



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In regard to the article in a previous newsletter, "Ten Qualities Men Look For in a Woman" (on and off the dance floor) ...revised by a man! (Can you guess who? Hint: his marvelous waltz step is about 5 feet long. Good thing he's big enough to lift the lady and carry her along. :-)))

Ten Qualities Men Like In

Women:

1. Nice face.
2. Great legs.
3. Good sense of humor.
4. Intelligent.
5. Affectionate and attentive.
6. Not too thin or too heavy!
7. Carelessly teases.
8. Eye contact.
9. She loves to ask her best girlfriend about their lovemaking.
10. Fakes orgasm.

Ten Qualities Men Do Not Like In Women:

1. Brings him a bottle of beer unopened.
2. Poor or heavy follow.
3. Poor cook (sorry ladies old rules always apply).
4. Unemployed.
5. Foul language.
6. Takes serious samsonite to the dance floor.
7. If he turns you down 3 times to dance, never ask again.
8. Always have to be asked for slow dancing.
9. Air head welcome. Conversations not needed.
10. Nagging.

REQUEST

Lots of MSDA members travel to events around the country and bring back wonderful information about dance events. We really enjoy the reviews so please keep this info coming. Also, while you're there, please pick up flyers to other events. If you give me a copy of each one, I'll make copies and put them on the Information Station for everyone to pick up. Thanks so much. S N

NEWS ABOUT CINCINNATI

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN. The tickets have gone on sale for the Fall Convention by the Cincinnati Bop Club. The dates are November 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12. Please check out the attached flyer and order your tickets now because they go fast and there is a limit on the number sold. You need to get a confirmation code from the Bop Association before you can reserve a room. Last year we had over 60 members attend and it was TOO MUCH FUN so call soon: 1-800-SHAGGER.

JUST A NOTE REGARDING LESS REQUESTED DANCES: Even though this is a swing club, we play the occasional Argentine and other more exotic dances. These will be played toward the end of the evening. Please be aware that it's difficult to accommodate everyone's tastes.

THE LINE-UP

We are happy to announce our list of teachers for future MSDA dances.

- July 16...Tim Constant
 August 13 ..
 September 17...Mike and Inge Evans
 October 13...Barry Douglas

NEXT PARTY

JULY 16

at the AMBER HOUSE

Lesson 3 PM

Dance Party 4PM-8PM

Our parties are at the Cabaret Ballroom located inside 'The Amber House, 7012 E Nine Mile Road, Warren, MI. 810-754-3434

DANCE LESSON

Last month Joyce Stoughton-Kim taught Beginning/Intermediate Hustle patterns and techniques. As always, we thoroughly enjoyed the lesson and were even more delighted with the news she and Hyung shared with us regarding the little one on the way. ❖

This month, Tim Constant will be teaching Intermediate/Advanced East Coast Swing steps that he guarantees you haven't seen before. Many of these steps have been converted from West Coast, Texas Push, Imperial Swing, and other forms of swing to create a diverse and exciting new form of East Coast Swing. "Many people believe East Coast Swing to be very limited when in fact it is one of the most diverse, flexible, and exciting dances around. For you Lindy Hoppers, these steps can make your Lindy very creative and fun." TC

NEW MEMBERS

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

- AMY CALIO
- RAY HOGAN
- ROSEMARY KORNACKI
- BONNIE OLCZAK
- MICHAEL TRAUB
- SUE TRAUB



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.

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| JOHN GOSSIAUX | 7/1 |
| GERI SMITH | 7/5 |
| LOUIS ROSS | 7/8 |
| AL GOLDSBY | 7/9 |
| TOM DESJARDIN | 7/9 |
| RONALD LE DANGIE | 7/10 |
| BRUNO LIJOI | 7/11 |
| JEANNE PILIS | 7/11 |
| CRAIG PETERS | 7/12 |
| BARBARA EALY | 7/19 |
| BETTY THOMAS | 7/20 |
| CHRIS WOLF | 7/20 |
| AGGIE BAWOL | 7/23 |
| KRISTINA PETZER | 7/25 |
| JIM ROGERS | 7/23 |
| GARY JOHNS | 7/24 |
| DEBBIE ROGERS | 7/26 |
| DEE WILLIAMS | 7/31 |



FUTURE PARTIES



- August 13
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19

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Please note: Some of the dates are not on the 3rd Sunday due to holidays or convention dates.

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
 10626 W. Warren
 Dearborn, MI
 313-581-5702
 Hours:
 Tues - Fri, 10 to 6
 Saturday, 10-2:30
 Sunday, Closed



MID-SUMMER SWING DANCE PARTY

July 28, 29, 30
 Columbus, OH
 614-939-1844
 Rhythm & Blues Music. Workshops, including one on WCS taught by Joyce Stoughton-Kim
 Weekend tickets \$55.00

NEW ORLEANS EXTRAVAGANZA

July 27-29
 New Orleans, LA
 504-463-0307

BEALE STREET 2000 PARTY

August 3-8
 Memphis, Tenn
 901-755-1269

WASHINGTON DC SWING FLING

Aug 4-6 Virginia.
 505-286-8646

MICHIGAN DANCE CLASSIC

August 18-20
 Mt. Pleasant, MI
 810-694-7625

CHICAGOLAND COUNTRY AND SWING DANCE FESTIVAL

August 20-21
 Mt. Pleasant, MI
 616-473-3261

MOTOR CITY JAM

September 8-10
 Eastern Michigan University
 Ypsilanti, MI
 313-869-9385
 PauletteBrockington@yahoo.com
 or <http://artspectrum.org>

AMERICAN LINDY HOP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oct 27-29
 Stanford, CT
 313-869-9385
 PauletteBrockington@yahoo.com
 or <http://artspectrum.org>

SUNSHINE STATE DANCE FESTIVAL

Nov 23-26
 Fort Lauderdale, FLA
 513-754-1070
 Swing & Hustle Competitions, Jack & Jills, workshops
 3 separate dance floors
 Country, Swing & Hustle, Line Dance
<http://www.danceconnection.org>

US OPEN SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nov 24-26
 Century City, CA
 800-537-8937



DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS



THURSDAY NIGHT DANCES AT THE AMBER HOUSE ARE BACK!! Including a terrific country DJ.FMI:Call Bill Scheff at (810).734.3434. **THE DANCE CLUB** classes begin each month at the Amber House in Warren.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

STARDUST DANCE STUDIO offers our members a discount of \$1.00 off the admission fee for their Friday night parties. Everyone is welcome. Party is from 9 PM to 12 AM. FMI: (248) 356-5678. **See attached class schedule.** 10% discount to members. NO DISCOUNT IS OFFERED AT THEIR ANN ARBOR LOCATION.

DANCE AVENUE DANCE STUDIO offers MSDA members a discount of \$1.00 off their Thursday night parties. FMI: call Dance Avenue at (313) 565-3329. **See attached class schedule.**

ROYAL OAK ARTHUR MURRAY
Discount of \$1.00 for MSDA members off the \$5.00 charge for Friday night parties. Party..9:15 PM-10:45 PM.
FMI: (248) 548-4770.

TROY DANCE STUDIO
They offer \$1.00 discount on every event they hold.They have scheduled Theme Parties on Tuesdays. Theme parties have hors d'oeuvres and drinks included. Open House for new students includes free group lessons the last week of each month. FMI: Elaine Marrero, TDS. (248) 689-3393.

CHANGE OF PACE CLOTHIERS
Located at 2045 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake, MI
248-332-1811. 10% discount offered to all MSDA members. They have men's & women's clothing, shoes & accessories! Wonderful quality, everything from funky to elegant. They also do expert alterations! Check out their wonderful sales rack. No discount there, but none is needed. Great buys on dance clothing!!!

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? E-mail Brenda at dancealert@aol.com and visit her new website at:

<http://dancemichigan.com>

NEW PAGES have been added: **Instructors, DJ's, bands and Event Coordinators may advertise for free.** Also, check out our Information Station for her list of Dance Floors in the area.

LYNCH'S

Three Locations:

Warren: (810) 751-1780

Dearborn: (313) 565-3425

Wyandotte: (313) 281-8108.

15% discount to MSDA members.

They carry various trims for costumes, teachers' shoes, tights, etc.

HUBER & BREEZE

30% discount on all Rentals, Sales, Repairs of New & Used Disc Jockey Equipment. Musical instruments & vocal lessons also available.
33540 Groesbeck Hwy.
Fraser, MI (810) 294-3950

COULD I HAVE THIS DANCE?

Megan Woodbury, MSDA member, is the lady to contact if you are a male dancer between 45 and 70 and you are interested in becoming a gentleman host on the cruise ships. Megan works for Laretta Blake and has been a 'tester' for the Michigan, Windsor and Ohio areas for eight years. You can reach her at (313) 886-9394.



TRAVEL PLANS?

We have a listing of clubs, associations, studios, and dance events in other cities throughout most of the United States. If you would like to check out the dance action in a city you're planning to visit, call or e-mail either Sharon. or, check out our links page at <http://msda.org/links.htm>. We'll try to hook you up.
(248) 926-5484 or sfnelson@att.net



BE SURE TO FILL OUT A DANCE CARD OR TEN AT EACH PARTY. WE USE THOSE TO CHOOSE WINNERS FOR THE DOOR PRIZES.

CLUB POLICY ON ADVERTISING

I'd like to discuss an issue that may not be clear. This newsletter promotes certain studios, events and businesses. We do so in return for discounts offered to our members. We do **not** take money for the ads or flyers. The newsletters are paid for out of membership fees and party entrance fees. We try to limit the local flyers placed on the Information Station to those events that offer discounts, and the same goes for anything that is passed around during a dance, either with or without our knowledge. Occasionally someone sneaks one in that we don't catch. My point is this: if you want to reach our extensive list of members, the only way to do so is to give them a discount. What's the problem with offering a small discount to an event? It seems to me that 90% of something is better than 100% of nothing. This club is structured to benefit the members and it will stay that way. BTW, anyone who wants to come in and pass out flyers must pay to get in and must clear it with me first. The flyers **must** have an MSDA discount to be passed out or to be allowed on the Information Station or anywhere else at the dance. This includes "By Invitation Only" events or any other name you choose to come up with to circumvent this rule. You're still using club resources. Thanks for understanding.

Sharon Nelson



CONGRATULATIONS to last month's Dance Card Contest winners: Bob Myers & Johnny Mac won free passes to an MSDA dance, and Becky McGee and Colleen Johnson won CDs. Art Lewandowski won \$60 in the 50/50 Raffle. Then he did a very generous thing. Read about it on page four!

**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 at 6 PM. Just see Steve Lenahan for tickets.

GUEST INSTRUCTOR Tim Constant

Tim Constant began his dance career with East Coast Swing classes at a local swing club and was instantly overcome by the dance fever. He began studying Savoy Style Lindy Hop with Frankie Manning and improved and diversified his style by studying with the best Savoy Lindy Hoppers in the world: Steven Mitchell, The Rhythm Hot Shots, Ryan Francois, Paul Overton and Sharon Ashe. He continues to study the Lindy Hop style extensively with Christopher Yee from Swing-Out Chicago and Steven Mitchell, Lindy Hop's legendary choreographer and dancer.

Tim studied Boogie Woogie with World/German Boogie Woogie Champions Marcus Koch and Barbel Kaufer, DC Hand Dancing with The 1998 American Swing Dance Rising Star Champions Mell Waller and Antonio Brnton, and Hollywood Style Lindy with the 1998 American Lindy Hop Showcase Champions Eric Robinson and Sylvia Skylar. Tim also has a rhythm jazz background, studying jazz dance under such greats as Chazz Young, Charlie Mead, Steven Mitchell and Ryan Francois. He currently teaches rhythm jazz classes at The Sports Club of Novi and will soon begin classes for Novi Community Education.

He is currently the resident dance instructor for The Sports Club of Novi, Plymouth/Canton Community Education, and The Token Lounge, in which he has been the instructor for 2 years. In 1998, he was a guest instructor for The Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and a frequent instructor at swing dance workshops throughout Michigan. In 1999, he even made a guest teaching appearance at The Michigan Dance Council's Annual Dance Day.

Tim has also taken these social dances to the stage as a performer. He was a dancer for The Avon Players Theatre Guild and an opening ceremonies dancer for the Detroit Rockers Soccer Association, performing in front of thousands of soccer fans at Cobo Arena. He also performed in the Fiesta De Hemingway Centennial Swing Celebration in Chicago.

ART LEWANDOWSKI SUPPORTS THE CAUSE!

In our last newsletter, Louise Zaleski, described the project she and Bob Campbell started to help repair the dance floor at the Amber House. This involves the sale of Entertainment Books with the profits going to the Build the Floor Fund. These books will be available soon and Louise will keep us informed about the date. A representative of the company will meet with us to set up a marketing plan.

At the June MSDA dance, Art Lewandowski won the 50/50 raffle and donated \$50 to kick off the fund. We'd like to thank him for his interest and generosity. Several other members have called and offered support and active involvement in the project. As soon as we have more information, we'll be in touch. What a great bunch of people we have in the club. Thanks again!!



Left to right: Bill Scheff (owner of the Amber House), Louise Zaleski (Chairperson of the Build the Floor Committee), **Art Lewandowski** (Very Generous MSDA Member) and Bob Campbell (MSDA VP and Co-chairperson).

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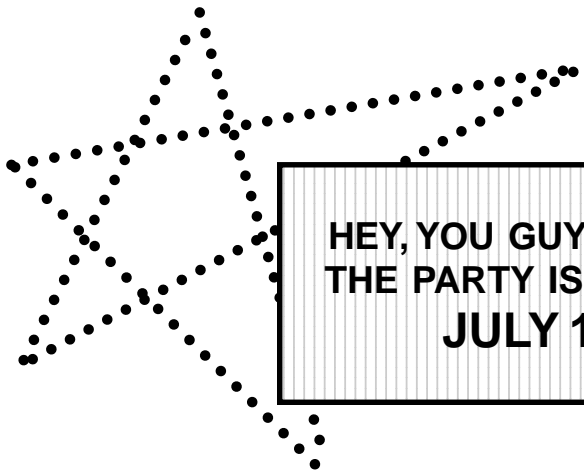
Dance Web Site of the Month

Ever heard of a WebRing? They're pretty incredible. Related web sites band together to form their sites into huge, linked circles and you surf from one site to another. You find sites you never would have found any other way. This link will explain the whole process: <http://www.webring.org/what.html>.

There are tons of dance related web rings and a good place to start is at the site of our own MSDA member, Paulette Brockington. She is a member of WebRing and you can start your journey from her page: <http://www.artspectrum.org/alhc.htm>. At the bottom of the page, click on List Sites.

Have a great trip!

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**HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
JULY 16!**



**MANY THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**