



Stepping Out!



USA Dance, Inc.
Adirondack Chapter #3035

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President's Corner

Happy Holidays!

I hope you all have the opportunity to spend the holidays with family and friends and amongst all the hustle and bustle, you will find a little time to squeeze in some dancing.

Here's an update on our winter dance schedule. As far as our "Second Saturday" dance is concerned, we are still at the Temple Beth-El. However, our schedule for our "Fourth Sunday" dance has changed. There will be no dances on December

(see **President** pg. 2)

Save the Date!

By the time you read this, the invitations and flyers announcing our second annual "black tie optional" dance will have already been processed. This year's event, **Spring in the Adirondacks**, will occur on Saturday March 31, 2007 from 6:30 PM until 11:00 PM at the Adirondack Community College gymnasium. Have no fear. As anyone who attended last year's event can attest, we can guarantee you that the facility will once again be transformed into something other than a basketball court. An elegant buffet will be provided by the ACC food services group, with a carving station, as well as two other entrees, choice of vegetables, desserts, and coffee and tea. And like last year, a cash bar will be provided with choices of several wines and

beers.

But of course, the highlight of the evening will be dancing, dancing, and more dancing! This year, the music will be provided by the wonderful sounds of the Sonny & Perley Quintet. The exciting quintet will be fronted by Sonny Daye and Perley Rousseau who, according to their web site, "have achieved a rare musical symbiosis. The husband and wife team have spent the last several years developing and perfecting their unique blend of Jazz, Brazilian, American Songbook Standards, and International Cabaret which have become their musical signature. They engagingly perform the timeless standards of the Great American Songbook such as Berlin, Gershwin and Porter as well as the irresistible Brazilian melodies of Antonio Carlos Jobim."

by John Dye

And, like last year, we will have continuous music during the whole evening. When "Sonny & Perley" are on break, our very own "Dancin' Time" DJ will be providing the same wonderful, danceable, music that they offer at our monthly dances at Temple Beth-El.

We are destined to have a wonderful time! Tickets are \$50 per person, \$20 of which is a tax deductible contribution. The net proceeds will go toward our local USA Dance youth programs. Oh, and don't forget to bring your checkbooks on the night of the event, (cash is always welcome) to bid on the plethora of silent auction items that will be available.

SAVE THE DATE! For further information, please call John Dye at 792-1603.

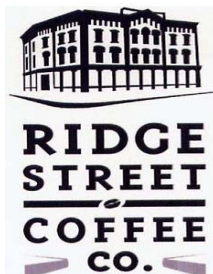
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Thank you

to the people at The Rock Hill Bakehouse Café at 19 Exchange St. and The Ridge Street Coffee Shop at 1 Ridge St. for letting us display our newsletter in their establishments.



Adirondack Chapter Board of Directors Election Update

by John Dye

Did you ever wonder how people on the current board of directors of the Adirondack Chapter of USA Dance got their positions, or got on the board at all for that matter?

The Adirondack Chapter was started almost five years ago by a group of people who were interested in bringing ballroom dancing and, more specifically, social dancing to the North Country. That small group of individuals formed a steering committee and became aware of a national organization, at the time called USABDA, United States Amateur

Ballroom Dance Association, and they filed the necessary paperwork to start our chapter. The steering committee automatically became members of the board of directors. A general election listing those members was held and hence, the official board was in place. Some of those original founders are still, thankfully, on the board. (Thank you Chandler Atkins, Joe DeMeo and Cheryl and Brent Humphrey). As members of the board left in the middle of their terms, replacement board members were sought out and approved by the remaining board. In 2005, we had a change of offi-

cers and another general election was held.

We are establishing a new election procedure, whereby nominations to the board will be accepted from our chapter membership. Nomination forms will be sent to all chapter members at least three months in advance of the election of new board members. (For this year, this will be done as soon as feasible.) The board will receive all nominations and cast the votes to determine whether the nominees will be accepted onto the board.

(see **Elections** pg. 4)

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24th of this year and March 25th of next year. Also, since everyone seems to be leaving between 9-9:30 PM, we are shortening the length of our dance by a half an hour. Thus, the "Fourth Sunday" dance will be 7-9:30PM.

Just a side note...I hope all of you have been watching "Dancing with the Stars". It has been a terrific show this year! They have definitely raised the bar for dancing. Since that show has aired, we have had an influx of inquiries about dancing. Some questions are regarding dance lessons and others are related to the times and locations of our own dances. If you have a friend, a neighbor, or a co-worker that is the least bit intrigued with dancing, please do not hesitate to bring them to our dances.

Just a reminder for everyone, please mark your calendars for next year's annual black tie optional dinner dance, **Spring in the Adirondacks**. It will be held on March 31,

2007 at the Adirondack Community College gymnasium with music provided by the Sonny & Perley Quintet and "Dancin' Time". It is going to be another wonderful evening of dining and dancing!

Our "Dance for Life" youth program is well under way. Our Co-Chairs, Brent Humphrey and Tony Farrar are in the process of setting up dance programs in approximately 6 schools in the area as well as with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. As far as the schools are concerned, they are mostly interested in dance lessons prior to a major event at their school such as proms, Valentine's Day dances, or spinsters. Brent and Tony are currently working on organizing the lesson schedule. They would like to reach out to as many students as possible.

Lise Fuller has recently left our Board and Hospitality Committee. So, at this moment, I would like to extend a thank you to her for her efforts in helping to form our chap-

ter, as she has been working with us since its inception, which is approximately 5 years.

There are many committees and/or activities that you can become involved in. One in particular is our Hospitality Committee. We need someone who would like to chair or be a co-chair of that committee. All that is required monthly is to contact our dancers and ask them if they would be willing to bring cookies and/or snacks for our food table at our "Second Saturday" dances. If you are interested in being on the Hospitality Committee or any of our other committees, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for all of your support in helping to make our chapter such a success. Your input is most welcome!

Keep dancing! Cheryl

Share the Harvest Dance

by Harry Barker

On October 28, 2006, approximately 30 USA Dance members attended the Share The Harvest Community Dinner Dance at the Queensbury Hotel presented by The Queensbury Senior Citizens Center. We had a wonderful meal followed by dancing to the music of "Dancin' Time" DJ "Dancin' David" LeVesque. The event was a fund raiser for the Queensbury Senior Citizens Center to help them raise money to fund the many ac-

tivities and services they provide in the area.

According to Queensbury Center Coordinator, Karen Kirkpatrick, nearly 100 people attended. Each of them brought food to be "shared" via Family Services Association. The total amount collected was estimated to be \$347. Over \$2000 was received in donations and items for the silent auction from corporate sponsors, including: Anthem Health Services,

Inc., Glens Falls National Bank and Trust, Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra, Green Mountain Development Corp., Lake George Steamboat Co., Loftus Ross LLP, McPhillips Insurance co., Queensbury Hotel, Singleton-Healy Funeral Home, TD Banknorth, and Warren Tire.

Our presence was greatly appreciated. It just goes to show you, Give us a cause, and we'll dance for it.



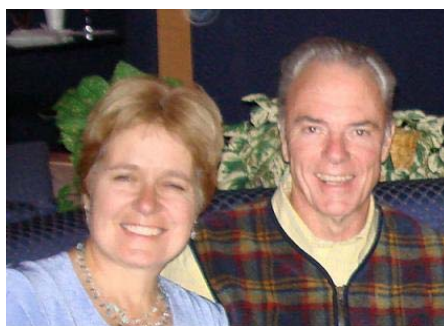
Meet Our Members-

Bob and Lise Fuller had been dancing together for almost twenty years when Lise saw the ad in a local newspaper offering ballroom dance lessons.

"I dance OK," said Bob.

"Sure, Bob, but dance lessons might be a great way to get out one night a week."

Bob could have mentioned that the business he and Lise had started kept him away from home one night a week already, or that Lise's herbal practice and teaching in various locations throughout Saratoga and Warren counties took her out of the home one and sometimes two nights a week as well.



Bob & Lise Fuller

Their daughter, Adrienne, was a senior in high school when they took their first lesson, their son a sophomore. Bob suggested it might cause the children embarrassment to see their parents walking out of the house carrying dance shoes.

Bob and Lise Fuller

"We think it's a great idea," said Adrienne, "And please don't rush right home afterward. I have, like, plans."

"Actually, Dad," said Cullen, "Almost everything you do embarrasses me - so this is right up your alley!"

With unanimous support, Bob agreed to take the first three classes and proved (to his satisfaction) that an old dog can learn new tricks. At the end of those classes, he found his way back to the couch, where he had pleasant dreams of a possible root canal at the dentist's office and an upcoming visit by his mother-in-law.

(see **Bob & Lise pg.4**)

Bob and Lise (cont. from pg. 3)

“Ready to go?” asked Lise the following Friday night.

“Where to?”

“We have three East Coast Swing classes,” said Lise.

“I thought we just did that,” Bob said gripping a pillow and holding it tight to his chest.

“That was the Bosa-nova. Swing is really dancing. You’ll like it. Get off the couch.”

As surely as one thing leads to another, swing was followed by tango, hustle and salsa (and the dreaded Latin walk.) Merengue and cha-cha and samba were next...

and Lise and Bob realized they were not simply taking dance lessons, they were actually learning to dance!

Bob and Lise were founding members of the Board of Directors for the Adirondack Chapter of USA Dance. They attend dance weekends in New Hampshire and they have danced on a cruise ship bound for Bermuda.

Together they have made a successful business repairing specialty pumps and distributing spare parts to municipal wastewater treatment facilities, paper mills and food processing companies across the United States and Canada. Lise still teaches herbal remedies and

applications at Adirondack Community College and tends to her vegetable and herb garden at home, as well as the extensive gardens at Hovey Pond.

Before they started dancing, Bob and Lise took time away from their businesses to sail on Lake George, hike in the Adirondacks and spend time on their small farm in Crown Point. Today, they take time away from dancing to attend to the other, more mundane aspects for their lives.

There are few things that a couple can do together that provide the fun and pleasure of dancing, and when the music starts, that’s where you’re likely to find them: dancing.

Elections (cont. from pg. 3)

We would be glad to get any nominations to join the board. This will be a necessity at some point in the not too far future.

This leads me to a possible question you might have. Why do we need new members on the board? The current board is implementing limitations on board terms. Each board member shall serve no more than three consecutive two year terms. These election by-laws took effect as of 9/1/06, so, the current board members have actually

up to six years to be on the board. But as vacancies occur we will need new people to fill positions.

Who will take their place? Only your nominations will let us know. Members should have received their nomination forms in the mail by now. Please do not hesitate to nominate a chapter member to join the Adirondack Chapter of USA Dance board of directors. But realize, we are a working board and your nomination should be someone who is willing to make the commitment to assure

the longevity of our chapter. There is an upper limit of eleven board members that can serve at one time and a minimum of seven. So if by chance we end up with more nominees than there are positions, the current board will make the final decision. I think the current board would consider the possibility of making this kind of decision a blessing. It would be seen as a strong indication of membership interest and involvement. And that would be wonderful!

Don't miss our Fifth Anniversary Dance!

On Saturday February 10, 2007 at 7-10:30 PM, the Adirondack Chapter #3035 USA Dance, Inc. will celebrate its Fifth Anniversary. Please join us for a special evening of dancing and festivities at the Temple Beth-El. Come dance with us to the fabulous music of “Dancin’ Time,” enjoy some delicious cake, reminisce over our growing Memory Book and meet our Board members, past and present.



Leads to Follow: <http://www.more-shoes.com> <http://www.dancepartner.com>

Fun In Montreal

by Bob Fuller

Jan Holik's Friday night Tango class went on a dance sabbatical in early November. Tango in Spanish means 'I have,' and Diane and Harry Barker, Paul and June Maniacek and Lise and Bob Fuller turned tango to the plural 'tangamos,' and boy, did *we* have fun in Montreal. The language of dance is universal and even in its rudimentary stages is easily understood – ordering food to sustain the motor that drives the feet and fuels the frame can sometimes be difficult in a French speaking country, especially if desert is involved – but the language of dance in all its forms is enjoyed in every quarter of Montreal on almost any night of the week.

Our tango class was joined by Doug and Jan Kenyon, who were in turn accompanied by their son, Brian and his girlfriend, Tara. Together we dined on buffalo meat and French fries in an Irish pub before gathering for a late night soirée at Club Cubana, on St. Catherine Street. Salsa is the only dance done in this club, as evidenced by the fact that they played exactly one song, and the rhythmical driving beat of that single song lasted from 11pm until the small hours of Saturday morning.

During the day on Saturday, members of the group pursued various interests around the city, visiting museums, bookstores and shopping for bargains. We met for an early dinner and an evening of ball-

room dancing at Do Re Me club, where the atmosphere is superb and visitors witness a wonderful blending of world cultures on possibly the finest dance floor in North America.

When we left in order to catch the last subway train to Centre City, a gentleman at the door waved and spoke to us in French. We interpreted his words to mean "Thank you for the opportunity to witness first hand the American rage of Dancing With the Stars," and we smiled and wished him well. When we were at the door he called out to us in English: "But messieurs, don't forget your dance shoes."

That's good advice for anyone visiting Montreal.



(See page 7 for more pictures of Do Re Mi)

Welcome New Members:

We would like to welcome these new members who have joined USA Dance, Inc. Adirondack Chapter #3035 since our last issue:

October –
Nancy and Randall McClearn

USA Dance, Inc.

Adirondack Chapter #3035

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Publicity Committee Co-Chairs: Diane & Harry Barker

Youth Outreach Committee Co-Chairs: Brent Humphrey & Tony Farrar

Director at Large: Michael Healy



The Adirondack Chapter #3035 of
USA Dance Inc.

cordially invites you to our
2nd Annual Charity Ball
to benefit our youth programs

Spring in the Adirondacks

Saturday, March 31, 2007

Adirondack Community College Gymnasium
Bay Road, Queensbury, New York

6:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

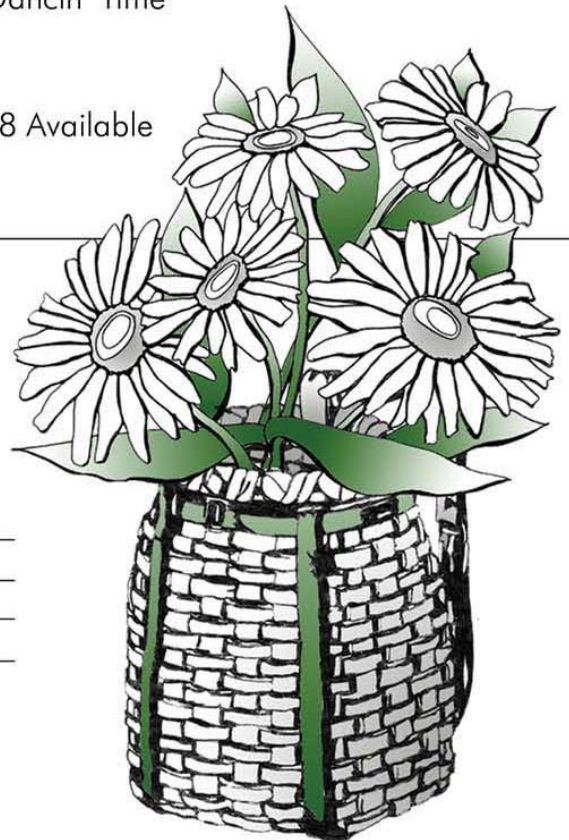
Dinner Buffet and Dancing (Cash Bar) ■ Silent Auction

Music Provided by
The Sonny & Perley Quintet and Dancin' Time

\$50 per person

Black Tie Optional ■ Tables of 8 Available

Amount Deductible \$20



Spring in the Adirondacks

Saturday, March 31, 2007

Please reserve _____ places at \$50 per person.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Check(s) for \$_____ is (are) enclosed.

Reservations please by Friday, February 23.

For information call John Dye at (518) 792-1603

Please send your checks care of: John Dye, 14 Cameron Ave., Glens Falls, NY 12801

Please make checks payable to : USA Dance Inc. Reservations are limited. Tickets are non-refundable.


Big Band Weekend– Feb. 23-25, 2007
Featuring The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra

The Sagamore Resort, nestled on an island in beautiful Lake George is having a Big Band Weekend in February. Guests for the weekend will enjoy an ambience reflecting the bygone era of the 40's when the Big Bands ruled. The highlight of the weekend will be a dinner dance on Saturday evening, with music provided by The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra under the direction of Buddy Morrow. Also included in the package is a welcome reception with cash bar on Friday evening, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, swing and fox trot lessons by "Dancin' Time", a culinary demonstration, and complimentary use of the fitness center and indoor pool.

The three day/two night package is \$360pp for a room, or \$400pp for a suite. Rates are based on double occupancy. There will also be a "local" package available for those who live in the area, and only want to stay one night.

For more information, contact the Sagamore at 866-385-6221, or online at www.thesagamore.com.

More Pictures from Do Re Mi...



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"Let's Dance"

USA Dance, Inc. NYS-Adirondack Chapter #3035

Second Saturday Dance

Temple Beth-El, 3 Marion Ave. Glens Falls, NY
7 PM Lesson/ 8-10:30 Dancing
Music by: "Dancin'Time"

December 9, 2006 Night Club 2-Step Lesson
by "Dancin' David" LeVesque

January 13, 2006 Cha Cha Lesson by Jerry Durovic

February 10, 2006 Lesson to be announced

Fourth Sunday Dance

The Fun Spot (Skateland)
1035 State Rt. 9 Queensbury, NY
7-9:30 PM Dancing

January 28, 2007

February 25, 2007

Dress: Smart Casual \$7 Members \$10 Non-members \$5 Students
In case of inclement weather, please call Harry & Diane Barker at 793-5853

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