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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, Everyone:

What a beautiful spring we have been having. We have some great things planned to finish out this nice time of year. Summer will soon be upon us which means we will only have one dance a month (starting in July) so don't pass up the opportunity to dance now.

If you didn't make it to the Leprechaun Ball you may be "green" with envy of those who did. We had a lot of fun and the St. Patty's "spirit" was evident with the amount of green on the dance floor. Carol even wore "shamrock" socks. We brought back one of my favorite Mixers, where participants get to make the choice between two dancers to "trot" them down the dance floor. I saw a lot of smiling faces, so we will be having this mixer again. Mixers are a great way to get to know your fellow dancers so don't be shy. All in all it was a fun evening. Tim surprised us with some new lighting at the April Birthday dance which added a nice touch to the evening. Since the majority liked his performance, we have decided to use him for most of the upcoming Birthday dances. I tip my hat (cowboy hat that is) to those who got into the western spirit at our Country dance. Group participation makes for a fun evening, especially when you throw in the El Paso and River Waltz.

Mandy Atienza will be our deejay for the **May 4th** Birthday Dance, so be sure to try to come and check him out. Then, with spring in mind we will be hosting a "**Garden Party**" on **May 18th**. You won't be dancing outside, but you might just feel like you're in a garden surrounded by flowers. With that in mind, wear something "flowery" to help with the effect. Then, it's time to celebrate another year of dancing together at our **Anniversary Ball** on **June 15th**. Can't believe it'll be 24 years! Tonight's dress is Black & White. We're in the early stages of planning for this special event so I will let you know more as we get closer.

One of the great things about dancing is sharing the fun you're having with those around you. Part of the fun can also be meeting new people. The tricky part can be remembering their names once you do. Most people seem to dislike name tags so I'm going to try an experiment. I'm including some pictures of our "regulars" (with their names) in this Newsletter. It may turn out that this will take too long to introduce everyone, so I may have to come up with another plan for the future. I hope this will make your experience at our dances even more rewarding. So if Lenore wants to take your picture, smile and be sure to let her know if you'd rather remain anonymous.

Wishing you a Happy Mother's and Father's Day and, as always, I look forward to sharing the dance floor with you soon. In the meantime, take care and remember,

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 ones we know of.



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BALLROOM GROUP LESSONS

TIM ALLEN – INSTRUCTOR

Central Citrus Community Center
2804 W Marc Knighton Ct. – Room 114
Lecanto, FL 34461

TUESDAYS – 2:00 pm

\$10 per person

Tim says "Anybody can dance and I can prove it"

For more information call:
Central Citrus Community Center at (352) 527-5993

Other local Instructors:

Sway with Me – www.swaywithmeballroom.com

Greg Nelson – alltherightmovesFL@gmail.com

Trish Sands – ocaladancecenter@gmail.com or 352-216-1657



For the latest News and Updates, plus more pictures be sure to check your website - www.socdancer.org often, you never know when we may have something new to tell you.



**JOIN ME IN WELCOMING THE
NEWEST MEMBERS TO OUR
DANCING FAMILY**



**Gail Cason &
Lee Read
and
Marilyn Ur (we'll get
her picture next time)**



**Spirits Soar
in
March & April
2024**

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Clockwise from left: Our Oak Run friends, Lee, Audrey, Chuck, Pat, Linda, Jeff and Gail.



Daryl and Carol



Clockwise from left: Donna, Rosemarie, Charlie, Roy, Kris and Janet



Marie & Don

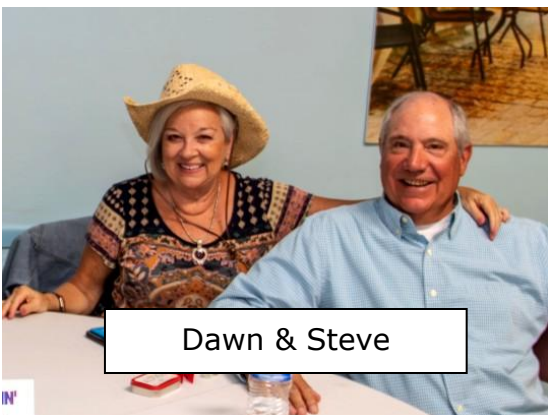
Mark & Mary



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Meet your fellow dancers



Dawn & Steve



Clockwise from left: Sachi, Tom, Toni, Marina, Ted, BJ and Joe



Dancing Made Special

From Your
Special Events Committee

May 18th



"Garden Party" As the saying goes April showers bring May flowers. "Flower children" welcome or just wear a flowery outfit and enjoy a peaceful night in a garden atmosphere. Music by Butch Phillips

June 15th

"Anniversary Ball"- We're celebrating 24 years of dancing tonight. Wear black and white to help make this an elegant evening. Music by Butch Phillips



Coming in July

July 20th



"Patriotic Picnic Ball" It's summer, so we're going picnicking. Bring a summer dish to share if you wish. Show your patriotic spirit by wearing red, white and/or blue. Music by Butch Phillips

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

~Debbie Piotte

Knights of Columbus

2389 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy, (Rt. 486), Lecanto, FL

May 12th and June 9th

Time: 6:30 – 9:30 (Doors open at 6:00)

Admission: \$8.00 single - \$15.00 a couple

Soda, water and snacks for sale.

Coffee and ice provided

50/50 Raffle

Contact Bob at (305) 542-9708 for more information

ALL LESSONS AND FUTURE DANCES ARE WHAT WE KNOW AS OF THIS PUBLISHING. PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE RESPECTIVE WEBSITES AND CONTACT INFO BEFORE MAKING THE TRIP

Spirit of Citrus Dance Schedule MAY-JUNE

May 4th - **Birthday Dance** - Music by Mandy Atenza - Complimentary cake served

May 18th - **"Garden Party"** - Music by Butch Phillips

June 1st - **Birthday Dance** - Music by Tim Allen - Complimentary cake served -

June 15th - **"Anniversary Ball"** - Music by Butch Phillips

July 6th - **NO DANCE**

July 20th - **"Patriotic Picnic"** - Music by Butch Phillips

Note: DJ's and/or themes subject to change.

Our dances are held at the Kellner Auditorium, Beverly Hills Jewish Center, 92 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. Admission: \$8 members, \$12 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.



Willing to bring a cake to a Birthday Dance? Put your name next to a date on the **Cake Sign-up Sheet** or **E-mail us by the Wednesday before the dance at spiritofcitrus@gmail.com.** Bake it or buy it, doesn't matter to us.

OCALA DANCES

MAY 16TH and JUNE 20TH

New Location

Christopher Hall

1510 SE 3rd Avenue, Ocala FL

(Blessed Trinity Catholic Church property)

Lesson: 7:00-7:00 - Dancing: 7:30-9:30

\$10.00 Members - \$14 Non-members

In the meantime, if you want information about any Ocala USA Dance Chapter dances, contact

Pat at (352) 307-8486 or

townhouseofbeauty@gmail.com