



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



MOTOR CITY JAM UNPLUGGED

Yes, March Madness has changed it's name. In a way it's sad to see it go. Mostly because I sought out things about dance madness that I could use in the souvenir program. Articles that you may remember about a Michigan governor who felt only married couples should dance or quirky comments like *"I have more respect for a saloon keeper than I do for a dance teacher."* Or *"I found the ballroom an avenue of destruction to multitudes. This is the truth burned into the hearts of thousands of downcast fathers and brokenhearted mothers, and husbands are legion who can look into deserted homes left desolate by wives and daughters led captive by the magnificent burst of harmony and the laying on of hands."*

While that madness may be gone, the precepts of the event have merged with what was the summer event, the original Motor City Jam. So the revamped event has MM's Latin dance (Salsa), MCJ's African dance, MM's competitions and MCJ's swing dance training ground.

As always, MCJ will offer a variety of classes at different levels. With us this year to teach are Brent and Kellese Key, two time U.S. Open Swing Dance Championships Classic Division winners, Sylvia Sykes, a six-time U.S. Open finalist with partner Jason Christodoulou; Charlie and Linda Reese, Carolina Shag Masters Division finalists; Riley Wimes, Jr. and Margot McGraw, three-time ALHC Great Lakes region contest winners who are specialists in Collegiate Shag and the Charleston; Skye Humphries and Caitlin George from Minnie's Moochers. Joining this slate of teachers is Jon Ross teaching Hip Hop and Michelle McKinney teaching African.

In addition to the regular class series, we have a one-day intensive and a mini-

workshop for Lindy competitors. As an answer to the "I want to dance, but I CAN'T!" trauma, MCJ will offer, for the first time, a "Learn To Swing Dance Intensive" for anyone and everyone who wants to get out on the dance floor whether they have a partner or not. The workshop will run for four hours, beginning at 2:15 on Saturday, March 2. I'll teach the workshop ably assisted by Deor Orzame. It's goal is to get you up and comfortably out on the dance floor in one afternoon. Whereas the Lindy competitors' Show and Performance class meets for three sessions over two days. It is designed to give attendees that competitive edge and is only open to couples as is the "Dips, Tricks and Air Steps" class.

We also have offered a Blues class. It isn't West Coast. It isn't Lindy. It is dancing to Blues music with elements of Tango, Fox Trot and dirty dancing all rolled into one. It is not for the faint of heart.

Also, in the past you have had the option of purchasing a weekend pass or classes individually. This year you may purchase a Saturday day pass for \$75, which includes classes and the dance, or a Sunday day pass for \$60. MSDA members may show their membership card to receive a \$5 discount off the cost of a weekend pass. Weekend passes are \$99 (\$94 MSDA). After this month's dance, their price increases to \$119 (\$114 MSDA). They are \$125 (\$120 MSDA) at the door.

As a special MSDA perk, members can register for individual classes at this month's MSDA dance for \$12 instead of the regular \$15 per class. Each class is an hour and fifteen minutes. It's a great savings if you don't feel you're up to a day of dancing and only want to take a few classes.

In addition to the Corner Pocket Band

playing on Friday night, and the Rhythm Society playing Saturday night, there will be a DJ'd Blues Room open each night. West Coasters, Shaggers and all types of swing dancers will be able to dance all night long.

Now that I've passed on the word about Motor City Jam, I have only one last quote. One I think we may all share. "While I dance I cannot judge, I cannot hate, I cannot separate myself from life. I can only be joyful and whole. That is why I dance." So I ask you to pass the word, too. I'll see you at the dance
.....by Paulette Brockington



**DON'T MISS THE
MYSTERY SHOWCASE
GUESTS AT THIS
MONTH'S DANCE.** You'll see
dances never performed
before at the MSDA!!

DANCE LESSON

Last month, Tim Constant taught crossover steps for Swing. He took steps from East Coast, West Coast, Shag, and Bop and showed us how to put them in our favorite dance. Thanks, Tim. It's always fun when you teach!




This month, Paulette Brockington will teach West Coast Dirty Dancing Style. I asked her to cover "Maybe a styling move or two for the ladies and the way to showcase a lady as she does her slow, sexy stuff during a side pass leading to a double underarm turn. You know..simple stuff." :-)) Bio on page 4.

NEW MEMBERS

The MSDA warmly welcomes the following Dancers to the club. Thanks so much for your support!

- LARRY ANCOG
- BRUCE CRAGIN
- CAROL GUIDICELLI
- HOPE HOFFMAN
- DEBORAH SKOUSEN
- HAROLD STILSON, JR
- ELENA WILLIAMS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY
PEOPLE 

The MSDA has a birthday party every month for those with birthdays during that month. We announce the members' names, have a birthday dance especially for them and serve cake. We also have a small gift for those present at the party in their birthday month. Please be sure to open it before leaving the party...it needs to be laminated.

SALLY	STREET	2/3
BRENDA	RUPP	2/4
GEORGE	KRUCZKOWSKI	2/4
BOB	LEICH	2/5
ROXANNE	THORPE	2/6
LINDA	HIVELEY	2/7
ELENA	WILLIAMS	2/10
NANCY	HENDERSON	2/11
JEFF	SUGAMOSTO	2/11
JEANETTE	BRABANDT	2/22
BENJAMIN	CHATHAM	2/24
JERRY	BARTON	2/24



FUTURE PARTIES


February 17

- March 17
- April 21
- May 19
- June 23
- July 21

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Please note: Some of the dates are not on the 3rd Sunday due to holidays or convention dates.
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The birthday cake for our parties is provided by Dave Michalski. He gives us a great discount and will give any MSDA member a discount too. Dave's shop is located at:

Gallery of Cakes
29457 5 Mile Rd.
Livonia, MI 48154
734-427-9202
Hours:
Tues - Fri, 10 to 6
Saturday, 10-2:30
Sunday, Closed

LOCAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS 

MOTOR CITY JAM
March 1-3, 2001 Troy, MI.
Discounts to MSDA members
Lindy and blues competitions. Workshops in ECS, WCS, Lindy, Shag, Balboa, Salsa, Cha Cha, Blues and African dancing. Corner Pocket Band, the Rhythm Society Orchestra plus Blues room dancing. 313.790.2311 or PauletteBrockington@yahoo.com. <http://www.artspectrum.org/mcj.htm>

MID U.S. JACK & JILL
March 22-24 Walli's Supper Club, Flint, MI. Swing and hustle workshops and competitions. 3 Day Package - \$79 in advance, includes 2 dinners, 1 breakfast. Day tickets available.
Discounts to MSDA members
FMI: bbudzyn@home.com or 810-694-7625 or <http://www.imsdesign.net/michiganswing/>

AMERICAS CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 28-31 Dallas, TX
11 competition categories.
\$25,000 in cash & prizes, plus 5 Championship Workshops
3 Day Package - \$89,00
<http://www.americasclassic.com/>



SMOKEY MOUNTAIN BOOGIE 4

March 28-31 Gatlinburg, TN
Free workshops, swing dancing.
\$45 for the whole weekend.
Bill Hughes, 865-947-0494 or metaltiger@mindspring.com
<http://atlantaswingdancers.com/smoky.jpg>

INTERNATIONAL HUSTLE & SALSA COMPETITION

April 4-7 Miami, FL
954-927-9010 or <http://www.hustleandsalsa.com/>

SWINGIN' AT SEA 2002

May 5-12th
Western Caribbean cruise
40 workshops, 35 professional dancers. Beata (818) 500-9324 or Deborah Szekely (626)441-8381
http://www.yeeaaahhh.com/Cruise_2002/cruise_2002.html

USA GRAND NATIONALS

May 23-27 Atlanta, GA
Competitions & workshops
\$35,000 in prizes. Two swing ballrooms. 3 day pass..\$80 (770) 512-7848 or <http://www.gndcatlanta.com/>
Renaissance Waverly Hotel (888) 559-5671



DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS



THE DANCE CLUB classes begin each month at the Amber House in Warren. Schedule:

http://amberhouse-danceclub.com/class_schedule.htm. Private lessons available. Mambo, Hustle, ChaCha - Tango - Waltz - Foxtrot - Swing - West Coast. Huge Dance Floor! Amber House, 7012 E. Nine Mile Road (Just W. of VanDyke) Warren, MI. (586).754.3434
AMBER HOUSE also offers Tuesday lessons with Tim Constant. 7:30 to 8:30 PM for ECS and 8:30 to 9:30 for Carolina Shag. FMI: Call (586) 754-3434. **New classes starting soon!** Contact Tim at ninmiller@hotmail.com

The Amber House is pleased to present a new series of classes featuring CINDY GERALDS. Cindy and Bill Scheff will be conducting beginning waltz and hustle classes on Monday nights. 586-754-3434. Cindy is also available for private lessons.

STARDUST DANCE STUDIO

Discount of \$1.00 for MSDA members for their Friday night parties. **Please Note Time Change! Beginning March 1st! Friday Night Dance Parties will change to a new time! 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM** FMI: (248) 356-5678. See attached class schedule. <http://stardustballroom.com>

ROYAL OAK ARTHUR MURRAY

Friday night parties. 9:15 -10:45 PM. \$5. **Discount of \$1.00 for MSDA members.**

RHYTHM DANCE PARTIES..2nd Sat.'s Saturday, February 9th, 8:30 — 11:00 PM. \$10.00 Per Person (Includes Refreshments) **\$2.00 Discounts given to MSDA members.** 811 North Main Street, Royal Oak. FMI: 248-548-4770

TROY DANCE STUDIO

They offer MSDA members **\$1.00 discount on every event** they hold. Scheduled Theme Parties on Tuesdays. NEW STUDIO: FMI: Elaine Marrero, TDS. (248) 689-3393.

TROY DANCE STUDIO WEST

6750 Orchard Lk. Rd., W.B. 248-538-4343. elainemarrero@home.com
<http://troydancestudio.com>

DANCE ALERT

Want to receive the latest e-mail news on dance related events in Michigan? Want to know where the hottest dance floors are? To subscribe **free** to all the latest dance news, visit her website at:

<http://dancemichigan.com>.

Instructors, DJ's, Bands and Event Coordinators may advertise for free. You can print out a huge list of area dance floors or check out the Information Station at the monthly dance for her list.

RHYTHM N' SHOES DANCE STUDIO

\$1.00 discount to MSDA members on Thursday night dances. 8:30 to 10:30 PM. DJ..Suzie Brecht. 2172 Franklin Rd, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-0299. RhythmNShoes@aol.com. See attached schedule.

DELIZ DANCE ACADEMY

231 Eureka Road, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 281-1969. Valentine's Dance Feb 16th, 9 to 11:30 PM. \$5. Snacks, sweets and drinks will be served. **\$1 discount to MSDA members.** M-F, 1pm-10pm, Sat. by appt. 734.281.1969 or delizdance@aol.com

DANCESPORT ACADEMY OF MICHIGAN

23666 Park, Dearborn, MI 48124 313-724-3262. The studio has Friday night open dances, \$10.00 per person. **\$1.00 off to MSDA members.**
<http://www.dancesportacademy.com/>

DANCE ART COLLECTIBLES

By Linda Jaworski: A large collection of wonderful dance related art and collectibles. **10% discount on unframed posters and 15% off framed posters to MSDA members.** 33228 West 12 Mile, Suite 138, F. Hills. For more info: 248-488-0244 or ljaworski@aol.com.



PERSONAL TRAINER

Muscle toning, strength & balance training to increase your dance endurance & poise. At your gym. **10% discount per session to MSDA members for first 5 training hours.** Madelyn Kleitch, ACE certified. (313) 882-5422.

ARGENTINE TANGO DETROIT

7758 Auburn Road, Utica

FMI: (810) 254-0560

\$1.00 off all events to MSDA members.

<http://www.argentinatangodetroit.com>
LnBrtn@compserv.net

REMINDER: Show your **MSDA** card at GLSDC and MSSHD dances to **get in at their member prices** Just show your card and save. The GLSDC schedule is at:

<http://danceaway.com/GLSDC/calendar.html>. They have a club dance every Wednesday at Buggy's in Flint. MSSHD is on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Walli's Supper Club: bbudzyn@home.com <http://www.michiganswing.com/>

The Cruisin' Crew



BE A JACKPOT WINNER! REMEMBER THE 50/50 RAFFLE.

At each party, you can buy an arm's length worth of tickets for \$5.00. The raffle drawing is usually around 6 PM. Anyone can enter. Two months ago, Jimmy Daniels won \$125.00 and last month, Frank Gonzales won \$83!!!

**GUEST INSTRUCTOR
PAULETTE BROCKINGTON**



Paulette Brockington, though based in the metropolitan Detroit area, is an internationally known workshop teacher and judge. She has taught in Germany, Sweden, Japan and England and judged at the North Atlantic Dance Championships, the U. S. Open Swing Dance Chamionships and the World Lindy Hop Championships to name a few.

In addition to doing many styles of swing, she is versed in several other dance styles. She is a DJ, an announcer, stage director, coach and choreographer. She is the Event Director for one for one of the world's premiere Lindy Hop events, The American Lindy Hop Championships. Locally, her next event is Motor City Jam, March 1, 2, 3, 2002 at the Somerset Inn.



As you can see, the **CHARACTERS PARTY** was FUN! Lots of 'characters' from the original Characters showed up and reminisced. We watched the video of Mike Leach when he competed in a hustle competition on Dance Fever a few years ago. 😊 He was way awesome, even then! Later, the Characters alumni took the floor for a huge pass and catch hustle dance in which the leaders kept rotating between the ladies, stealing them away from their partners. They became very inventive as the dance went on. Delightful to watch!



**Cable TV Sites of the Month
Serenatas Latinas and Club Caliente**

Two familiar figures in the Detroit dance scene have teamed up to "invite you to join them each and every week for..... hot latin rhythms featuring the best in Salsa dancing." Jimmy Barrios and Tonia Deliz have created two TV programs that feature latin rhythms, "the latest latin music videos and the finest latin dancers in and around Michigan." Catch them on TV 15 and 52. FMI: serenataslatinas@yahoo.com or jimmyb48073@aol.com. They also host Salsa nights every Friday night at 9:30 PM at the South Shore Grill, 1 Cedar Street in Wyandotte. 734-282-5200. Free Salsa lessons by Deliz Dancesport and Jimmy spinning the tunes. No cover!

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**HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 17, 2002!!**



The February MSDA dance will feature a Swap Table. Bring your dance related items to sell or trade. This includes clothes, videotapes, music and other collectibles. You'll be able to pick up some great dance bargains.



*Happy
Valentine's Day*