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Spirit of Citrus Dancers
Chapter 6072 - USA Dance, Inc.

September/October 2008
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Dance Fans:

We've had such a fantastic summer jam packed with lots of creative and festive dance parties. Our Anniversary Ball on June 28th was a smashing success. Thank you for coming out and celebrating "8" years of dancing fun in Citrus County (has it really been that long?). Everyone looked marvelous in their "elegant casual" attire. Special thanks to those who brought tasty treats to share – everything was delicious!

A lively group danced the night away at the July 12th Birthday Dance Party. **Butch** continued the Viennese Waltz lesson; we're starting to get it. He also led us through a different version of "bump a rump". The cake was delicious as always. All in all, it was a very enjoyable evening.

The long awaited County Fair/Ice Cream Social is now a pleasant memory. We were happy to see that many of our dancing friends from Ocala joined in the festivities.



Butch taught the final lesson in the Viennese Waltz series and many of us gave it a try on the dance floor.

Congratulations go to **Donna Kenady** who won the jar of M&M's by guessing how many were in the jar; she was only off by one! We also enjoyed almost three gallons of ice cream.



And last, but not least, a lively rendition of the Chicken Dance rounded out the evening!



On August 9th, we celebrated the birthdays for the month. **Bill Dimmitt** kept the party moving with a good variety of music. Many of his students were there to bolster the number of happy dancers to 57. Special thanks go to **Don & Marie** for filling in for **Paul & Deb**. Thanks also to **Darla Goldberg** and **Debbie Inscoe** for baking the scrumptious cakes.

Tropical storm Fay didn't deter us from celebrating the end of summer with our Beach Ball on August 23rd. **Bill Dimmitt** taught us how to do the "shag" during the pre-dance lesson. He followed that up with beach inspired music throughout the evening. **Sam Daniel** surprised us with homemade peach ice cream – delicious! New member, **Layne Blackstone**, shared homemade cookies to die for!

Thank you both. **Vickie Humphrey** handled the sign in table with some help from **Donna Kenady**. **Donna** also helped with decorations. Thank you, ladies.

Although the year is winding down there are still great dance parties in the works. Be sure to check the dance schedule for the dates of the "Orange and Black" Ball, "Turkey in the Straw" Country Dance and the Grand Holiday Ball.

New Members

Please join me in welcoming new members **Layne Blackstone** and **Rick Clark**.



National Ballroom Dance Week

It's time to celebrate National Ballroom Dance Week! Our Showcase Dance Party will be on **September 20th** and the **FREE DANCE AT THE CRYSTAL RIVER MALL** will be on **September 27th FROM 1:00pm to 4:00 pm**. (This would be an excellent time to wear your Chapter shirts!) There will be dance exhibitions and lots of great dance music at both events. **Butch Phillips** will be the DJ and MC.

Election Time Once Again!

It's time to think about the election of board members for next year. **There are going to be a number of vacancies as those who have donated years of their time and talents are going to step down.** Many of the positions on the board can be shared, so please give some serious thought to being actively involved in your club. **We need your support!**

Till next time.....

Dancing Feet are happy feet!
~ Kathy Carpenter

Happy Halloween

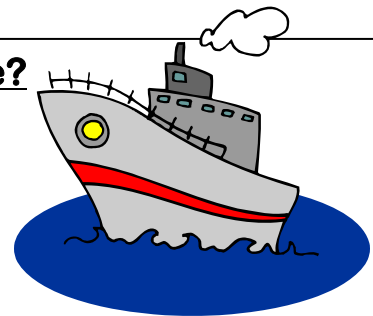
Looking for a Dance Cruise?

Get out your dancing shoes and bring your friends.

Jazz Club at Sea is pleased to announce its annual Big Band Party At Sea. The event will take place onboard Holland America Line's m/s Veendam sailing to the Western Caribbean, February 8 - 15, 2009

This spectacular Big Band Extravaganza will feature the Brooks Tegler Orchestra performing concerts in tribute to Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band, Count Basie, and Duke Ellington.

We will swing on the high seas and dance under the stars. We would like to invite the chapters of USA Dance to join us. Please contact me at your convenience to discuss the cruise in further detail. I may be reached via phone; 800-433-0493 between the hours of 8:30 - 5:00 CDT or email at kristol@vacation-valet.com.



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HELP US TELL CITRUS COUNTY

DANCING LIFTS THE SPIRIT

It's that time of year again - our chance to expose Citrus County to the joys of ballroom dancing. In order to do this, we have scheduled the following two special events commemorating **National Ballroom Dance Week.**

September 20, 2008

"NBDW Showcase Dance"
Where: Kellner Auditorium
When: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Admission: \$5 -members
\$7 - Non-members

September 27, 2008

"Dancing at the Mall"
Where: Crystal River Mall
When: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Admission - FREE

WANTED!

DANCERS NEEDED!!!

We're looking for Volunteers to perform a short dance demonstration or routine at one or both of the NBDW events. It doesn't have to be anything fancy - unless you want - we just want to show the public what a waltz, etc., looks like.

You pick the song and the dance.

Let Debbie or Kathy know if you want to give it a try.



*Dancing Made
Special
From Your Special Events
Committee*

September 20th



"NBDW Showcase Dance" - Join us as we "kick-off" National Ballroom Dance Week. Special exhibitions by your fellow dancers - Music by Butch Phillips

September 27th

"NBDW Dance at the Mall" - Enjoy an afternoon of free dancing at the CRYSTAL RIVER MALL. 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Music by Butch Phillips



October 18th



"Black and Orange Ball" - Join us in welcoming autumn by wearing black and/or orange. *Bring a decorated pumpkin or Jack-O-Lantern and maybe win a prize.* Music by Butch Phillips.

Coming in November

November 15th

"Turkey in the Straw" - Country Dance - Ballroom's going country again. YEE HAW! Music by Butch Phillips.



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

-Debbie

More local dance opportunities -

September 13th & 27th - October 11th & 25th
7:00 pm – 10:00 am - Admission: \$5
Kellner Auditorium
Music by Bob Arthur – 746-5845

**SPIRIT OF CITRUS
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER
DANCE SCHEDULE**

September 6th - Birthday Dance - Music by Butch Phillips - Complimentary Cake will be served.

September 20th - "NBDW Showcase" Dance - Music by Butch Phillips

September 27th - "NBDW Dance at the Mall" - Free Dance at Crystal River Mall - 1:00 - 4:00 pm - Music by Butch Phillips

October 4th - Birthday Dance - Music by Bill Dimmitt - Complimentary Cake will be served.

October 18th - "Black & Orange Ball" - Music by Butch Phillips

November 1st - Birthday Dance - Music by Butch Phillips - Complimentary Cake will be served.

November 15th - "Turkey in the Straw" Country dance - Music by Butch Phillips.

Our dances are held at the Kellner Auditorium, Beverly Hills Jewish Center. Admission: \$5 members, \$7 non-members. A complimentary dance lesson will be given at 7:00. Open dancing is from 7:30 to 10:00 PM. There is a "Get-Acquainted" table for dancers without dance partners. Ice and coffee provided.

**Ocala's Corner
September-October
Dance Schedule**

September 3rd - Moose Lodge, 1003 Hwy 441, Belleview

September 16th - Moose Lodge, 1003 Hwy 441, Belleview

October 1st - Moose Lodge, 1003 Hwy 441, Belleview

October 21st - Moose Lodge, 1003 Hwy 441, Belleview

Dance Lesson at 7:00 p.m. - General Dancing at 7:30
Admission: \$5 members - \$7 non-members.

For additional info call Jane Burr at: (352) 873-4020 or visit their website at www.usadanceocala.com

Ocala's Dance Center, Compass Health & Fitness Ctr., 3438 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala - has dances Thursday nights - 7:45 - 9:00 pm - Admission \$5.00 - For info call Norma Felton at 624-2826



JOIN THE TEAM!!

Your Chapter Needs You

Catch the "Team Spirit" and be part of our team! Election time is here again, and we are requesting nominations for all positions on the Board of Members, including Officers.

Working together on a single goal can be a lot of fun. As your board members, our goal is to create a great dance environment for our members and the general public. It's a lot of work for just a few people. As the saying goes "many hands make light work." We have committees that you can be a part of - either as chairperson or just as a member who can fill in from time to time. You can volunteer to work on a specific committee or you can join as a "Member at Large" making yourself available to help whenever the need arises. Following is a list of our committees and other positions with a brief description of the duties involved:

- **Hospitality** - Greeters and Table Hosts; Check-In Desk
- **Newsletter** - Submit articles for consideration; make copies and distribute the newsletter
- **Refreshments** - Procure items such as ice, soda, snacks and paper products; Dance set-up, e.g. make the coffee, put out the snacks; clean up at end of dance.
- **Phone Committee** - Contact members by phone with reminders of upcoming special events or other important information
- **Publicity** - Notifying Newspapers of our dances; create flyers, brochures, etc.; distribution of flyers.
- **Special Functions Committee**- Plan special events; make birthday cakes; procure/make decorations
- **Historian** - Keep our photo albums up to date; clip newspaper articles about our Chapter
- **Membership** - Submit new applications to National; monitor membership renewals
- **Elections Committee** - Gathers nominations, creates ballot, counts votes and reports outcome
- **President** - Keeps general order of all committees; stays in contact with National (USA Dance, Inc.)
- **Vice President** - Helps the President (**neither of these jobs is as duty laden as running the U.S.**)
- **Treasurer** - Keeps track of the monies of the Chapter
- **Secretary** - Records and distributes to Board Members the Minutes of each Board Meeting

You can lend a hand by nominating yourself or a fellow dancer. *Maybe you know a fellow member who is willing to split the time with you?* Submit your nomination(s) by mailing the enclosed CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (address on form - or bring it to a dance) or contacting any one of the Election Committee members below, by **October 18th**. Note: if you plan on nominating a fellow member, please make sure they are willing to serve.

Polly Hickle - phicklefl@yahoo.com or (352) 795-8651
Lloyd Carpenter - (352) 726-1495
Don Van Osdol - (352) 560-4213

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Working together, YOU can make a difference!

Join us - you'll be glad you did! - That's the Spirit!

SPIRIT OF CITRUS DANCERS
USA DANCE CHAPTER #6072
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
2009 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you, 2008 Officers and Board of Directors! Your efforts and commitment have made 2008 a spectacular year for the *Spirit of Citrus Dancers*. Teamwork made your roles and responsibilities appear effortless. *Please notify a member of the Nominating Committee if you are willing to remain in your current position or if you're interested in serving in a different capacity in 2009.*

Members, please nominate yourself or someone else for an Office or position on the Board of Directors. (When nominating another member, you are responsible for ensuring the nominee's willingness to serve.) **Sharing an office or position on the Board is great, too!**

Please mail or email your intention and/or nomination to Polly Hickle, 3840 N. Calusa Pt., Crystal River, FL 34428, (phicklefl@yahoo.com), no later than October 18th.

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Nomination Committee Members
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