; and please be aware that once you reserve a host, the policy is that this reservation must be paid for, as we line up hosts in advance based on how many dances are requested.

The Dance Star

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2011 Dance Calendar

Bolero's Dance Center
10131 Atlantic Blvd
Jacksonville, Florida 32225
(904) 721-3399

Doors open at 6:20 PM
Lesson 6:30 - 7:00 PM
General Dancing 7:00 - 10:00 PM
Members \$8.00
Non-Members \$10.00

September 25th

October 23rd

November 27th

December tba

North Star Chapter Officers and Committee Chair	
President.	Michael Singleton
1 st Vice President.	Joy Bellemare
2 nd Vice President.	Kim Taylor
Secretary.	Jackie Hamlin
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Chandler	
Newsletter.	John Prete
Hospitality/Decorating.	Joanne
Eichelberger	
Members-at-Large.	Carol Wyninger 2nd vacant



Wade Nolan had a birthday July 31st. It was celebrated at USA dance by all the women wanting to have a birthday celebration dance with him. They lined up like the Women's half of a mixer waiting to dance with him. I am sure that Wade had a very happy birthday.

Events for the Social Dancer

USA Dance Chapter St. Augustine #6104

Dancing With Victoria
4420 US Highway 1 South
St Augustine, FL
Ph: 904-669-8276
Saturday, Sept. 17th
Saturday, Oct. 15th
Lesson 7:00 pm
General dancing: 8:00 - 11:00 pm
Admission \$6.00 members, \$10.00 non-members
www.usadancestaugustine.net

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. and 3rd

DanceSport and Wellness Center
at Boleros Ballroom
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.

Greater Daytona Chapter

City Island Recreation Center
108 E. Orange Ave
386-423-7455 or 386-427-4591
Saturday, Sept. 10th and 24rd
Saturday, Oct. 15th and 29h
Lesson 7 - 8 pm—Dance 8 - 10:30 pm
\$6.00 members , \$10.00 non-members

Orlando Chapter

Bahia Shrine Ballroom
2300 Pembroke Dr, Orlando
John Davis @ 407-644-6286
Friday, Sept. 16th and Friday, Oct. 21st
Lesson 7:30 - 8 pm—Dance 8 - 11 pm
Admission \$6.00 members, \$10.00 guests

More Events for the Social Dancer

German/American Club

4165 Lakeside Dr., Jacksonville
Phone: (904) 652-6030
Dances: First and Third Saturdays of the Month
8:00 to 11:00 pm. Doors Open 6:30
Live Band
\$10 per person (non-members)
Guests are most welcome
Reservations can be made on web site
See web site for current events. www.gacjax.com



DanceJax in the Epicenter

11653 Central Parkway, Suite. 205,
Jacksonville.
Phone: 904-379-7115
Dancing & Lessons Tuesday through Friday
See web site for details
www.epicenterlife.org and www.facebook.com/

More events and locations as well as descriptive articles will be listed here in future issues.

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. You can also check the dance calendar for upcoming dances.
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Editor's
Corner

This issue's "Dance Venues" focus is on the "Shriner's Big Band Tea Dance"



John Prete

The Shriners have a band of their own. It is 16 to 18 members of mostly retired volunteer professional musicians. On the first Sunday of each month they put on "Tea Dance" that usually means a daytime or afternoon affair. The Shriner's dance is on a Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30pm.

The location is in the Shriner's Morocco Temple Auditorium Complex on St. Johns Bluff Rd. a half mile south of Beach Blvd. The dance is held in the hall at the rear of the complex. The facility has a large very adequate wood dance floor with the band being on the stage. The band plays good ballroom dance music with their arrangements being mostly from the big band dance era.

The cost is \$10 per person with proceeds going to the Shriners Hospital Charity.

The "Shriner's Big Band Sunday Tea Dance" is an experience you don't want to miss. It should be a most pleasant addition to your ballroom dance experience and a valued addition to the many venues for dancing in the Jacksonville area.

September and October Birthdays

- Patricia Hoening 9 - 8
- Curtis Price 9 - 11
- Joy Bellemare 9 - 25
- Richard Lucey 10 - 3
- Kimberly Taylor 10 - 11
- Luanna Bailey 10 - 12
- Jean Beckwith 10 - 18 D
- Charlotte Davis 10 - 19
- Anne Grix 10 - 20
- Brady Davis 10 - 23
- Laura Andersen 10 - 23
- Henry Sookram 10 - 26
- Joseph Jones 10 - 31