

USA Dance Bluegrass Chapter Newsletter

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Next Board Meeting

The next Chapter Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27th at 6:30 pm; Tates Creek Branch of the Lexington Public Library. Board meetings are open to all members.

Upcoming USA Dances:

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
Admission	Non-students - \$7; Students \$3

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	Mark Jeffers



Area USA Dance Chapters

USA Dance of Greater Louisville - Dance last Saturday of the month normally. www.lousabda.org or (502) 896-6909.

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

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

Driving Directions to ECU Keen Johnson Ballroom

From Lexington, take I-75 south to Richmond Exit 87. At the end of the exit ramp turn left onto the Bypass. At the sixth stoplight, turn left onto Lancaster Avenue (Highway 52). At the first street to the right, turn onto Park Drive. Turn left at the first short drive into the Martin parking lot (just past the crosswalk). Park and look for the signs to the Keen Johnson Building. The ballroom is on the second floor.

Meet our New Chapter President

Meet Joe Buckman, our new president for 2007 - 2008. Since Joe was our Treasurer for the past two years, most of you know him as the guy who frequently sat at the admissions table in the lobby, and led the dance mixer.

Following are Joe's responses to several interview questions.

Tell us something about yourself.

I am married to Cathy Buckman, and we have two daughters, Laura and Marie, ages 16 and 12, respectively. Professionally, I am a Certified Public Accountant, employed as an Internal Audit Supervisor for the Office of Inspector General in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (Commonwealth of Kentucky).

How long have you been involved in Ballroom dancing, and how were you introduced to dancing?

I took one year of lessons several years ago at a Fred Astaire studio in St. Louis, and then moved to Lexington in 1987. My wife, Cathy, had been taking lessons at Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Lexington for several years up until the time we married in 1989. We resumed dancing a few years ago when Hunter Lisle, a former dance partner of Cathy, opened the Lexington Arthur Murray Studio. I then started taking lessons again.

What is your favorite dance and why?

Hustle is my favorite dance, and is also one of Cathy's favorite dances. It's a great cardiovascular exercise. *(Perhaps you have witnessed Joe running to find Cathy when a Hustle number is played)*

How long have you been a member of USA Dance and the Bluegrass Chapter?

I have been a member of the Chapter since the Fall of 2004 and attended dances as a non-member. I joined so I could volunteer to serve on the Board and as the Treasurer.

See "Chapter President" - Page 3.

USA Dance Calendar of Dances - 2007

Admission for all dances (unless noted):

USA Dance Members: \$7.00

Nonmembers: \$10.00

Full Time Students: \$3.00

May 12, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor Anthony & Nichole Lewis - Salsa
Music Chapter

June 9, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor Doreen Beatrice - Cha Cha
Music Chapter

July 14, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor Hector Quiles - Tango
Music Mark Jeffers

August 11, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Instructor: Anthony & Nikki Blakemore - WC Swing
Music Chapter

September 8, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

October TBD, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[EKU Keen Johnson Ballroom](#)

November 17, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

December 8, 2007 Saturday - USA Dance

[Oleika Temple on Southland Drive](#)

Upcoming Competitions

North Central Regional DanceSport Championships -

Arlington Heights, IL - May 19 - 20 - Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel

USA Dance National Championships - Louisville, August 3rd

thru 5th - Galt House Hotel

New Members

Please welcome our new members who joined the Chapter in January & February: Dottie Cordray, Dow Kindred, Linda Martin, Velma Pettit, & Reed Prescott.

Volunteers - Nursing Home Demos

Anyone interested in community service projects like dancing at nursing homes, please call Marilyn Geren @ 881- 4306. It will only involve a few hours per YEAR, very little talent and a big smile. Thanks in advance for making someone's day special.

“Dancing with the Stars” returns to ABC - TV on Monday, March 19th and March 26th from 8 - 10 p.m. The results show begins Tuesday, March 27th at 9 p.m.

[Keep on Dancing!](#)

Music for Monthly Dances

Music Committee

Our chapter has long history of providing quality music at our dances. We hope to continue that tradition as we evolve to a new approach this year. We now have a music committee charged with coordinating music for the dances, whether it is by obtaining a paid DJ or generating music from our own library and using our own equipment.

The Board of Directors has authorized, and we've purchased a laptop (as well as backup storage) to serve as our music library as well as our music player for Chapter authorized events. We'll add to and refine the library on-going, and use it to collaboratively generate playlists.

It's a challenging task to provide music that appeals to a club as diverse in age, experience, dance styles, and musical tastes as ours; and keep doing so without wearing out the same songs. We hope the establishment of the music committee will help us in achieving that goal. Your recommendations and feedback are welcomed. Initial members of the music committee are:

Jerry Campbell
Ed Moore - Chair
Henry Stephens
Hope Stoll
Pam West
JoJo Yuen

New Chapter President (from page 1)

What are your goals for the Chapter?

I want to leave the Chapter in as good a condition when my two-year term ends as when I inherited it. To do this, I am committed to serving the membership by making sure that all of the Chapter dances are the best we can make them. I see this as the Chapter's primary goal.

For a Chapter to achieve those goals, it is important to develop a strong corps of volunteers to become involved in helping those who have accepted responsibility as officers and board members. My main focus will be to develop this corps of volunteers. In doing this, we will make it more likely that the Chapter will be able to provide dancing for the Bluegrass area for many years to come.

What advice would you give beginners?

Don't get frustrated. Even the best dancers experienced frustration when they were just beginning. Your perseverance will pay off.

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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 dance - March 31
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, April 27 at Arthur Murray
Studio; Saturday, April 21 at Bluegrass Dance Center,
Richmond
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

Treasurer: Henry Stephens

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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:

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

Newsletter Editor: Henry Stephens

Nursing Home Performances: Marilyn Geren

Webmaster: Jeanne Sturgill

YCN Coordinator: TBD

Personals:

For sale - New women's dancing shoes, Size 5 1/2, Beige.
Never worn. Cost \$115 - Asking \$50. Call 268-0843

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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 our 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. ■

