



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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Are you miffed about the shoddy coverage DanceSport received at the Olympics? Would you like to know what it's really like to be a Cruise Ship Dance Host? Do you want to find a good movie on Ballroom Dancing? Are you interested in how to get over being burned out on lessons or dancing? Want to discuss your experiences with franchises, uncertified teachers, cost of lessons and whether your teacher dances with you at parties? Should coaches be allowed to judge events in which their students compete? Or do you just want to find that person you met at the US Open last weekend?

There are lots of Lists that permit you to discuss all these topics. One of the most famous, of course, is rec.arts.dance. However, now there is a definite contender trying to make its place in the dancechat world.

Dancescape.com is growing all the time. They even have a Virtual Reality 3D Ballroom chat room, whatever that is. However, its text only list is definitely worth checking out: <http://www.DanceScape.com/cgi-bin/Ultimate.cgi>

Start your own chat subject. 😊

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TOE TO TOE WILL BE HERE!!

You'll be able to buy more of Carol Fournier's comfortable dance shoes at the October 15th party. You can order online at: <http://www.toe2toe.com/> or call (810)695-1010 or (877) 348-4362. Toll-Free (877) FIT-4DNC and have Carol bring your selection to the dance.

NEXT PARTY

OCTOBER 15
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*

THE LINE-UP

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

October 15...Barry Douglas
November 19...Bob Campbell &
Louise Zaleski
December 10... Louise Tamres

LAST CALL FOR CINCINNATI TICKETS!!!!

Tickets are sold out for the Fall Convention by the Cincinnati Bop Club. If there are people who want to go but don't have tickets, or if you know of any tickets available, please contact Sharon Nelson at 248-624-3792 or by e-mail at: sfnelson@att.net. I'm keeping a list and will let the members know. The more of us who go, the more fun it will be so let's ask anyone we know from previous conventions or from other cities if there are any tickets that we could purchase. Thanks for your help. S.N.

NEW FEATURE

In an ongoing effort to keep introducing fresh, new elements to the club, we've decided to begin a **GUEST DJ** spot, similar to the Guest Teacher situation. There are many talented DJ's in the area who have offered to entertain us for awhile during each dance. This month, Tim Constant will be spinning the toons.

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Our best wishes go out to two MSDA members who have been under the weather: A warm 'Welcome Back' to Jeannette Drouillard. And 'Get Better Fast', Meagan Woodbury. Meagan broke a hip in Petoskey and is convalescing at home now. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We miss you.

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Bill Scheff sends his thanks to all the people who are thinking about him and praying for his mother in her bout with cancer. Special thanks to all the friends who have filled in for him at the Amber House.

DANCE LESSON

Last month, Shaggers Mike and Inge Evans came from London, Ontario to teach steps that we can use in EC, WCS and Shag. They have a wonderful teaching style and it was easy to keep up with the lesson. I heard many delighted comments afterwards and requests to have them back.

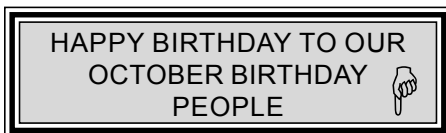


This month we have Detroit's own Hustle King, Barry Douglas, as guest teacher. It will be an intermediate level lesson (no beginners please) and will feature a couple of really slick patterns, one in WCS and one in Hustle. Barry's bio is on page four.

NEW MEMBERS

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

- THOMAS BRILL
- DONALD CARRIERE
- CAROLYN HARGROVE
- JOHN MCLAUGHLIN
- SHELDON NEWHOUSE
- JOANNE PROFANT
- DANIEL TRIPP
- CHARLES VETTER
- CATHIE VICTOR



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.

Tom Rupp	10/01
Carolyn Hargrove	10/02
Andrea Z Pellerito	10/03
Lois White	10/04
Garrett Urbaniak	10/06
Sharon Nelson	10/07
Jeanette Drouillard	10/08
Michael Derscha	10/08
Marilyn Crane	10/09
Joyce Stoughton-Kim	10/09
Timothy Carmichael	10/10
Joe Donaghue	10/10
David Michalski	10/11
Linda Jaworski	10/12
William Gobart	10/13
Roberta Nochton	10/14
Alex Adam	10/16
Sue (Janice) Fleishans	10/16
Suzi Clatworthy	10/21
Harold Maynard	10/24
John McLaughlin	10/26



FUTURE PARTIES



November 19
December 10

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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



BIG BAND BIG FLOOR BIG CROWD

October 14 Lafayette Grande, Pontiac. Classic BIG BAND (no neo swing, 50s rock, etc.) Vintage attire is encouraged. \$10 cover for 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. dancing. 90% of the songs are ECS-compatible 25 to 50 percent will be slower so you could dance foxtrot, WCS, ETC. \$1 off for MSDA members.

AMERICAN LINDY HOP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oct 27-29 Stanford, CT Workshops, contests, all night dancing! Lindy, Blues, J & J, and much more. The conclusion of a year's worth of qualifying contests all around the country!

Contact: 313-869-9385
 PauletteBrockington@yahoo.com
 or http://artspectrum.org

AMBER HOUSE FIFTH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY!!

Sat Oct 28 8 PM to 1 AM
Supported by the MSDA.
 \$16 in advance, \$21 at the door. \$1 off for MSDA. Hors D'oeuvres, fruit & dessert and cash prizes
\$100 for the best costume.
 Amber House, 7012 E. Nine Mile Road (Just W. of VanDyke) Warren, MI 810-754-3434 See attached flyer.

DALLAS DANCE

Nov 3-5
 Swing & Hustle Championships
 Dallas Cabaret Championships
 Workshops, prizes, inc. a cruise.
 www.dallasdancefestival.com
 214-366-DANCE

CINCINNATI BOP CONVENTION

Nov 8-12, Ft. Mitchell, KY
 Non-stop bop weekend. Starts Thursday night with a Surprise at the dance. Friday night is club t-shirt night, Sat night is dressy with demos. Some tickets are still floating around. If you have some you want to sell or need some to buy, please email me at sfnelson@att.net or call at 248-624-3792.

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, LineDance
 http://www.danceconnection.org

US OPEN SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

**DISCOUNTS
FOR MEMBERS****AMBER HOUSE offers TUESDAY ECS & LINDY LESSONS WITH TIM CONSTANT.**

ECS: 6:30 to 7:30. Lindy: 7:30 to 8:30. \$5 per lesson. **COUNTRY DANCE PARTY** every Thursday inc. country DJ plus lessons. See attached flyers. FMI: Call (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? To subscribe to all the latest dance news, visit her 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.

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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

*** **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. 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

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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.

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

**GUEST INSTRUCTORS
BARRY DOUGLAS**

Barry Douglas is an international performer with more than 1000 appearances in seven countries. He is one of the most vibrant, versatile dancers to ever light up a dance floor. Audiences of all ages enjoy his Latin, Adagio, Jazz and especially, his original version of the Street Hustle. His years of dance training have led to numerous regional and United States Championships in Latin, Swing and Hustle. His fast paced, high-energy production incorporates several dance styles which will keep you on the edge of your seat!

Barry is certified with National Dance Council of America, Dance Masters, and Dance Educators of America. He is a Master Jazz Choreographer and a Certified Gold Bar Ballroom Instructor.

Barry held the Michigan State Hustle Championship for 18 years and the Michigan State Swing Dance Championship for 6 years. He is the current Virginia State Hustle Champion and the 1995 US Hustle Champion.

Barry Douglas
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Keego Harbor, MI 48320

Phone: 1-888-I-HUSTLE

Email: SWUSLER@aol.com

Web Site: <http://www.i-hustle.com/>



**GUEST DJ
TIM CONSTANT**

Tim was the resident DJ for the 24 Karat Club and Pharaoh's Golden Cup along with being their resident swing dance instructor. He has made frequent guest DJ appearances at The Velvet Lounge spinning Swing and Latin sounds and now has expanded his music and dance knowledge into the many areas of street and ballroom dance, making guest DJ appearances at many dance events across Michigan.

Tim has one philosophy when it comes to playing music: To offer songs to dancers that truly capture the soul and passion of the music and therefore the dance. If it's Latin he reaches for Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina; if it's Hustle he reaches for the legacy of Studio 54; if it's West Coast he reaches for the Texan and Delta blues; and if it's Swing he reaches for the Big Bands, Jazz, and Ragtime. Tim believes in playing genuine soulful music in an effort to push the dance to another level - a place where dance and song become one. Be prepared to be overwhelmed after this 1 hour music set!



Dance Web Site of the Month

<http://www.dresses.com/index1.htm>

For ladies only...gorgeous cocktail dresses and evening gowns, plus some sportswear that looks more like dance clothes.

<http://www.internationalmale.com/>

For men only..terrific dressy slacks (check out the ones with 'diamond' sprinkles down the side) and wild novelty shirts. Sexy!

**DANCE AWAY
BY Millie Moore**

July 28 through 30th was the first weekend for **BUCKEYE BOP CLUB** in Columbus, Ohio. An easy 3 ½ hour drive to Rhythm & Blues music and a nice group of people determined to make their first party a memorable one. This time there were other Michiganders in attendance. Barbara VanRaaphorst and I found Tom Pogros and Shelley Handren, Bob and Beverly Budzynski and Tom DesJardin and Lisa Leino.

For \$49 they provided Hors d'oeuvres Friday night, a full buffet breakfast Saturday, full buffet dinner Saturday night and a continental breakfast Sunday. They have decided to keep the party small and will cap attendance at 400.

I have come to really enjoy the smaller parties, they are more intimate and allow a better opportunity to meet new people. They organized a golf outing and also a shuttle to the shopping mall.

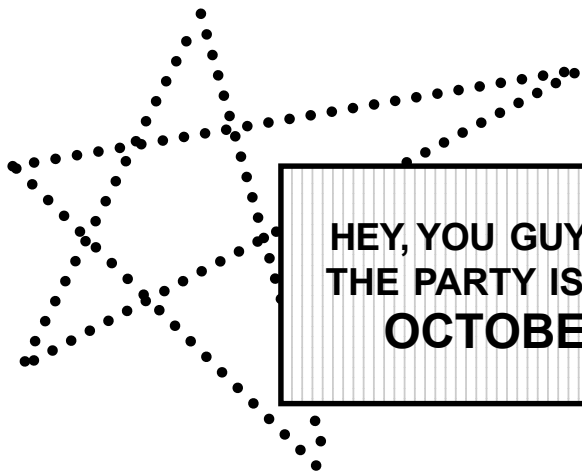
The dance was held at the Holiday Inn Worthington Conference Center. A very nice facility with pool, hot tub and workout room for \$69 a night. Workshops were held starring our own Joyce Stoughton and her husband, the Chaney's from St. Louise and Jerry Kovach from Steel City Boogie Club taught a Shag Class. Bob and Beverly were among the couples that gave exhibitions on Saturday night. There were shoe, clothing and even Art vendors; they also included a massage therapist.

Sunday morning they played Gospel music and the hotel delayed checkout until 2pm. This was a fun party and so close to home! I would encourage anyone to attend, I will surely go back. They had a very unique and memorable idea. They christened a brand new floor for this party that took the club six weeks to build. They placed a section of the floor outside the ballroom and encouraged everyone in attendance to sign the floor! The signature section will now become a permanent part of their dance floor to commemorate their first party. I thought it was way cool!

The Buckeye's were a great group of people and they worked really hard to make sure everyone had a good time. Those of us in attendance agreed it was a great success. Definitely think about traveling down to Columbus next July. I'm planning a return trip to **ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER** in St. Louis over Labor and a first trip to **SHAG-A-RAMA 2000** in Panama City Beach, Florida. Our Nashville friends tell us this is one great party. I'll let you know.

REMINDER: In Cincy, Friday night is club t-shirt night. When they call our name, we'll all go out on the floor in our club shirts. There's still time to pick one up at the dance.

MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION
SHARON NELSON
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**HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 15!**

