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About USA Dance Los Angeles County

The Los Angeles County Chapter was chartered in 2004 and has since grown to be the largest Western chapter in the country. Approximately one-quarter of our members are DanceSport Athletes of all ages, who represent USA Dance in local, regional, and national competitions.

The chapter's Mission is to promote and support DanceSport and social dancing throughout the local community. The chapter hosts a regular schedule of social dances and an annual Showcase, which provides competitors and others with the opportunity to develop their performance skills.

The chapter is also proud to support programs providing on-campus ballroom dancing lessons to underprivileged elementary school students in various areas of Los Angeles. We are currently working with the Nora Steery Elementary School in a pilot of the Dancing Feet program begun in the Antelope Valley.

In addition, Los Angeles County Chapter members have, for several years, maintained a program of Outreach to numerous senior residences in the area. Many residents have said that the chapter's Outreach program has been among the best entertainments they've experienced – if not *the* best.

Recently: Dancing With Our Stars at St. Monica's

USA Dance Los Angeles County was approached by St. Monica's church and schools of Santa Monica to assist with a fundraiser, modeled on "Dancing with the Stars." The fundraiser was part of a project to bring band instruction back to the schools after a nearly-twenty-year hiatus.

The chapter fielded a team of volunteers to serve as experienced partners and choreographers for the school's "Stars," most of whom had no dance experience whatsoever. Each couple performed a dance they had less than three weeks to learn, and the audience voted for the finalists and the winner – Associate Pastor Father Tim Klosterman, partnered by Deanna Stanton. We are happy to report that the fundraiser netted over \$2000. And our volunteers (Deanna, Laura Harvell, Sue Barr, Marilyn Tucker, Fred Guerin, Joseph Hidalgo, and Brian Yip, with coaching help from Jerry Hernandez and Alexandra Caluen) had a great opportunity to explore new directions for their dancing.

The Los Angeles County Chapter hopes to continue bringing bigger and better ballroom events to the Los Angeles dance community.



MULTI-SPORT ORGANIZATION

ABOUT USA DANCE

USA DANCE is the National Governing Body for DanceSport in the United States and with 174 chapters throughout the country is also the representative organization for all social and recreational ballroom and Latin dancers in America, ranging from pre-schoolers to seniors.

For dancesport, USA Dance is the official USA member organization of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the USA member of the world governing organization, the World DanceSport Federation (called the WDSF), which is the official global member organization of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Along with the WDSF, USA Dance has the sustaining mission to support the world organizations to gain national and global acceptance for DanceSport as an official medal sport in the Olympic Games.

With nearly 23,000 U.S. members who financially support the national programs and with an outreach of more than 200,000 dancers, USA DANCE serves the industry as a leader and also as a 501c3 non-profit organization, approved by the Internal Revenue Service, and is authorized to solicit and receive donations from the public to support its promotional and educational programs.

Important USA Dance programs include the support and establishment of chapters throughout the country, financial and training support of our country's top athletes, organization and regulation of dancesport competitions at the regional and national levels, encouragement of Special Olympics dancesport and a K-12 after-school dance programs, support of seniors as recreational dancers and as athletes, fostering of a healthy, productive communications exchange via the general media and the USA Dance website, social media sites and the official publication American Dancer.

Essentially, USA Dance has the overall mission to promote the quality and quantity of ballroom dancing in America. The goal of each chapter is to serve the national mission on a grassroots level, as a leader and a motivation for ballroom dance activities in the community, colleges and schools.

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