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Our mission is to promote the quality and quantity of ballroom dance in the USA.

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Competition Update *By Ann Durocher*

Today was the usual busy day getting ready for our big event. Several of the team members had a run through with the hotel management team. This meeting always helps to work out any potential problem area before we begin setting up for the competition. We are very fortunate this year to have the ballroom available to us first thing Thursday morning. This means that the room will be available for practice by late afternoon and evening on Thursday, June 16.

Volunteer schedules are now being worked up and if you have not been called to volunteer and you want to do so, please contact Peggy Clement at (225) 627-6154 or clementpg@hotmail.com. We need volunteers for the Hospitality Room and lady volunteers for the Dressing Room. If you can give a couple of hours, it will be most helpful and very much appreciated. Plus, you will have an opportunity to meet some great dancing friends.

Vendors this year are:

Dance Shoes of Atlanta

International Dance Design

Designs to Shine

Fancy Fashions

Bonnie Wright Jewelry

Mai Mira Salon

Ballroom Video

Berrie Smith Photography

Please come out and support these friends of the Gumbo. It is a wonderful opportunity to stock up on dance supplies and to update your fashions and shoes.

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If you have been receiving our newsletters through your email program, you must also noticed that you have been receiving emails from us using Constant Contact to send out invitations to our monthly dances and other social events.

By using Constant Contact to send out invitations for our events, we are able to create an event invite that not only looks professional but allows us to have event registration. Event Registration is **more convenient and secure** for our attendees than manual registration, which requires them to take more steps, like writing or calling. And it **streamlines the registration desk with** registration, automated payment collection and email communications.

You do not have to be a member of USA Dance to register online for one of our social events using Constant Contact. Just click the "Register Now" button and let Constant Contact do the rest.

Now you can not only register for your chapter events online but now you can pay online using PayPal. With event registration online payment you can register for the event, pay online using PayPal (it is a secure method) and print your entry ticket into the event. This is one of the new features that your chapter is offering to streamline the event registration process.

For more information about our event registration using Constant Contact, you can email any questions to webmaster@usadancegumbo.org or see any Board Member.



President's Message

Gumbo of Ballroom is just around the corner, Dancers! I hope you are registered either as a competitor or a volunteer. You really do not want to miss the weekend of June 17 - 19. Competition begins Friday promptly at noon and it is a jam packed weekend! Get your tickets now! There will be dancers to cheer on, shopping to be done at the vendor booths, special performances to watch, more cheering and supporting along with the realization that this is not just a wonderful event. This is a way of life for many, an outreach to the community and a gathering of friends to share in the passion and joy of dance and of life!

The dancing and competing take a tremendous amount of work and dedication, but the orchestration to put this event together for competitors and spectators alike is a feat of epic proportion! This is something I have found out as president of USA Dance. What surprised me most was the amount of fun and pride these people have in making this event the best of its kind, a fact that is well known in the dance community across the country. I am honored to have been a part of this process and the team of people who put their energies and their love of dance to such a wonderful end - "A Gumbo of Ballroom", USA Dance Gumbo DanceSport Championships and the Louisiana Challenge. Join us for the experience of a lifetime! For more information, check out gumboofballroom.org and our chapter website, usadancegumbo.org.

See you there!

Jen Vaughn

USA Dance LA Gumbo Chapter #5031

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We're on the web!

Website:

<http://www.usadancegumbo.org/>

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=4148527117&v=info>

Dance Report for Metairie’s May Dance

Yes, the music was great, as usual, and we want to give hearty and heartfelt thanks for the great music, which is indispensable and the most important element of our dances...we tend to expect the music to be great ballroom dance music, and it usually is, and we appreciate it...!!

We were also treated to a fun and instructive waltz lesson from Stela Howard, of Starlight Ballroom, and as Stela would say...”Now, let’s do it again”...!!

Yes, we also had an exhibition ...of the waltz as it should be done, by Stephan Howard, also of Starlight Ballroom...Stephan and his dance student, Ronna Lejeune, put on a beautiful example of the waltz, and Ronna had on a glamorous dress (they tell me it’s all about the dress)...and it all reminded me of “Dancing with the Stars”.....!! Please dance for us again, and soon...!!

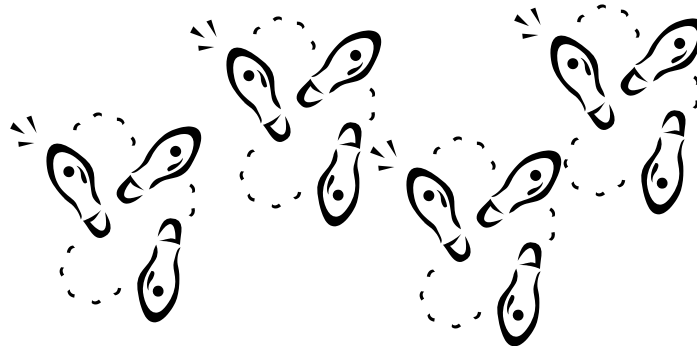


And then there were the refreshments...yes, the refreshments...which are always so good, with variety and surprises...all provided by our members. We appreciate their generous contributions...and we also appreciate the good work of Carrie Semmler, who stepped in and put the refreshment table together this time...!! We encourage all of you to contribute refreshments...as you can, and when you can... We even have anonymous donors, who just want to help out...!! Tell Sarah Teal or any board member when you plan to bring something, so that we may coordinate our efforts...!! Can there ever be too many party sandwiches....?!

Our next dance is July 17th...no dance in June, because we have the Gumbo of Ballroom competition in Baton Rouge the weekend of June 17th...come watch the competition...Friday, Saturday and Sunday...!!

Dansons...!!

Edwin Fleischmann
Board Member,
Social Dance Chairman



“...and it all reminded me of “Dancing with the Stars”.....!!”

Advertise in Footnotes!

Full page	\$50.00
Half page	\$25.00
Quarter page	\$15.00
Business card	\$10.00
One inch (5 lines)	\$5.00
<i>10% discount for long-term ads!</i>	

Contact us at newsletter@usadancegumbo.org

DISPLAY ADS: To advertise your event or professional service, submit a digital file (Word format for documents and jpeg format for photos) or camera-ready artwork to the above email address along with payment to USA Dance at LA Gumbo Chapter #5031, Newsletter, P.O. Box 7021, Metairie, LA 70010-7021. The deadline is the 15th of each month for the following month newsletter.



Competition Update Continue.....

The ballroom dance floor will be lined with banner ads this year, as we have had a very successful program of selling this type of advertisements. This helps to promote dance related companies and organizations, plus it helps to defray the expenses of putting on this first class weekend, which has a substantial scholarship program.

Speaking of successes, our fundraising campaign, "Come Grow with Us," was very successful and we appreciate the efforts of everyone who participated in the drive. We especially want to thank everyone who made donations to the general fund, the scholarship fund and those who purchased banners or ads in the Competition Program.

The results to date are:

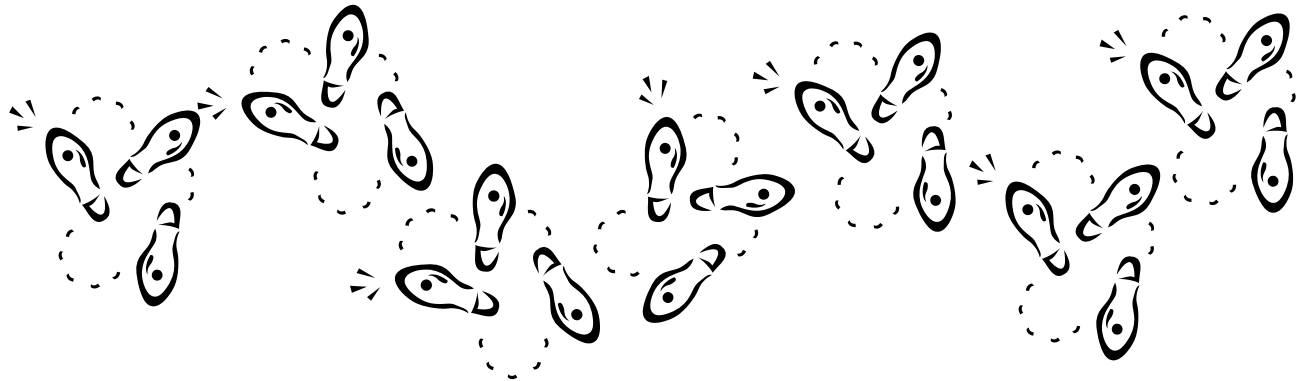
Fundraising Drive	\$19,044	Goal \$16,000	119%
Advertising Receipts	\$4,371	Goal \$4,000	109%

Our dance community should be proud of the support given by its members and local businesses, as this represents a trust in our group's vision for the future of our dance community and of the tool we use to expand our hobby, our sport and a healthy way of life.

Registrations continue to come in and it now appears that we will have about 27 semi-final (some quarter) rounds. This may cause us to shift some events into Saturday, but it will not be known until we actually heat the competition. For the latest information, go to the website at gumboofballroom.org. Once the competition is heated, a listing of the events with heat numbers and times will be posted on the website. Should you have a question about any of the events or happenings taking place on the weekend, feel free to call (985) 853-0030 for assistance.

Spaces are still available for coaching sessions with Pasha Pashkov and Daniella Karagach. We have openings on Sunday, June 19 and Monday, June 20th. Please contact Ann at (985) 853-0030 for more information.

Although registrations from the Adult Championship level competitors have been slow coming in, it now appears that the Gumbo dance floor will be completely ablaze with talent on Saturday evening following the banquet. Some of the best dancers who have ever graced our floor will be there vying for the \$500 scholarships in each of the dance styles. You don't want to miss this one!



If you would like to contribute an article about ballroom dancing in your area to the newsletter, it's must be in Word format and about 200 words or less.

If you would like to submit any pictures of people having a good time ballroom dancing, it must be in jpeg format and the names of the individuals that are in the picture.

The articles or pictures are due the 15th of each month for the following month's newsletter to the editor of the newsletter.

2011 Calendar of Events USA Dance Gumbo #5031



USA DANCE Gumbo Chapter #5031
Rouge, Houma, Mandeville, Metairie & New Orleans

Sunday, July 17th 2010

Jefferson Orleans North
2600 Edenborn Ave. Metairie

Free Dance Class! 1:30—2:00 p.m.
Guest Instructor: Stephan Howard
Teaching: Samba

General Dancing 2:00—5:00 p.m.

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



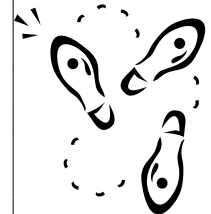
Upcoming USA Dance Dances: *Check the Website for up dates on instructors, who will be teaching the free lesson.*

Jefferson Orleans North
2600 Edenborn Ave., Metairie, LA

Studio 371
371 School Street, Houma, LA

- April 17th
- May 15th
- July 17th
- August 7th
- September 18th
- October 16th
- November 20th
- December 18th

- April 25th
- May 28th
- June 25th
- July 23th
- August 20th
- September 24th
- October 22nd
- November 26th



Special Events

Gumbo of Ballroom Weekend
June 17th—19th Baton Rouge, LA

USA DANCE GUMBO DANCSPORT
CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 17th & 18th

LOUISIANA CHALLENGE

June 19th

For information call: 985-853-0030

Or Visit : <http://www.gumboofballroom.org>

YOUTH DANCES

Every 2nd Sunday of each month at
Starlight Ballroom Studio
5050 W. Esplanade Ave, Metairie, LA
From 2pm—4pm

More information contact: Kerry Lovell (504) 427—6483
or email: kl3857@att.com

Its about Dance ... Louisiana!

Place	Location	Contact	Website
Argentine Tango	5401 South Claiborne Avenue New Orleans, LA	(504) 301-7246	www.ectortango.com
Club Silhouette	3505 N. Hullen Street Metairie, LA	(504) 885-1771	www.clubsilhouette.net
Fleur De Dance	6610 Fleur De Lis Drive New Orleans, LA	Tammy Clark Duke (504) 437-8264 Lauren Wood (225)328-5644	http://fleurdedance.com/
Studio 371	371 School Street Houma, LA	(985) 655-3627	www.studio-371.com
Mandeville Ballroom	5150 Hwy 22 Mandeville, LA	(985) 966-0178	www.mandevilleballroom.com
Swirls North Shore Dance Academy	711 N.Causeway Blvd Mandeville, LA	(985) 626-0050 (985) 320 – 6322	www.swirlsnorthshoredanceacademy.com
Saturday Night Ballroom	American Legion Post 151 South Wooddale Baton Rouge, LA	(225) 665-5442	www.saturdaynightballroom.com
Ric Seeling Dance Studio	10776 North Harrell's Ferry Road Baton Rouge, La	(225) 928-2788	www.ricseeling.com
Richard Stewart Sunday Rhythms	Jeffie Jean Studio 11600 S. Harrels Ferry Rd. Baton Rouge, LA	(225) 295 – 0607	

Its about Dance ... Mississippi!

Place	Location	Contact	Website
Mississippi Ballroom Dance Association	Jackie Dole Sherrill Community Center 220 West Front Street Hattiesburg, MS	(877) 35DANCE (877) 353-2623	www.msballroom.com
Magnolia Ballroom Dancers Association	Jackson, MS		http://magnoliaballroomdancers.com/
Ballroom Association of Mid-South Mississippi USA Dance Chapter # 6116	L a Studio Academie De Dance 5296 Old Highway 11 #1 Hattiesburg, MS	Shellie Hubbard (601) 467-4062	www.tangomississippi.com



**Do you have time to
spare???**
**Want to help improve
quality and quantity of
ballroom dance???**

**USA Dance LA Gumbo Chapter # 503 I
Committees needs volunteers!**

Here are the committees who are looking for volunteers:

- National Ballroom Week
- Youth Outreach
- Glitzy Dance
- Fundraisers
- Youth Training
- Louisiana Dance Sport Competition Committee
- Communication
- Monthly Dance Committee

If you are interest in volunteering, please contact Jules Borne at
(318) 470 – 7643 or email: borne@attglobal.net