



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



There's a NEW dance in town!!!

At the MSDA dance last month, we watched a dynamite couple put on a showcase that caused even 'old timers' to yell out "I wanna learn to dance like that!!" They showed us moves we've never seen before, and did a wildly energetic medley of dances that blended seamlessly together. Kevin Collins and Pam Woods demonstrated skill, technique, flair, humor, style and incredible joie de vivre as they entertained us. They were so smooth and in synch with each other that it was hard to spot when they changed from Ballroom Cha Cha to the Bop, then the Chop and on to the Hustle and back again, cycling through the dances as easily as though they've done it for years. Well, they have. They have done much to revive and promote these dances in the Detroit area, and they've opened my eyes to an exciting new addition to my dance repertoire.

I have to thank Bill Scheff, our gracious host and club DJ, for introducing me to Kevin and Ballroom Cha Cha. Bill saw the potential in the opportunity in terms of expanding the horizons of our dance community and encouraged me to take lessons with him. I did and have been excited about it ever since. I decided that it would be fun to have Kevin come and teach us Ballroom Cha Cha first hand since he and Pam are the winners of the 1999 and 2000 Motor City Ballroom Dance Contest. The showcase at the last dance made me very glad Kevin has arranged to teach for several months, until we get



comfortable with it and/or want to move on to the Bop or the Chop.

What is Ballroom Cha Cha? What kind of music can you dance to when you 'Ballroom'? I was going to go into a long, detailed explanation but I've changed my mind. Instead, all I'll say is:

- #1 Anyone can do it....all ages, all skill levels
 - #2 You can take it to any level of skill, energy and advancement that you want or you can stay mellow and low key
 - #3 It's easy to learn (if Kevin is your teacher)
 - #4 You can dance it to almost ANY KIND OF MUSIC
 - #5 You can dance it all over the floor or in one little space
 - #6 You can get real cozy with your partner and belly rub or you can keep it nice and clean
 - #7 You can learn all 129 moves (I think that's how many Kevin knows) or you can learn 7 and do just fine.
 - #8 You can learn to do the 'shines' and the funky stuff that you do individually while your partner does something else. So, you get to play.
 - #9 You can start going to all the clubs in the city that you've never gone to because you never knew about them or couldn't do this dance!
 - #10 You get to meet lots of wonderful new people who want to share their dancing with you.
- Need I say more? See you at the lesson.



DJ TIM CONSTANT BREAKING NEW GROUND WITH AN OLD SOUND.....RHYTHM & BLUES NIGHT

****Swing**Shag**Bop**Ballroom****
 March 10th Amber House
 3-4 Carolina Shag Lesson with Tim Constant. 4-7 Open Dancing
 Lesson: \$3, Dance: \$7. **\$1 off each one to MSDA members.**
 (586) 754.3434.

NEXT PARTY MARCH 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. 586-754-3434



DANCE LESSON

Last month, Paulette Brockington taught West Coast Dirty Dancing Style. She challenged us once again to get in touch with our sexy selves. How'd you do?



This month, Kevin Collins will be out guest teacher. He will introduce a new dance to the club.....Ballroom Cha Cha. The lesson is open to everyone and will appeal to all levels and styles of dancers. Kevin's bio is on page 4.



DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS



THE DANCE CLUB classes begin each month at the Amber House in Warren. Schedule:

http://amberhouse-danceclub.com/class_schedule.htm. 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

AMBER HOUSE also offers Tuesday lessons with Tim Constant. 7:30 to 8:30 PM for ECS and 8:30 to 9:30 for Carolina Shag. FMI: Call (586) 754-3434. **New classes starting soon!** Contact Tim at ninmiller@hotmail.com

The Amber House is pleased to present a new series of classes featuring CINDY GERALDS starting Mar 18. Cindy and Bill Scheff will be conducting intermediate hustle and beginning swing classes on Monday nights. 586-754-3434. Cindy is also available for private lessons.

STARDUST DANCE STUDIO

Discount of \$1.00 for MSDA members for their Friday night parties. **Please Note Time Change! Friday Night Dance Parties will change to a new time! 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM** FMI: (248) 356-5678. See attached class schedule. <http://stardustballroom.com>

ROYAL OAK ARTHUR MURRAY

Friday night parties. 9:15 -10:45 PM. \$5. **Discount of \$1.00 for MSDA members.**

RHYTHM DANCE PARTIES..2nd Sat.'s Saturday, March 9th, 8:30 — 11:00 PM. \$10.00 Per Person (Includes Refreshments) **\$2.00 Discounts given to MSDA members.** 811 North Main Street, Royal Oak. FMI: 248-548-4770

TROY DANCE STUDIO

They offer MSDA members **\$1.00 discount on every event** they hold scheduled Theme Parties on Tuesdays. NEW STUDIO: FMI: Elaine Marrero, TDS. (248) 689-3393.

TROY DANCE STUDIO WEST

6750 Orchard Lk. Rd., W.B. 248-538-4343. elainemarrero@home.com
<http://troydancestudio.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, Bands and Event Coordinators 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.

RHYTHM N' SHOES DANCE STUDIO

\$1.00 discount to MSDA members on Thursday night dances. 8:30 to 10:30 PM. DJ. Suzie Brecht. New 'drop-in' classes with Tera Vitale on Monday nights. 2172 Franklin Rd, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-0299. RhythmNShoes@aol.com. See attached schedule.

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, \$10.00 per person. **\$1.00 off to MSDA members.**
<http://www.dancesportacademy.com/>



About the R&B Night

The Rhythm and Blues dance is a dance spotlighting classic R&B music in which you can dance many different styles so it will appeal to everyone. The music is perfect for West Coast, East Coast, Slow Lindy, Shag, Bop, and sometimes Cha Cha. Tim will be teaching Shag and future lessons will highlight West Coast, Bop, or Slow Lindy steps.

DANCE ART COLLECTIBLES

By Linda Jaworski: A large collection of wonderful dance related art and collectibles. **10% discount on unframed posters and 15% off framed posters to MSDA members.** 33228 West 12 Mile, Suite 138, F. Hills. For more info: 248-788-4048 or ljjaworski@aol.com.

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.

ARGENTINE TANGO DETROIT

7758 Auburn Road, Utica

FMI: (810) 254-0560

Tonia Deliz of Deliz DanceSport is teaching Salsa & Swing on Mondays!

\$1.00 off all events to MSDA members.

<http://www.argentinatangodetroit.com>
LnBrtn@compserv.net

REMINDER: Show your **MSDA** card at GLSDC and MSSHD dances to **get in at their member prices** Just show your card and save. The GLSDC schedule is at: <http://danceaway.com/GLSDC/calendar.html>. They have a club dance every Wednesday in Flint. MSSHD is on the 2nd Sunday of the month : bbudzyn@home.com. <http://www.michiganswing.com/>



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 usually around 6 PM. Anyone can enter. The last three pots have been \$125.00, \$83 and \$85. You must be present to win.



**GUEST INSTRUCTOR
KEVIN COLLINS**

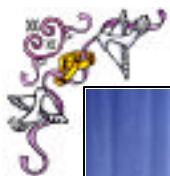
Kevin Collins is well-known in the dance circles of Detroit and surrounding areas. He has taught privately and provided consultation to groups and individuals for over 20 years. Mr. Collins has choreographed for fund-raising events, and other social galas occurring in and around the City. He has won numerous dance competitions and has been recognized for his outstanding dancing abilities. He is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades. About 8 years ago, Kevin Collins had the vision to assemble a group of exceptional dancers who would preserve and promote Detroit social dance styles. His ability to create and teach just goes on and on. His style is high-energy, but smooth, with hints of tap dancing footwork. He was educated in Detroit's public school system and now instructs ballroom dancing to students throughout the Detroit Public Schools. Just about every day of the week you can find him teaching children or adults his many dance styles and techniques. His adult classes are taught at 17500 Northland Park Court in Southfield on Monday nights; on Wednesday and Saturday he is in downtown Detroit at the Coleman Young Recreation Center and on Thursdays he's found at the Yorkshire Dance Studio at 16641 E. Warren on Detroit's east side. In addition to many other awards, he and Pamela Woods are the winners of the 1999 and 2000 Motor City Ballroom Dance Contest. Once you see him dance, you won't forget him!

Congratulations to Roger Vineyard. He Got Married!!!



Roger emailed me some pictures and I asked him if I could put them in the newsletter. In his own words, "Yes, please announce it. I just got back from the Philippines. I was there for 3 weeks. I loved it so much I have decided to move there but first I want to get my new wife here in the USA. Then, as soon as I can sell my house, we are going to move to the Philippines. I'm hoping in the next 4 to 6 months. I plan to teach dancing there and go into cooking, baking and something for the kids in the area. Wait until you meet my new wife! She is not a dancer yet but I am going to teach her. Roger"

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**HEY, YOU GUYS!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
MARCH 17, 2002!!**

