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Spirit of Citrus Dancers
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, Everyone:

The sun is shining, the birds are singing, the weather is beautiful. Doesn't it just make you feel like dancing. Speaking of birds, this is also the time of year when our "snowbird" friends will be heading home. I wish you a safe trip and look forward to your return.

Ladies you did it again, turned the dance floor into a beautiful "sea of red", at our annual Lady in Red dance. Many thanks, Barb, for the lovely decorations and to all of you who brought such delightful desserts. Lots of smiling faces and great music made it a wonderful evening. Check out your website and you'll see what I mean. Just click on the photos tab.

We've started the year off with lots of great dancing and there is more to come as we have some great special events planned for this year. Besides our Birthday Dances, on **March 17th**, we're celebrating St. Patrick's Day by having special decorations and inviting you to wear **Green**. I wonder if we can outdo the Lady in Red Dance. Sure would be fun to see. Then on **April 21st**, it's our bi-annual country dance. This is always a laid-back, toe-tappin' night, but this year we're inviting you to see how much BLING you can wear with your jeans. Any Rhinestone Cowboys out there? In May, we've got a new theme planned for you. We're having a Garden Party. No, Ricky Nelson, won't be there. Just lots of flowery decor and happy spring-time music. There's still more special events on the drawing board and I will be sure to tell you all about them when the time comes.

I have some exciting news, well, for me anyways. Team Thriller was such a success last year that Citrus County Blessings is asking if we would perform at their fundraiser in October. I have told them, if we can get enough dancers, we would be glad to do so,. So, consider this a "casting call." Butch is planning a medley of Halloween music that will accommodate a group of dancers, as well as, solos. If you want to participate, or want to learn more about it, come to the hall at **6:15 on March 17th** where Butch will tell us all about his ideas. Just ask any Team Thriller member, and I'm sure they will tell you how much fun and rewarding it was to be a part of the event.

In closing, I'd like to thank those of you who made the effort to welcome those "first-timers" who came to check us out from the Citrus Hills Ballroom dance class. All of us started out as "beginners" and it was nice to see how you made them feel comfortable and have a good time. When they come back, as well as, any who decide to check us out, let's be sure to prove to them that:

Dancing Lifts the Spirit

~Debbie Piotte



Dance Lessons



As a USA Dance Chapter, we cannot recommend or promote any particular dance studio/instructor. Since you've asked, however, following is the contact info for the closest instructors/studios.

"Make the Rest of Your Life the Best of Your Life...Dance"

Thursday Night GROUP CLASS in MARCH

TANGO

COMING IN APRIL - WEST COAST SWING

BUTCH PHILLIPS 563-3851

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www.bbdanceranch.com

email: butch@bbdanceranch.com



Other local Instructors:

Dance, Dance, Dance - www.dancedancedance.biz

Dancin' Around Studio - www.danceocala.com



Check your website - www.socdancer.org often, you never know when we may have something new to tell you.

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Of Special



Don't forget to set your clocks on March 10th



Calling all dancers who want to be a star. Butch will be conducting an informational meeting at 6:15 on March 17th regarding the Group Exhibition we want to do at the Citrus County Blessings Fundraiser in October.



We need cakes for our Birthday dances. Bake it or buy it, doesn't matter to us. If you're willing to bring one, call Barb K. at 344-1383 or email us at spiritofcitrus@gmail.com by the Wednesday before. Many thanks to all future and past cake bringers.

Here's a great opportunity to gather up your dancing friends (must be a member of USA Dance) for a FUN weekend of dancing:

21st Annual Florida Dance Spree Weekend

April 27 and 28, 2018

Presented by USA Dance District 9 (Chapter # 6026)

Weekend package - Only \$149.00 pp
Includes Friday night Lesson & Dinner Dance, Team Matches, Exhibitions, Jack & Jill contest, and 14 Workshops all day Saturday with Lunch and Semi-Formal Dinner Dance Saturday night
Location: Gold Star Ballroom 3100 S. Ridgewood Ave, South Daytona, FL
4200 sq. ft. of premium floating bamboo dance floor

Registration forms available at sign-in desk.

For more info, go to <http://greaterdaytonachapter.org>



Dancing Made Special

From Your
Special Events Committee

March 17th



"St. Patrick's Day Dance"
Tonight is the night everyone has some Irish in 'em. **Wear green** and you're sure to have a great evening - *and that's no blarney*. Music by Butch Phillips.

April 21st

"Denim & Diamonds Country Dance" -

Ballroom's going Country again. You're still invited to wear your jeans and boots, but this time add a little **bling**. Butch will dazzle us with great danceable country music mixed in with your ballroom favorites.



Coming in May

May 19th



"Garden Party Dance" - As the saying goes, "April Showers bring May Flowers." At least tonight anyways. Enjoy a night of dancing in a garden setting. *Have something flowery to wear, now's your chance.* Music by Butch Phillips.

"Dancing Lifts the Spirit," so join us at these upcoming special events. We look forward to seeing you!

~Debbie Piotte

SPIRIT OF CITRUS DANCE SCHEDULE MARCH - APRIL

March 3rd - Birthday Dance - Music by Bill Dimmitt - Complimentary Cake will be served.

March 17th - "St. Patrick's Day" - Music by Butch Phillips

April 7th - Birthday Dance - Music by Bill Dimmitt - Complimentary Cake will be served.

April 21st - "Country Dance" - Music by Butch Phillips

May 5th - NO DANCE

May 19th - "Garden Party Dance" - Music by Butch Phillips

Our dances are held at the Kellner Auditorium, Beverly Hills Jewish Center, 102 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. Admission: \$6 members, \$9 non-members. A complimentary dance lesson will be given at 7:00. Open dancing is from 7:30 to 10:00 PM. Ice and coffee provided.

Adventure Coast, USA Dance Chapter 6090,
invites you to dance with them the
2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30-9:30 at
The Lake House, 1202 Kenlake Ave., Spring
Hill, FL. Call (352) 515-5008 or visit them
at www.usadanceadventurecoast.org

OCALA'S CORNER

March 6th & 20th and April 3rd & 17th

Ocala Moose Lodge
1135 S US Hwy. 441, Belleview, FL

Dance Lesson at 7:00 p.m. - General Dancing at 7:30
Admission: \$8 members - \$10 non-members.

For additional info call Pat at: (352) 307-8486 or visit their website at www.usadanceocala.com

USA Ballroom Dance Classes - Mondays at 7:00

Classes will be held at P.M. Respiratory Services located at
3306 S.W. 26th Ave. Suite # 402 Ocala, FL
\$25. mo. For USA Dance member, \$35. mo. For Non-members
4 consecutive weeks of the same dance will be taught.
Each month learn a new dance. **No partner required**

For more info: Call: Pat @ (352) 307-8486 or
Trish @ (352) 216-1657