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## USA CHAPTER MONTHLY DANCES

January  
Saturday, January 20

DanceLife Ballroom  
6015 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis

7-8 pm lesson - Foxtrot  
Instructor: Shinya McHenry  
8-11 pm Variety Dance Music

March  
Saturday, March 17

Dancers Studio  
415 Pascal Street N, St. Paul

7-8 pm lesson - Hustle  
Instructor: Troy Lerum  
8-11 pm Variety Dance Music

February  
Saturday, February 17

Dance With Us America  
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7-8 lesson - Tango  
Instructor: Gene or Elena Bersten  
8-11 pm Variety Dance Music

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If you join USA Dance at a  
monthly dance, you attend that  
dance for free!

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USA Dance –MN Chapter #2011 Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2017

Submitted by Carol Post

In attendance: Lee Whitney (President), Joyce Thompson (Vice President), Jane Phipps (Treasurer), Carol Post (Secretary), Bonnie Burton, Stephanie Clausen, Marla Heisterkamp, Gary Stroick and Leslie Whitney.

Location: Brookdale Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, MN.

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

1. Agenda: November 2017 board meeting: Approved.
2. October 2017 board minutes: Approved.
3. Treasurer Report: Approved.
4. Membership meeting - November monthly dance: Agenda to include the following:
  - a. Report on chapter hosted events.
  - b. Vote of membership to be taken for size of board and process to determine officers.
  - c. Fiscal status.
  - d. Membership growth.
5. Special Projects Report:
  - a. MOA Demo: Successful. 115 dancers participated. Will include Flash mob for next year.
  - b. VR 360: Vote to trial new technology at Project Dance and Monthly dance in December. (Approved).
  - c. 2018 Dance Camp/Workshop: Vote to pursue venues, develop budget to determine feasibility. (Approved).
  - d. Tapestry Center: Vote to co sponsor 1 monthly dance on a 6 month trial basis (Approved).
  - e. Farmington Demo opportunity: Demo coordinator will follow up.
6. Communications Report:
  - a. Minnesota Dancer: Positions sought for layout / editor. Advertising revenue increasing.
  - b. Website: Webmaster replacement needed.
  - c. Printing (more business cards, etc) at lower cost through Office Max discount.
7. Social Dance Report:
  - a. Monthly dances-Nov-Cinema,-Annual meeting, Dec- Cinema. Jan- DanceLife.
  - b. Project Dance: Decision was made to increase the price for Project Dance.
8. Collegiate Ballroom Dance Coordinator: No new updates.
9. Membership Report:
  - a. 2016 Oct 31- 306 members.
  - b. 2017 Oct 31- 263 members.

Meeting concluded at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting: 6 pm, Tuesday, Dec 5, 2017, Brookdale Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy, Brooklyn Center, MN.

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# DANCER'S NIGHT OUT

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## USA DANCE

**USA Dance – Monthly** - 3rd Saturday Variety Dance, January 20, at DanceLife Ballroom, 6015 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis. Lesson 7 - 8 pm and dance 8 - 11 pm. Lesson - Foxtrot. Instructor: Shinya McHenry.

**Project Dance** - January 7, 14, 21 and 28 at DanceLife Ballroom, 6015 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis. Lesson at 2 pm. Lesson: Beginner Foxtrot. Instructor: Shinya McHenry.

## WEEKLY DANCES

**Awakened Dance (at 'nMotion Dance Center)** - Fridays, lesson 7 - 8 pm and dance 8 - 9 pm.

**Cinema Ballroom** – Wednesdays, Practice Party, 8 – 9 pm.

**Dancers Studio** – Thursday, Variety Dance, 8 - 9:30 pm.

**Dance With Us America** - Thursday, Practice Party, 8:15 - 9 pm.

**Costa Rica Ballroom** – Wednesday, Practice Party, 8:15 - 9 pm.

**DanceLife Ballroom**– Fridays, Variety Dance, lesson 7 - 8 pm and dance 8 - 9:30 pm.

**Ballroom & Latin Dance Club** - Fridays, lesson 7 - 8 pm and dance 8 - 10 pm.

## OTHER DANCES

**Argentine Tango Milonga** - Second Saturday of each month, January 13, class at 8:30 pm and dance 9:30 pm - 1 am. See [mntango.org](http://mntango.org) for more information.

**Café Bailar Dance Club** – Saturday Variety Party, January 13 and 27, at Costa Rica Ballroom, lesson 7:30 – 8:30 pm and dance 8:30 - 11 pm.

**Cinema Ballroom** – Variety Dance, January 5 and 19, lesson 7 – 8 pm and dance 8 – 11 pm.

**Tapestry** – Variety Dances, 1st and 3rd Sundays, January 7 (DJ is Leland Whitney) and 21, dance 6 – 9:30 pm.

**Tapestry** - Social Dance with USA Dance, 2nd Friday, January 12, 7 - 11 pm. DJ is Leland Whitney.

Lesson - Hustle II. Instructor - Duayne Wincell

**Twin Cities Rebels** – WCS and Variety Dance, January 7 and 21, at DanceLife Ballroom, 7 – 10:30 pm.

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# Beginner Foxtrot



Sunday, January 07 — 2:00 pm  
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Sunday, January 21 — 2:00 pm  
Sunday, January 28 — 2:00 pm

Classes with Shinya McHenry at

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# COMPETITION CALENDAR

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January 12 - 14, 2018

**Snow Ball Dancesport Competition**

Minneapolis, MN

January 12 - 15, 2018

**Manhattan Amateur Classic - 2018 NQE**

Jersey City, NJ

February 2 - 4, 2018

**Southeastern Dancesport Championships - 2018 NQE**

Birmingham, AL

February 16 - 18, 2018

**Mid-Atlantic Championships NQE**

Hosted by Mid-Eastern USA Dance chapter # 6001, Bethesda, MD

February 16 - 18, 2018

**Senior IV National DanceSport Championships**

Hosted by MidEastern USA Dance chapter # 6001, Bethesda, MD

April 6-8, 2018

**National DanceSport Championships**

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June 29 - July 1, 2018

**Gumbo DanceSport Championships NQE**

Baton Rouge, LA

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# Holiday Gala Dance!

By Bonnie Burton, USA Dance-Minnesota Board Member

USA Dance Minnesota has been experimenting with theme dances recently, and what better time of year to hold a theme dance than the December Christmas/Hanukkah/Solstice season? Yes! And importantly, about 130 guests thought so, too, as they eagerly arrived at Cinema Ballroom, St. Paul, on the evening of December 16.

There is always a complimentary dance lesson just before the variety dance and this evening was no exception. Instructor Isaac skillfully guided 40-50 dancers through a Viennese Waltz lesson – not an easy dance for beginners, but very popular with more experienced dancers.

DJ Lee Whitney, President of USA Dance-Minnesota, played a wide selection of holiday tunes while the dancers whirled around

a black tripod safely taped in the middle of the dance floor. An opportunity for excellent floor craft practice!

USA Dance Minnesota was conducting research at this dance. A firm called VR 360 (such as in “Virtual Reality”) filmed the dancing for several hours during the event. The tripod was in the middle of the dance floor so as to make continuous recordings in all directions. The video obtained may be crafted into a ballroom dance scene to perhaps be viewed someday through virtual reality headsets. The viewer will feel as though they are on the floor with the dancers!

Mid-evening, there were holiday performances by the Sleigh Belle Dancers, and a “Grease” medley, energetically and skillfully performed by Tyler Bridges and

partner Stephanie Riley. The social mixer was longer than usual, but everyone was enjoying it so much – and it takes more than three songs to give all 130 dancers a chance to meet prospective partners. A suggestion to have a Viennese Waltz mixer, rather than the usual Waltz/Foxtrot mixer, was politely declined!

The excitement and fun generated by theme dances is contagious and we hope you’ll consider joining us for the next one. Everyone is welcome at USA Dance monthly dances, which are always held on the third Saturday of each month. Admission is reasonably priced at \$5 for students with a current student ID; \$10 for members; and \$15 for non-members. We hope you’ll dance with us, soon!



Holiday Dance at Cinema Ballroom



Holiday Dance - Stephanie Riley and Tyler Bridges



WEEKEND GETAWAYS, LUXURY DANCE CRUISES, DANCE DESTINATIONS

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# Jeralyn Mohr and Ha Tuong Doing Dance Demos at Shopping Malls

By Ha Tuong

For many years, Yvonne and Dan Viehman have been organizing, with the assistance of their children, dance exhibits at retirement homes, to entertain seniors, and at shopping malls, to celebrate the National Dance Weeks and the Holidays. For as many as five years, Jeralyn Mohr (silver and open level) and Ha Tuong (gold star 2, has danced in Yvonne and Dan's events even longer), have been participating in these demos with other amateur couples to help promote dancing. The beautiful thing about these demos is that they serve the peaceful common good of the community and promote a selfless healthy life. Jeralyn and Ha always look forward to the next demo.

What is particular about Jeralyn/Ha's partnership is that they are not interested in competition or showcase, but enjoy the most contributing the fruit of their practices to the community, and, most importantly, dancing with each other among others. They actually perform only in Yvonne and Dan's shows! Most of the

steps they use are from intermediate and open level Dvida syllabus learned from Cinema Ballroom studio. You might not recognize the steps because they are the product of an unconventional combination of American and International styles. Some adaption and alteration have to be created to link American to International. Of course, they love to dress up with competition costumes for Yvonne and Dan's events, as you can see in Facebook posts. Their favorite dances are Rhumba and, next, Bolero which you might be surprised to know that it incorporates some International Rhumba moves. After all, they dance for the artistic pleasure, and not competition standards ... Jeralyn and Ha are not sure whether their love for Rhumba and Bolero has come from the slow Latin music or the graceful romantic dance moves. They practice at Anytime Fitness in Mendota Heights!

For now, they plan to concentrate efforts mainly on the five Rhythm dances (with a touch of Interna-

tional in them, of course). In the near future, as Ha's new titanium/steel knee recovers, they will expand into the slower Smooth dances (that won't kill his knee). You might be wondering what their smooth/standard combination is going to look like ... next year will tell.

Talking about Jeralyn and Ha, one cannot forget Carol Rosier, Ha's wife. She has been a tremendous support for Ha and Jeralyn, as well as for all of his previous partners. She dances too (she used to be a silver level dancer), but not as seriously as Ha. Performing in front of others is a "no way, Jose" for her. You will see her dancing at some social dances, such as USA Dance or studio events, and competition, such as TCO, Snow Ball, or Ohio Star Ball, to support Ha and his instructor Julie Jacobson. Like a soccer mom, since they got married in 2001, she has been carrying a camera to take his pictures dancing with his partners.



*Carol Rosier, Ha Tuong and Jeralyn Mohr  
at a Christmas Dance Demo*



*Ha Tuong and Jeralyn Mohr doing  
a Rhythm Dance*

*Here are the additional names of dancers involved in the demo on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at Rosedale Mall who danced along with Jeralyn Mohr and Ha Tuong:*

1. Lisa Wu & Daniel Lai
2. Dolores Houle & Ray Stiff
3. Laia Oliver & Glen Orcutt
4. Maryann Kudalis & Mike Checky
5. Yu Ping & Bob Anholt
6. Joyce Thompson & Denny Hukreide
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10. Sleigh Belle Dancers
11. Dan & Yvonne Viehman



*Glen Orcutt and Laia Oliver*



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# Getting Inspired!

By Deborah J. Nelson/  
Satin Stitches Ltd.

*Deborah J. Nelson is the founder, President, and head designer of Satin Stitches Ltd.*

If you keep up on my blogs, you know that besides loving to watch ‘Dancing With the Stars’ and awards shows, I am a Broadway Musical fan...I LOVE to watch great singing and dancing!

Now that the winter doldrums are setting in – with the cold and the darkness, especially here in the upper Midwest, we need to plan for fun adventures to keep us going, until we can become inspired by the refreshing sights, sounds and smells of the greenery of spring...Yes, spring is coming!

My daughter and I had never experienced the sights and sounds of the Christmas season in New York City, so this was the year for this fun adventure! It was cold, windy and snowy, but also VERY sparkly, with Holiday markets and lots of Christmas decorations adorning traditional trees and department store windows. It was so inspiring!

But the best part of our trip was

enjoying two Broadway musicals – both with fabulous costuming, and then the grand production of The Radio City Christmas Spectacular, featuring the Rockettes. Most likely you are reading this in late December or early January, so yes, it is too late for booking a trip for this winter season, but it IS ‘spectacular’. And anyone who enjoys singing, dancing and Christmas – put this show on your list. There is nothing more fun than the Radio City Theater all decked out in its Christmas finery and watching 36 pairs of high-kicking legs! (Yes, in fabulous costumes!)

As a costume designer (with a dance costume specialty) I get visual inspiration from all types of performances. As dancers, you should also be looking for choreographic inspirations. I love getting my inspiration from Broadway Show costuming. This Christmas in the City’s trip featured seeing “Hello Dolly” (with Bette Midler, a personal favorite)

and “Anastasia”. The over-the-top “Dolly” costuming was a real treat for me (designed by Santo Loquasto, who received the Tony Award this season for Best Costume Design), and watching the Russian and French period costuming of Anastasia (designed by Linda Cho) came to life.

In addition to these visual costume extravaganzas, I included two exhibits at my favorite FREE (yes, there are many FREE activities in NYC) Fashion Institute of Technology Costume Museum and the Downton Abby Exhibition that just happened to be set up during our visit (not free).

What inspires you? To me, experiences outweigh ‘things’ and the memories enrich our existence. I will keep ‘visions of costumes’ dancing in my head, to tide me over until the flowers of spring are able to inspire me.

I have had a ‘thing’ for the Rockettes since I first saw their travel-

ing show in St. Louis, MO while I was exhibiting our Satin Stitches' dance team costumes, back in 1993! The Rockettes are an upscale version of our own incredible Minnesota high school high-kick dance teams.

Several costume designers are listed in the Christmas Spectacular program, including Gregg Barnes. Barnes designed the Broadway 'Aladdin' costumes. (Some Aladdin costumes were manufactured by Parsons-Meares Ltd. – a New York company that I had the opportunity to tour and to view original Aladdin sketches and some prototypes, several years ago.) My design hero, Bob Mackie has also designed Rock-

ette costumes in the past.

The famed movie director, Vincente Minnelli designed the iconic toy soldier costumes that were first debuted in 1933. Currently, the Rockettes are still wearing a version of this costume. I will also mention that years ago, I had the opportunity to tour the backstage costume storage area to see all their iconic Rockette costumes up close.

During this year's performance, I particularly enjoyed their latest 'icicle' costumes that include 3 slightly different dresses, done in a purple, blue and turquoise. And thought back to the light blue 'icicle' dresses that Satin

Stitches created for 'our' Minnesota Illuminaires several years ago (before the new Rockettes version!). These Rockette 'icicle' costumes could easily dance a Latin routine. Inspirational costumes can be modified to fit many dance performance styles, so when looking for inspiration for your new dance costume – keep in mind that inspiration could be found almost anywhere! Creativity is based on visual sparks – something will set the ideas flowing to inspire your imagination.

And we all need extra inspiration during our Minnesota winters, so get out there and do and see and let the inspirations flow!

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