

Palmetto Ballroom Dance Club News



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UPCOMING DANCES MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- November 4 (new date)
- December 2

Dance lesson starts at 7:30; open dancing from 8:30 to 10:45. Bring your favorite finger foods to share, and/or a door prize (value not to exceed \$10-\$12), and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. And don't forget to invite a friend – our monthly dances are a great introduction to ballroom dancing!

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

For the very latest info about PBDC activities, including lots more photos and plenty of information, visit the club Web site:

www.palmettodanceclub.org

From Our Instructors

Sayonara

By Vence Jelovchan



This letter will be quite different from the normal section where we comment on ballroom dancing technical and styling issues, dance etiquette, form and technique, etc. I'll refer to this letter as my "Sayonara".

As you are well aware, I have been fighting a battle with cancer now for 3+ years. I tried to continue to instruct with Pauline but once my balance, fatigue and pain issues got to be too much, I had to excuse myself. I have exhausted all known treatments at the Duke Cancer Center and the Mayo Clinic and am now under Hospice care; thus, a change is needed.

Luckily and fortunately for our club, Donna and Rich Gerner are also well trained ballroom dancers and have stepped in to assist Pauline in my absence. So, the plan forward is for Pauline and Rich to be the primary instructors with Donna and myself remaining in the background to assist where we can.

I can't begin to share with you what ballroom dancing has meant to me personally. When Pauline and I were first dating, anytime there was a social activity involving dancing, I broke out in a cold sweat for I had no training or experience in any form of dancing; my forte' was in the sports arena. As years progressed and we married, Pauline noticed a beginner ballroom dance class being offered at the Poynor Center here in Florence. Knowing all the sacrifices Pauline made for me over the years, I elected to join her in the classes for I knew this would make her ecstatic. The rest is history... We embraced the various dances, attended various training sessions and camps, served as assistant instructors for our club for many years, then assumed the role as primary instructors many years ago. While we are not professionally trained ballroom dance instructors, we tried to make up for this by hundreds of hours of practice, private lessons, DVDs, etc. We hope we met or exceeded your expectations.

I will close for now. While my capabilities are very limited, and will continue to decrease, my enjoyment now will be to watch you from the sidelines and reap great pride in all of you as you maneuver around the dance floor knowing in some small way, we played a part in bringing the skill level of our dancers to a whole new echelon.

"Sayonara," my dear, dear friends.

Vence Jelovchan



From the President

Dear Fellow Dancers,

In October, our Club turns 19 years young. Vence and I have been there for all milestones, the fifth, the tenth, the fifteenth...you all and the club have been such a vital part of our lives. I keep trying to come up with some cute themes to keep the interest peaked. We are so fortunate that we have Rich's great skill in dance and teaching that has bridged the gap since Vence has become ill. Please keep our club in mind to invite others to enjoy this wonderful form of exercise, love, and social times.



My respect for all,

Pauline Jelovchan
Club President

Media Library

Our club's media library includes instructional videos featuring Waltz, Cha Cha, Tango, Rumba, Foxtrot, East Coast Swing, Bolero, Samba, and Salsa! These DVDs are available for loan to members of the PBDC. If interested, please see Janice Flowers who is responsible for maintaining the library. We ask that DVDs be signed out for only one month at a time to allow other members access.

- Vence & Pauline

Decorating Help Wanted!

We can always use help decorating the Leatherman Center for our monthly dance. If you have a flair for decorating, this is your chance to get involved! It does not require you to spend any money for we have an inventory of decorations available.

If you'd like to help with decorating, please call Marilyn Mong at 665-7513 or email Marilyn.mong@att.net.

Club Membership

The PBDC tries to make it as easy as possible to experience ballroom dance in the Pee Dee. The PBDC is the only ballroom dance club within 60 miles. We as members must constantly recruit new dancers in hopes that they will join our club. In the past 6 months, many members have moved away, missed attending due to medical issues, etc. Pass the word and let's boost attendance this year.

Please renew your membership promptly when due. Our club depends on your dues to help pay for the hall, DJ and special treats throughout the season. If you have not renewed your membership, we urge you to fill out and send the form in this newsletter, along with your check, to the address shown.

Palmetto Ballroom Dance Club Membership Application

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____
 Email _____

Annual membership dues are \$20 per person.

Mail to: Palmetto Ballroom Dance Club, 410 Eastburn Ct., Darlington, SC 29532



2015-16 Leadership

President: Pauline Jelovchan
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Vice-President: Jane Snipes
Janesnipes@northstarcorp.com

Treasurer: Janice Flowers

Secretary: Andrea McKenzie
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Standing Committees

Dance Theme & Decorations:
Marilyn Mong

Music and Band:
Vence & Pauline Jelovchan
Pauline: Pbjelovchan@yahoo.com
Vence: Vjelovchan@aol.com

DJ - Eddie Collins
eddiecollins@sc.rr.com

Dance Instructors: Rich Gerner and
Pauline Jelovchan

Assistant Instructors: Vence
Jelovchan and Donna Gerner

Assistant Instructors: Rich and
Donna Gerner

Newsletter: Dorr Depew

Door Prize Chairpersons: Rich and
Donna Gerner

Video Librarian: Janice Flowers

Webmaster: Bruce Blumberg



Editor's Notes

Dear Friends,

As I put this newsletter together, our friends Vence and Pauline Jelovchan are very much on my heart and in my prayers. They have made it possible for Chrissy and me to learn and enjoy ballroom dancing, even with my "two left feet." They are a beautiful couple and wonderful teachers, and all of us are blessed to call them our friends. Let's all support and especially pray for the Jelovchans as they go through a very rough time.

Dorr Depew
Newsletter Editor

Why not try your hand at writing a brief article about your dance experience? I give this invitation in every newsletter, but I've had very few to take me up on it. You don't have to be a great dancer...or a great writer...to tell your dance story! Just send it to me and we'll include it in a future newsletter. I'll even edit and polish if you like! You can email me at dorrdepew@yahoo.com, send items via regular mail to 400 Church St., Cheraw, SC 29520, or call me at 843-910-2283. The newsletter is published four times a year. We encourage all club members to contribute news and information for the newsletter. Please submit items for the next issue as soon as possible! Thanks!

Dance Information: Dances are held on the 2nd Friday of each month, unless **noted***. The Palmetto Ballroom Dance Club meets at The Leatherman Center, Freedom Blvd., Florence, SC. **Upcoming dances:**

- **November 4**
- **December 2*** Christmas Dinner/Dance - \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Dance Lesson from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Open Dancing from 8:30 til 10:45 p.m.

Admission - \$5 for members of the PBDC and \$10 for non-members



THRU THE VIEWFINDER

PHOTOS FROM RECENT DANCES
CHECK THE CLUB WEBSITE FOR MORE!

