



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



How Many Different Dances Can You Do to 'Ocean Boulevard?'

I just love it when a dance partner starts with one dance, like the Cha Cha, and seamlessly leads me through transitions to East Coast Swing, West Coast Swing, the Hustle and back to the Cha Cha without us missing a beat. I'm spoiled, I guess, because there are several leaders in our club who can do this. I haven't run into this wonderful experience any other place. Many thanks to you creative, adventurous leaders!

The down side is that I feel a tinge of frustration when I ask someone to dance to a song that lends itself to variety and I'm told that only ONE dance can be danced to this song. For example, there are people who wouldn't even consider doing a West Coast to a Cha Cha or Fox Trot. I believe that this is only due to a lack of exposure to the possibilities that are available. So, I've decided to devote the next three dance lessons to the introduction of transitioning between dances and how to accomplish this with finesse and style. Our first instructor, Tandy Zapinski, will take us from Swing to Cha Cha and back again. The next two lessons will take us through the Hustle and WCS and back. This is going to be fun.

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 Congratulations and many good wishes to Laura Danckaert and Sean McDonnell who became engaged at the last Big III Dance, in front of their parents and friends. What a romantic way to propose, Sean!



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 7-11. 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. Call Paul Hennessey if you have questions. 1-513-697-6351

NEXT PARTY

JUNE 10

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

WINNERS!!!

The 3rd Annual North Atlantic Swing Dance Championships took place at the the SheratonMeadowlands in New Jersey. In the Open West Coast Swing Jack & Jill -2nd Place! Ken Ptak paired with Mary Reilly
 5th place - Becky Larson paired with Eric Clark

MORE WINNERS!!!

Dance Fanatics Spring Swing was a big success and produced the following winners of the Jack & Jill contests.

Amateur:

3rd place trophies - Mark Elliot (MI) & Lee Friend (OH)
 2nd place trophies - Paul Roderick (OH) & Mellisoa Mackieurcz (OH)
 1st place trophies + amateur jackpot \$ - Tom Pogros & Michelle Peuautt (CA)

Open:

3rd place trophies - Danny Burton (MI) & Ann Marie Belanger (MI)
 2nd place trophies - Bill Morrison (OH) & Amanda Warren (MI)
 1st place trophies + open jackpot \$ - Brian Wong (IL) & Joann Podleski (MI)

Congratulations to all the winners, both MSDA members and others!

DANCE LESSON

This month, it's a pleasure to welcome back that livewire, Tandy Zapinski. Tandy will lead us through the first lesson in a series on transitions between the dances. She will begin with switching between the Cha Cha and the Swing. Check out the article on this page for more information. See bio on page 4.

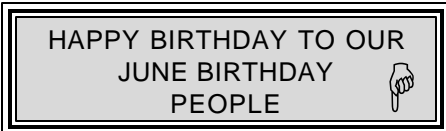


Many thanks to Denise Salkowski and Angelo Comitto, of the new studio, Rhythm & Shoes, for the enjoyable lesson on how to incorporate latin motion into our swing dancing.

NEW MEMBERS

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

- PETER J CLIFTON
- KAREN KEISER
- CHARLYNE TASATO
- YVONNE WILLIAMAS
- RON WILLIAMS
- LARRY THOMPSON
- BECKY 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.

- WILLIAM GRIFFIS 6/1
- JUDY SUSSKIND 6/2
- PATRICIA REDIES 6/2
- SHALA KILMER 6/3
- AMY CALIO 6/4
- BONNIE OLCZAK 6/8
- THOMAS BASHAW 6/9
- AL KABACINSKI 6/9
- JUNE SMITTERBERG 6/9
- GERRY ZONCA 6/11
- JULIANNA DUDER 6/12
- HAROLD FERUS, JR 6/15
- STANLEY KUBICKI 6/15
- GEORGE POWELL 6/16
- ROBERTO DEROCHIS 6/20
- GLORIA GONZALES 6/20
- DONALD CARRIERE 6/22
- JAMES DANIELS 6/22
- SHELLEY HANDREN 6/24
- BONNIE MCLEOD 6/24
- MARY ANN FOX 6/27
- VIRGINIA HAMEL 6/27
- ROGER VINEYARD 6/29



FUTURE PARTIES

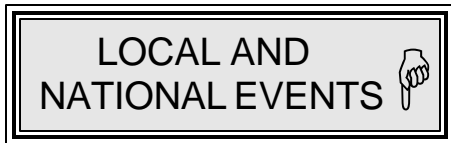


- July 22
- August 12
- September 23
- October 21
- November 18
- December 9

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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:

**DAVE THE BAKER'S
 SHOP HAS
 MOVED!!!!!!!**
 Gallery of Cakes
 29457 5 Mile Rd.
 Livonia, MI 48154
 734-427-9202
 Hours:
 Tues - Fri, 10 to 6
 Saturday, 10-2:30
 Sunday, Closed



**NEW ORLEANS DANCE
 MARDI GRAS Swing & Hustle
 Competition -**
 July 18-23, 2001
 New Orleans, LA - 318-798-6226
 or Email: nocdmg@aol.com
<http://dancemardigras.com>

BEAT THE HEAT
 July 26-29 Columbus, OH
 For the \$50 ticket, they feed you all weekend, breakfast, lunch and a buffet dinner!!! Last year they inaugurated a brand new floor. Only a 3 1/2 hour drive. 614-9399-1844 or email: watsongeo@aol.com, Buckeye Bop Club

DISCO AMERICA DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Aug 3-5, 2001 215-233-5507 or Email: DonnaBoyledisco@aol.com <http://www.discoamerica.com/> -

SWING FLING

Washington, DC
 Aug 3-5, 2001 505-286-8646 or Email: durand5678@aol.com <http://www.swingfling.com>

GLSD 2nd ANNUAL POTLUCK & SWING DANCE

Sunday, Aug 5 3-9 PM
 Polish Park
 4323 Carpenter Rd., Flint, MI
 Free to members of all dance clubs with your card and a dish to pass. Wood dance floor, food to buy, line dance lessons, Team Challenge Event, dance exhibitions and much more. BYOB and lawn chairs. FMI: Joanne (810) 691-2719

DALLAS DANCE

Aug 31-Sept 2 Dallas, TX
 \$60 ticket before Aug 1. 14 Contests, 8 workshops, pool party, social dancing. <http://DallasDance.com/> or Terry Ripa (214) 526-8889

SWINGTIME IN LAS VEGAS

October 12-14, 2001
 Sam's Town Hotel and Casino -A week end of fun and dancing in warm, sunny Las Vegas. Rooms: during the week only \$45, Friday-Saturday \$80. Cut off date Sept 17, 2001. Must mention attending Swingtime to get special rates. Call 800-634-6371 for reservations. Workshops, 4 Jack & Jills, two buffets, midnight breakfast on Friday, dinner buffet on Sat. Swimming, bowling, movies and lots of dancing on the Master Dance Floor. Thursday night early bird dance, 3 day event ticket \$80 until Sept 17. \$90 after that date and at the door.



DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS



AMBER HOUSE offers **TUESDAY LESSONS WITH TIM CONSTANT.**

7:30 to 8:30 PM for ECS and 8:30 to 9:30 for Carolina Shag. \$5 per lesson. **WEST COAST WEDNESDAY HAS MOVED TO THE AMBER HOUSE.** FMI: Call (810).754.3434. **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.

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. FMI: Elaine Marrero, TDS. (248) 689-3393.

WEST COAST WEDNESDAY

By Dance Fanatics
Location: **The Amber House.** 7:30, 8:15. Lessons by Tera Gehrking-Vitale. Dancing 9 -11 PM. **\$1.00 off to MSDA members** every Wednesday. For more info: (810)-446-8888 or visit <http://www.DanceFanatics.com>

TONIA DELIZ has opened a new dance studio in Wyandotte. 231 Eureka Road Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 281-1969 M-F, 1pm-10pm, Sat. by appt
Email: delizdancesport@excite.com

RHYTHM & SHOES DANCE STUDIO

They offer \$1.00 discount on Thursday night dances. 8:30 to 10:30 PM. DJ..Suzie Brecht. 3600 sq. ft. dance floor. Shoes & dance clothing. 2172 Franklin Rd, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-0299

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.

ARGENTINE TANGO DETROIT

7758 Auburn Road, Utica
FMI: (810) 254-0560
10% off all events to MSDA members.
<http://www.argentinetangodetroit.com>
LnBrtn@compserv.net

NEW: DANCESPORT ACADEMY OF MICHIGAN. Opened by Alex Young and Pamela Preczewski

23666 Park, Dearborn, MI 48124
313-724-3262. The studio will have Friday night open dances, \$10.00 per person. **\$1.00 off to MSDA members.** All parties will include light snacks and beverages.

DANCE ART COLLECTIBLES

By Linda Jaworski
An incredible collection of gorgeous and/or entertaining dance related art and collectibles. What better gift for a dancer? **10% discount on unframed posters and 15% off framed posters to MSDA members.** 33228 West 12 Mile, Suite 138, F. Hills. For more info: 248-488-0244 ljaworski@aol.com.

CHANGE OF PACE CLOTHIERS

Located at 2045 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake, MI
248-332-1811. **10% discount offered to all MSDA members.**

LYNCH'S

Three Locations:
Warren: (810) 751-1780
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. 33540 Groesbeck Hwy. Fraser, MI (810) 294-3950

COULD I HAVE THIS DANCE?

Meagan Woodbury, MSDA member, is the lady to contact if you are a male dancer between 40 - 70, & you are interested in becoming a gentleman host on cruise ships. Meagan works for Loretta Blake & has been interviewer, trainer & tester for MI; Ca; Oh. areas 10 years. \$5 discount for MSDA members. (313) 886 -9394.

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. (313) 882-5422.



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 snelson@att.net



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.



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. Last month's pot was \$70.00!!



**GUEST INSTRUCTOR
Tandy Zapinski**

Tandy Zapinski started dancing at age five. She started with ballet then moved to jazz, hip-hop and then funk. In high school, she danced with the Marching Band "Dancing Dolls" for four years, winning and performing across the US. After graduation from Oakland University, she became a member of the O.U. Repertoire Company. She felt like something was missing in her dancing. She really hated the fact that they only performed twice a year. Then, a year later, she switched to OU "Images" Dance Team. Tandy spent a wonderful two years dancing and competing against the top dance teams in the U.S., including Michigan State, Ohio State and U of M., winning at events held at Cobo Hall and the University of Milwaukee Wisconsin College UDA Invitational.

Since 1997, Tandy has worked for Arthur Murray of Royal Oak, under the watchful eye of Candy McKenzie. She discovered she has a great love for partner dancing and ballroom competitions and enjoys competing all over North America in many Pro-Am contests and Showcases. This gives her students a chance to shine and they usually finish in the top 2%. Tandy is looking for a professional partner to compete in American Rhythm. Her major goal is to own an Arthur Murray's School of her own before she turns 25.

Grand Nationals in Atlanta....WOW!!!

Many MSDA members just returned from the Grand Nationals in Atlanta, GA, weary but happy. The dance floor stayed hopping until 6 AM and the workshops started at 9:30 AM! The teachers at the bottom of the pecking order had to teach the early morning classes while the 'senior' members of the elite slept in.

Mario Robau was very funny as the MC and even better as the leader of the Swing Team in the Annual Shag vs. Swing Team Challenge. Each team was given a specific amount of time to come out in silly costumes and taunt the other team. Then, the agenda called for a series of stupid games involving balloons and Velcro golf balls. Robau's team

broke the tradition by making a work of art out of their introduction. They dressed in black, called themselves Hell's Black Sheep (I think?) and sat in chairs, very stoic and classic, rather than ridiculous. Instead of having Elvis chase The Godfather around, they used their time to create an incredible parade of swing dance styles. The announcer, (I believe it was Robau) started the introduction of each style with the same phrase, "It isn't just about _____." Fill in the blank with a style of swing dance, such as ECS, WCS, Lindy, Balboa, DC Hand Dancing, Cabaret, Hip Hop, Jitterbug, and on and on. Each time a style of dance was announced, dancers would come out who were wonderfully suited to perform that style of dance. They were recognizable because they had been performing in various contests throughout the weekend, so they were all very good. Before one couple was even out of the performance circle, another style was being announced and more partners came dancing in. The parade went on seemingly forever, and the amount of time, imagination and organization that must have gone into this display became apparent. When it finally came to an end, I was sorry it was over. It made the Shag team, limited to only ONE style of dance and dressed in silly costumes, look pathetic. About all they could say was that the Swing team had broken the rules by taking too much time for the intro.

I was so excited that I went right out into the hall and ordered the tapes of the weekend. I have to watch that again, and I want to list all the styles of swing that they came up with.

In order to share it with everyone at the dances, I'll get my hands on a TV/VCR and run the tapes for those who might enjoy seeing an incredible performance. The tapes won't be here for 6 weeks so they might arrive for the July dance. I hope!!!



Some of you may have known the dancer, Frank Roumayah, who passed away on May 25, on the dance floor. Sympathy goes out to his family and friends.



Dance Web Site of the Month

<http://www.interchange.ubc.ca/lindholm/>

"Ballroom Dance Music web site. Here you'll find all the information I've collected over the years regarding ballroom dance music (both "strict" and "non-strict"). The information gathered here comes from my own experience as a competitor and from attending various completions, from various suppliers, and from articles in rec.arts.dance.."

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HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
JUNE 10!!!!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!