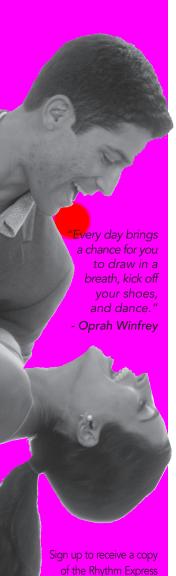


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What's Your New Year's **Resolution?**

First and foremost, we wish everyone a Happy New Year! If you're like me, you are ignited with excitement for what is on the horizon in 2015, and have considered making a few healthy New Year's resolutions.

As you have learned from Chuck Fetta's December Spotlight column "New Beginnings" I'm excited to kick off the January 2015 issue as the new editor of the Rhythm Express! Thanks to Chuck, it's been an amazing experience for me in

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Louis Del Prete: Westbury Thursday Night Dance Club, 8:15-11:30pm open dance, 516.819.9016 SEE AD

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On the Technique

The Underarm Switch Turn



Richard Fiore

Editor's spotlight

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What's Your New Year's Resolution?

helping him to produce this incredible dance calendar for the past eight years. I am extremely grateful for all he has accomplished in making this a successful publication. Please join me in recognizing Chucks great work throughout the years as we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

The goal has always been to add value to the dance community by providing a full-featured calendar of events including group and private classes, workshops, dances, and other special happenings. My resolve is to continue reaching this goal each and every month by adding even more value to Rhythm Express. We will continue to keep our dance community well informed of events in a well structured easy to read colorful calendar format.

As an added bonus we are including a new column called 'On The Technique' that will be authored by Richard Fiore, one of our most professional dance teachers. We will aim to include topics that relate to relevant techniquesoriented aspects rhythm ballroom and dancing. Additionally, we welcome your suggestions for topics that you would like us to cover. While this column may not appear in every issue, we will do our best to provide as many as possible throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank each of our sponsors for their continued support and I look forward to another banner year in 2015. It is time to welcome and embrace the New Year with hope and spirit as we celebrate and dance.

Happy New Year! Loren The Switch Turn is one of the most commonly danced underarm turns out on the dance floor. While the actual steps appear easy, special attention to technique is needed in order to more properly dance an attractive Switch Turn. Using good technique will always make this turn look and feel spectacular.

Let's outline the basic sequence of actions for leading and following a Switch Turn. Using Rumba as an example, the man leads the lady to dance the first half of a Rumba Box (quick quick slow) followed by a chasse with feet stepping side, together, side (quick quick slow). The closed dance hold is released over the chasse as both partners end in an Open Facing dance position with the man's left hand holding the lady's right hand.

The man then leads the lady to an Open Break where both partners' rock back and then transfer their weight forward toward each other. He raises her right arm as he steps to the side to initiate the turn. She places her right foot to the side and slightly forward turning 1/8 to her right to enter the turn.

As the man continues to lead the lady into the turn under the raised arms, he rocks back while she steps forward with her left foot placing it in line with her right foot turning 1/8 to her right followed by an additional 1/2 turn. She finishes by transferring her weight to her right foot, and then closes left foot to right foot without weight continuing to turn 1/4 right to face her partner. The man re-establishes the closed dance hold as he leads the lady to dance the 2nd half of the Rumba Box (quick quick slow) to finish the figure.

Here are some useful lead and follow technique suggestions for dancing a more attractive Switch Turn.

Both Partners:

• Don't rush; maintain good timing with the music. Rushing will confuse your partner resulting in loss of continuity in the figure.

- Keep your posture straight and slightly forward with weight over the balls of the feet.
- The footwork is predominantly ball flat. Steps are taken on the inside edge of the ball of the foot and then lowed to the flat part of the foot.
- Always maintain a degree tone, not tension, in the arms.
- The handhold needs to be maintained midway between partners. The ability to lead and follow will greatly diminish if one partner pulls or pushes the joined hands toward or away from the common center.
- Be careful not to clasp the joined hands too tightly. The handhold should be maintained in a more open non-resistive manner during the turn.
- Advanced dancers move in a more staccato fashion. For example, the lady may delay entering the turn and then turn sharply to catch up with the rhythm. This adds an attractive styling to the figure.

Leader:

• The lead has to be clear over each of the steps. Remember you are expecting the lady to follow your intention to guide her through three-dimensional dance space and therefore she needs clear direction.

- Do not use a forceful lead but rather lightly raise the arms just above her head and gently guide her through the turn.
- Do not rush the lead, as this will always create confusion for the follower.
- Be decisive and know the figures that you plan to lead well in advance; always have several follow figures in mind.

Follower:

- Wait for the man's lead; do not lead yourself into the turn. Turning before the lead is initiated will desynchronize the action making it difficult to regroup.
- Allow the man to lead you through the turn. Do not oppose the lead with 'noisy arms' that push or pull. This will diminish his ability to lead you properly.
- Align both feet in the same track while dancing a Switch Turn. If the feet are misaligned

and outside of the track, the legs will get crossed making it difficult to finish the turn.

• To complete the turn the lady needs to close her left foot to her right foot without weight while turning ¼ to her right to face her partner (in this example). This will ensure proper body alignment with her partner as he re-establishes a normal closed dance hold.

These techniques will serve to improve the look and feel of a Switch Turn. Superb dancing involves the non-verbal language of lead and follow that develop over time through practice. Get the most enjoyment out of every step as you dance in style. Enjoy dancing the Switch Turn.

Richard Fiore teaches ballroom and rhythm dance classes at several colleges on Long Island as well as group, private and special events choreography sessions. He holds professional teaching certifications from the US Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing and is a trainer for candidates seeking professional teaching certifications. Richard can be contacted by e-mail at: RF1111@yahoo.com



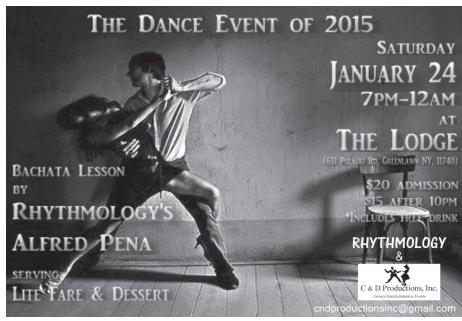


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Cha Cha group 7:45pm and Social at 8:30pm (wear Red) \$15/single and \$25/couple. SEE AD

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NY Crystal Dance Studio: 282-D Higbie Lane West Islip - Social 9pm-12am. \$8pp. Refreshments. 631.422.4456. **St. Bernards WW Social**

St. Bernards WW Social Dance: Massapequa, Elks Club
2162 Veterans Blvd. 8pm-12am.
Music by DJ Ray. Dance, open bar,

coffee, tea, cake, refreshments \$15, Call Chris: 631.842.6734

SAT JAN 24 CLASSES Breakin' Out Ballroom:

Patchogue. 8:30PM SALSA workshops Beginner Salsa & Bachata at 10am and Intermediate Salsa at 11am. \$40pp & \$65/couple. SEE AD



DANCES

Ballroom & Latin Mix: Bayside Jewish Center 8pm-12:00am. Lesson at 7:30pm. Hot Buffet served at 8:30pm, Music by DJ Noah. Nancy 718-747-2230 SEE AD

Louis Del Prete: Deer Park VFW. 8:00pm-12:00am. Ballroom/ Latin. 516.819.9016 SEE AD

Rhythmology and C & D **Productions Inc.:** The Huntington Moose Lodge located at 631 Pulaski Road in Greenlawn. 7pm-12am. Lite Fare & Dessert. Bachata lesson by Alfred Pena. Please make your reservations ahead of time: cndproductionsinc@gmail.com. SFF AD

SUN JAN 25 CLASSES

Baile Inolvidable: MVP Fitness Center @ 100 Parkway Dr S. Hauppauge. Technique Workshop. 1pm-2pm Latin Abs 2pm-3pm Lead/Follow. \$20pp. 917-214-5484. SEE AD

Donna DeSimone Attitudes in Motion: 756 Old Bethpage Rd. Old Bethpage. 1pm2pm Inter/Adv Hustle, \$15pp 516-375-8498

DANCES Argentine Tango Lovers:

Mirelle's, 170 Post Ave., Westbury. Dinner, mixed dancing between sets, 7-11pm, \$30.Special performance by Diego Blanco and Ana Padron! (\$25 members). Cash Bar. 631-242-0686. Call to reserve your table!! SEE AD

Dance to the Sounds of DJ **Rav:** Massapegua Elks Club. 2162 Veteran's Blvd., Massapegua. Ballroom Mix. 7–11pm, \$15pp. Doors open 6:30pm. Open Bar. 516.798.2162 or 516.385.1720

MON JAN 26 CLASSES

Dance with Lynn: Massapequa 7:30PM (beginner/int) Salsa, 8:15PM (beginner/int) Bolero. 516.795.5554 SEE AD

Dance Obsession: Farmingdale. 6PM Beginner, 7PM Interm. Bolero, 8PM Int. Foxtrot, 9PM Interm. Salsa. 516.753.2121 Barney & Debbie. SEE AD

Donna DeSimone Breakin'

Out Ballroom: 427B West Main St. Patchoque. 7–7:45pm: Beg/Inter. Hustle, 7:45pm-8:30pm: Slow Inter. West Coast Swing, 8:30–9:15pm: Inter Hustle, \$60/4 weeks, 2 classes for \$108 or \$18 drop-in: 631-569-4844.

TUE JAN 27 CLASSES

Argentine Tango Lovers: Mirelle's, 170 Post Ave., Westbury. Lessons: 7 -7:45 pm Beg, 7:45 -8:30 Int, 8:30-10:30 Practica, \$18 (\$15 members). Hot buffet. 631-242-0686. SEE AD

Breakin' Out Ballroom: Patchogue. 8:30PM BACHATA workshop. \$40pp & \$65/couple. SEE AD

Donna DeSimone Attitudes in Motion: 756 Old Bethpage Rd. Old Bethpage. 7:30-8:30pm: Inter/Adv Hustle, 8:30-9:30pm: Slow Inter. West Coast Swing. \$15pp. 516-375-8498.

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DANCES Sons of Italy: 2075 Deer Park Ave. Deer Park. 7:30-11:30pm. Includes Door prizes, Hot buffet. \$15pp. Doors open 7pm. Dance w/DJ Ray. 631.586.3928 or 516.385.1720.

THUR JAN 29 CLASSES

Lori Ann Greenhouse: Innovative Dancesport Hauppauge. 7pm Ladies Latin and Hustle Styling, 8pm Intermediate Hustle. 631–332–8883 **Swing and Cha Cha Tech**

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DANCES

Louis Del Prete: Westbury Thursday Night Dance Club, 8:15-11:30pm open dance, 516.819.9016 SEE AD

FRI JAN 30
<u>CLASSES</u>
Breakin' Out Ballroom:

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CLASSES

Baile Inolvidable: MVP Fitness Center @ 100 Parkway Dr. S. Hauppauge. 8-9pm Beg/Int Argentine Tango. \$10 pp/per class. 917-214-5484. SEE AD.

DANCESArgentine Tango Lovers:

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<u>SPECIAL EVENT</u> Dance to the Sounds of DJ Ray:

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SAT JAN 31 DANCES Ballroom & Latin Mix:

Hosted by Valerie & Tony @ Arthur Murray, 5 Fifth Ave. Bay Shore 8PM-12AM \$15pp. Refreshments-Prizes. For Info Call Valerie at 631–581–8509 or 631–665–1766.

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Donna DeSimone's NYC DancXchange Lounge: Paul
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St. - 4th Floor NYC. DJ Johnny "O".
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