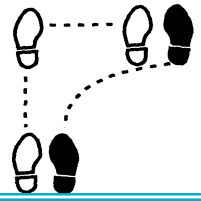


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Dancers,

We finished the first half of 2009 with a very successful Gumbo of Ballroom event. It was noted for our great hospitality as usual and for the large number new youth dancers competing. See story by Ann Durocher-Steven starting on page 7. We are gearing up for more great dancing and events. You'll find notices herein about plans to celebrate National Ballroom Week on September 25 at the Esplanade Mall with offering free dance lessons, exhibitions and drawing for free lessons with local professionals. Our major fundraising event, our Glitzy Dance on October 11th will be bigger and better than ever. It supports our very import scholarship fund that allows us to promote ballroom dancing. Our scholarship fund made it possible for 13 couple from the Jefferson Parish Public School System dance program to participate in the Gumbo DanceSport Championship on June 26, 2009 in Baton Rouge. Also you might want to start getting your costume ready for our Satie Hawkin's Day Dance in November. Also, we plan to be sending ballots to our members for election of new officers to our Board of Directors; see Norm Kostik or any of our board members if you are interested in being on the board.

I hope you are looking forward to being part of the wonderful events planned for you. If so, consider joining our USA Dance organization. Dancers from beginner's level through professional instructors are all welcomed. You never need a partner and you can always count on have a great time. Now, shall we dance.....

Kerry

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Unless a specific request is made for mail delivery our Footnotes Newsletter will be delivered

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Mission: To promote the quality and quantity of ballroom dancing in our area for all lovers of dance.

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DANCE TOO MUCH!!!

New Orleans

USA Dance—Jefferson Orleans North, 2600 Edenborn Avenue, Metairie, LA. Sundays once per month from 1:30 to 5:00. Free dance lesson, great music, door prizes and snacks. \$10 members, \$12 non-members, \$5 students. See our July flyer and dance schedule on pages 5 & 8. For information contact Kerry Lovell at 504-427-6483 or 504-485-5692.

Dance Lovers — Jefferson Orleans North, 2600 Edenborn Avenue, Metairie, LA. Sundays — 2-5 pm. \$10 singles, \$20 couples. Dressy casual attire.

2009 Schedule

July 26
August 30
Sept. 27
Oct. 25

No November or December dances

For more information call Jefferson Orleans at 504-454-6110.

Jefferson Orleans North, 2600 Edenborn Av., Metairie, LA. Sundays have music by Pat Barberot. Wednesdays music by The Jay Zainey Orchestra. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Dancing 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. \$8 per person, cash bars, no bottles. For information call (504) 454-6110.

.Argentine Tango Club, 4308 Magazine St. (Nirvana Indian Cuisine, 2nd floor) near the corner of Napoleon Ave. Beginners' classes 6:30-7:30, general dancing at 7:30-10, every Friday night. For information call Maria Elena LaMotta at 504/887-3095 or 228-3095.

Club Silhouette— For information, call Elaine Champagne at 885-1771 or email Club-silhouette@aol.com or visit www.clubsilhouette.net for schedule of events and classes.

Classes

Sunday	West Coast Swing
Monday	Hustle
Tuesday	Jamaica & West Coast Swing
Wednesday	Salsa
Thursday	Line Dancing
Friday	Beginner East Coast swing & Tango Cha Intermediate Single Step Swing

Pm A Dancer—2009 Schedule will be e-mailed for parties at Max and Metro for the next few months. E-mail Linda for info at ImADancerNO@aol.com or call 488-5151 or 858-0822.

Mandeville

Swirls North Shore Dance Academy, Friday Night Dance Parties. 8-11 p.m. \$8/person, \$15/couple. Weekly group classes/private lessons. 711 N. Causeway Blvd., Mandeville. Contact Gracie Ponder at 985-626-0050, 985-320-6322(c) or email swirlsdanceacademy@att.net.

Mandeville Ballroom Dance Club, 5150 Hwy 22, Mandeville, LA,

2009 Schedule

July 11 (Mixer Dance Party)
July 18—Swing/Latin Dance Party
July 25—Ballroom Mixer Party

Contact Aaron Smith at aaron@mandevilleballroom.com or 985-966-0178. Time: 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$8per person/\$15 couple. Please check website at Mandeville-ballroom.com. for our schedule.

Baton Rouge

Saturday Night Ballroom—American Legion Post, 151 S. Wooddale, Baton Rouge, LA.

2009 Schedule

July 4
August 1
September 5
October 3
November 7
December—no dance

8-11 p.m., \$10. General dancing, exhibitions and mixer dances. For information, call Don and Sandy Nijoka at (225) 665-5442, [snbdancer@cox.net](mailto:snb dancer@cox.net) or visit website at www.saturdaynightballroom.com.

Richard Stewart hosts Sunday Rhythms at Jeffie Jean Studio, Sundays 7:00 to 9:00—\$5/person. Great recorded music, mixer dances, refreshments. 11600 S. Harrels Ferry Rd., near Sherwood Forest exit of I-12.

Houma

Houma branch of USA Dance, Studio 371, 371 School Street, Houma, Saturdays, 7:30—11:00 p.m. Dance lesson 7:30—8:30 by professional instructor. \$7.50 admission members; non-members \$10.

2009 Schedule

July 18

Bring a dish—always lots of great food provided! For more information contact Ed Delorge at 985-223-0206. Check our website at www.studio-371.com.

Mississippi

The Mississippi Ballroom Dance Association, Jackie Dole Community Center, Hattiesburg, MS from 2:00 to 6:00 Sundays. \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Great wood floor and finger food buffet!

2009 Schedule

September 20
October 11
December 6

For more info Contact Vic Chandler 601-794-1963. For beginner ballroom classes visit our new website at www.msballroom.com.

Magnolia Ballroom Dancers Association in Jackson, MS presents monthly dance at Forestry Auditorium, Agriculture Museum, 8:00-11:30. Fine recorded music, exhibitions, refreshments, mixer dancers. \$10/members, \$15/non-member. Dress: elegantly casual. For info see www.magnoliaballroomdancers.org.

2009 Schedule

July 11
August 8
September 19
October 17
November 14
December 12

Gulf Coast USA Dance Chapter 6052, Hansboro Community Center, Gulfport, 7-8 pm (free lesson); 7-11 p.m. General Dancing. \$10. Dressy Casual. No alcohol allowed. For more info please call Dick O'Neal at 601-928-2696, Ken at 228-217-5091 or dancemscost@hotmail.com or visit our website at <http://www.dancemscost.com>.

2009 Schedule

Duo Dance Team Match

September 18-19, 2009
Early Bird Deadline Aug 31
See www.duodancer.com and e-mail duodancer@aol.com for details

Club Silhouette Ballroom Dance

July 17, 2009
Encore Orchestra
8pm - \$12



BALLROOMING IN BR

Your monthly guide to ballroom dancing in Baton Rouge and

Sunday Rhythms, the continuation of Betty Tamas' dance parties hosted by Richard Stewart at Jeffie Jean Studio, on most Sunday nights, 7:00-9:00.

\$5/person. Great recorded music, mixer dances, refreshments, news about other dance events. Location: 11600 S. Harrell's Ferry Road, near Sherwood-Forest exit of I-12. NOTE: NO DANCES ON JUNE 28, JULY 19 OR 26.

Saturday July 4 Saturday Night Ballroom presents Fourth of July dance party at American Legion Post 38, 8:00-11:00. Excellent recorded music, exhibitions, and mixer dances. \$10/person for dancers and spectators, \$5 for students with ID. Professional dance teachers admitted free. Dress code: elegantly casual dancewear in red, white & blue. For information visit Web site: www.saturdaynightballroom.com, call Sandy at 665-5442, or e-mail to [snbdancer@cox.net](mailto:snb dancer@cox.net). Next party: Aug 1.

Fridays July 10, 17, 24 Ric Seeling's Dance Studio hosts dance parties, 8:30-11:00, fine recorded music, mixer dances, cash bar. \$7/person. **July 31** dance features Nightshift band. Teen and young adult ballroom party on **Saturday July 25**, 7:30-9:30. For more info on all events call 928-2788, or see www.ricseeling.com. Location: Reeves Center, Sharp Road and Old Hammond.

Tuesdays BREC Center at Florida Blvd and Ardenwood hosts Senior Tea Dances, 1:00-3:00. \$4/person. Live music by Cliff. Mixer dances. Food and drinks. All dancers welcome. For info call 218-8155.

DANCIN' DAN'S TIP OF THE MONTH



Now that most dancers (like other folks) have Internet access, it is easy to gather lots of information about dance studios, party schedules, competitions, instructors, clubs, photographers, and other things of interest to us. This bulletin publishes many URLs related to the dance events mentioned in the schedule. Among the most informative and frequently updated Web sites are (with the usual "www" prefix): saturdaynightballroom.com, ricseeling.com, clubsilhouette.net, and gumboofballroom.org. My tip: Get familiar with each of these as well as others mentioned in this bulletin, and visit them often for information, photos, and schedules of classes, dance parties, and other events. Other online media that are increasingly useful for dancing and other social networking are e-mail and Facebook. **For those not online** (yet), we offer this monthly bulletin for notices about public dance parties, competitions, and other events. It remains an old-fashioned printed sheet, but apparently it serves a useful purpose for our readers who don't have Internet access or who just like to have a handy sheet with the key events listed. Also, we cover some important information for venues that have no online presence, such as BREC and Sunday Rhythms. (Note the vacation schedule for Sunday Rhythms in June and July.)

Ballrooming in BR is published monthly as a service to local dancers by Cecil Phillips. All the places and events listed are open to the public, but the times, prices, and dress codes often change, so it is best to view the Web site or call each place in advance. Distribution is by handout at the Sunday Rhythms and Saturday Night Ballroom parties. New information on future dance events is welcome. Please provide complete details by the 20th of the previous month via e-mail to cphil99@cox.net.

JUNE METAIRIE DANCE SUNDAY, June 14 2009

June's dance celebrated Flag Day and, indeed, many dancers were bright and lively in red, white and blue. But what made the dance very special was one spectacular change from our normal routine: we had a whole bunch of kids dancing with us and giving an exhibition.

Corey Fouchi brought his dance students from the Jefferson Parish Schools dance program---a sizable number of fifth graders (recently promoted to sixth grade). They danced with the adults, like the adults, grazed the refreshment table, laughed and talked with all the poise of people accustomed to attending dances, and were irresistible. Even a few hard-hearted grownups, who were not thrilled to have the room filled with youngsters, had to admit that these kids were so cute you had to watch them.

At exhibition time they performed part of several dances, including the Salsa and Swing. What technique and rhythm! They didn't dance like scared children on a stage for the first time; they danced like they were having a ball. It was more fun watching them than any adult performance you could imagine.

Most touching of all was watching Corey with "his" kids---dancing with them, partnering girls who didn't have partners. He was shining with pride, as well he should have been, considering that he had taught a raft of knock kneed preadolescents to move their little hips like professionals. He is obviously a wonderful dance teacher for young people, and they clearly adore him.

Without these young dancers, there is no future for ballroom dance. We are all grateful to Corey for his important work.

Our 50/50 raffle yielded \$75 and was won by one of the JPSS student's parent. As usual Ben and Gwen Becnel provided scrumptious looking tomatoes from their farm for the door prizes. We are very grateful to have this couple who have been a blessing to our organization. Thanks also goes to Gwen for overseeing the snack table. This is a formidable task to keep going every month and I know Gwen would appreciate more people providing snacks---any kind of snack is welcome; it certainly doesn't have to be home made.

Next month's dance on July 12 has a patriotic theme to celebrate independence day so those who choose to dress up please come in your best red, white and blue. However, we will welcome you whatever your are wearing!

2010-2012 Election of Officers

If you are interested in running for the Board, elections take place in October every two years with terms running from January 1 of the following year. Our next election will occur in October of 2009.

Should you wish to be considered, you may download a "Candidate Confirmation" form stating your willingness to run. You may also be placed on the ballot by completing a "Candidate Nomination Petition". Both forms are located on our chapter website. www.usadancegumbo.org

Please, submit completed form to Norm Kostik, Nominating Committee Chair, via email, Norman@normcobusiness.com. Should you have any questions, you may also contact Norm at 504 -491-3336.

DEADLINE for submittal of forms to the Nominating Committee is **August 25, 2009**.

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

Will Lacaze*

Tammy Love*

Latonya Berry* — Instructor

Catherine Brass

Denise Thomas*

JoLeigh Monteverde

Bill Moore

Joe Vaughn— Instructor

Brie Knox

Sharron & Steve Lucido

We welcome our new members and thank you for joining us. And welcome back to those who renewed their membership.

*Renewal

USA DANCE—La Gumbo Chapter 5031 Metairie/Houma/Baton Rouge



Door prizes, 50/50, raffle,
mixers, snacks!

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009

PATRIOTIC DANCE

Jefferson Orleans North
2600 Edenborn Ave. Metairie

Free Class! 1:30—2:00 p.m.
General Dancing 2:00—5:00 p.m.

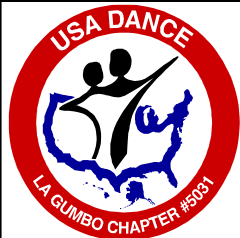
Guest Instructor: Percell St. Thomass
Teaching: Cha Cha

\$10 Members, \$12 Non-Members
up to 25 years old: \$5

Wear whatever makes you feel like dancing!
For more information contact Kerry Lovell at 504-427-6483

NO PARTNER
NEEDED

Great
Exhibitions!



USA DANCE

BATON ROUGE/HOUMA/MANDEVILLE/METAIRIE/NEW ORLEANS
LA Gumbo Chapter 5031

BEGINNER DANCE LESSONS

WHEN: FOUR TUESDAY NIGHTS, July 7, 2009

INSTRUCTOR: Tammy Clark

Beginner Rumba 7 - 8 pm
Beginner Cha Cha II 8 - 9 pm

(Great for Beginners and anyone wanting to sharpen up their basics)

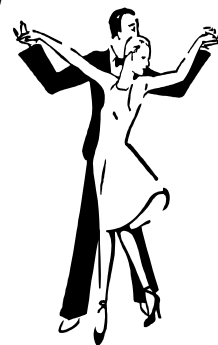
Monthly Cost: \$32.00 Members/60+/Teachers/Students/24-; \$40 Non-Members

Weekly Costs: \$10 Members/60+/Teachers/Students/24-; \$12 Non-Members
(also Monthly \$28 or Weekly \$8: Students & Teachers with School IDs)

WHERE: COLONIAL COUNTRY CLUB
42 Colonial Club Dr.
Harahan, LA 70123

(turn at 7900 Jefferson Hwy toward River Rd., which is South)

TO SIGN UP PLEASE CALL KATIE RAYHAWK AT 504-341-4517, E-Mail: katierainbow@yahoo.com



NO PARTNER
NEEDED



COMPETITION CORNER

July 2009

Jul 25, 2009

[Southern Star Midsummer Classic](#). Sponsored by Southern Star USA Dance Chapter #6038 in Tampa FL

August 2009

Aug 14 - 15, 2009

[Derby City DanceSport Championships — NQE](#). Qualifying event for 2010 Nationals - Sponsored by Greater Louisville USA Dance Chapter # 2021 in Louisville KY.

September 2009

Sep 26, 2009

[Quest for the Best](#). Hosted by Seattle WA USA Dance Chapter # 1004

October 2009

Oct 3 - 4, 2009

[The Heartland Classic. The Indiana State DanceSport Championships](#)

Hosted by Heartland USA Dance chapter # 2022 in Indianapolis IN

Oct 24 - 25, 2009

[Northwest Dancesport Championships - NQE](#)

Qualifying event for 2010 Nationals - Hosted by Seattle WA USA Dance Chapter #1004

Oct 24 - 25, 2009

[High Point Classic Dancesport Championships - NQE](#)

organized by Wayne & Marie Crowder in High Point NC. Qualifying event for USA Dance 2010 Nationals



USA DANCE HOUMA DANCING THE BLUES AWAY

Open to the Public
Saturday, JULY 18, 2009
7:30 PM—11:00 PM

Music, Dancing, Refreshments, Door Prizes & FUN!

Location:	Studio 371 371 School St Houma, LA
Admission:	USA DANCE Members: \$7.00 per person Non-members: \$10.00 per person Youths (21 and younger): \$5.00 per person BYOL, Set-ups sold
Dress Code:	If it makes you feel like dancing, wear it!
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Free Dance Lesson—Brad Petri, West Coast Swing
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM	General Dancing



For more information
about our dances
Contact Ed Delorge at
223-0206
Or
www.studio-371.com

Competition Update

By Ann Durocher-Steven

Ask anyone who was there to witness it and they will tell you that the highlight of the Gumbo of Ballroom weekend was when sixteen couples from Jefferson Parish took to the floor and competed in some of the most highly competitive heats of the weekend. Hats off to Corey Fouchi and his chief assistant Nicole Champagne for a great job getting the youngsters ready for their first USA Dance sanctioned competition. The young men and ladies looked like seasoned veterans out on the floor; basking in the applause and dancing without shyness or intimidation of the large crowd of dancers. This truly is a success story for our competition weekend. It is our dream that ballroom dance schools for youth will be established in our area to teach competitive dancing to youngsters. The showing at this year's Gumbo DanceSport Championships says we may be on our way. Thanks Corey and Nicole.

The 2009 Gumbo of Ballroom was loaded with excitement and fun, as dancers from across the country took to the floor to battle it out for first place in their events. The competition was fierce at all age groups and skill levels, making it interesting when results were called out. A total of \$5,300 in scholarships were awarded over the weekend to worthy winners.

The Governor's Games played a big role in the Gumbo DanceSport Championships, as half of the medals awarded came from the Games. Rudy Macklin, the Executive Director over the games came out on Saturday to get a firsthand look at the athleticism required to dance ballroom competitively. Cox Communications videotaped a large portion of Saturday to put together a show that will be seen on the local Cox station.

Several national USA Dance officials attended the weekend to lend their support and to be part of one of the very best National Qualifying Events in the country. Peter Pover, USA Dance National President, was called upon to judge on Friday. He had some very nice comments for the crowd on Saturday following the banquet. Also attending from USA Dance were Jean Krupa, VP Social Dance; Barbara Wally, Region 5 VP; Richard Obney, Region 6 VP and Ray Kaufman, USA Dance's Official Observer. We are always happy to see them and to benefit from their experiences in USA Dance.

Leading the great officiating team was Dan Calloway, Chairman of Judges. Mark Tabor's scoring and competition management equipment was lost by the airlines, but it arrived all of about 30 minutes before the doors were to open and he pulled off almost a miracle by getting it set up. Training the first panel of judges and the deck area and was ready to score by noon. His brow was full of sweat and we doubt that he slept much the night before, as he was trying to find his valuable equipment. But, when the music started for the first event Mark was ready. A sign of a competent professional. (But, just in case Mark was not able to pull it off, Charlie and Ann had already prepared clipboards for judges with 1,000 scoring sheets. Teamwork!)

Also on our talented officiating crew was Yang Chen from New York. In addition to being an outstanding emcee, Yang is also the president of the Manhattan chapter of USA Dance. And, he still finds time for a profession... He's an anti-trust attorney. Yes, attorneys can dance too! Yang showed us this past weekend that he can speak French and talk real Southern, so we plan to make his voice a fixture at the Gumbo of Ballroom.

Without the music we could not have had a competition and we have one of the best DJ's in the country in Richard Stewart. His selections really made the dancers want to dance and the tempo was flawless, according to Chairman of Judges, Dan Calloway.

Our volunteer team did an outstanding job of welcoming and helping dancers all weekend long. We hear that Ann and Peggy's gumbo went over very well in the Hospitality Suite, so that will likely be a permanent part of future events. Every committee chair was present and responsive to the needs of the moment. Thank all of you for making everything flow so smoothly.

A big hit this year was our new consignment shop. Neila Phillips did a great job of getting everything together and seeing that it was adequately staffed. It was a hit with many who sold and/ or shopped in the shop. Great idea, Neila. Good work too!

Every year we try to reward couples who come from out of town and have been with us three or more times. Each year someone donates one or more very nice gifts that can be given to dancers, by a random draw. This year Charlie and Peggy Clement donated two of Chef John Folse's signed copies of his Encyclopedia of Creole and Cajun Cuisine. Jack Jaubert, for the second year, donated a framed print of one of his beautiful paintings. Winning the two great books were George and Karan Barton of Birmingham, Alabama and Denis Kojinov and Jeanette Chevalier-White of Houston, Texas. Taking home the beautiful Jack Jaubert print was Roger and Linda Blashfield of Auburn, Alabama. We want to thank all of the dancers for their loyalty and support of our efforts to expand ballroom as a sport.

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**USA DANCE
LA Gumbo
Chapter 5031**

Jefferson Orleans North
2600 Edenborn Ave., Metairie

2009 Calendar of Events

July 12
August 9
September 13
October 11 (Glitzy Dance)
November 8
December 6

Special Events

National Ballroom Week Event

**Saturday, Sept. 25, 2009
Esplanade Mall**

**Free Lessons and Exhibitions
Contact Ruby Shrieves for details
504-368-9597**

2010

***Gumbo* of Ballroom Weekend**

June Baton Rouge, LA

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DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIALS: 20th of month before each issue

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Many dancers have commented about the workshops and felt that both Dan Calloway and Rick Elliott did excellent jobs in presenting the material and made the workshops fun as well. We plan to keep workshops as part of the Gumbo of Ballroom weekend experience, so if anyone has suggestions for future event workshops, please let Ann know.

Finishing off the weekend was the Louisiana Challenge. Although it was not as heavily attended as in the past, it was a great day of dancing for most of the amateurs with their pro partners. Lane Barry made a clean sweep of the Challenge events and the Nine Dance, making her the 2009 Louisiana Challenge Champion. Lane, you did some great dancing and we hope to see you dazzling the audience and judges again next year. Brad Petrie, with his thirteen ladies, worked hard all day, winning the Top Teacher award. As soon as the figures are known, another award will be presented to the pro that had the highest percentage of First Places in competitive events. We'll announce that award in next month's newsletter. Had it not been for Peggy Clement's tremendous ability to work under fire and Carol Doyle lining up all the awards for each heat, we would have been hours sorting out and presenting Challenge awards. These two ladies deserve a big pat on the back for a fast but personal system of presentation. Good job!

Well, we're in the process of putting the 2009 Gumbo of Ballroom to rest. We'll have a meeting at the end of the month to critique this year's competitions, then immediately begin working on the 2010 Gumbo of Ballroom.

Although we have many volunteers, we have some chairmanships open and are looking for some good volunteers to fill those slots. If you are interested in working on the planning committee, please contact Ann Durocher-Steven at 985-853-0030.

To our loyal and helpful team of volunteers... You are the best! Hope to see all of you on the dance floor very soon!

For results information from the Gumbo DanceSport Championships and



**Studio 371
Houma, LA 70360**

**Social/Latin/Ballroom Classes
July Schedule**

Tuesdays (Begins July 6; 4 week series)

Instructor Brad Petrie

7 p.m.: (Basic Bronze); no prior experience needed

8 p.m.: West Coast Swing (Intermediate Advanced); requires knowledge of basic steps

NOTE: Brad is available for during the day on Tuesdays, but they must be schedule in advance. He can be reached at 504-237-1292.

Wednesdays (Begins July 1; 5 week series)

Instructor Lenar Whitney

8 p.m.: Beginner Ballroom - Rumba and Cha Cha

This class will teach the beginner the basic steps of the 6 main : waltz, foxtrot, tango, , rumba and swing. Lenar can be reached at .985-851-0132.

Thursdays (Begins July 2, 4 week series - no class July 30)

Instructor Percell St. Thomass

7 p.m.: Salsa/Bachatta (Beginning Intermediate)

8 p.m.: Waltz (Beginning Intermediate)

NOTE: Percell is available for private lessons on Thursdays and Fridays, but they must be schedule in advance. He can be reached at 907-563-2673

Fridays (Begins July 3, 4 week series; no class July 31)

Instructor Percell St. Thomass

6:30 p.m.: Intermediate Ballroom for Exhibition Dancing (requires basic knowledge of ballroom dances)

Studio classes meet once a week. The cost is \$10 per class per student (Example: \$40 per four week series), payable in advance to the instructor. We recommend that you join at the beginning of the series, but it is not required.

Dancers are encouraged to participate in multiple classes as it helps accelerate learning to dance. NOTE: Minors (18 years of age and younger) may take classes at half price.

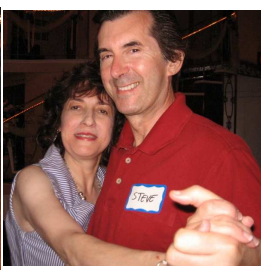
For more information, call (985) 655-3627 or (985) 853-0030

Jessica Martin is now teaching Belly Dance classes at the studio on Monday evenings. For more information or to register for a series, contact Jessica at 875-688-6283.

Stacy Walker is now teaching Yoga classes at the studio on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 6:15 a.m. For more information, call 985-791-8140.



METAIRIE DANCE—JUNE 2009



Donors Make it Possible to Stage a Quality Event

By Ann Durocher-Steven and Cecil Phillips

A quality event the size of the Gumbo of Ballroom weekend cannot be put on without the financial support of individuals, businesses and the community. Both USA Dance and Louisiana DanceSport are recognized as tax-exempt charities and, when planning this year's event, a budget was established with a goal of \$14,000 of charitable contributions. When requested for contributions, individuals and organizations responded. The total of all their donations set a new record for the Gumbo of Ballroom weekend, coming in at \$15,335.

Following are our generous benefactors:

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