



# MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



**MSDA DANCERS ROCKED AT THE DREAM CRUISE & ON CHANNEL 7 NEWS!!!**

On the Monday before the Dream Cruise, Huntington Woods Parks & Rec called me and said our 'Performance' was to be at 12:30 P.M. on Saturday. "What 'Performance'?", I asked. "The MSDA Swing Dancers." she replied. One of our members, Alita Meskin, had made several phone calls about 10 months before to see if we could dance in the Dream Cruise. This was our first response...4 days before the event! On a weekend that had at least two out of town dance events! We put the word out and several of us ended up dancing our brains out at Woodward and 11 Mile, and being filmed by Channel 7. The weather was perfect, the music by DJ Brenda Rupp put us in the 50's mood and the audience cheered us on. We ended up on the 7 O'clock News and have a return engagement scheduled for next year. **IT WAS SO COOOOOOL!!!!**



**MAD & BOB**



**STEVE LENAHAN & ROGER VINEYARD**

**NEXT PARTY**  
**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**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. September 17...Mike and Inge Evans October 15...Barry Douglas



**BOB CAMPBELL & SHARON NELSON**

**SPECIAL GUEST DANCERS THIS MONTH**

**Twice As Nice**, the entertaining 6 girl dance team, will perform at the next party. We will also have a hustle performance by the team of Dawn & Mike Johnston and a West Coast routine by Joan Podleski and Steve Reynolds.

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**TOE TO TOE IS COMING BACK!**

You'll be able to buy some more comfortable dance shoes at the October 15th party.

**NEW FEATURE**

In an ongoing effort to keep introducing fresh, new elements to the club, we've decided to begin a **GUEST DJ** spot. There are many talented DJ's in the area who have offered to entertain us for awhile during each dance. This month, Michael Derscha will be playing some of the tunes. Mike's bio is interesting:"I've been DJ'ing since 1986, starting with doing music for fashion shows for local modeling schools which progressed into working with Somerset Collections and Saks Fifth Avenue. Always meeting top designers from different parts of the world, Randolph Duke, Mode magazine, Dana Buchman, and Elle magazine to name a few. "I began doing music for ballroom events a few years ago and have spent endless amounts of time building a ballroom music library. I'm a part time dance instructor teaching out of Dance Avenue in Dearborn and recently started competing in professional American Smooth division with my partner Lee. I also assist dance studio's and DJ's with their sound systems whether it be enhancements or new purchases. Favorite dances are Bolero, Cha Cha, Waltz, Hustle, Swing and Samba. Starting to favor two step."

**DANCE LESSON**

Last month, we were fortunate to have Yvonne Bouche' and Art McDuffey as our guest teachers. If you would like to reach them for lessons, you may contact them at Troy Dance Studio: (248) 689-3393. ♦

"Carolina Shag -- Cool Stuff from the OtherCoast". This month, we have a Shaggin' treat in store. Mike and Inge Evans will be teaching some shag steps that can also be used in WCS. They'll review the basics and move on to a Barrel Roll and, my favorite, that slick, smooth pivot turn that looks like a 1 1/2 times around thingey. Plus, they'll demo some of the fancy stuff that won them the contest. ☺ Bio on page four.

**NEW MEMBERS**

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

- JIMMY BARRIOS
- VALENTINA DIMITRI
- NANNETTE GOTTFRIED
- OKSANNA GUDZ
- GARY GUDZ
- LAURA INGELS
- SAN MIYAMOTO



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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| LINDA LEICH        | 9/1  |
| MARSHA GRIFFIS     | 9/2  |
| BOB CAMPBELL       | 9/4  |
| MICHAEL HAYNIE     | 9/6  |
| CHUCK CIARAMITARD  | 9/7  |
| BILL FIELDS        | 9/9  |
| GLEN BAK           | 9/10 |
| DEBBIE ELERT       | 9/11 |
| DIANA JAROSLAWSKI  | 9/11 |
| JOHN LOGIUDICE     | 9/13 |
| MICHAEL TRAUB      | 9/13 |
| GAYLE HUSZTI       | 0/17 |
| SANDY STRUBANK     | 9/17 |
| DELANE KILDAL      | 9/19 |
| MARGIT KAZAMER     | 9/21 |
| MAKI RANN          | 9/21 |
| ANNA MOORE         | 9/22 |
| MEL NISER          | 9/22 |
| HAL LEVY           | 9/23 |
| HARRY ELLIS        | 9/24 |
| LAWRENCE SIERADSKI | 9/27 |



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



**MOTOR CITY JAM**

September 8-10  
 Eastern Michigan University  
 Ypsilanti, MI 313-869-9385  
 PauletteBrockington@yahoo.com  
 or <http://artspectrum.org>  
 \$5 off weekend pass to MSDA members. Incredible list of workshops with guest instructors.  
 Dances two nights in a row: Sat: Paul King and the Rhythm Society  
 See attached flyer.

**SOS FALL MIGRATION**

September 15-24  
 N Myrtle Beach, SC (Shagger's Heaven) 888-767-3113

**WORKSHOP & DANCE PARTY**

September 23  
 American Dance Center, Flint  
 WCS & Hustle workshops with Barry Douglas, 1-5 PM  
 Puttin' on the Ritz Dance, 7-11:30  
 810-238-4284 to register.  
 See attached flyer.

**CHICAGO CLASSIC**

September 28-Oct 1  
 Chicago, IL  
 773-202-1823  
<http://www.dancecalendar.org/chicagorebels/>

**THE BIG BAND BIG FLOOR BIG CROWD**

October 14 8 PM to 2 AM  
 Lafayette Grande in Pontiac (next to Times Square). All classic BIG BAND (no neo swing, 50s rock, etc.) \$10 cover.\$9 to MSDA members. 90% of the songs are ECS-compatible. 25 to 50 percent will be slower so you could dance foxtrot, WCS or other dances  
[swingdj@hotmail.com](mailto:swingdj@hotmail.com)  
 810-978-3703

**AMERICAN LINDY HOP CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

**DALLAS DANCE**

Nov 3-5 214-366-DANCE  
 Swing & Hustle Championships  
 Dallas Cabaret Championships  
 Workshops, prizes, incl. a cruise.  
[www.dallasdancefestival.com](http://www.dallasdancefestival.com)

**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>



**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 incl. 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 admission 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.

**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](mailto: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. I appreciate your understanding.

Sharon Nelson



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

At each party, you can buy an arm's length of tickets for \$5.00. The raffle drawing is at 6 PM. Just see Steve Lenahan for tickets.

**GUEST INSTRUCTORS  
Mike & Inge Evans**

In the early 1990's, Mike and Inge Evans of London Ontario (www.mikeandinge.com) started looking for another interest to share during retirement. In 1994 at age 50, they took some ballroom and C&W lessons but quickly realized their preference for Swing. Since London offered no instruction beyond beginners ECS, they joined the MSSHD and Toronto Swing Dance Society during 1996 and 1997. "The nearest swing was a 2-hour drive for us, east or west".

Following a 'chance' internet encounter, they used their 1995 vacation to check out something they'd never even heard of before, and ended up taking Carolina Shag lessons from two 'Hall of Famers'. "We'd never seen anything like it, we were totally hooked!" They've been back every year since. And, by using an RV, they've danced, taken lessons and made friends throughout both Carolinas. In July they returned from their Y2K Shag "fix" — shaggin' every night for 5 weeks in Charleston, Hilton Head, and Myrtle Beach.

In 1997, they won a Shag contest in Myrtle Beach, beating life-long shaggers from that area. They are now friends with the big names in Shag (Jackie and Charlie, Sam and Sarah West, Ellen Taylor, Michael Norris, etc.), but give much of the credit for their success to the countless shaggers around the Carolinas who have shared new moves, stylings and technique with these two oddities – Canadians who can shag.

In addition, they've learned Lindy Hop from Frankie Manning, the Rhythm Hot Shots, Steven Mitchell and Margaret Batiouchok, and WCS from Robert Cordoba, Mario Robau Jr, Debbie Ramsey-Boz, Michael Keihm, Andrea Deaton, John Festa, Beata Howe and Michelle Kincaid. They've learned some Hustle from Barry Douglas and Joyce Stoughton, and Salsa from latin university students in London. Now retired, Mike and Inge teach Shag in London, and teach dance on cruise ships. "Hey, we started late, but we're sure having fun".

**UPDATE ON PROJECT BUILD THE FLOOR**  
By Louise Zaleski and Bob Campbell

Due to many unforeseen complications the "Build The Floor" project has been put on hold. As we got further into the project we found that the government, has many guidelines that must be followed, in fund raising. There was not enough time to get the required paper work filed and approved in order to begin the selling of the Entertainment Books. This was very unfortunate as the program for fund raising with Entertainment is only available for a short period every year. We will not be able to use the program this year.



**Dance Web Site of the Month**

[http://www.musicanddance.com/wwwlinks\\_homeframe.htm](http://www.musicanddance.com/wwwlinks_homeframe.htm)

This is a short but helpful list of swing dance links. Check out the link to Country Western at the top left too.

We hope to be able to iron out all of the wrinkles in the plan and start anew at a later date. We will keep you posted. If you have made donations to this fund, please contact Louise Zaleski or Bob Campbell.



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&  
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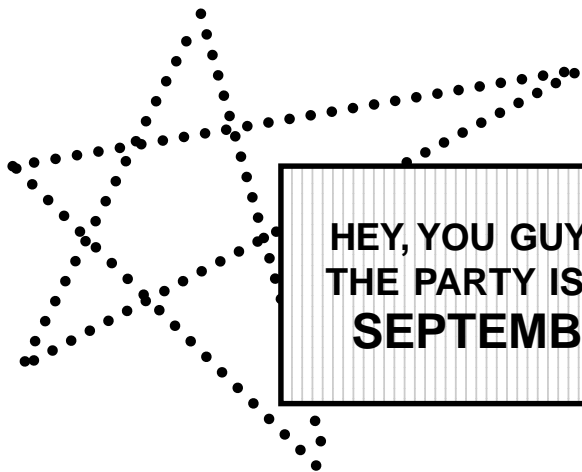


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**HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 17!**

