

USA Dance Bluegrass Chapter Newsletter

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Next Board Meeting

The date and location of the next board meeting will be announced in the March/April Newsletter. Board meetings are open to all members.

Upcoming USA Dances:

January 13, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

Oleika Temple on Southland Drive

Instructor Mike & Stacy Hinchey
Lesson 8:00 to 8:45 pm, Samba
Open Dance 8:45 to 11:30 pm
Music Susan Blanchett

February 10, 2007 Saturday - Newcomer's USA Dance

Oleika Temple on Southland Drive

Instructor: Wes Bratcher
Lesson 8:00 to 8:45 pm, Rumba
Open Dance 8:45 to 11:30 pm
Music Mark Jeffers

February 25 (Sunday Tea Dance)

Adath Israel Temple

Open Dance 2:00 to 5:00 pm - No lesson
Music Chapter
Members \$6; Non-members \$8; Students \$2



Area USA Dance Chapters

USA Dance of Greater Louisville - Dance last Saturday of the month normally. **February dance** is scheduled for **February 17**, and will feature a sweetheart of a show. **Alain Doucet & Anik Joulicoeur and Jean-Marc Genereaux & France Mousseau** will present their special show at 8:00 & 10:00 p.m. General dancing begins at 7:00 p.m with dancing also between shows and after the second show. Tickets will be sold in advance and are limited....cost \$25 per person.

See website www.lousabda.org or call (502) 896-6909 for additional details.

Dance Cincinnati - See website www.dancecincinnati.org for details. Phone: 513-961-0136

USA Dance Maysville - Contact Steve Doster (606) 759-7457 or email: tangoman@maysvilleky.net for information.

New Officers and Board Members

Beginning January 1, for 2007 and 2008, the new Chapter officers are as follows:

President - Joe Buckman
Vice - President - Ray Clark
Secretary - Janet Raider
Treasurer - Henry Stephens

The new Board members are Jerry Campbell, Marilyn Geren, Brenda Hill, and Jeanne Sturgill. Continuing Board members are Dorothy Hall, Kathy Marra, Ed Moore, and Phil Thornton. Please give them your support.

Appreciation of Outgoing Board Members

Several Board members have stepped aside to allow other members an opportunity to serve on the Board. The Chapter extends its appreciation to **Ron Balcom, Susan Blanchett, John Hartman, and Barbara Mostert** for their leadership and service to our Chapter. A great deal of our success is due to their dedication and unselfish giving of personal time. Please express your personal gratitude to each of them.

Thanks to Our Dance Instructors

We appreciate the expertise of our dance instructors who teach the lessons at USA Dance monthly dances and the two five-week Introductory Ballroom and Latin series of classes. Thank-you!

Newcomers' Dance - February 10th

Dancers taking our series of Winter Ballroom and Latin Introductory Classes will be our guests at the February monthly dance. Make them feel welcome by introducing yourself and asking for a dance.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

USA Dance Calendar of Events - 2007

Admission for all dances (unless noted):

USA Dance Members: \$7.00

Nonmembers: \$10.00

Full Time Students: \$3.00

March 24, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[EKU Keen Johnson Ballroom](#)

Instructor Renee Brice
Lesson 8:00 to 9:00 PM, Bolero
Open Dance 9:00 to 11:30 PM
Music Marianne McAdam

April 14, 2007 Saturday -USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: Shawn Benton
Lesson 8:00 to 8:45 pm, Waltz
Open Dance 8:45 to 11:30 pm
Music TBD

May 12, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor TBD
Lesson 8:00 to 8:45 PM, Salsa
Open Dance 8:00 to 11:30 pm
Music TBD

June 9,2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor Doreen Beatrice
Lesson 8:00 to 8:45 pm, Cha Cha
Open Dance 8:45 to 11:30 pm
Music TBD

July 14, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

August 11, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

September TBD, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

October 13, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[EKU Keen Johnson Ballroom ?](#)

November 10, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

December 8, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

New Members

Welcome Suzanne Davis, Carol Delong, Sam Delong, Brenda Hill, Howard Hill, Margaret Hughes, and Cecilie Thompson who joined our Chapter in December.

USA Dance DanceSport - Something for Everyone

USA Dance supports and promotes competitive amateur ballroom dancing through its DanceSport programs. Many local clubs organize DanceSport competitions in order to create affordable opportunities for all ages and proficiencies. Local and Regional competitions are underway, leading to the National Championships, held annually in August. In 2007, the Louisville Chapter will host the championships. This is a wonderful opportunity to see amateur dancers of all ages, from pre-teen to octogenarians.

If you've never seen or participated in a USA Dance DanceSport competition, it might change your perceptions of competitive ballroom dancing. Competitions are organized first by groupings within a given style (e.g. International Standard), then typically there are syllabus or closed events followed by open events. Syllabus heats are usually divided into Bronze, Silver, and Gold (sometimes Newcomer) with competitors dancing figures appropriate to those levels. Open heats allow more varied choreography and are organized as Novice, Pre-Championship, and Championship. In every event, competitors are dancing against those in their age level. For 2007, the Adult division is for ages from 19-34; Senior I: 35-44; Senior II: 45-54; Senior III: 55 and above. Also there are often open competitions in specialty dances such as Salsa, or Argentine Tango.

There are various reasons amateur dancers compete, but for many it's an opportunity to dance and to be around those who love to dance. Amateurs tend to be very supportive and friendly. Many competitions have associated workshops, banquets and a closing dance – all enjoyable even if you don't compete.

Here are some 2007 competitions within driving distance;

Feb. 9-10	Smoky Mountain	Knoxville
Mar 17-18	Heartland Classic	Indianapolis
Apr 13-15	USA Dance	Pittsburgh
May 19-20	North Central Regional	Chicago
Aug 3-5	National Championships	Louisville

See www.usabda.org/dancesport_competitors/ for more information

2007 USA Dance National Championships in Louisville - The event will be hosted by the Louisville Chapter at the Galt House Hotel August 3 - 5. Information on volunteering to come.

Unaffiliated Local Dancing & Lessons

Argentine Tango Practica

Wednesdays, 8-10:00 p.m. at Arts Place, Lexington, KY
Contact Judith Gariepy at (859) 252-0012 or
Lynda Matusek at (859) 266-4818.

Arthur Murray Dance Studio

Private & Semi-Private Dance Classes
Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa, Tango, & Others
Open Dance Party on some Sat: Call or see website.
1801 Alexandria Drive, Ste 132, Lexington
Contact: Dance Studio or Hunter Lisle --- (859) 278-7711
www.LexingtonArthurMurray.com

Shawn Benton

Group Dance Lessons; Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa,
Tango ---- (859) 552-9569
Email: bentondancer@yahoo.com

Bluegrass Bop Club

Dances on Sundays (except Holiday weekends)
from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. with Professional DJ.
Dance lesson from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Admission: Non-members \$4; members \$2
Arts Place, 161 North Mill Street, Lexington
Contact: Carol Stump (859) 223-1463

Bluegrass Dance Center

Instruction in Ballroom, Latin, Rhythm, Country
Practice dance parties!
2187 Lexington Rd, Bldg B - Ste. 3, Richmond, Ky
Contact: Dance Center --(859) 625-9393
www.bluegrassdancecenter.com

Dance-A-Lot

Social and Ballroom Dance Instructors
Dance Party with lesson on the 4th Friday of the month
Dancer's Studio, Clays Mill shopping Center at 7:00
Contact: Michael and Stacy Hinchey -- (859) 278-7214
www.dance-a-lot.com

Franklin Cottrell Dance Center

Private & Group Instruction in Ballroom, Latin, Swing,
Salsa, Argentin Tango & Others
Open Dance Party every Friday, call for information.
2573 Richmond Road, French Quarter Square, Lexington
(859) 266-3966
www.franklincottrell.com

Fred Astaire Dance Studio

Dance Instruction: Ballroom, Latin, Social Dances
4750 Hartland Pkwy, Ste. 190, Lexington
Contact: Wes Bratcher (859) 245-0522 or (859) 576-
5150
www.fredastaireoflexington.com

Hector Quiles

Dance Instruction: Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa, Tango
(859) 420-7468
www.LexingtonDanceSport.com

Lexington Dance Club

Next dances - January 20, February 3
UK Grand Ballroom, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Contact: Jim Holmes -- (859)257-1947

Lexington Vintage Dance Society

Arts Place, 161 North Mill Street, Lexington
For information: (859) 420-6780.
www.lexingtonvintagedance.org

Step N Out Studio

Dance Lessons, Workshops, and Dances, Covington,
Ky
www.stepnoutstudio.com
www.cincyswing.com
Contact: Dance Studio
Phone: (859) 291-2300

UK Swing Dance Club

Swing Dances, Saturday, January 20, February 3 and
February 24 at Arthur Murray Studio
Time: 8:00 p.m. to Midnight

Swing Dance Lessons and Workshops.

For event information, see web site
www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/HKSDC
For information, contact: Mike Richardson, email at
mrich2@email.uky.edu
Phone: (859) 257-5303 x81307

United DanceSport

Dance parties- see calendar on web site
Instructors for Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa, Country.
Contact: Anthony and Nichole Lewis
Phone: (859)296-4348 or (877) 283-4289 (Toll Free)
www.lexingtondance.com

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KEEP ON DANCING!

Board Members, Officers, Chairs

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Board Members:

Jerry Campbell, Marilyn Geren, Dorothy Hall, Brenda Hill,
Kathy Marra, Ed Moore, Jeanne Sturgill, Phil Thornton

Chairs:

Beginner Dance Class: Kathy and Mike Marra

Dance Set-up, Refreshments, Decorations: Jean Campbell

Hospitality: Dorothy Stephens & Jan Thornton

Membership: Phil Thornton

Music: Ed Moore, moor425@hotmail.com

Newsletter Publisher: Susan Ellmann

Nursing Home Performances: Marilyn Geren

Webmaster: Ed Moore

YCN Coordinator: TBD

Bluegrass Chapter 2028

The Bluegrass Chapter of USA Dance, formerly the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association (USABDA), is a non-profit organization devoted to the enjoyment and improvement of ballroom dancing.

The public is welcome at the chapter's monthly dances. Although membership in the national association is encouraged, it is not required to attend any of these dances. Yearly membership dues in the national association are \$25 for the amateur dancer and \$20 for students. Visit our web site

www.geocities.com/blusabda.

Information and notices of general interest are welcome. To be considered for inclusion in this newsletter, send articles by email to dcellmann@worldnet.att.net or he_steph1261@yahoo.com. All articles are subject to review by the chapter staff and may be edited as necessary. ■

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