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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, Everyone:

Can you believe it's almost time to enjoy a change in the seasons? Fall is just around the corner and I'm sure all of us are looking forward to the cooler temperatures. Plus, starting in October we will be going back to our regular schedule of two dances a month. So much dancing – so much fun.

The patriotic "spirit" was high at our "Patriotic Picnic" dance. So many of you wore red, white and blue which made it a truly colorful night. Thanks to those of you who brought a dish to add to our picnic table. Our summertime fun didn't end there though. The outfits you came up with to wear to our "Full Moon Crazy" dance were a sight to behold. The night was full of smiles and laughter, especially during the "Crazy Cup" dance. I always enjoy watching the enthusiasm and antics of the participants.

Kicking off the fall season is our celebration of **National Ballroom Dance Week** on **September 21st**. This is the night that we celebrate everything ballroom dancing brings to our lives. No special attire for this one, just the desire to enjoy a night of dancing with your fellow dancers. We will also be celebrating our September birthdays, so if you are willing to bring a cake, let me know. Then it's my favorite sign of fall, our **Costume Ball**, on **October 19th**, where we get to play dress-up and wow our fellow dancers with our Halloween spirit. Not into costumes? No worries, you can still join in on the "spirit" by wearing black and/or orange. No tricks tonight – just lots of treats. Since it is Halloween season, I'd like to put a bug (not a creepy one) in your ear. I'm thinking of having a "Gasparilla" theme for our January 18, 2025 dance. You know, Pirates, etc... So, if you do like to play along with my crazy ideas, now would be a good time to find that perfect Pirate outfit. Okay with me if you end up wearing it to both events.

After these dances, there are still plenty of good times to be had before we close out another year. It'll also be the start of the holiday season (oh my, can't believe I said that...). With that in mind, I'm giving you a mini heads up, that we are contemplating doing something really different this year for the Grand Holiday Ball on December 21st. So be sure to mark your calendar now, so you don't miss out on the fun. I will fill you in on the details as they develop. In the meantime, have a great Labor Day, 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.

JUST A FEW PICTURES FROM OUR FUN TIMES IN JULY AND AUGUST
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Dancing Made Special

From Your
Special Events Committee

September 21st



"National Ballroom Dance Week" – Tonight is all about sharing the joys of ballroom dancing. Music by Butch Phillips

October 19th

"Costume Ball" It's time to play dress up again at our annual dance in honor of Halloween. Costumes are encouraged but not necessary, wear black and orange if you'd rather. Music by Butch Phillips



Coming in November

November 16th



"Turkey in the Straw" Country Dance – It's time to put on your jeans and kick up your heels again in honor of all those Thanksgiving turkeys. Butch brings us a night of country music that everyone can dance to.

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.



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

~Debbie Piotte

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 SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

September 7th – NO DANCE

September 21st – "NBDW" – Music by Butch Phillips

October 5th – "Birthday" – Complimentary cake will be served – Music by Tim Allen

October 19th – "Costume Ball" – Music by Butch Phillips

November 2nd – "Birthday" – Complimentary cake will be served – Music by Tim Allen

November 16th – "Country Dance" – 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.

Oak Run Dance Club

FALL FANTASY – SEMIFORMAL DINNER DANCE
Sunday, September 15th, at Palm Grove C.C.

Doors open at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 and dancing from 7:00-10:00 pm. Music by Butch Phillips
Admission: \$35.

For ticket info, contact Linda Jorinscay at (814) 350-0651 or Audrey Haskew at (352) 598-3438

Tickets must be purchased before September 6th.

Knights of Columbus

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

September 8th & October 13th

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

OCALA CHAPTER DANCES

SEP. 19TH and OCT. 17TH

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