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Members In Profile

Rueben and Rita Aguilar

By Thelma Korpman, Chapter President

For this issue of the USA Dance-IE newsletter I will focus my President's Message on a couple that, in my opinion, epitomizes what USA Dance is all about. Of course I am talking about Reuben and Rita Aguilar. They continuously promote the mission of USA Dance which is to promote ballroom dancing. They do it with no financial remuneration for themselves but rather for the love of dancing, for the joy of seeing the Inland Empire enjoy dancing, and as a way to give something back to the community. They greet each and every guest at their Loma Linda Senior Center and Highland Family YMCA Dances as if the guest were a visitor in their home. They introduce me as "Madame President" of USA Dance -IE at each event with such pomp that I feel humbled to be serving in this capacity and yet overwhelmed with my own importance!!!! When I come back down to earth I am given the microphone and all the time it takes to go over the benefits of membership and local events taking place and to encourage each and every dancer to join our organization. Membership continues to increase because of this exposure.

Reuben started his ballroom dancing adventure attending country dancing at the then Midnight Rodeo and Filipino Association Dinner-Dance Parties. He usually went without Rita because she had not yet seen the light. Their daughter asked him right in front of Rita: "Is your wife going with you tonight?". After several years he finally convinced Rita to go dancing with him. One night on the way home from Midnight Rodeo, they noticed some dancing at the Diamond Ballroom and stopped in. At that moment Rita knew that ballroom dancing was the kind of dancing she wanted for the two of them to learn together. And the rest is history.

Dance Events at a Glance

Sept 26, Inland Chapter & Highland YMCA Dance
Oct 17, Inland Chapter Nite at Steppin' Out With Cindy
Oct 23, Inland Chapter Nite at D&D, Riverside
Dec 31, New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance, Highland YMCA

Reuben is the performer. Rita is behind the scenes and sometimes front scene "personal assistant". They knew they were finally dancers when they could follow the line of dance with the smooth dances. As a rule they do not compete except one time at Cerritos Performing Arts several years ago when Reuben won the Tush Push championship out of 200 male competitors! Go Reuben!!!! They are proud of doing a mini-showcase at Arthur Murray Riverside where they performed an American Tango and Reuben danced an Argentine Tango and a salsa at Diamond Ballroom. Recently at the Loma Linda Senior Center Reuben did a lovely bolero with D & D instructor Elvia Gomez and an Argentine Tango with Shake It Up dance instructor Amy. He performed the tango in August at the Shake It Up showcase. They want to remember and be proficient again in dancing certain dance figures previously learned since the old adage applies: "if you don't use it, you will lose it" and this is where dance lessons serve a very useful purpose. Reuben wants to be more refined in American, Argentine and International Tango - a most ambitious undertaking!! As social dancers Reuben and Rita want to dance well (or at least better) in the smooth, selected Latin and swing dances.

To the Aguilars, dancing means having fun, "dancercising" and meeting people. Dancing is uplifting and stress relieving suggesting general health benefits in all aspects. Those of us that dance know that dancing can on the other hand be stressful especially when each partner claims to be performing the

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step correctly and it's not working out! On a more optimistic note, many of us have obtained our circle of friends through dancing and retained these friendships. As Rita says in order to gain new friends "one has to be friendly". And friendly she is!!

For years before his retirement Reuben was part of the Loma Linda VA Health Fitness program for the employees and shared what he knew regarding country line dancing and beginning ballroom dancing to employees that joined the program. After his retirement, Reuben shared what he knew with dance enthusiasts at his beginning ballroom dance classes at the Loma Linda Senior Center and the YMCA. He has since retired from teaching but continues to organize public ballroom dancing at these facilities with Rita by his side making us all feel like we're dancing in their living room!! Thanks, Reuben and Rita for all you do in the Inland Empire to promote the mission of USA Dance!!



Inland Chapter of USA Dance Public Dances and Events

Date	Event	Studio	Time/Admission
Sept 26 th Saturday	Inland Chapter / YMCA Dance	Highland YMCA 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 USADance Nite Oct 23rd	Public Dance (call for schedule)	D & D Dance Center 1445 Spruce Street , Riverside (951) 248-0599	7:30 - 8:00 pm Lesson 8-9 pm Dance (10pm on USADance Nite!) \$5 includes both Lesson and Dance
Saturdays	Public Dance (call for schedule)	Shake It Up Dance Studio 14 E State Street , Redlands (909) 335-5959 www.shakeitupdance.com	8-9 pm Lesson 9-12 Dance \$10 Single / \$14 Couple (includes lesson)
2nd, 4th Saturday	Public Dance (call to confirm)	Kipp Duran's Dance Studio 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 USADance Nite Oct 17th	Public Dance (call to confirm)	Steppin' Out with Cindy Roberts 9506 Magnolia Ave., #210, Riv. (951) 785-1674 www.steppinoutwithcindy.com	8:00 to 12:00 pm Dance \$10 8:30 to 9:30 pm Lesson (Included)
1st Saturday of every month	Public Dance	Loma Linda Senior Center 25571 Barton Rd, Loma Linda (909) 799-2820	7-11:00 pm \$5
1st 3rd 5th Sunday	Public Dance	Billy Reed's 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.



D & D Dance Center, Riverside, wins Top Studio trophy at the Nevada Star Ball.

Owner, David VanDerZell, wins Top Teacher!

Congratulations to David and D&D!

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

Greg Brittain	Irene Ross
Paige Shaughnessy	Roger Itaya
Linda Becker	Sally Callaway
Jimmie Morrison	Fred Gusman
Joe Sidor	Berton McComb
Dianna Valdez	Tina Scarsella
Ricardo Tomboc	



New Members

Helen Dullas

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