



Royal Palm Chapter 6016

COMPETITION 2012 EDITION

The Royal Palm Chapter 6016

Hosts

The Winter Frolic

All Amateur Dance Sport

Extravaganza Competition

January 21, 2012

at the Goldcoast Ballroom

Coconut Creek, Florida



Sanctioned by USADance

Contact Patti MacDonald at

dancinmacs@comcast.net Or 561-740-9589

Visit - www.usadance-royalpalm.org



Attention Competitors

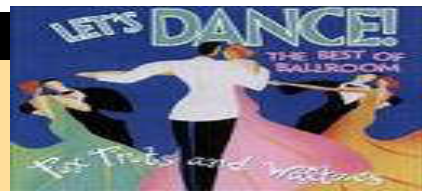
**Thank you for your hard work and dedication.
In the past we have supported 1/2 of the
competitor's entry fee from our chapter
members ONLY.**

**In our appreciation of all competitors who belong
to OUR chapter and in our efforts to continue to
encourage our members to compete, we will pay 1/2
of the entry fee to our January 21, 2012 competition.
Both must belong to the Royal Palm Chapter.**

**We hope you will all participate.
Good luck and have fun!**



***Best wishes to all of you for a holiday season
full o f love, laughter, and (of course) dancing.
Mary - USA Dance Central Office 800-447-9047***



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ROYAL PALM WINTER FROLIC DANCESPORT EXTRAVAGANZA

JANUARY 21st, 2012

**Sanctioned by USADance Must Abide By The Rulebook
Athletes are eligible to earn Proficiency Points**

The Royal Palm Chapter of USA Dance looks forward to hosting you at the 2012 **ROYAL PALM WINTER FROLIC XTRAVAGANZA** on Saturday, Jan 21, 2012 at the beautiful **Goldcoast Ballroom**, Coconut Creek, Florida. The ballroom has a large 45' x 65' floating wooden floor.

We invite all USA DanceSport athletes from in and outside Florida to compete and all those who love ballroom dancing to come and watch the competition. Goldcoast Ballroom has the magic that sets it apart as the ultimate dancing experience: ambiance, incredible music and a magnificent dance floor designed and built exclusively for ballroom dancing by the owners, Jeff Sandler and Vinny Munno. Goldcoast Ballroom has been home to world renowned performers, producers, adjudicators, choreographers, coaches, and teachers, as well as amateur competitors and social dancers for over fifteen years.

COMPETITOR REGISTRATION:

DISCOUNTED ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry forms AND fees must be post marked by Jan 11, 2012.

FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry forms AND fees must be received no later than Jan 16, 2012 to avoid late fees and to be listed in the program. REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS IN WHICH YOU MAY WANT TO DANCE. ADDING EVENTS AT THE COMPETITION WILL BE LIMITED.

Please notify the deck captain or scheduler of any errors or cancellations/ scratches as soon as possible; submit scratches on the provided form. Each competitor must list his/her USADance membership number and expiration date on the entry form. Please attach a photocopy of each partner's membership card.

Note: You may apply for, renew, or upgrade your membership by sending a USADance membership application and fee to the membership director on the form. You can download the form at www.usadance.org. You can also apply or renew your membership on line at www.usadance.org and click on membership. Be sure to note the name of your local USADance chapter on the application. When you arrive, before you compete, one or preferably both members of each partnership must check in with the registrar.

Each competitor must show his/her USADance membership to the Registrar for package pickup.

RULES: We will run this competition according to the new published USA DanceSport Rulebook for 2011. All competitors should refer to the rulebook prior to completing the entry form and competing. You may obtain a rulebook at www.usadance.org or by calling Mary (800) 4479047.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

SATURDAY, Jan 21, 2012

- 8:00 AM** Ballroom opens for registration, package pickup and practice.
- 8:30 AM** Ballroom opens for spectator admission.
- 9:00 AM** Opening ceremony, National Anthem, introductions and announcements.
- 9:15 AM** Competition begins. American Rhythm followed by international Standard.
- 1:00 PM** Afternoon Session begins with International Latin followed by American Smooth.
- 5:30 PM** End of competition.
- 7:30 PM** Evening social dance session begins.
Entrance fee on your own. (Paid at entrance).
- 11:00 PM** **Goodnight to all.**

WE HOPE YOU WILL ATTEND OUR COMPETITION ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 21,2012 AS SPECTATORS TO CHEER FOR OUR CHAPTER COMPETITORS.



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SPECTATOR TICKETS: You may purchase spectator tickets in advance or at the door. Advance orders for spectator tickets must be postmarked by Jan 8, 2007. Prepaid tickets will be held at the door.

Adult Admission to daytime session (morning and afternoon).....\$ 10.00
Youth or Collegiate admission to daytime session.....\$ 5.00

CANCELLATION POLICY: Competitors and spectators cancelling by Jan 15 will receive a 50% refund; on or after Jan 19, no refund. Please allow 30 days following the competition for us to process and mail any refunds.

MISCELLANEOUS: Please do not smoke in the ballroom, dressing rooms, or registration area. Do not bring alcoholic beverages into the ballroom. We have arranged commercial photography or videotaping but you may bring your own equipment. **All cameras must be battery operated; no tripods or lights are permitted.**

DISCLAIMERS: All persons attend this event at their own risk and agree to hold harmless the organizers, USA DANCE a/k/a USA DanceSport and the GOLDCOAST BALLROOM from any injury sustained at the event. Each person is solely responsible for his/her own belongings; the organizers,

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NEED MORE INFORMATION?

See our website at www.usadanceroyalpalm.org.

For general information, contact : Patti MacDonald, competition chair, dancinmacs@comcast.net, 5617409589 or Registrar, ROYAL PALM DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIP, 4805 Nolana Lane Boynton Beach, Fl. 33436



Our Board Members for 2012

- Patti MacDonald - - - - President and
Competition Organizer
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- Bonnie Austin - - - - - Secretary
- Carolyn New - - - - -Treasurer
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- * Geri Easter - - - - - Phototgrapher
- * Mike Easter - - - - - Membership Chair
and Videographer
- Alec Lazo - - - - - Youth Coordinator
- Terry O'Donnell - - - - - Newsletter Editor

*** We are proud and pleased to welcome
two new Board Members.**

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*There are short-cuts to happiness, and dancing is
one of them. ~Vicki Baum*



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Bon Voyage Party

On Saturday December 3, Goldcoast Ballroom hosted a *Bon Voyage* party for the USA Dance members who were sailing the following day on the Holland America cruise ship *Westerdam*. There were over 100 USA Dance members present from all over the country representing chapters from as far away as California, Colorado, Kentucky, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York.

Patti MacDonald arranged for a dance exhibition by some of Royal Palm Beach's members to welcome and honor our fellow USA dancers.

Vi and Vic Chiong opened with a sultry Bolero to the music of "Por Su Amor," (For Your Love). Their dance moves mirrored the title of the song with smooth caresses, passionate embraces and smiles that recognized their long love affair with each other. The audience's applause, whistles, and howls reflected their approval of Vi and Vic's incomparable performance. As usual, they were dressed for the occasion. Vi's beautiful Latin dress enhanced her sexy movements and accented her beautiful figure. Vic wore all black to show off his beautiful partner's sexy outfit. It's always a pleasure to watch this couple who have given so much of their time and energy to our USA Dance chapter.

Recently partnered John Rannella and Helena Zaludova were formally dressed for their performance of the International Waltz and Viennese Waltz. Their International Waltz kept everyone's eyes fixed on the complicated and smooth moves of the couple as they swayed, stretched, and turned around the large dance floor to their well rehearsed moves. They did a beautiful transition from the Waltz into the Viennese Waltz that changed the pace from the slower romantic Waltz into the party feeling of the Viennese Waltz. Their Viennese Waltz had a high level of coordination and was performed splendidly, to the approval of the audience who expressed themselves with an energetic round of applause.

Tom Sampieri and his partner Virginia Gonzalez performed an International Rumba and Cha-Cha. Their Rumba was danced to the rhythm of "Set Fire to the Rain." Their beautiful passionate Latin moves almost set fire to the romantic

Rumba to the quick movements of the Cha-Cha was exciting to watch as the young beautiful couple expressed themselves with sexy hip motions to the rapid beat of the music of "Kaboom." Their dance told a story of seduction as he aggressively pursued her as she continually rejected him and finally overcame him by laying him down under her foot to the dance floor, in a triumphant finale to the dance. It's hard to believe that the energetic couple has been dancing for only one year, as their performances could almost be ranked with Professionals.

Written by Barbara & Mike Bivona



Happy Birthday!!

JANUARY CELEBRANTS

Kathleen Ory

Jerry Paris

Marlene Paris

Brigette Pfindel

Guy Roberts

David Stone

Huy-Duc Trung

If your birthday month went by and you were not listed, we do not have your date. No year is necessary. If you would like to be recognized please email Patti at dancinmacs@comcast.net with your month and day.



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"Holiday Show at the Grand Ballroom"

Thursday night at **Dan Maloney's Grand Ballroom** in Delray Beach, Dan continued his hospitality to us on the Royal Palms Chapter's free night for members as we welcomed four of our Canadian members, **Ginette Beaulieu, Claude Guay, Christiane Gosselin and Guy Trembley**. The celebration included a showcase by our Canadian friends, and **Patti MacDonald & Niels Ballegaard, and Virginia Gonzales & Tom Sampieri**. Photographs of the performances were taken by members **Geri and Mike Easter**.

Patti and Niels opened with a beautiful **Viennese Waltz** to the music of "**Blue Danube**." Patti curtsied to Niels and the show began. Their quick motions, sways and the smooth flow of their dance as they glided around the spacious floor was complemented by Patti's gorgeous open back red gown with white sequined trim and impeccable elbow high white gloves. A photo of the couple says it all:



Our Canadian friends **Christiane and Guy** followed with an International Tango to the music of "**Reflections of the Moon**." Guy's masculine aggressive movements and Chris's sophisticated responses resulted in a lovely coordinated performance that received approving applause from the audience. Her self created black open back gown with red flowers, which she finished right before the exhibition, enhanced their performance and sent many of the ladies in the audience home that evening to their sewing machines. The following picture reflects their passion.



After a brief intermission **Ginette and Claude** did a **Standard Slow Waltz** to the music of "**Autumn Leaves**," sung in French as a tip-of-the-hat to their French-Canadian homeland. They graciously captured the floor with their smooth and professional executions of their expertly trained movements. Ginette also created her open back green ruffled full length gown with matching gloves, which added to the perfection of their performance. (Continued)



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A picture is worth a thousand words, and here's the picture:



Virginia and Tom exploded onto the dance floor with an International Rumba to the music of "Set Fire to the Rain." Her red hot short fringed Latin dress and their quick and sexy moves set the room on fire as the audience reacted with loud applause and whistling. They did a transition from the slow romantic Rumba into a quick paced Cha-Cha to the music of "Kaboom." His aggressive moves in his attempted seduction of her resulted in his succumbing to her as he lay on the floor at the end of their battle, totally conquered. Again, a picture is worth a thousand words:



The showcase finale was a Viennese Waltz done to the music of "I Wish you a Merry Christmas," by Patti & Niels, Ginette & Claude, and Chris & Guy, while the audience sang along, applauding as the beautiful ensemble whirled around the dance floor smiling and generating holiday cheer; the reds and greens of their costumes swirled past our eyes highlighting the colors of the holiday season. A photo of the scene reflects the joy felt by everyone:



To watch the video of the **USA Dance chapter 6016 at the Grand Ballroom:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fb8D396COA&feature=youtu.be>

Written by Mike and Barbara Bivona;

Photos and Video by Geri and Mike Easter

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*Dance till the stars come down from the rafters,  
Dance, Dance, Dance till you drop. ~W.H. Auden*



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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

**LYUVDMYIA BILYAVSKA  
ANNA DEROSA  
CHRISTIANE GOSSELIN  
GUY TREMBLAY**



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**VI CHIONG  
DOMINIQUE LAMBERT  
GERRY MULCAHY  
GUY ROBERTS  
DOROTHY SCELEY  
DANNY SHANETZKY  
DOROTHY TULL**

*Thank You*

It is easier to renew your membership online at [www.usadance.org](http://www.usadance.org) When you do it online the President gets the information immediately. Central office is encouraging this as it shortens their time from sorting mail and depositing checks. Thank you for your cooperation.



**Happy Birthday!!**

## **JANUARY CELEBRANTS**

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Get well wishes and a speedy recovery are extended to Patricia Walker. May each day bring you closer to a complete recovery. Our prayers are with you. Looking forward to seeing you on the dance floor very soon.



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Lost Membership Card??? Call Mary at Central 800-447-9047, Fax 239-573-0946

If you change your email address please notify Mary at Central - [Central-office@usadance.org](mailto:Central-office@usadance.org) and notify Patti or whoever is at the desk at the dance. We have had problems with members not getting the news because they have changed their email address and we have the old one on file. Thank you for your cooperation.

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If you have any dance pictures that you would like posted on our Website, please send them to Marius at [umarius@hotmail.com](mailto:umarius@hotmail.com)

~ ~ Thank you! ~ ~

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### WE NEED NEWS!

Please submit DANCE news that you would like published to Terry O'Donnell, our newsletter editor, at [terryod1@hotmail.com](mailto:terryod1@hotmail.com)

*Thank you!*

## Mark your Calendar !!!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, January 19, 2012  
8:00 - 11:00 P.M.**

## *Grand Ballroom*

The Grand Ballroom has graciously offered to host a dance for USA Dance members. Since no Officer will be at the desk you MUST show your current membership card to receive the discount.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

**Enjoy fabulous music, snacks, mixers and fun for all for just \$10.00 for Members at The Grand Ballroom.**

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**Thank you to those who support our dances at both, Goldcoast and The Grand Ballroom.**

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*Stifling an urge to dance is bad for your health - it rusts your spirit and your hips. ~Terri Guillemets*



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## Something New- Classified Ads

Only for Members - Please No Businesses If you have a dance related item you would like to sell, please provide a description of the item, its price, your name, phone # and, or email. You may advertise dance shoes, dance videos, ballroom and Latin costumes, and any other dance item. Please send your information to Terry O'Donnell at [terryod1@hotmail.com](mailto:terryod1@hotmail.com)

Anyone interested in selling a dance related article?



## The New Year

One occasion that binds the whole world together is the event of New Year celebrations. With most countries using the Gregorian calendar as their main calendar, New Year's Day is the closest thing to being the world's only truly global public holiday, often celebrated with fireworks at the stroke of midnight as the new year starts. People all over the world celebrate it, regardless of caste, creed, race or religion, as they look forward to ring in changes in the forthcoming year. Exuberance and cheerfulness pervade the New Year ambiance making families and friends get together to celebrate the occasion. New Year traditions and celebrations differ all over the world.

People of different cultures and countries celebrate New Year in different ways.

## A Very Happy New Year to All !!!



"New Year's Eve is like every other night; there is no pause in the march of the universe, no breathless moments of silence among created things that the passage of another twelve months may be noted; and yet no man has quite the same thoughts this evening that come with the coming of darkness on other nights". - Hamilton Wright Mabie

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Rosh HaShanah, which is the Jewish New Year 2012: September 16 (at sundown) - 18 - literally means "Head of the Year" in Hebrew.

The Hijri New Year, also known as Islamic new year is the day that marks the beginning of a new Islamic calendar. The first day of the year is observed on the first day of Muharram, the first month in the Islamic calendar. Since the Islamic year is 11 to 12 days shorter than the Gregorian year, the Islamic new year does not come on the same day of the Gregorian calendar every year. The Shia Muslims celebrate the day with public enactments of grief.