<u>USA Dance Royal Palm Chapter # 6016 Newsletter September-October, 2021 Page 1</u> Exciting!!! - First Merged Competition of the American DanceSport Festival & Royal Palm Dancesport Championships!



AMERICAN DANCESPORT FESTIVAL (ADSF) MERGED WITH ROYAL PALM DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS! USA Dance NQE, Nationals, WDSF Open & Qualifier for World Games! <u>October 8-10, 2021 – DON'T MISS IT!</u> At Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort - Fort Lauderdale, FL!! Tickets On Sale Now - <u>www.AmericanDSF.org</u>



Don't Miss it!! - Sign up for Email Updates! Competitor Registration via our Website Reserve Your Hotel Now! Spectator Tickets on Sale Now! <u>www.AmericanDSF.org</u>

> More Information on the Merger of our Competitions at www.RoyalPalmDanceSport.org



COVID Safety Note to 2021 Attendees: Your Safety is number one for us. We will be implementing the CDC guided safety protocols adopted by USA Dance's Governing Board to keep everyone safe. This includes giving everyone handmade cloth masks and personal hand sanitizer bottles. Masks will be required in and around the ballroom when not dancing. There will be no on-deck line. Dancers will enter from their tables. Tables have been spaced out and the number of chairs/ people are limited to 2, or 4 for bigger tables. Officials will be wearing masks. Awards presentations will be "no contact." We are presenting awards on trays to each person. Pictures will have people distanced a bit. Heats will enter in a different direction from those exciting the floor. Again, your Safety is number one for us. We look forward to everyone having a Safe & Fun time at the Exciting American DanceSport Festival, October 8-10, 2021 at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort in Fort Lauderdale, Florida! (See stats that COVID cases are now declining in Florida – page 12.)

Enjoy Videos from some of the past American DanceSport Festival Competitions - Wow!!

Click on the Videos (or the links under them) & Unmute to see some of the Best Dancers in the World!!



https://www.facebook.com/americandsf/videos/313699797177966/



https://www.facebook.com/americandsf/videos/386869292861088



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MY_I2X9b4bQ

Don't Miss the Exciting AMERICAN DANCESPORT FESTIVAL (ADSF)

October 8-10, 2021

First Merged Competition with the Royal Palm DanceSport Championships!

NQE, National Championship Events (Adult & Under-21), WDSF Events, and Qualifier for 2022 World Games!!

All at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort!!

Right on the Beach in Fort Lauderdale, FL! 321 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd



All Info on the Competition: www.AmericanDSF.org

Click on the Buttons below to:

Register & Competel





Your Donations will be gratefully acknowledged in your name at the ADSF Competition & our website. Donations are Tax Deductible, as USA Dance is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Calling all Volunteers!! – Now is your Chance – First Come, First Serve to Volunteer at our 1st Merged Competition - the Exciting, World Class American DanceSport Festival (ADSF)!! October 8-10, 2021

At the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort!!

Right on the Beach in Fort Lauderdale! – On Highway A1A between Sunrise Blvd & Las Olas Blvd. 321 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304 - (954) 467-1111 Click Here to go to the Hotel website »

Be a part of the Fun Circle of Friends in our Volunteer Team!! Needed: Ticket Takers, Ushers, Logistics & other Volunteer Positions Volunteers Receive: Free Admission to the Competition on days you volunteer, your meals, and, if deemed necessary, your Hotel!

Don't Miss being Part of the Action at this Exciting World Class Event II To Volunteer: Email us at: Info@RoyalPalmDanceSport.org



Watch for the Feature Article about our Merger with the American DanceSport Festival (ADSF) in the Next Issue of the American Dancer!!

Coming out within the Next Few Days! – Watch for an Email from American Dancer

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FEATURE STORY

American DanceSport Festival and Royal Palm DanceSport

Championships Merge

First Combined Competition: American DanceSport Festival October 8-10, 2021 Fort Lauderdale, Florida



Watch for an email from American Dancer announcing the next issue, and then go to: https://americandanceronline.org/

The Royal Palm Chapter Serves Broward & Palm Beach Counties in Florida – National Chapter of the Year 2018 and 2019!

Royal Palm Chapter's Normal Activities

We will keep you informed as to when we can again resume our Chapter's Monthly Social Dances & other normal activities after the COVID Recurrence in FL! We appreciate your Support! Social Membership only \$35 per year! Join or Renew Now - further below. Why Join or Renew? See Some of our Normal Activities & Benefits of Membership Below:

» Monthly Social Dances \$2.00 Discount for Members at each dance X Normally 36 Dances per year = \$72 Value per year

- 2nd Tuesday each month Temporarily Suspended due to COVID
- 3rd Saturday of the month September 18, 2021 Chapter Dance at Star Ballroom, Pompano Beach, FL See Flyer with Details on page 7
- Stay Tuned for further announcements on our other monthly Social Dance

» Free Group Classes by a World Class Pro before Some of our Monthly Dances (Included with Admission) = \$180.00 Value per year

» Annual FLASH MOB Formation Team

Performs in Malls and Public Places for National Ballroom Dance Week.

Our Team has won Honorable Mention and Best Videos in each of the last two USA Dance National Flash Mob Formation Team Contests!

\$2 Off Single Classes/ \$5 Off 2 Classes for Members = Approx. \$60 Value per year

See pictures and Videos of our <u>2018</u> and <u>2019</u> Formation Team Performances.

Suspended until further notice due to COVID

»Bi-Monthly Royal Palm Chapter Newsletter = \$24 Value per year

Edited by our talented Newsletter Editor, Terry O'Donnell, with contributions by our Chapter President & others. Covers dance news, events, and resources from our Chapter and around Florida.

Please check out the <u>"Newsletters"</u> section of our <u>Chapter website</u>, for an archive of Newsletters.

»National *American Dancer* Magazine - Quarterly. *= \$25 Value per year*

» Discount on Admission to all USA Dance National and Chapter Events - Nationwide! = \$ Unlimited Value per year

Discount on New & Renewal Memberships this Year! p.9

» We invite you to Join our Chapter: Go to https://usadance.org, and

Click "Join Now" (upper right). Choose Royal Palm Chapter # 6016, as your Chapter! A Social Dancer Membership is only \$35/ year (now 13 mos!) Compare this small cost to the Value of Membership above!

For More Information:

Chapter website: www.USADance-RoyalPalm.org

Competition website: www.RoyalPalmDanceSport.org

E-mail us: Info@RoyalPalmDanceSport.org

»The Royal Palm Dancesport Championships NQE & WDSF Open – 18th Annual Competition of the USA Dance, Royal Palm Chapter – Has Merged with the American DanceSport Festival (ADSF), creating One Even Bigger, Spectacular Competition!! Don't Miss our First Combined Competition: The American DanceSport Festival (ADSF) October 8-10, 2021

At the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort Fort Lauderdale, FL

See pages 1-5 of this Newsletter for more Info. More information on our combined competition is found at www.RoyalPalmDancesport.org.

»Collegiate Outreach. In partnership with our past Chapter Treasurer, Carolyne New, we proudly sponsor the Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Dance Club. The FAU Formation Team and dancers typically participate in our annual Competition. We actively seek to partner with Schools, Colleges and Universities to bring dance education and opportunities to youth & students.

»Access to our Dance Information & Resources – in Florida and Nationwide. We provide information and resources to help you learn to dance and find and participate in dance classes and events. Ask us about ballroom dance opportunities and classes in Florida and the U.S. See <u>Dance Resources</u> section of our Chapter Website.

= \$ Unlimited Value per year

» PLUS Great Discounts from many Stores & Businesses, including:

- » Shopping Discounts Office Depot/ Office Max, Azigo Online Shopping Mall;
- » Hotels, Car Rentals, Cruises, Orlando Vacations at Employee Discounts
- Insurance Car, Home, Long Term Care & Health, Prescription Drug Program, Pet Health Coverage;
 And More! - Ask us for details on Merchant Discounts.
 - = \$ Unlimited Value per year

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» To Renew your Membership:

Log in at: https://usadance.org/login.aspx, and

Click Renew, at the top of your Profile.

We hope you enjoy our Newsletter and other activities! We so look forward to seeing you all again as soon as possible! Please take care and stay safe! Hugs!

Connie, Lee, Millie, Joel, Patti, Dave Susan, Mascia, Al, Sysus, Terry, Masius, Paula

The Royal Palm Chapter Officers, Board & Team



7:30 PM Class with Lee Fox! (included with Admission!) 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM Dance!



A Fun Party at Star Ballroom!

\$15 Admission | \$13 for USA Dance Members! (or those who join or renew at the Dance)

Ladies, Add \$10 to share Dance Hosts! (Approx. 4 Ladies per Dance Host)

Ladies, Click to Reserve at one of our Shared Dance Host Tables NOW! First Come, First Serve!

Or, Reserve by emailing: <a>FoxtrotDC@aol.com

Join us for a Fun Night of Dancing to all Your Favorite Music Ballroom, Latin, and other Social Dances!

> Masks recommended. COVID Precautions & Terms of Star Ballroom apply.

For Info or to Reserve: <u>FoxtrotDC@aol.com</u>

More Info about Royal Palm Chapter Events: <u>www.USADance-RoyalPalm.org</u> Or: www.royalpalmdancesport.org/news/chapter-news

The Royal Palm Chapter Continues to offer Group Dance Classes by Zoom! At a Discount for Chapter Members!!

Sign up Online: <u>www.royalpalmdancesport.org/25414</u> Our Zoom Classes in September include:

NIA Dance Fitness Classes with Jody Dancer!

Feel Freedom, Fitness & Fun with NIA!

Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10:00 AM

Intermediate Ballroom & Latin Classes with Lee Fox!

Every Monday (No classes Labor Day) 7:00 PM – Waltz 8:15 PM – Samba (Different Dances Taught each Month:

No beginners; Prior Experience Required)

Country, Latin & Pop Classes with Lee Fox!

Every Wednesday 7:00 PM – West Coast Swing 8:15 PM – Line Dances (You can take one or both Classes, same night)



A NIA Dance Fitness Class with Jody Dancer (In Studio, before COVID)

Keep moving, dancing, connecting.. NIA Blends: Dance – Martial Arts – Yoga

Exhilarating! See Sample Videos!

\$10 per person per class in Studio at <u>Star Ballroom</u> (masks optional)

Or Join by Zoom at a Discount! Only \$8 per person per Zoom class (or \$70 per person for Pkg of 10 Zoom classes) These Discounts apply only for USA Dance Members and Current Star Ballroom Students.

Sign Up for Zoom Classes Online NOW: Register now

www.royalpalmdancesport.org/25414

You will receive an email confirming your registration & payment, and Jody will email you the Zoom link & password.



A Royal Palm Chapter Formation Team Coached by Lee Fox (Intermediate dancers)

In his Intermediate classes, Lee teaches different Dances Every month. Click here for class schedule and info.

> Great classes! See Sample Video!

\$15 per person per class in Studio at <u>Star Ballroom</u> (masks optional for those vaccinated)

Or Join by Zoom at a Discount! Only \$13 per person per Zoom class (or \$120 per person for Pkg of 10 Zoom classes) These Discounts apply only for USA Dance Members and Current Star Ballroom Students.

Sign Up for Zoom Classes Online NOW: Register now

www.royalpalmdancesport.org/25414 You will receive an email confirming your registration & payment, and Lee will email you the Zoom link & password. A Country & Pop Line Dance Class with Lee Fox

Lots of Fun! See Sample Video!

<u>Click here</u> for this month's class schedule and info.

\$15 per person per class in Studio at <u>Star Ballroom</u> (masks optional for those vaccinated)

Or Join by Zoom at a Discount!

Only \$13 per person per Zoom class, \$26 for 2 Zoom classes, or \$120 per person for Pkg of 10 Zoom classes These Discounts apply only for USA Dance Members and Current Star Ballroom Students.

Sign Up for Zoom Classes Online NOW: Register now

www.royalpalmdancesport.org/25414 You will receive an email confirming your registration & payment, and Lee will email you the Zoom link & password.



"Dear Members,

In order to incentivize our organization's membership growth, help chapters recruit new and former members, and build new competitive categories as we begin to recover from the effects of the COVID pandemic and get America Dancing Again, the Board of Directors of USA Dance unanimously approved the following:

1. <u>Retroactive to January 1, 2021, anyone that joins as a new Social Dance member or renews their Social Dance membership will be given 13 months of membership instead of 12 months.</u> This free month incentive will expire on December 31, 2021.

2. Retroactive to July 1, 2021, for every Social Dance Adult or Social Dance Supporter member that joins as a new member or renews their membership the chapter that they belong to will get \$5. This cash incentive will expire on December 31, 2021.

3. The membership fee for Professional DanceSport Athletes will be reduced to \$25 for the remainder of 2021 and \$25 for 2022.

4. The membership fee for Pro/Am Amateur Athletes will be reduced to \$25 for the remainder of 2021 and \$25 for 2022.

5. Retroactive to January 1, 2021, all current and new Breaking members will have their membership expire on December 31, 2022.

6. Special Olympics memberships will be reduced to \$10 for the remainder of 2021.

It is the hope of the Board that these incentives will help motivate our chapter officers and DanceSport leaders to not only recruit new members, but also engage with former members and bring them back into the organization. If you have any questions please email Membership Director Margot Garnick at membership-dir@usadance.org."

Sincerely,

Margot Garnick

Membership Director USA Dance, Inc.

» Join USA Dance, Royal Palm Chapter: Go to <u>https://usadance.org</u>, and Click "Join Now" (upper right). Choose Royal Palm Chapter # 6016, as your Chapter!

Renew your Membership: Log in at: <u>https://usadance.org/login.aspx</u>, and Click Renew, at the top of your Profile. Social Dancer Membership only \$35/ year - Join or Renew NOW AND GET ONE ADDITIONAL FREE MONTH OF MEMBERSHIP

<u>USA Dance Royal Palm Chapter # 6016 Newsletter September-October, 2021 Page 10</u> Enjoy Videos from Some of our past Royal Palm Chapter Events!

Click on the Videos or the links under them to view the Videos on YouTube:



September 21, 2019 Royal Palm Chapter Flash Mob Performance at Festival Marketplace <u>https://youtu.be/bixmH5fJlwl</u>



https://youtu.be/kgBvrVcBXUI



Scenes from our 2019 and 2020 Royal Palm DanceSport Championships NQE & WDSF Open Competitions https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=DMirPWVIrzI

See more Royal Palm Chapter Videos on our <u>YouTube Channel</u> and on our <u>Facebook Page</u>.

USA Dance Royal Palm Chapter # 6016 Newsletter September-October Page 11 Dances, Classes & Events Now Offered by Goldcoast Ballroom & Star Ballroom Venues for Our Usual Monthly Chapter Social Dances The below Classes & Events are not operated by USA Dance, Royal Palm Chapter; please check with the Ballrooms directly. Goldcoast Ballroom Star Ballroom **SOCIAL DANCES,** tar Ballroom **GROUP CLASSES,** & SPECIAL EVENTS!! DANCES, GROUP CLASSES & LESSONS!! Social Distancing & Masks Recommended Social Distancing & Masks, Recommended » SOCIAL DANCES: Fridays, 9pm-1am Argentine Tango; Saturdays, 8-10pm; Class 7:30pm - See Calendar for details » NIA DANCE FITNESS CLASSES WITH JODY Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays - 10 am » INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM & LATIN » SOCIAL DANCES: CLASSES WITH LEE – Mondays (No Class Labor Day) Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays - Evenings 7:00 pm – Waltz | 8:15 pm – Samba » GROUP CLASSES: Every Day but Saturday » COUNTRY, LATIN & POP CLASSES WITH LEE Wednesdays » SPECIAL EVENTS: 7:00 pm – West Coast Swing | 8:15 pm – Line Dance -1st Sat each mo - So FL Swing Dance Society Event » BALLET, TAP & JAZZ CLASSES WITH DAVID -Every Sunday - Afternoon Tea Dance + Latin Night Tap: Mondays (Beg), Wednesdays (Int) – 5:00 pm -Friday Nights - Party Mix + >10pm WCS 3rd Friday Ballet: Mondays 4 pm - Jazz: Saturdays - 11:30 am » PRIVATE LESSONS ALSO AVAILABLE » SOCIAL BALLROOM CLASSES WITH JODY- Sept: Refresh & Review Latin! - Thursdays – 7 pm (Beg/Int) Check the Goldcoast website below for more events: » TAI CHI with Terry – Tuesdays – 11:00 am See Goldcoast Website for more Information: » PRIVATE LESSONS ALSO AVAILABLE www.GoldcoastBallroom.com See Star Website for more Information: Schedule/ Calendar Page » www.StarBallroomDance.com **Upcoming Events - Flyers & Descriptions » Group Class Schedule Page** » Subscribe to Email Updates »

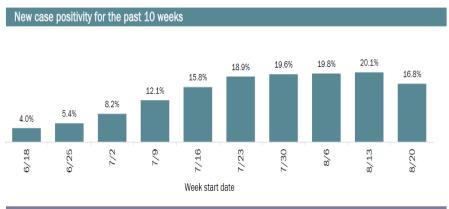
The information above is as of August 29, 2021, and could be subject to change. Please check with the Ballrooms before going.

Inspiring Seniors 70+ Years - You're Never Too Old!

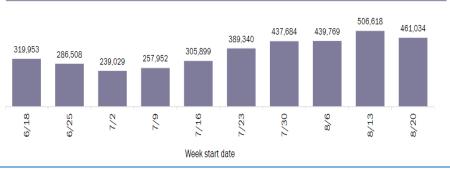


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrpO7r_ALnk

Latest FL Dept of Health COVID Stats give reason for hope that the Current COVID-Delta Surge in FL may be starting to recede! Charts published August 27 by FL DOH show Test Positivity Rate in FL starting to Decline & Vaccinations up:



Number of doses administered in the past 10 weeks



The FL DOH Report shows that Our Chapter Area (Broward & Palm Beach Counties) is now doing better than the State Overall, in terms of percentages:

		Cumulative (since March 1, 2020)				Previous week (August 20, 2021 - August 26, 2021)			
County	2021 population	People vaccinated	Percent 12+ vaccinated	Cases	Case positivity	People vaccinated	Cases	New case positivity	Cases per 100,000 population
Florida	21,975,117	12,916,873	68%	3,179,714	20.3%	192,408	151,749	16.8%	690.5
Broward	1,965,657	1,301,020	77%	320,837	18.1%	17,331	11,664	12.9%	593. <mark>4</mark>
Palm Beach	1,486,178	918,715	71%	197,754	18.8%	11,792	8,595	13.9%	578.3

For further information & stats from FL DOH, see: <u>https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/#latest-stats</u>

A CDC <u>Florida Profile Report</u> issued August 20, shows declining new cases & deaths: FLORIDA – STATE SYNOPSIS

	LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
RATE OF NEW COVID-19 CASES PER 100,000	543	-23%
NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST (NAAT) POSITIVITY RATE	20.2%	+0.5%
NEW CONFIRMED COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS / 100 BEDS	29.5	+2%
RATE OF NEW COVID-19 DEATHS PER 100,000	1.1	-73%

How can you prevent COVID-19?

According to the Florida Department of Health,

"The best way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death is to <u>get vaccinated</u> ... You can also prevent illness by practicing tried and true public health mitigation measures."

Get Vaccinated!! – It's Free & Everyone 12 or Older is now Eligible!



Find your Vaccine Locations – on Florida HEALTH Dept of Health website:

Select County

Select City

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For Info See <u>https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/vaccines/vaccine-locator/</u>

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Watch for an Email from American Dancer, announcing the Next Issue in a few days! Don't miss the Feature Article in the Next Issue about the merger of our Competition with the American DanceSport Festival (ADSF)!!

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Royal Palm Chapter # 6016 - 2021 Board of Directors & Leadership Team: **Officers & Directors:**



Connie Barnhart Koontz President



Lee Fox Vice President



Millie Ledoux Secretary Membership Co-Coordinator

Directors:



Joel Galpern, CPA Treasurer **Finance Committee**



Patti MacDonald Membership Chair/ Coordinator Past President



Susan Silva Youth, College Outreach & Education; Comp Advisor



Al Guzzi Competition Advisory Committee Competition Advisory Committee Social Dance Committee



Marcia Miller Social Dance Committee



Dave Koontz **Communications/ Promotions**



Syrus Partian Social Dance/ Showcase Comm. **Competition Logistics Co-Chair**



Marius Ungureanu Chapter Webmaster www.USADance-RoyalPalm.org

Connie & Dave Koontz Competition Webmasters www.RoyalPalmDancesport.org



Terry O'Donnell Newsletter Editor Senior Outreach



Paula Mendelsohn **Competition Deck Captain** Social Dance Event Emcee



Lee Ranger **Chapter Photographer** & Videographer



Carolyne New Sponsor, FAU **Collegiate Ballroom** Dance Club Past Chapter Treasurer

Plus a Team of Over 30 Wonderful, Dedicated Volunteers Who Assist the Board in Organizing and Presenting our Royal Palm DanceSport Championships NQE & WDSF Open Competition

		Advisor	y Board:			
Ronen Zinshtein WDSF Advisor to the President, USA Dance - National	SF Advisor to the President, National Secretary		Ann Durocher Natl Comp Organizers Comm. Chair and Organizer, Gumbo NQE		Sterling Sightler Registrar, Gumbo NQE On-Site Registration, Royal Palm NQE	
		Committees – O	pen to Everyone	:		
Competition Organizing Committee		Social Dance Committee		Youth & College Outreach & Education		
Co-Chairs, Connie Barnhart Koontz, Lee Fox, Dave Koontz		Chair to be elected		Chair, Susan Silva; FAU Sponsor, Carolyne New		
6 other members (Board of Directors)		7 members, so far		4 members, so far		
Competition Advisory Committee		Membership Committee		Communications/ Promotion Committee		
Co-Chairs, Al Guzzi, Marcia Miller		Chairs, Patti MacDonald & Millie Ledoux		Chair, Dave Koontz		
7 members, so far		4 members, so far		4 members, so far		
Competition Logistics Committee		A Senior Outreach Program is also under		Finance & Fundraising Committee		
Co-Chairs, Connie Koontz; Syrus Partian		consideration		Chair, Joel Galpern, CPA		
30 Volunteers, so far		1 volunteer, so far		Board as a Whole		

If you have questions, or to volunteer for a Committee, Email: Info@RoyalPalmDancesport.org

For questions or to contribute content to pages 1-14 of our Newsletter, Contact Connie Barnhart Koontz – ConnieDave@Koontz.email For questions or to contribute content to pages 15-end of our Newsletter, Contact Terry O'Donnell – Terryod1@hotmail.com