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## 2011 Dance Season Starts with Pirates ends with Santa Swing Dancing

You heard right get your jolly roger and costumes ready, we start the New Year with a Pirates Gold Theme Dance.

We will be offering many different ways to dress for dances this year, from costumes to Formals, or just come in what ever dance wear you can find. Although the parties may have a theme or Formal wear suggestion, if you can't get a costume or don't have formal wear, just show up and dance.



### Ballroom Dance Studios in Tallahassee

#### Arthur Murray Dance Studio

1140 Capital Cir SE # 8,  
(850) 531-9636.

Check our web site at  
www.tallahasseeearthmurray.com  
for information and calendar.

#### Fred Astaire Dance Studio

1139 E Tennessee St,  
(850) 681-8884.

Check out our web site at  
www.fredastairetallahassee.com  
for information and calendar.

#### Dance Til it Burns

1410 E. Indianhead Drive  
(850) 694-2872

Check out our web site at  
www.dancetilitburns.com  
for information and calendar.

### DANCE QUOTES

"I don't want people who want to dance; I want people who have to dance"-George Balanchine

## Ballroom Dance Lessons

by Candace Clayton

Let me guess, your read these words and pictured elderly couples shuffling around the room in an ancient form of the Foxtrot. Well, I did too, and I was so wrong!

Picture this: Christmas morning. The kids are through opening their presents and my loving husband hands me an envelope, his face covered in a huge smile. I am thinking, "This is my present? I asked for diamonds!"

I open the envelope and find a gift certificate to the Gotta Dance Ballroom Studio. Ten couples dance lessons. Am I excited? Actually, yes. I smile back at my expectant husband.

"Do you like it?" He asks.

"Yes, I love it!"

What a romantic and thoughtful present: guaranteed, quality time alone with my husband. With our busy schedules, we don't get time together often.

So, we call and schedule our first lesson. What fun! What a workout! Honestly, we have only had five of our lessons and I have already lost several pounds. Also, since my dear hubby purchased private lessons, we are allowed to go to any of the

nightly group lessons, for free. The group lessons are a great opportunity to meet other couples in our town. You can never have too many friends!

One more really cool thing about the lessons and dance nights, they have provided me the perfect opportunity to purchase new clothes! I have even wrangled two new pair of ballroom dance shoes out of the deal. Ballroom dance lessons: the gift that keeps on giving! Who knew?

Ballroom dance shoes are the most comfortable high-heeled shoes I have ever worn. Why can't shoe manufacturers make regular high-heeled shoes as comfortable? Is it some kind of conspiracy? Let us keep women's shoes as uncomfortable as we can! It can be a slow form of torture. I would wear my ballroom shoes all the time, if the soles would hold up!

So, ladies, don't let your husband get out of those dance lessons that you have been itching to take. Remember, it is a great form of exercise. Also, its a great way to meet new people or to spend quality time with your spouse. Then there is the added bonus of new outfits and shoes for you! It is a win/win situation! 1,2, cha, cha, cha!

# President's Letter



Dear Members,

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of our great organization. For those that didn't make it to our November dance we had our 2 year election of the Board members. I am happy to report that all of those on the ballot were re-elected to the Board. The Board has elected the following officers:

- President – Karen Ashworth
- Vice President – Brenda Austin
- Treasurer – Joann Page
- Secretary – Andrea Willet

Our January dance is the 22nd with the theme of "Pirate's Gold". Please note it will be the 4th Saturday instead of the 3rd, because the Sr. Center is closed for the holiday. We hope to have a lot of participation for costumes with our Pirate theme as we have had in the past. Dick Hagen

will be our DJ and Curtis will be our instructor for the free dance lesson from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

February's dance is the 19th and the theme is "Pretty in Pink". This will be semi formal attire. Our March dance will be the 19th with a theme of "Yellow Rose of Texas". April's will be on the 16th and the theme is "Easter Parade".

Our May dance will not be the 3rd Saturday but will be the second which is May 14th. This is our annual Charity Dance. This year we have a lot of new changes/ideas. The cost will be \$25/person. More details later.

Please contact Michael Webb or Brenda Austin if you have any dance related articles you would like to submit for upcoming newsletters.

Hope to see you soon on the dance floor,  
 Karen Ashworth  
 President  
 Tallahassee Chapter 6010

## USA Dance 2011 Dance Schedule

January 22– Pirates Gold	July 16 – Freedom Dance
February 19 – Pretty in Pink - Semi-formal	August 20 – School Daze
March 19 – Yellow Rose of Texas	Sept. 17 – Evening in Paris - Semi-formal
April 16 – Easter Parade	October 15 – Black Magic
May 14 – Annual Black and White Charity Ball Semi-formal	November 19 – Turkey Trot
June 18 – Blue Hawaii	December 17 – Santa Swing Semi-formal
Dances are held at the Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL	
Free Dance Lesson from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. General Dancing from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Dances are alcohol and smoke free.	

## Birthday Wishes

### JANUARY

- 1/1 ..... Vic Hanna
- 1/1 ..... Lance Peterson
- 1/2 ..... Daniel Cunha
- 1/6 ..... Jenny Chandler
- 1/7 ..... Betty Sprouse
- 1/8 ..... Barbara Zeier
- 1/16 ..... Stewart Southard
- 1/18 ..... Robert Doan
- 1/21 ..... Cherie Jacobson
- 1/23 ..... Roie Price
- 1/25 ..... Jim Strange
- 1/26 ..... John Reedy
- 1/27 ..... Jennifer Hester
- 1/29 ..... Jane Poole

### FEBRUARY

- 2/1 ..... YiZhen Wang
- 2/4 ..... Lisa Gilbert
- 2/12 ..... Don Tavenner
- 2/14 ..... Phillip Cooper
- 2/21 ..... Lorilynn Moeller
- 2/24 ..... Michael Page
- 2/26 ..... Gloria Whitaker

## NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS

- Barbara Hagen
- Darlene Nixon
- Lee Nixon
- JoAnn Sutherland
- John Burns



## DON'T FORGET THE NEXT DANCE

**USA Dance, Inc.**  
 Tallahassee Chapter presents:

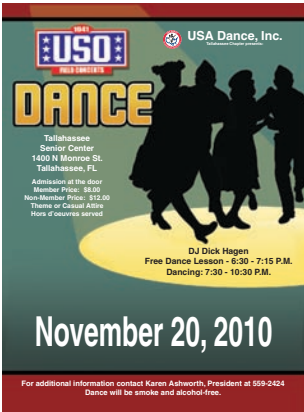
# PIRATES GOLD

## January 22, 2011

Tallahassee Senior Center  
 1400 N Monroe St.  
 Tallahassee, FL

Admission at the door  
 Member Price: \$8.00 • Non-Member Price: \$12.00  
 Theme or Casual Attire • Hors d'oeuvres served  
 DJ Dick Hagen  
 Free Dance Lesson - 6:30 - 7:15 P.M.  
 Dancing: 7:30 - 10:30 P.M.

For additional information contact Karen Ashworth, President at 555-2424. Dance will be smoke and alcohol-free.



To see these photos in color or the rest of the photos from the August Dance Visit <http://usadance6010.org/Events/Dance112010/index.htm>



To see these photos in color or the rest of the photos from the October Dance Visit <http://usadance6010.org/Events/Dance121810/index.htm>

## Sunday

### FSU Ballroom Dance Club

Begins at 7 pm; locations vary, Check web site weekly at [fsubdc.proboards.com](http://fsubdc.proboards.com) to check schedule for up-to-date info.

## Monday

### Tallahassee Ballroom Dance Night at The American Legion

Review 7pm - 7:30pm, dance lessons from 7:30pm - 8:00pm. Dance from 8:00-10:30pm. Cost is \$5. Non-smoking & non-alcohol environment. more info 222-3382.

## Tuesday

### Swing Dancing with the Tallahassee Swing Band

Located at the American Legion Hall, 229 Lake Ella Drive, 7:30 -10pm, \$6; students with ID get in for \$5. Swing dance lessons before the dance, 6:30pm -7:30pm, Provided by the Tallahassee Swing Club. For any questions call 222-3382.

## Wednesday

### Country Western & Swing Dance Lessons

At the American Legion Hall, 229 Lake Ella Drive, from 6:30pm - 10:00pm 6:30pm - 8:00pm Beginners, \$8, 8:15pm - 10:00pm Intermediate, \$8, for any questions call 224-4894

### Swing Dance and Lesson

St. Michaels Pub 513 West Gaines Street, Lesson 9pm till 9:30pm, Dancing 9:30 till Midnight FREE. Call 222-4727 with questions.

### Argentine Tango Society of Tallahassee

Practica and milonga, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Cost: \$5.00 per person more details [tangotallahassee.com](http://tangotallahassee.com)

## Thursday

### West Coast Swing Lessons - Dance 'til it Burns teaches the Basics and Beyond.

6:30 is Basics Class (Beginner), 7:15 is Beyond Basics (Intermediate +) No partner necessary. Monthly series begin on the first Thursday of each month. \$10 for one class, \$15 for both. Contact Karen Burns at [dancetilitburns@earthlink.net](mailto:dancetilitburns@earthlink.net) or 694-2872 for more info. Classes are held at Dance Till it Burns, 1410 E. Indianhead Drive, Open to the Public.

## Friday

### Friday Fun Dance

2:00 – 4:00 PM. Held at the Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe Street. Ballroom dance music; refreshments; all ages; no partner required. \$2.00. If you should have questions, please call 562-1464.

## Saturday

### Latin Dancing at La Fiesta

Latin dancing \$5.00, dance lessons from 8pm - 10pm. Dancing from 10pm - 3am. For \$5.00 you can go to the lesson, the dance – or both. Call (850) 656-3392 for more information.