

December 2007
Dance Calendar



LOUIS DEL PRETE

Sat. Dec. 22
Sat. Jan 19

8:30 pm - 12:30 am



Adm: \$15 pp Refreshments
Featuring The Best In Ballroom Music

Complimentary dance lesson (with admission)

Singles Only Tables

Call **LOUIS 516-819-9016** for Reservations & Directions

The Suburban Temple
2900 Jerusalem Ave. • Wantagh

Learn to Move or Improve!!
It's Fun & Easy with **Lynn**

6 WEEK WINTER SESSION
(ending Dec. 13th)

MONDAY

7 pm ... Mambo
8 pm ... Rumba
9 pm ... Quickstep

THURSDAYS

7 pm ... Chacha
8 pm ... Hustle
9 pm ... Swing Level II

(No Class Thur Dec 20 & 27 and Mon Dec 17, 24 & 31)
\$8 per class

Class Cards available:
6 for \$45 / 10 for \$70

CALL LYNN 516-795-5554
Private Lessons by Appointment:
\$60 hr. / \$30 1/2 hr.

STONY BROOK

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

SBU Dance presents

Tis the Season for Dancin
Ballroom A, SAC
Stony Brook University

SUN Dec. 9th

MUSIC: Louis del Prete
Italian Buffet Dinner (BYOB)

Pro Showcase; Black tie optional
7pm to 11pm

Adm: \$35 in advance by Dec. 1st
(check payable to Campus Recreation, can be mailed to PO Box 134, Stony Brook, NY 11790; \$45 cash at the door.

For directions and info on lesson & other events, visit our website:

www.LIBallroom.org

Mark and Karen Dance Zone Dance Socials

Latin • Ballroom • Hustle Dance Mix
Lesson by Mark - Dance hosts available

Mark and Karen teach all over Long Island

NEXT DANCE: SAT. DEC. 1

8:30 PM-12:30 AM w/ Lorenzo Salsa Show
Adm \$14pp

Adm. Includes: Dance Lesson, Snack Table

DANCE: Sat. Jan 5 8:30 PM-12:30
Wantagh Jewish Center
3710 Woodbine Ave.
For Info Call: **516-835-9996**
www.mjames.org

BAYSHORE MEMORIAL BUILDING • 102 E. Main St • Bayshore
GROUP LESSONS: Mondays in Dec: 3, 10, 17 - 3 Wks \$24 for month
7:00 Hustle & WCS Adv. Beg./Int. • 8:00 Street Salsa Inter
HUSTLE WORKSHOP & SHOW: Dec 16 (Sun) • 1-4pm • BEST DEAL 2 hr/\$20 or 3 hrs/\$30

HAUPPAUGE: KAREN'S SEXY LADIES STYLING WORKSHOP
Dec 2 (Sun) - Hauppauge 11:30am-1pm • 1.5 hrs for \$15

Rhythm Express Spotlight

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Make it Great for 2008!

Jayne & Sylvia (Ranreg Dance Group) invite you to join them for a

New Year's Eve Celebration!

\$90/pp The Sterling 8:30PM-???

345 Hicksville Rd., Bethpage, NY
• Dancing all evening (to the best in Ballroom & Latin music) • Top shelf rolling bar (premium liquor service) • Cocktail hour w/passed Hors D'oeuvres • Four course catered dinner - white gloved service • Appetizer • Salad • Choice of entree (meat, poultry, fish or vegetarian) • Dessert of New Year's cake, full ice cream bar • Int'l coffee service & cordial cart

(Due to our New Years Eve Party there will not be a Ranreg Dance at Suburban Park J.C. in East Meadow) **Call Sylvia**
For info & res: **516-938-4367**
Join us on Jan. 26, 2008
\$5/pp Discount before 11/23/07
for our next dance!

A Night of Ballroom Dancing

The Huntington Murray Dance Center

Hosted by James and Carrie Hamm



Sun. Dec 2

6pm-10pm • \$14pp

Sat. Dec 8

8pm-12 Midnight • \$14pp

Always a Complimentary Dance Lesson

Great Mix: Ballroom & Latin
Refreshments • 50/50 Raffle
Beautiful Large Dance Floor

WHITMAN PLAZA
326 Walt Whitman Road • Lower Level #LL100



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Promote an event or sign up for our email list by sending us an email to: **nextstep@dancin.com**



George and a fellow amputee that has taken up Salsa



George and former dance partner Gail Bloom.

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George moved to Atlanta in 1988 from the New York area where he had been born and raised, taking a dance instructor position for Dance City Ballroom. For the next six years, life was good, as he continued teaching, doing shows, and competing. For George these were the things that provided the passion any of us would love to possess in our everyday life.

Then in 1994 the unthinkable happened. George was the victim of a hit and run driver which left him with just one leg. After months of mental anguish George began dancing again with the encouragement of his friends and students,. This too did not come without more complications. The return to dancing augmented the original trauma requiring additional surgeries on his leg as well as his fingers from staff infections. But George was never one to be sidelined for long.

A smile was the first thing I noticed when seeing him for the first time since his accident almost 13 years ago. "Hey Chuck!!" in a loud enthusiastic voice followed by a big hug. It was like nothing had ever changed. Sure he was there on crutches but his spirit and positive attitude were wholly intact. George did a show that night and danced several general dances, without crutches I may add, and continues to teach and dance back in Atlanta today.

After seeing him that night I left with a different point of view about many things. Little irritations in life became just that, little and or unimportant. Now when I hear people or find myself complaining about different things I tend to think for a moment about George and how he has handled adversity. I then reconsider that life actually is pretty darn good and that I have no complaints any larger than some lumps in my oatmeal. Thanks for the perspective George and thanks for being my friend.

Please read more and see George's videos on the Web at these locations:

- http://www.sbil.org/success/success_story.php?successid=5
- <http://www.dancingoutofthedark.com/george.htm>
- http://www.mjames.org/george_velazquez.html
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42N4sD5l44s>
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_Glofkh0e4

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

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