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Spirit of Citrus Dancers **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2026**
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, Everyone:

Here it is, your last Newsletter for 2026. Hard to believe that in a couple months we will have put another year of great dancing behind us. We're also entering the busy holiday season. Be sure to carve some time out to go dancing as there is still plenty of fun to come this year.

Speaking of fun, we had a great time celebrating the joys of dancing at our NBDW dance in September. Then we had a spooktacular time at our Costume Ball in October. There were a lot of fun costumes haunting the dance floor. And a whole bunch of black and orange too, making it a colorful and spirited evening. Never thought I'd see a man in lederhosen dancing with a belly dancer. HA

Now for the fun to come - only four dances left this year. Of course, there are our Birthday dances on the first Saturday, then on **November 21st** it's our **"Harvest Hoedown" Country** dance Even if you're not into country, it's still a fun night where you get to wear blue jeans, tap your toes and, in honor of Thanksgiving, a great time to express our thankfulness for the friends we've made and good times we've had dancing. I thank all of you for making my "Presidency" so fun and rewarding. Last, but definitely not least, is our big finale, the **"Grand Holiday Ball"** on **December 19th.** Dress is semi-formal to as dressy as you want. We will be having a special "goodies" table for you to enjoy while you dance the night away in an elegant holiday setting. Feel free to bring a contribution for the goodies table if you so desire. This evening is a great way to share in the "holiday spirit" with your dancing friends so you won't want to miss it. Warning – those pesky Pirates are coming back on **January 16th** so dig out your pirate wear and prepare to invade the dance floor at our **"Pirate Invasion"** dance.

In keeping with the "holiday spirit", we have decided to give back to our community by doing a donation drive for the **Citrus County Family Resource Center**. The Center has been helping struggling families in Citrus County by providing, food, clothing and other services for 41 years. Since dancing feet are happy feet, we thought it would be fun to donate "socks", a much needed item, to help make someone else's feet happy. You're invited to bring a new pair of socks, from toddler to adult, to one of the next three dances (cut off is December 5th dance). We will also be accepting cash donations. To learn more about the Center go to www.ccfrc.org

As it stands now, we will be continuing our regular schedule in 2027. Yay! Wishing you a happy holiday season and I look forward to sharing the dance floor with you again soon. In the meantime, take care, be safe 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

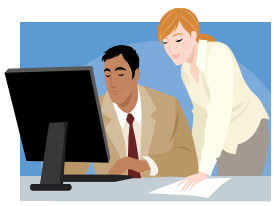
Central Citrus Community Center
2804 W Marc Knighton Ct. – Room 114
Lecanto, FL 34461

TUESDAYS – Basic - 2:00 pm/ Intermediate – 3:00 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 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.





Don't forget to turn your clocks back. DST ends at 2:00 am on November 1st. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep.



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From Your
Special Events Committee

November 21st



"Harvest Hoedown" Country Dance – Time again, to kick up your heels and enjoy great country music that anyone can dance to. Jeans and country attire welcome. Music by Butch Phillips

December 19th

"Grand Holiday Ball" - Dance the night away in an elegant holiday setting. Dress is semi-formal to as dressy as you like. Goodies Table too! Music by Butch Phillips



Coming in January

January 16th



"Pirate Invasion"– Oh no – they're back. Dress as a pirate or be ready to defend the dance floor from those who do. Music by Butch Phillips

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

Spirit of Citrus Dance Schedule
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

November 7th - "Birthday" – Complimentary cake served – Music by Tim Allen
November 21st - "Harvest Hoedown" Country dance – Music by Butch Phillips
December 5th – "Birthday" – Complimentary cake served – Music by Tim Allen
December 19th -"Grand Holiday Ball" – Semi-formal Dance - Music by Butch Phillips
January 2nd – "Birthday" – Complimentary cake served – Music by Tim Allen
January 16th - "Pirate Invasion" – 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 9:30 PM. Ice and coffee provided.

Oak Run Dance Club

CHRISTMAS SEMI-FORMAL
DINNER DANCE
Sunday, December 13th, at Palm Grove C.C.

Doors open at 4:30 pm with dinner at 5:00 and dancing from 6:00-9:00 pm. Music by Dennis Rose
Admission: $40.
For ticket info, contact Linda Jorinscay at (814) 350-0651 or Audrey Haskew at (352) 598-3438

Tickets must be purchased before December 4th.

Knights of Columbus

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

Nov. 8th & Dec. - canceled

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

Admission: $10:00
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

NOV. 19TH & DECEMBER 17TH
Barn at Bellemoor
10642 SE 36th Ave., Belleview, FL 34420
(Use GPS Address: 10725 SE 36th Ave., Belleview)

Lesson: 7:00-7:30 - Dancing: 7:30-9:30
$10.00 Members - $15.00 Non-members
For info –
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