



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION



MICHIGAN CLASSIC

As you have probably heard, the Michigan Classic on the 4th of July weekend promises to be an event you won't want to miss. The event directors have created two terrific reasons to encourage us to buy weekend passes now: #1 \$10 off the weekend price of \$95 just for attending a FREE kickoff dance party and #2 The opportunity to sit just behind the judges in the choicest seats available, in the MSDA club 'pod'.

But the deadline to take advantage of these two perks is April 10. After that, MSDA members still get a \$5 discount but the seating is first come first serve and the pod seating will no longer be available. Read on:

"As a courtesy to our members, the **Michigan Swing Dance Association** has reserved some of the choicest seats in the entire room - GOLD section, behind the judges, third tier for optimum viewing angle. They're equivalent to 40 yard line seats at a football game.

Our three MSDA "Club Pods" (rather than table) consist of 2 rows of 5 seats clustered together with logos of our club on each seat. We have 30 total seats in the three pods.

The Michigan Classic gave us FIRST OPTION for these Gold pods and will soon release the rest of them to other clubs in the local area and in sister cities in the Midwest. 15 pods representing the best 150 seats have already been sold so anyone who doesn't purchase a ticket in a Club Pod is left to choose individual seats in the remaining side sections on a first-come, first-served basis.

Now for some GREAT NEWS! On **Saturday, April 10th, from 5-9 PM**, the MSDA will be co-hosting a **FREE** VIP KICKOFF PARTY along with several other Swing clubs in the area. It will be held at Potbelly's in the 300 Tower of the General Motors Global Center. This "SNEAK PEEK" party will allow you to meet the new Event Directors, receive a Press Kit, see large-scale Ballroom Blueprints and Color Photos of the new Renaissance Ballroom, pick up colors Event Flyers, ask questions / make suggestions for the 2004 event, enjoy some tasty Deli Sandwiches, and dance to Deejay Music till 9 PM. Best of all, every person who attends the party will get **\$10 off** the price of their Weekend Pass.

To sit in the MSDA "**GOLD CLUB POD**", it will be necessary to purchase a Weekend Pass. The price is **\$85** (which includes a sumptuous Saturday evening Dinner Buffet and the \$10 discount off the \$95 list price). It will give you a *reserved* weekend seat in our pod and our club will be given *first option* on the same location next year. If there is another group of 10 people who want to sit in a prime area, we may purchase more pods through the MSDA - but only that night. You have to attend the party to get the discount.

One more bonus! The Producers from Miramax Films in Hollywood are co-sponsoring the Michigan Classic and this party. Really! They have shipped us 20 large-format posters (27" x 39") from their recent hit movie, "**Dirty Dancing - Havana Nights**". We are giving one of these posters out to

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NEXT MSDA PARTY

APRIL 18
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. 586-754-3434*

DANCE LESSON

Last month, Louise Tamres helped us focus on learning to improvise and be comfortable playing with breaks in the music. She taught us body rhythm and styling that can be incorporated into dancing. The comments after class were positively glowing!!! We want you to come back, Louise. ❖

This month, Fred Caducio from Rhythm N Shoes will be here to teach. Check out page 4. Fred's bio is quite impressive. Lesson to be announced closer to the party date.

LAST CHANCE

to buy tickets for the 23rd Annual Phoenix
July 4th Convention
[http://www.gpsdc.org/portal/July4th/
Default.aspx](http://www.gpsdc.org/portal/July4th/Default.aspx)
\$95 for the weekend.
If you are interested, let me know ASAP.
248-390-0515

TOE TO TOE DANCE SHOES

will be at the April dance. Don't miss this chance to buy some of the best dance shoes available. They will have their usual huge selection of the latest styles on the scene. Check it out!!!

NEW MEMBERS

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


EVAN MOUNTAIN

HELP OUR CLUB GROW

AT THE NEXT DANCE:

- 😊 SAY HELLO TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW
- 😊 LEARN THREE NEW NAMES
- 😊 ASK TWO NEW PEOPLE TO DANCE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR
APRIL 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 gift for those present at the party in their birthday month. Please be sure to see Jean at the front desk before leaving the party...it needs to be laminated.

VICKIE	CZARNECKI	4/3
YVONNE	SCHALES	4/3
IRENE	KENNEDY	4/5
KATHRYN	AUGUSTIN	4/6
CARMELA	VITALE	4/7
MARGARET	ROSS	4/8
JOHN	MCLAUGHLIN	4/9
RIAN	KLEFSTAD	4/9
ROBERT	LEWIS	4/10
CAROL	GUIDICELLI	4/12
RONALD	RELLOX	4/18
BRENDA	BARTON	4/26
HENRY	LIBERACKI	4/27
DON	KEISIC	4/28
LOUISE	CAMPBELL	4/28
PAULA	SPORN	4/30

**FUTURE PARTIES**

April 18

May date TBA

June 22

July 20

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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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BIRTHDAYS...AN ISSUE FOR SOME MEMBERS.

It has been brought to my attention that some people **HATE** being called out on the floor for the birthday dance and may even stay home that day to avoid it. Yet I know that others love it. So, please let me know if you don't want your birthday published in the newsletter and/or if you don't want to come out on the floor. I'll be happy to respect your wishes. SN

LOCAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS**BIG EASTER DANCE**

Sat. April 10th Amber House
586-754-3434 Jimmy Barrios spinning all night Cha Cha, Swing, Hustle, Salsa and much more 9PM till ??? All Tickets \$10.00 at door . MSDA Save \$1 with card

CASINO ROYALE 2004

May 7th & 8th. Horseshoe Casino, Robinsonville, Mississippi. Swing dance exhibitions, workshops
Memphis Bop Club 662-342-6413
www.memphisbopclub.com

WORLD SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 7, 8, & 9. Las Vegas Riviera Hotel. Buddy Schwimmer. 909-335-0721
worldswingdancechampionship.com

SUMMER BOOGIE BLAST

May 27th - 30th. Nashville, TN
16th Anniversary Party
Music City Bop Club. 615-859-0251. Sandy Brown.
www.musiccitybopclub.com

JIMMY BARRIOS**COMO'S..SALSA & SWING**

Woodward and 9 Mile every Wed night. 9PM till 1AM. **NO COVER CHARGE.**

USA GRAND NATIONALS

May 27-31. Atlanta, GA.
Renaissance Waverly Hotel.
10th anniversary celebration.
843-249-1301
www.usagrannationals.com

DISCO AMERICA

June 10th - 13th. Clarion Hotel, NJ.
Hustle workshops, contests.
General dancing (hustle, latin, ballroom & swing)
http://www.discoamerica.com

INDY SWING CLASSIC

June 11th - 13th. Indianapolis, IN
Workshops, contests, 50 hours of dancing. Indianapolis Marriot East.
317-352-1231 http://indyswing.org
timsmail@tds.net 765-522-3251

DANCE CAMP LAS VEGAS

June 13th - 18th. Full week of ballroom dance lessons taught by pros. 800-851-2813
http://www.masterycamps.com

AMERICAN OPEN

June 18th - 20th. Conneaut Lake, PA. Multiple dance floors, Art Deco ballroom, contests, workshops, vintage amusement park and lake on site. Rooms: \$65. Weekend pass: \$79 by May 10th. http://artspectrum.org.
313-790-2311 or
info@artspectrum.org

PLEASE REMEMBER

TO TAKE YOUR MSDA MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU WHEN ASKING FOR DISCOUNTS AT STUDIOS AND EVENTS. THEY ARE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU THE DISCOUNT BUT SHOULD NOT HAVE TO TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SOME PEOPLE MASQUERADE AS MSDA MEMBERS.



DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS



THE DANCE CLUB's progressive classes begins every six weeks at the Amber House in Warren. Schedule: <http://amberhouse-danceclub.com/> 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

BIG EASTER DANCE

Sat. April 10th Amber House 7012 E. 9 Mile between Mound Rd. and Van Dyke...586-754-3434
Featuring Michigan's #1 Latin DJ Jimmy Barrios spinning all night Cha Cha, Swing, Hustle, Salsa and much more 9PM till ??? All Tickets \$10.00 at door . **MSDA Save \$1 with card**

RHYTHM -N- SHOES DANCE STUDIO

NEW: Now there are dances on both Thursday and Friday nights. \$7 on Thurs and \$10 on Fri. 9 to 11 PM. Light snacks served. **\$1.00 discount to MSDA & MSSHD members on Thursday AND Friday night dances.** Suzie Brecht is the manager of the studio, as well as a teacher and the DJ. 2172 Franklin Rd, Bloomfield Hills.248-334-0299. See *attached schedule.*
RhythmNShoes@aol.com.
<http://www.rhythm-n-shoes.com>

ROYAL OAK ARTHUR MURRAY

Friday night parties every Friday. Call for dates. 9:15 -10:45 PM. \$5. **Discount of \$1.00 for MSDA members.** 811 North Main Street, Royal Oak. FMI: 248-548-4770

TROY DANCE STUDIO

\$1.00 discount on every event to MSDA members. They hold scheduled parties on Tuesdays. 4963 Rochester Rd. Troy, MI 48098. Elaine Marrero, 248-689-3393.

ARGENTINE TANGO DETROIT

7758 Auburn Road, Utica 586-254-0560. An instructor from Deliz DanceSport is teaching Salsa & Swing on Mondays! **\$1.00 off all events to MSDAmembers.**
lori@argentinetangodetroit.com
<http://www.argentinetangodetroit.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, Studios and Bands 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.

DELIZ DANCESPORT

231 Eureka Road, Wyandotte, MI 48192 734 -281-1969. 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, \$8. Sat night dances are \$10. **\$1.00 off to MSDA members.**
<http://www.dancesportacademy.com>

DANCE ELITE BALLROOM STUDIO

6315 Haggerty, W. Bloom. American and International Ballroom Dancing. Group and private lessons for all ages. Jacob Reves, Professional Dance Instructor. Competitive dance coaching. Barry Douglas teaches Hustle classes Tuesday nights. Saturday night dance parties, 9 to midnight, \$10. **\$1.00 off to MSDA members.** 248-926-8522.
<http://eliteballroom.com>.
See *attached schedule.*

NEW!!! DEAL AMERICA FURNITURE

Full line of furniture & mattresses, plus computers: sales, service repair and upgrades. Dial up internet service and BROWSE BLASTER.

MSDA Members receive 10% Discount. 285 Piquette, Detroit, MI. 313-872-2550.

Monday thru Sat. 9am to 6 pm

NEW!!! CEO VIDEO

Still and video photography services. "Documenting precious, once-in-a-lifetime, loving memories of special occasions."
\$50 off the Diamond Wedding Videotaping Package (5% of \$1000), 5% discount on any other services.
Matt Trupiano. matt@ceovideo.net, 586-596-5240. <http://www.ceovideo.net/>

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.
<http://personaltrainermk.com/>
313-882-5422.

COULD I HAVE THIS DANCE?

Contact Meagan Woodbury if you are a male dancer between 40 - 70, & you are interested in becoming a gentleman host on cruise ships. **\$5 discount for MSDA members.** 586-775-1933

DINING WITH SINGLES

Now you can join other available, like minded, single people for evenings of fine dining and dinner theater. It's fun, it's affordable and it's without the social pressure of one on one blind dates. **\$20 membership discount to MSDA members.** Type MSDA in the comments form.
<http://www.diningwithsingles.com/>

SWING TIME STUDIO/DANCE HALL

G-4510 VanSlyke Road- Flint Swing, Ballroom, Latin, Country & Social. Group Classes & Private Instruction available. 2200 sq. ft of Floating dance floor. **\$1.00 off any workshop or Dance party to MSDA members.** Instructors: Terri Sweet-Tim Johnson-Tim Constant-Dave Wolf. Contact Terri at (810) 762-0101.
swing42@sbcglobal.net

REMINDER: Show your **MSDA** card at GLSDC and MSSHD dances to **get in at their member prices** Just show your card and save. They have a club dance every Wednesday in Flint at VFW Hall, G-4138 Corunna Road, just 1/2 west of I-75. GLSDCeditor@aol.com. MSSHD is will be the third Sat in July : bbudzyn@comcast.net
<http://www.michiganswing.com/>

HUBER & BREEZE

30% discount on all Rentals, Sales, Repairs of New & Used Disc Jockey Equipment. 33540 Groesbeck Hwy. Fraser, MI (586) 294-3950

LYNCH'S

Three Locations:
Warren: (586) 751-1780
15% discount to MSDA members.
They carry various trims for costumes, teachers' shoes, tights, etc.

**GUEST INSTRUCTOR
Fred Caducio**

Fred has taught and competed in the Pro-Am Competitions for American Smooth and Rhythm since 1996. Fred has an exuberant personality and 20 years plus of experience. He has also taught and competed in Pro-Am Competitions for Country Western Dancing and has earned top teacher awards at the Midwest Invitationaql Dance Competition and Michigan Dance Challenge. He has taught for the city of Southfield for six years in Smooth, Rhythm, Hustle and Salsa. From 1985-1987 Fred was a member of the Arthur Murray Franchise which started his ballroom career. He was a dance major at Eastern Michigan University and University of Michigan studying in Ballet, Modern Jazz, and African Dance. He studied in Toronto with the Toronto Dance Theatre. While in N.Y., he studied with Phyllis Lamhut, Murray Lewis, Paul Taylor, Alvin Ailey and Martha Graham. During his 5 years touring with the Ice Capades, he did understudy, step outs and chorus line work. He was the assistant director and assistant choreographer for the Ice Company of Southfield. Fred is now a full time teacher at Rhythm n Shoes Ballroom Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills. Schedule a lesson today at 248-334-0299.



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the FIRST 20 people who arrive at the party. If you wanted to buy them at a poster shop or off the internet, the cost would be \$20. So come to the party early, get a free poster, save \$10 on your Weekend Pass, see the production plans for the Michigan Classic, visit the ballroom, and do some dancing with us! It'll be a terrific evening.

If you would like to sit in the VIP seats reserved by the MSDA, please call me *immediately*. Starting next week, the entire Gold section will be opened up to clubs from around the country and we might lose our chance to accommodate all the people who want to sit together.

First, go here for complete details about the "VIP PARTY": www.michiganclassic.com/VIP-PARTY.htm

Then go here for information about the Club Pod Program: www.michiganclassic.com/tickets.htm Please spread the word to those who don't have email.

Contact me ASAP at msdapres@att.net or 248-390-0515 to reserve one of these select discounted GOLD seats in the MSDA "Club Pod".

Sharon Nelson, President, MSDA

Huge Benefit Dinner/Dance at Cobo on April 17th

Kevin Collins organizes this each year. I am putting together at least one table of 10 so that we get seats close to the front. If you would like to go, please contact me right away. I have one table almost full and might need to try for a second one. It's \$55 for one person and \$100 per couple. It's a very lavish semi-formal event with great music that we all can dance to. All the songs will probably accomodate either swing or hustle. So, if you are interested, let me know right away. *See attached flyer.*
Sharon Nelson 248-390-0515 msdapres@att.net

MUSIC...MUSIC...MUSIC

It is, and always will be, an issue at club dances across the country. No matter what is played, there are people who love it and people who complain about it. At the same dance!

For many years, we've tried to please as many people as possible but it seems to get harder and harder. "Those songs are so old they have mold growing on them." "You play too many Latin songs!" "You don't play enough Latin songs." Or, a fav, "You don't know s**t about music. You haven't played a single Latin song all night!!"

But my all time favorite was being told that, because of the music, I don't run a swing club. The same person informed me that he told interested potential attendees not to come if they were looking for a swing dance. He tells them it is a ballroom dance and not much swing music is played.

I put out sheets that ask for your favorite songs, and no one writes anything down unless asked specifically to sit down and take the time to do it. And take a guess as to how many people have approached me with suggestions on how to remedy the situation so that everyone is happy. Try **ZERO**. One teacher and I did quite a bit of brainstorming about it on the phone once, but no member or attendee has ever come up with a solution. Criticism seems to be much easier to produce than a solution. I always ask what the critical person would like to hear, but I usually get this answer, "Oh I don't know the names of songs. I just know if I like it or I don't." Having flunked mind reading in college, I'm at a loss on that one.

So, I came up with a structured play list format for my swing and hustle dance. I'm happy to share the current format with anyone who is interested and who would like to offer helpful, constructive suggestions. I want as many opinions as I can get. Then I'm going to publish the results. No names, just results. So, at the next dance, come up and see me (or Jean) so that I can show you the spreadsheet with the play list format.

In the meantime, I'd really like to know what songs you want to hear. Email your requests or just write them on the list at the dance. I'll do my best to fit them in. Unless they "have mold growing on them."!!! ☺



The drink ticket you receive when you enter our parties is to be used for a free soft drink or an alcoholic beverage. If you choose not to drink one, please turn it in at the bar. This is a direct part of the payment process to the Amber House! Remember: we need to help support Bill through food & drink purchases! We want to keep having our parties there.

**GOOD NEWS.....GUEST DJ THIS MONTH
DAVE THE RETIRED BAKER**

Dave will spin some of the latest tunes for an hour or so.

MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION
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WALLED LAKE, MI 48390
<http://msda.org>
pres@msda.org



HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
APRIL 18, 2004!!



Thanks for all your support!!