



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



PROJECT BUILD THE FLOOR

By Louise Zaleski, Chairperson of Build The Floor Committee, and Bob Campbell, Co-chairperson

Bob and I have come up with what we think is a great idea. We recently connected with a rep from Entertainment Books and believe we can raise some money to help repair the Amber House dance floor.

Here's how...In August 2000, MSDA will be selling Entertainment Books to raise money. We need your help. We need dancers to not only buy books, but also to sell books. Each book will sell for \$40, of which we will receive \$8 profit to go into the floor-repair fund.

For anyone who has never heard of Entertainment Book, it is a coupon

book which features everything from discounts on fine dining to fast foods, hotel and air fare discounts, also movie and theatre ticket discounts. It is a quality product that sells itself. Many of us are already using it. Why not use it as a fundraiser to help the Amber House?

If you don't want to buy or sell an Entertainment Book but still want to help with the cause, we will be accepting cash donations to repair the Amber House dance floor.

All money collected will go into a special account not to be touched until we reach our goal. Bill is getting estimates at this time.

Let's take action. Fellow dancers, lets get involved! In July or August, an Entertainment Book representative will be at our monthly dance to give a presentation. Don't miss out on this opportunity to become proactive in promoting dance!



I couldn't help notice that several club members were passing around revised e-mail versions of the article that I put in last month's newsletter. The topic was "What Men Want from Women" by Gail Arias. Some of the content on the Internet was very funny and sounded pretty true. I'll try to condense it and print it next time. If you have more to contribute, please send it to me at: sfnelson@att.net. 😊

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 accomodate everyone's tastes.

THE LINE-UP

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

- June 11...Joyce Stoughton-Kim
- July 16...Tim Constant
- August 13 ..
- September 17...Mike and Inge Evans
- October 13...Barry Douglas

NEXT PARTY

JUNE 11

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

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.

DANCE LESSON

Last month, Tera Gehrking led a large class in West Coast Swing amalgamations that she dubbed "Stolen from the Pros". She put together two nifty sets of patterns that we hadn't seen before, and led us through each one. Now, we can all dance "like the pros"! Thanks, Tera and Jeff.



Our guest teacher in June will be a club favorite, Joyce Stoughton-Kim. Joyce will be teaching beginning/intermediate hustle patterns and techniques. Dancers with six months or more of hustle experience are welcome to attend. See Joyce's bio on page four. And check out her exciting news.

NEW MEMBERS

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

- CAROLE MCGUIRE
- DEBBIE ROGERS
- JIM ROGERS
- MIKE SUDZ
- RAYMOND THOMPSON



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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| BEATRICE SMEREK | 6/1 |
| WILLIAM GRIFFIS | 6/1 |
| JUDY SUSSKIND | 6/2 |
| JULIE COOK | 6/4 |
| REN BRYANT | 6/5 |
| PATRICIA LLOYD | 6/7 |
| AL KABALINSKI | 6/9 |
| JUNE SMITTERBERG | 6/9 |
| JULIANNA DUDER | 6/12 |
| MICHAEL LIVERNOIS II | 6/14 |
| STANLEY KUBICKI | 6/15 |
| GEORGE POWELL | 6/16 |
| DAVID BEISNER | 6/19 |
| JOHN HUDAK | 6/19 |
| GLORIA GONZALES | 6/20 |
| CHAD NICHOLS | 6/21 |
| JAMES DANIELS | 6/22 |
| BONNIE MCLEOD | 6/24 |
| SHELLEY HANDREN | 6/24 |
| MARYANN FOX | 6/27 |
| VIRGINIA HAMEL | 6/27 |
| JIM CARTER | 6/29 |
| ROGER VINEYARD | 6/29 |



FUTURE PARTIES



- July 16
- 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



GREAT LAKES SWING DANCE CLUB

Dance: June 10
 Davison VFW Hall
 9494 Lapeer Rd
 Starts at 8 PM
 810-687-3426

FOURTH OF JULY SWING BASH

June 30-July 4
 Fort Lauderdale, FL
 561-470-5208

HERRANG DANCE CAMP

July 8-Aug 5, Stockholm, Sweden
 46-8-643-40-58

NEW ORLEANS EXTRA-VANZA

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

My apologies for any confusion caused by the wrong date listed for the June dance in the last newsletter. Please pass the word that the June dance is really the 11th and not the 18th.
Thanks!!
Sharon

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 NOTE: Rita Curtis is looking for a roommate for Cincy.



DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS



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 FMI: Call Bill Scheff at (810).734.3434.

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.

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

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.

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!!!

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 Laurretta Blake and has been a 'tester' for the Michigan, Windsor and Ohio areas for eight years. You can reach her at (313) 886-9394.

*** HOT TIP ***

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. Yet, I've had several people angry with me in the past year because they wouldn't offer a discount and I wouldn't promote their cause for cash. Sorry...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. Thanks for understanding.

Sharon Nelson

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CONGRATULATIONS to last month's Dance Card Contest winners: Tim Constant and Ken Bonneville won free passes to an MSDA dance, Nancy Trombetti won a club golf shirt and an MSDA license plate, and Jeanette Drouillard won a CD. Extra lucky Nancy Trombetti also won \$100 in the 50/50 Raffle. Way to go, Nancy!

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 Joyce Stoughton

Joyce Stoughton-Kim is both an accomplished hustle dancer, and an expert of many other dance styles. Joyce has an extensive background in ballroom, Latin, swing (teaching six styles), jazz, ballet, and creative dance for young children. Since 1987, Joyce has been a teacher, choreographer, competitor, and supporter of dance. In the early days of her career she danced on a performance tour of the USSR, was a featured dancer at the Feather Awards in Beverly Hills, California, and has appeared in instructional videos as well as TV commercial appearances. Afterwards, she began traveling around the country competing in ballroom and swing competitions, winning the 1995 Hustle USA competition in New York and then being the undefeated champion at the Michigan Swing Dance Championships for five consecutive years in both swing and hustle. Recently, Joyce and her dance partner Michael Finegan choreographed and performed in the Redford Theatre's production of The Spring Swing.

Joyce has been busy both professionally and personally. While teaching workshops around the country, Joyce was busy completing her associate's degree in applied sciences and is continuing her education at Eastern Michigan University this fall. Joyce will continue her studies in communication and business to help further her skills in dance education.

To clear up any rumors regarding Joyce's career in dance next year: she will be taking time off from teaching starting November 1, 2000 and returning March 1, 2001, so she and her husband Hyung can welcome the first addition to their family. This month Joyce will be teaching beginning/intermediate hustle patterns and techniques. Dancers with six months or more of hustle experience are welcome to attend.

We would like to send a special, warm... congratulations to Joyce and Hyung on the delightful news that they are expecting their first child in November.



DANCE AWAY by Millie Moore

I attended the second annual "Smokey Mountain Boogie" in Gatlinburg, TN, March 30th. The weekend was hosted by the Atlanta Swing Dancers and Smokey Mountain Shaggers and was held at Gatlinburg Convention Center. The ballroom at the Convention Center is to die for. It's probably three times the size of the Cincinnati dance floor and its permanent. The \$30 ticket for the weekend included great hospitality, meals and beverages. There was also a nominal fee for the midnight buffet.

Three hotels participated in the weekend. One was across the street and two were two blocks away. We (Debbie Schultz and I) stayed at the Days Inn Glenstone Lodge, two blocks away, and the home of the Hospitality Room and a great indoor pool. The rooms at the Days Inn were \$65. Despite some travel snafus (our original flight was cancelled and they lost our luggage) we flew into Knoxville, rented a car and drove the 45 minutes to Gatlinburg. It was a beautiful drive through the Smokey Mountains and, for quite awhile, along the river. The Convention Center is a block off Gatlinburg's main drag and it's a bustling little tourist area.

There were many workshops, some free, lots of vendors and great people. They limit the tickets to 800 and people came from 23 states. The DJs were mainly from the south and they played great music. There was also some dance entertainment Saturday night. We had a great time and the weather was just beautiful! 75 degrees, all the flowers were up, the trees were in bloom and it was green! Monday, after we returned, it snowed in Michigan, so we were happy to have had a spring weekend.

This was a well-attended and fun weekend. I would recommend it for sure. You just can't deny Southern hospitality. It makes a weekend like this that much more enjoyable. Next up is our return to Nashville and Music City Bop Club's Summer Boogie Blast Memorial weekend. Boogie Blast it is!! Debbie and I had such a great time last year that we are anxious to return. I sincerely hope these reports will encourage you to venture out and try some new dance experiences. I've had more fun than I can say and met so many terrific people. I wish the same dancing fun to you.

Dance Web Site of the Month

Dance Library: Resources

<http://www.artswire.org/Artswire/www/dance/resource.html>

This page is a very comprehensive list of dance organizations, competitions, mailing lists, newsgroups, networks and many other categories of dance related resources. A dancer could spend a lot of time using this site as a jumping off point.

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MANY THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!