



DanceSTAR

NORTH STAR CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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"Bring in the Youth!"

By: Michael R. Singleton, President USA Dance North Star Chapter

Franz Kafka, a major fiction writer in the 20th century, was once quoted as saying:

"Youth is happy because it has the ability to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old."

As the North Star chapter grows and sees the beauty in dance, we would like to do more with the youth in the dance community. I was approached recently by the mother of a young man who participates in ballroom dance lessons at the Arthur Murray studio in Mandarin. She asked me about activities and events in the area for her son to attend. I mentioned USA Dance, and she was very excited about our organization. She gave me a variety of suggestions, and even offered to help us to recruit more young people into our chapter. I walked away from our discussion with a renewed sense of excitement and realized that we have not really tried hard to tap into the youth dance community. So, what I ask from the members this month is to talk to young people who are interested in ballroom dancing. For those of you who are taking lessons at a studio, do any of you have young dancers at your studios? If so, let's bring them in! We need to support these kids as they will be the next generation of social, and even professional, dancers. If you have any suggestions for recruitment or activities, please contact me and let me know. Let's get our youth program up and running.

Talking about programs...let's touch on our dance program. Although we have some, but not had too many competitive dancers, we have had a few members who have performed dances for us with their instructors to demonstrate their skills and entertain the members at our dances. I would like to ask if there are any more dancers in our chapter who would like to perform an exhibition dance for our chapter. We would love to see your moves! You may dance a pro/am or an am/am to display your skills. And, if you or any other member you know competed in any competitions, let us know so we can applaud them. Our most recent in-town comp, Bolero's Grand Challenge, on August 1st, was attended by a good number of people in-town. **When you see Donna Smith, please congratulate her on winning all first and second places in her division.** She competed in both smooth and rhythm and was fantastic... good job, Donna! (If I neglected to mention anyone, please let me know and I will be sure to make an announcement!)

Finally, just a few quick recaps, and reminders from my previous letter:

1. Remember we are starting to solicit members to

2009-2010

Dance Calendar

Friday Musicale

645 Oak Street

Jacksonville, Florida

(904) 355-7584

September 27th

October 25th

November 22nd

***December tba**

***(Christmas party)**

January 24th

February 28th

March 28th

Doors open at 6:30 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

“Bring in the Youth” create a committee for the Annual Holiday dance we hold every December. For anyone interested, please see me, or Joy Bellamere, to express your interest.

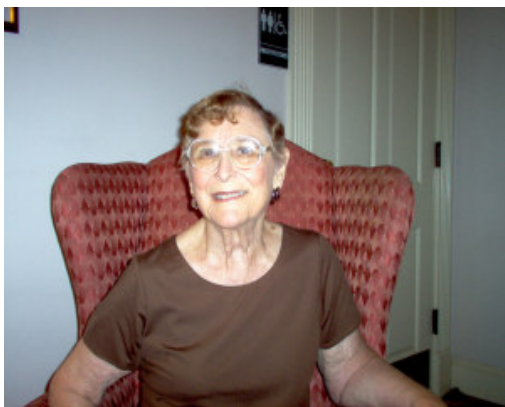
2. Do not forget to get your guests in as well! The second quarter winner will be announced at the August dance. Third quarter will be announced November, so get those guests on the dance floor!

3. November we will hold elections for the officers and board members for our chapter. There are positions open that need to be filled; and if you would like to run for any position, please come to us and get your name on the ballot. Exercise your right to campaign, and vote, for the offices!

As I always say: let’s work together in building our membership and submitting your feedback to make USA Dance North Star chapter the preeminent social ballroom dance organization in the River City!

Thank you, and see you on the dance floor!

Member Spotlight



Marian Taylor is a Jacksonville native, who is part of a large family of six brothers, and two sisters. In turn, she has a daughter, two grand-daughters, and three great grandchildren.

Marian graduated in 1944 from Immaculate Conception high-school in Jacksonville. She enrolled to study court-reporting at the Stenotype Institute which was, at that time, located in old Graham Building on the corner of Laura and Forsyth Streets. It became necessary for her to leave school before completing the course - she took a job with a local attorney for whom she worked for eight years, learning a great deal about the legal field in the process. After that she worked for thirteen years for a firm specializing in taxation, trusts and estates, where she learned how to prepare accountings for trusts and estates. During that time, she also worked nights for a court-reporting firm, typing transcripts of testimony. When she felt proficient enough in machine shorthand reporting, she applied for a position with a court-reporting firm serving the 4th Judicial Circuit of the State of FL which covers courts in Duval, Nassau & Clay counties. She commenced that job early 1968. By Jun 27, 1968 she was appointed to the office of Special Assistant Official Court Reporter by the honorable Tom Adams, Sec’y of State at that time. Nov 2, 1968 she was awarded a certificate of proficiency by the National Shorthand Reporters’ Assn for having passed the comprehensive test of the association for competency as a shorthand reporter. In 1972 she was appointed Assistant Official Court Reporter by Gov. Reubin O’D Askew. Oct 26, 1973 she was awarded a certificate of Merit by the National Shorthand Reporters’ Assn. She was appointed Official Court Reporter for the 4th Judicial Circuit of the State of FL between 1973 and 1988. She retired in the spring of 1988.

Marian enjoyed traveling with her husband around the USA and also the South-west and Southeast parts of Canada. The couple square-danced for fun, enjoyed memberships in three different clubs, and danced several nights a week. They gave up dancing when both were diagnosed at different times with cancer... her husband died in 1990.

Later, in 2004, Marion decided to take up ballroom dancing-while a member of Kaluby’s Dance Club, she did some competitive ballroom, but enjoyed watching more than doing! She has enjoyed ballroom and Latin dancing ever since.

For the Social Dancer

USA Dance Chapter #6104

**Arthur Murray Dance Studio
1092 Ponce De Leon Blvd
St Augustine, FL 32084**

Ph: 904-669-8276

September 12th

October 10th

Lesson 7:00 pm

General dancing: 8:00 - 10:30 pm

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

www.usadancestaugustine.net

FOR THE SOCIAL DANCER

Thursday

Ballroom Dancing at Club Savoy,

6354 Arlington Road

Group 8 - 8:30 pm (gratuity requested)

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

Music by Wade Nolan and Burt Pringle.

Saturday (1st & 3rd)



DanceSport and Wellness 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 Calendars

Greater Daytona Chapter

City Island Recreation Center

108 E. Orange Ave

386-423-7455 or 386-427-4591

September 12th, 26th

October 10th, 24th

Lesson 7 - 8 pm—Dance 8 - 10:30 pm

\$6.00 members , \$10.00 guests

Central Chapter—Orlando

United Methodist Church

Cnr Interlachen Ave & Morse Blvd

John Davis @ 407-644-6286

September 18th - Sea of Dreams Ball

October 16th - Masquerade Ball**

Lesson 7:30 - 8 pm—Dance 8 - 11 pm

Admission \$6.00 members, \$10.00 guests

Competition Corner

2009/10 Competition Calendar

- September 4-5** IDSF Grand Slam Standard & Latin
Irvine, CA
- September 26** "Quest for the Best"
Seattle, WA
- October 3-4** Heartland Classic, the Indiana State Dancesport
Championships, Indianapolis, IN
- October 5-7** Kaluby's First Coast Classic
World Golf Village, St. Augustine, FL
- October 24-25** High Point Classic Dancesport Champs
NQE,*
High Point, NC
- December 19** Holiday Classic, Boleros
Jacksonville, FL

More events...

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

Good Luck!!

In 2009

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

Editor's Notes



**Don Beckstrom and Bronwen Chandler
spotlight the rumba**

Media

A new group of sixteen celebrities assembles for the next "Dancing With The Stars" show that premieres on September 21st with a three night blockbuster event on ABC. Len Goodman, Bruno Toniolo and Carrie Ann Inaba will again be the judges. Julianne Huff will be leaving the show.

"So You Think You Can Dance" has completed another season with Jeanine Mason winning the coveted top position. September 2nd will bring a "Top Dancers" special of SYTYCD to you on the FOX network.

- * If you missed our July Dance, Bronwen Chandler (yours truly) and Don Beckstrom entertained with a Rumba dance spotlight to "Quando, Quando, Quando" by Michael Buble. And, special thanks to Malcolm Champion for taking a photograph for this newsletter edition!
- * We're looking forward to seeing more of you now we've shifted to dancing on the **4th** Sunday of the month!
- * ** Orlando Central Chapter's dance in October is a "Dance for the Cure." If you are thinking about a dance night in Orlando this Ball is an excellent charity event to benefit breast cancer research. In fact, their November and December balls also benefit charity: the former supporting food donations to the Second harvest Food Bank, and donations for the latter benefiting the Toys for Tots program.
- * We'll miss our friend Marion Taylor (see Member Spotlight) as she is soon to be moving away from Jacksonville to be nearer to her family.
- * Classic Ballroom Dancing is holding its annual Holiday Classic ballroom competition on December 19th from 11 am to 11 pm at the Hyatt hotel in downtown Jacksonville. Contact Felix Solis at 904-707-6762 for more details on the event.
- * You can 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 would like 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>
- * If you need a spare copy of our newsletter to share with friends, we are posting it on our web-site.

ART by Bronwen



Some of my work in acrylics on canvas is currently on display at the Abbott Tract Artists gallery at:

31 San Marco Ave

St. Augustine,

FL 32084.

**Hours: Noon - 6 pm
Thursday - Sunday**



Also open for the Art walks.

Gallery Phone: 904-829-2934

You may also contact me directly to arrange to view additional work:

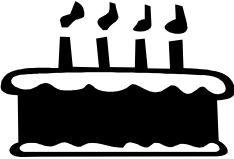
E-mail: Bronwen_chandler@hotmail.com

Phone: 904-662-7354

"...I am becoming freer in expressing both a looser technique and my own coloration. I love to paint in acrylics, and am always striving to improve. I want the composition to be solid, and the viewer to be drawn into the work and to be able to strongly relate to it."


Welcome New Members
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Keep our chapter a Quality Chapter.
Renew your membership early!!
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Bring a friend to a dance...they get in for half-price for their first dance!!



Member Birthdays

September	October
Vincente Uy 1	Richard Lucey 3
Mary Ethel Hinchcliffe 2	Luanna Bailey 12
Curtis Price 11	David Cristeta 16
Frances Ray 13	Jean Beckwith 18
Joy Bellamare 25	Charlotte Davis 19
	Anne Grix 20
	Laura Andersen 23
	Brady Davis 23
	Henry Sookram 26
	Kim Dubbeld 27
	Ruth Hanginger 30
	Joe 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	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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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

"I've found in life, the more you practice the better you get. If you want something enough and work hard to get it, your chances of success are much greater."

Ted Williams (1918 - 2002) Professional baseball player

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