



# USA Dance Inland Chapter #4012

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## Social Dance Etiquette

By Thelma Korpman, Chapter President

I have been asked by several members to write an article on social dance etiquette. I have used the USA Dance web page as a reference and will summarize some relevant topics.

### ASKING SOMEONE TO DANCE:

- Make eye contact.
- Offer your hand.

Say "would you like to dance?"

### ACCEPTING THE OFFER:

- Yes, thank you, I'd love to.
- In a social dance environment, it is customary to say "yes" when asked to dance.

Be kind to social dancers at all skill levels.

### DURING AND AFTER THE DANCE:

- Be aware of your partner.
- Smile and make eye contact, but don't stare.

Say "thank you" to your partner and escort them off the floor at the end of the dance.

### WHEN IS IT OK TO SAY NO TO SOMEONE THAT ASKS YOU TO DANCE:

- If you have danced with this person before and he or she has been physically or verbally abusive.
- If the person is drunk or threatening in some way.

If the dancer is physically dangerous to the other dancers.

### WHEN IS IT NOT OK TO SAY NO TO SOMEONE THAT ASKS YOU TO DANCE:

Unless truly offensive, it is never appropriate to say no because your partner may have poor dance technique. It will end quickly enough in three minutes!

### DANCE WITH A VARIETY OF PEOPLE:

- It is generally poor dance etiquette to dance with the same person all evening.
  - Accept an offer to dance from a new person.
- If the same person asks you to dance repeatedly, it is acceptable to tell that person, "thank you, but I'd like to meet and dance with some other people for awhile. I'll be happy to dance with you again later."

### CLEANLINESS:

- Social dancing is quite an intimate activity and therefore requires good hygiene.
- Bathe, use deodorant, use breath mints, and wear clean

## Dance Events at a Glance

Sept 26, Inland Chapter / YMCA, Highland  
Oct 17, Inland Chapter Nite at Steppin' Out With Cindy  
Nov ??, Inland Chapter Fall Festival of Dance (info to come)  
Dec 31, New Year's Eve Dinner / Dance Highland YMCA

clothes that will not be too hot.

- If you sweat a lot, bring along a towel and/or change of clothes.

- If you're getting too sweaty on the dance floor, stop, dry off and cool down a few minutes.

Perfume or cologne should not be used in excess as some people may be sensitive to fragrances.

### SHOULD YOU CRITICIZE YOUR PARTNER'S DANCE TECHNIQUE:

- No – unless someone asks you directly to make a correction of their dancing.
  - If your partner is off time, respect his rhythm.
- If your partner is hurting you, stop dancing for a second and say "I'm sorry but you're holding my hand a little tightly. Could we try again?" If your partner cannot modify his behavior thank him for the dance and tell him you'd like to stop now.

### FLOORCRAFT:

- You don't have to dance big to have fun especially on a crowded floor.
  - Stop and apologize if there is a collision regardless of the fault.
  - Follow the line of dance. The outside lane is the fast lane and the inside for less experienced dancers moving more slowly.
  - Do not cut across the dance floor especially when carrying food and drink..
- Move off the dance floor when engaged in conversation.

Social dancing should be fun. Your job in social dancing is to connect with your partner in a fun and supportive way. You can sign up for competitions if you want to do a performance and win a trophy. But when social dancing, being a considerate and thoughtful dance partner can ensure a wonderful experience.

## YMCA and Inland Chapter Summer Solstice Dance



Highland YMCA Staff



Food galore



USADance Members



# Inland Chapter of USA Dance Public Dances and Events

Date	Event	Studio	Time/Admission
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Inland Chapter / YMCA Dance	<b>Highland YMCA</b> 7793 Central Ave, Highland (909) 425-9622	7-11 pm Free to Full YMCA Member \$8 Basic YMCA Member \$8 USADance Member with card \$10 Non-members
Fridays	Public Dance (call for schedule)	<b>D &amp; D Dance Center</b> 1445 Spruce Street , Riverside (951) 248-0599	
Saturdays	Public Dance (call for schedule)	<b>Shake It Up Dance Studio</b> 14 E State Street , Redlands (909) 335-5959 <a href="http://www.shakeitupdance.com">www.shakeitupdance.com</a>	8-9 pm Lesson 9-12 Dance \$10 Single / \$14 Couple (includes lesson)
2nd, 4th Saturday	Public Dance (call to confirm)	<b>Kipp Duran's Dance Studio</b> 10 E. Vine Street, Suite 213 Redlands (951) 283-2035	6:30-7:30 pm Lesson (Included) 7:30-9:30 pm Dance \$8
1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday  <b>USADance Nite Oct 17th</b>	Public Dance (call to confirm)	<b>Steppin' Out with Cindy Roberts</b> 9506 Magnolia Ave., #210, Riv. (951) 785-1674 <a href="http://www.steppinoutwithcindy.com">www.steppinoutwithcindy.com</a>	8:00 to 12:00 pm Dance \$10 8:30 to 9:30 pm Lesson (Included)
1st Saturday of every month	Public Dance	<b>Loma Linda Senior Center</b> 25571 Barton Rd, Loma Linda (909) 799-2820	7-11:00 pm \$5
1st 3rd 5th Sunday	Public Dance	<b>Billy Reed's</b> 1800 N Palm Canyon, Palm Springs (951) 640-7267 Elvia Gomez	2:00-3:00 pm Lesson \$5 3:00-6:00 pm Dance \$5 Both for \$8

**Note:** Prices are set by the studios and subject to change. USA Dance members may receive a discount on dance nights.



(Left) The Inland Chapter would like to give special thanks to Maureen Roseberry and Richard Brinton for their assistance in decorating the Carousel Ball.



(Right) Roger and Linda Itaya performed a Waltz at the YMCA / USADance event held at the Highland YMCA.

**USA DANCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR INLAND CHAPTER #4012**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:[h] (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ [w] (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Category** (Annual cost per person) Renewal: Y N Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Athlete (19, over) \_\_\_\_\_x\$60=\$\_\_\_\_\_ Are you willing to help USADance? Y N How? \_\_\_\_\_

Student Athlete (College to 34) \_\_\_\_\_x\$20=\$\_\_\_\_\_ Social Dancer? \_\_ Competitor? \_\_ Style: Pro/Am? \_\_ American? \_\_

Minor Athlete (18, under) \_\_\_\_\_x\$15=\$\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ International? \_\_

Social Ballroom Dancer \_\_\_\_\_x\$35=\$\_\_\_\_\_ Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Adult Dancer (most people) \_\_\_\_\_x\$25=\$\_\_\_\_\_ Return application and check (payable to **USADance**) to:

**Plus Local Chapter Dues** \_\_\_\_\_x\$10=\$\_\_\_\_\_ USADance c/o Martin Smaha Questions? (909) 825-1695

Total Check Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ 823 Elmwood St., Colton CA 92324



**Birthday Wishes**

Marigail Rogers	Edward Graff
Betty Richards	Carolyn Hays
Jerry Beckley	Mim Frantz
Steven Mackenzie	Patricia Nihart
Mel Hodell	
Martin Smaha	



**New Members**

Edward Graff  
Susie Graff

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