

USA Dance Bluegrass Chapter Newsletter

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Next Board Meeting

The date and location of the next board meeting will be announced at a future time. Board meetings are open to all members.

New Members

Please welcome **Emma Allen** who joined the Chapter in June.

Upcoming USA Dances:

July 21, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor	Renee Brice
Lesson	8:00 - 9:00 P.M., Tango
Open Dance	9:00 - 11:30 P.M.
Music	Mark Jeffers

August 11, 2007 Saturday -USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructors	Anthony & Nikki Blakemore
Lesson	8:00 - 9:00 P.M. West Coast Swing
Open Dance	9:00 - 11:30 P.M.
Music	Chapter



Non-members are welcomed.

Area USA Dance Chapters

USA Dance of Greater Louisville - Dance last Saturday of the month normally.

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.

Cumberland Valley USA Dance - Dances are held at the Levi Jackson State Park clubhouse on Friday nights. For information, call (606) 528-9450

In Step with the President

The Bluegrass Chapter of USA Dance offers more than opportunities to dance. The national level encourages dancers to get involved in their community through their chapters. Every September for several years the Chapter has held a "Dance for the Heart".

Dancers donated \$2,000 dollars in 2003, 2004, and 2005, and \$2,500 in 2006 to the local chapter of the American Heart Association. That's \$8,500 in the last four years. The American Heart Association sends a representative to the dance to thank the dancers for their generosity.

Two sources provide the donations. Primarily the donations come through a silent auction. The Chapter Board also contributes the profit from the dance.

In order to make the fundraiser so successful, it is necessary for the Chapter to solicit items from individuals and the business community for the silent auction. Their response has always been generous.

Contact me if you are interested finding out more about the different roles that are necessary to make the event a success. One role is identifying individuals or businesses that might be interested in providing items for the auction. Please let me know if you know of such individuals or businesses. We also need assistants to help the organizers and during the silent auction.

The Chapter is beginning to organize for this September's dance. Let's all get involved in some way to make this the biggest Dance for the Heart and help in a great cause.



USA Dance Calendar - 2007

Admission for all dances (unless noted):

USA Dance Members: \$7.00

Nonmembers: \$10.00

Full Time Students: \$3.00

Lesson 8:00 to 8:45 PM

Open Dance 8:45 to 11:30 PM

September 8, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: Harold Cottrell, Hustle

Music: Chapter

October TBD, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[EKU Keen Johnson Ballroom](#)

Instructor: Marianne McAdam, Lesson TBD

Music: Marianne McAdam

Admission: Non-students - \$7; Students - \$3 (student ID required)

October 27, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: TBD, Lesson TBD

Music: Chapter

November 17, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: Mike & Mary Richardson, Swing

Music: Mike Richardson

December 8, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: Hunter Lisle, Foxtrot

Music: Jack Meinking

January xx, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: TBD

Music: TBD

February xx, 2008 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: TBD

Music: TBD

Dance at Your Own Risk

Dance is a physical activity, and like all physical activities carries some degree of risk for injury. USA Dance cannot be held liable for injuries sustained by persons attending a dance, on the dance floor or anywhere on the event venue premises. Persons attending dances do so at their own risk.

USA Dance is not responsible for loss or theft of articles left in the event facilities or parking lot.

USA DANCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GALT HOUSE HOTEL - LOUISVILLE KY

AUGUST 3-5TH 2007

THE "DO NOT MISS" EVENT OF THE YEAR!!

Information about the event and tickets is available at <http://lousabda.org/2007Nationals/>

Fabulous workshops available. - A number of world class coaches have agreed to present 50 minute workshops during the time of the competition. Workshops are tentatively scheduled for 11 am and 1 pm each day with cost of only \$10. per person.

Contact Betty Stevens for additional details on workshops via email at wixbury@bellsouth.net or by phone at 502-896-6909.

2008 NATIONAL DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

TO BE HELD APRIL 4-6, 2008 IN BALTIMORE MD rather than August 2008

All Regionals that fall in the 12 month window before April 2008 serve as qualifying events for the April 2008 National Championships. Yes, some Regionals are qualifying events for two Nationals - a one time anomaly caused by our changing competition calendar.

Favorite Places to Dance While Traveling

Casa Loma Ballroom, St. Louis - Ballroom, Rock 'n' Roll, Imperial Swing - www.casalomaballroom.com

Indiana Roof Ballroom, Indianapolis - Big Band, Latin, Foxtrot, Swing - www.indianaroom.com

Coney Island Amusement Park, Cincinnati - Big Band dances with live music - www.coneyislandpark.com

Southern Rhapsody Dance Society - Indianapolis - Ballroom - October, 2007
www.southernrhapsodydancesociety.com

Midwest Big Band Festival, Decatur, IL. - Big Bands - Labor Day weekend, 2007 -
www.experiencedecatur.com/notableevents.php

See Chapter website for additional detail about the above events.



NATIONAL BALLROOM DANCE WEEK SEPTEMBER 14-23, 2007

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.
July 28, Aug 25, Sept 22, Oct 13, Nov 3, Dec 22
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
www.cincyswing.com
Contact: Dance Studio
Phone: (859) 291-2300

UK Swing Dance Club

Swing Dances,
Saturday July 14, August 25 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



Board Members, Officers, Chairs

President: Joe Buckman, (859) 255-2751

Joe hustle1@yahoo.com

Vice-President: Ray Clark

Secretary: Janet Raider

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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: Jan and Phil Thornton
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

USA DANCE TIDBITS

Based on information submitted in Annual Reports, USA Dance chapters sponsored 2,227 social dances, 1,821 beginner lessons and 259 workshops during 2006.

60% perform public ballroom demonstrations at community events, malls, nursing homes etc.

36% sponsor some form of outreach to young dancers K-12 and College level



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.usadancebluegrass.org.

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. ■

New Bluegrass Chapter Web site

If you haven't already done so, be sure to visit the "new and improved" USA Dance Bluegrass Chapter Web site. We have a new look and feel, along with a new address.

www.usadancebluegrass.org

Although much of the content is the same, the layout is different and the navigation is easier. You will find information on our dances for the year - with the upcoming dance featured on the front page; contact information on board members and committee chairs; and links to past newsletters, area chapters, and local dance clubs and studios. An "About Our Chapter" page has been added, as well as a downloadable form for you to use to submit information about places you have danced while traveling, and a page to view what others have submitted. A photo gallery is in the works.

For last minute information on dances, and to keep up with Chapter news and activities between newsletters, visit the new USA Dance Bluegrass Chapter Web site!

Send any Web site comments to admin@usadancebluegrass.org.