

USA Dance Bluegrass Chapter Newsletter

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Next Board Meeting

The date and location of the next board meeting will be announced on the Chapter website and at dances. Board meetings are open to all members.

Upcoming Bluegrass Chapter Dances

January 13, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Where: Oleika Temple on Southland Drive
Lesson: Mambo --- 8:00 - 8:45 p.m.
Instructor: Cody & Tracy Melin
Dancing: 8:45 - 11:30 p.m.
Music: Chapter

February 9, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Where: Oleika Temple on Southland Drive
Lesson: Argentine Tango --- 8:00 - 8:45 p.m.
Instructor: Linda Bailey
Dancing: 8:45 - 11:30 p.m.
Music: Mark Jeffers



Introductory Dance Lessons

Not too late to register

USA Dance-Bluegrass Chapter will offer a 5-week series of introductory ballroom dance lessons on Sunday afternoons beginning **January 20, 2008** at Arts Place, 161 N. Mill Street, Lexington. The Ballroom class, from 3:00 - 4:20 p.m., includes instruction in Foxtrot, Swing and Waltz. The Latin class, from 4:00 - 5:50 p.m. includes instruction in Cha Cha, Rumba and Tango.

The cost for each 5-week class is \$45 per person and includes admission to the USA Dance on February 9th.

Advanced registration is required. Please contact Phil Thornton ASAP at 885-1217 or philthornton@windstream.net as interest appears to be strong.

Information is also available on the Chapter website. www.usadancebluegrass.org.

In Step with the President

Your Chapter Board would like to make 2008 the best year ever. If everyone pitches in a little we can accomplish this. There are many ways to help out with our Chapter activities, and you don't have to be a member or make an ongoing commitment of time:

Share your enjoyment of ballroom dancing by investing no more than an hour bringing joy to the senior citizens in our city by dancing for residents of nursing homes. Frequently, the nursing homes contact the chapter with requests to for us to visit. The more that volunteer the more happiness we can share with them.

Running errands the Saturday morning before a dance? You can take a few minutes and help set up for dances on Saturday morning. We usually setup at 10:00AM and are usually finished by 11:00AM.

The Chapter will be providing the music for many dances this year. The music for each dance is selected by a committee. You need not be a music expert to help.

The Chapter would like to develop our outreach activities with schools, colleges, and universities. If you would like to help promote the benefits of ballroom dancing to the youth of our community, let us know.

If you are interested in finding out more, or already know how you'd like to help out, send an email with your contact information to volunteer@usadancebluegrass.org and we will get in touch with you to discuss how you can help.

Welcome New Members!

September: Mike & Donna Moore; Rick Priest

December: Dr. Ray & Betty Bernardi; Patsy Corns; Ray & Jill DeBolt; Dolly Dressman; John & Marta Hayne; Dale & Maureen Heise; J.B. Mason; Ryan Massengale; and Eileen McKiernan

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

USA Dance Calendar - 2008

Admission & Time for all dances (unless noted otherwise):

USA Dance Members: \$7.00
Nonmembers: \$10.00
Full Time Students: \$3.00

Lesson: 8:00 to 8:45 PM (included in admission)
Dancing: 8:45 to 11:30 PM

Location for all dances unless otherwise stated is the Oleika Temple on Southland Drive, Lexington

January 12, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: Cody & Tracy Melin, Lesson - Mambo
Music: Chapter

February 9, 2008 Saturday -USA Dance

Instructor: Linda Bailey, Lesson - Argentine Tango
Music: Mark Jeffers

February 17, 2008 (Sunday Tea Dance)

Temple Adath Israel, 124 N. Ashland Ave, Lexington
No Dance Lesson

Music: Chapter

Admission: Members - \$6; Non-members - \$8; Students - \$2

March 8, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD
Music: Chapter

April 19, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD
Music: Chapter

May 10, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD
Music: Mark Jeffers

June 21, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD
Music: Chapter

July 19, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD
Music: TBD

August 9, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD
Music: Chapter

September 13, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Dance for the Heart (*Fundraiser and silent auction to benefit American Heart Association*)

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD
Music: Mark Jeffers

October 11, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD
Music: Jack Meinking

November 8, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD
Music: Chapter

December 13, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD
Music: Chapter

Bluegrass Chapter Featured in Bluegrass Balance

You may have noticed a photographer at our December dance. A photographer from the Herald Leader took pictures and interviewed some of your fellow dancers. The pictures and interviews are in the January 2008 edition of Bluegrass Balance, an insert in the December 29, 2007 edition of the Herald Leader. If you missed it, there are other opportunities to read the article. You can view Bluegrass Balance online by visiting www.kentucky.com. As of the publication date of this newsletter, the January edition of Bluegrass Balance had not been posted to their website. Be patient. It'll be posted in the near future. Also, Bluegrass Balance is distributed on free news stands at various locations around town i.e. restaurants, public library, etc.

New National President

Peter Pover has been elected as the new national president of USA Dance. Peter has been involved as a USA Dance volunteer since 1984 and is well known on the national and international dance scene. He served as President of USA Dance (USABDA) from 1988-1993. He was elected to the Presidium of the International DanceSport Federation and was its Vice President from 1995-2002.

Peter ran the business affairs of a major Washington think tank for fifteen years and has over thirty years of experience as a Chartered Management accountant.

Peter now lives in Florida with his lovely wife, Ida, and enjoys dance events sponsored by area chapters.

He brings a great deal of organizational and management experience to USA Dance with a desire to identify and serve the needs of all USA Dance members.

Read about other national officers in the Amateur Dancers magazine or online at www.usadance.org.

Chapter Newsletter Publication to Discontinue

Since most of the information in the newsletter appears on the Chapter's website (www.usadancebluegrass.org) and most of our members have access to a computer, the cost of publishing and mailing a newsletter is difficult to justify. It is felt that the Chapter can make better use of the funds. At least for the time being, the Chapter will cease publishing a bi-monthly newsletter.

The website may be expanded to include items of interest, and announcements will be made during the intermission at our dances. Joe can be contacted for information at (859) 255-2751. Consideration is also being given to post card reminders, particularly for those members who do not have access to email.

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 Matussek 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

Big Ballroom Dance

Monthly Dances - 8:00 to 11:30 p.m.
Jan 19, Feb 23, Mar 22 (Complete 2008 schedule on website)
Beaumont Center Club House
Admission \$6
Contact Jerry Campbell 859.396.4992,
www.bigballroomdance.com
BBD-info@bigballroomdance.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 Vintage Dance Society

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

Shawn Benton

Group dance lessons: Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa,
Tango, (859) 552-9569,
email: bentondancer@yahoo.com

Step N Out Studio

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

UK Swing Dance Club

Swing Dances:

Jan 19, Feb 2, Feb 23 at Arthur Murray Studio, Lexington
Time: 8:00 p.m. to Midnight

For schedule of all dances, visit website below.

Swing Dance Lessons and Workshops.

For event information, see web site
www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/HKSDC

For information, contact: Mike Richardson, email at
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Phone: (859) 323-3633
401C College of Pharmacy
725 Rose Street, Lexington, KY 40536-0082



Board Members, Officers, Chairs

President: Joe Buckman, (859) 255-2751

president@usadancebluegrass.org

Vice-President: Ray Clark

Secretary: Janet Raider

Treasurer: Henry Stephens

Board Members:

Jerry Campbell, Marilyn Geren, Linda Baber, Brenda Hill, Kathy Marra, Ed Moore, Jeanne Sturgill, Phil Thornton

Chairs:

Beginner Dance Class: Jan and Phil Thornton
Dance Set-up, Refreshments, Decorations: Jean Campbell

Hospitality: Dorothy Stephens & Jan Thornton

Membership: Ray Clark

Music: Ed Moore

Newsletter Editor: Henry Stephens

Nursing Home Performances: Marilyn Geren

Webmaster: Jeanne Sturgill

YCN Coordinator: TBD

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Out-of- town Places to Dance

Looking for a USA Dance Chapter dance or other place to dance when out-of-town? You can locate all chapters on the USA Dance website - <http://www.usadance.org>

Scroll down on the **Home Page** and click on **“Local Chapters”**. Next, click on **“Find a Chapter”**. Most websites of chapters list the dance schedule, and identify other places in the area to dance.

Several of our members have visited other chapters when traveling, and had very enjoyable experiences. It's a way too of comparing our chapter to others, and picking up new ideas to make our chapter better.

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.

For a schedule of dances and other information about the Chapter, visit our website, www.usadancebluegrass.org

USA Dance DanceSport Events

*For details on the events below, visit www.usadance.org and click on **DanceSport**.*

Jan 18 -20, 2008 - USA Dance NE Regional DanceSport Championships - Manhattan Amateur Classic

Feb 2, 2008 - USA Dance SW Regional DanceSport Championships - Anaheim, CA

Feb 9 - 10, 2008 - USA Dance NC Regional DanceSport Championships - Knoxville, TN

Feb. 10, 2008 - Phoenix DanceSport Championships - Mesa, AZ

Feb. 16 - 17, 2008 - Star of the North DanceSport Championships - Minneapolis, MN

March 14 - 15, 2008 - Triangle DanceSport Championships - Raleigh, NC

Apr 4 - 6, 2008 - USA Dance 2008 National DanceSport Championships - Baltimore, MD

Jun 6 - 7, 2008 - USA Dance SC Regional DanceSport - Gumbo of Ballroom - Baton Rouge, LA

Jul 26, 2008 - Southern Star Mid-Summer Classic - Tampa, FL

Sep 27 - 28, 2008 - USA Dance NC Regional DanceSport Championships Heartland Classic - Indianapolis, IN

Oct 25 - 26, 2008 - USA Dace NorthWest Regional DanceSport Championships - Seattle, WA

