



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION



We have a New Format!!

Many times in the past few years, I've been asked to bring in teachers to do workshops. Well, the time has come and we are fortunate to have **not one, but two** outstanding teachers to give workshops before the dance **EACH** month. This is Dancer Heaven!!!

Wait, there's more.....

In addition to having access each month to two award winning, personable, knowledgeable, friendly, up-to-date-on-the-current-moves teachers, we will also have **TWO** levels of dance instruction just before each dance. It's sometimes difficult to mix beginners and upper level dancers in the same lesson, and do justice to both, so we are going to offer two levels of lessons. Of course, these lessons are **free** to members, as usual.

Wait, there's STILL more.....

The Music!!!! Phil Dorroll will be our main DJ, with occasional guest appearances by some of our own local music aficionados. Phil is the event director for many major national events (see his bio on page 4) and, as such, is in constant contact with the best national DJ's. He taps them for tips on the absolutely latest and greatest, and updates his music collection constantly. We will follow the same format as before with regard to a sprinkling of smooth, latin, country and others. Stop by the front desk to see the format that I work with. Of course, as usual, if you would like to request a song, just ask. We'll play it if we have it.

You won't believe this but.....there's EVEN more.....

Phil is coming in on Saturday and will be hosting a small Dance Intensive from 5 to 7 to 7:30ish that evening. The session will include:

- critiques of individuals/couples
- question and answer opportunities throughout the evening
- tips on technique inc. looking and feeling better with your connection

This is a good time to ask for personal help cleaning up or perfecting a pattern, jazzing up your styling, or asking him how those pros do that footwork you saw at....

The Saturday session is open to Intermediate/Advanced level dancers and only costs.....**you won't believe this either**.....\$10 per person! And it includes pizza afterwards!!! Limited to the first 20 people who call (space considerations). Couples encouraged, singles are also welcome. To reserve a space, call Sharon at 248-390-0515 or Judy at 248-553-7973.

Then join the whole gang at Diamondbacks for a wild evening of non-stop, get down and boogie, 'did-you-see-what -they-just-did?' dancing.

NEXT MSDA PARTY

NOVEMBER 21

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

Something for everyone!!

This month our guest instructor is Joan Podleski. She will be teaching a West Coast Swing class in men and women's styling. Intermediate Level dancers only. *...see bio on page 2*



At the same time, Tera Vitale will be teaching a Beginner Level West Coast Swing class. *...see bio on page 4.*



NEW MEMBERS

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

- KAY BRUNS
- PRESTON BURKE
- IVAN FOX
- GLENDA MAY

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 NOVEMBER 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.

SHIRLEY	HATHAWAY	11/8
MIKE	DERADOURIAN	11/14
BECKY	McGEE	11/17
JANET	MARCACCINI	11/17
PETER	DISALVO	11/18
CYNTHIA	BARCLAE	11/21
MAURICE	O'DONNELL	11/22
MARIO	AGOSTA	11/23
ALICE	STEIN	11/23
JIM	DeVOE	11/27
KAREN	LIM	11/29



FUTURE PARTIES

November 21

December 12

Please note: Some of the dates are not on the 3rd Sunday due to holidays or convention dates.

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

NASHVILLE CLASSIC

Nov. 4 -7. Sheraton Downtown. Nashville, TN. Rooms: \$89. Skippy Blair Intensive. Workshops, Pros, competitions. Gold Pass: \$. nashvilleclassic@comcast.net. <http://www.nashvilleclassic.com/> 615-242-2674.

MOVE ACROSS THE RIVER 2004

Nov. 10-14. Drawbridge Inn, Fort Mitchell, KY. \$70 per night. Ticket is \$40 for the weekend. FMI: Paul Hennessey: 513-697-6351.

2nd ANNUAL TRIBUTE DANCE

Nov. 13, 8PM - 1 AM. A tribute to the musicians, singers, and songwriters who we have lost in 2004. With a special tribute to Ray Charles. All types of Swing, Latin & Hustle music by DJ Tim Constant. Amber House, 7012 E. 9 Mile, Warren. \$10 (**\$1 discount for dance club members**) FMI: 586-754-3434 or visit www.whereistim.com

CASH BASH

Nov. 26-28. Hilton Garden Inn, Twinsburg, OH. Rooms: \$79. Workshops, competitions, open dancing. \$99 FMI: Ernie: 330-823-5804 or Pat: 440-257-3142. <http://www.cashdanceclub.org/>

Joann Podleski's Bio

This month, Joann Podleski will be teaching Intermediate West Coast Swing, men and women's styling. She will teach you to Bump up your Basics with Intermediate Styling. Don't miss it!

Joann Podleski danced the usual tap, ballet, jazz and pointe as a child. After a twenty-five year break, she began to dance again. This time it was country/western that caught her attention. While dancing at a country night club, she saw a couple dancing West Coast swing and thought, whatever that is, I have got to learn it and learn it she did!

Next, Joann joined the Flint based Great Lakes Swing Dance Club and soon became it's Vice-President and was a key factor in bringing back successful workshops and fun "theme" dance parties that had been missing for years.

As an employee of Toe To Toe Dance Shoes, Joann is sent to many dance conventions and competitions where she has been able to train with the likes of Wayne and Sharlot Bott, Jordan Frisbee and Tatiana Mollman, and frequently with Skippy Blair.

For the past 6 years, Joann has taught beginning and intermediate West Coast swing along with ladies' and men's styling classes. She currently teaches in various studios in the Flint, Clio and Lansing areas. She also enjoys competing in an occasional Jack & Jill, Strictly Swing or Classic Swing competition.

Currently, Joann is teamed up with local DJ Tim Johnson offering monthly dance parties with free lessons at American Dance Center. She is currently an Advanced and Masters competitor on the national circuit.

Joann is also a terrific DJ and goes by the name Mojo.

Joann is available for privates prior to the dance. 810-691-2719

**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

TUESDAY LINDY/BLUES DANCE at 9pm at the Amber House. Cover is \$5 and includes admittance plus a \$2 drink ticket. 586-754-3434. Amber House is located at 7012 E. Nine Mile Rd.

**RHYTHM -N- SHOES DANCE STUDIO**

NEW: Now there are dances on both Thursday and Friday nights. \$7 on Thurs and **\$7 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

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 several nights a week. 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 MSDA members.** 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. Saturday night dances started in July. 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. 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*.



Just a reminder: this club was founded with the concept that the main benefits to the members are the discounts that they receive from the studios and event promoters in the area. It is possible to save a lot of money by being an MSDA member.

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.

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/>

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

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.

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/>

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

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 Instructors Phil Dorroll & Tera Vitale

Detroit West Coast Swing Workshop Weekend Sunday, November 21, 2004

Phil Dorroll
Instructor

Event Director for the
Michigan Classic
& Nashville Classic



Tera Vitale
Instructor

Event Director for the
Motown Dance
Championships



12:00 - 1:30 pm - **Lead & Follow (Communication - You talkin' to me?)** All Levels
1:45-3:15 pm - **Hitting the Breaks plus Slides** Intermediate Level
\$12.00 per person for each class or \$20.00 for both classes.

3:15 - 4:00 pm - MSDA **Beginners Class** (free to members) taught by Tera Vitale
Intermediate Class (free to members) taught by Joann Podleski
4:00 - 8:00 pm - MSDA Dance

All workshops and dance will be held at the Amber House.
Contact: Sharon Nelson at msda@att.net or 248-390-0515 to register.

BIOS

Phil lives in Nashville, TN, where he is the owner and operator of *Dance America Productions* and *Dance Connection Dance Studio*. Phil is a full time dance instructor and promoter teaching workshops and privates in the Tennessee and Alabama area. Phil with his wife, Louise, teach dance, promote and organize various dance events and weekends across the country, including the Michigan Classic, Nashville Classic, Nashville Dance Camp, Music City Dance Camp, Memphis Swing Jam, & Nashville Swing Weekend.

Phil & Louise have competed in many competitions on the swing circuit during the past few years and some of their accomplishments include,

US OPEN - 4th Place Masters, 2001
KC Swing Challenge - 1st Place Masters, 2001
Heartland Swing - 3rd Place Open, 2002
Swing Fling - 3rd Place Sophisticated Swing, 2002
KC Swing Challenge - 1st Place Showcase, 2002
Heartland Swing - 1st Place Masters, 2003
Heartland Swing - Advanced Jack & Jill 1st Place, 2003
Swing Fling - 3rd Place Sophisticated Swing, 2003
Atlanta Summer Swing Jam - 1st Place Adv J & J, 2003
Atlanta Summer Swing Jam - 2nd Place Adv S. Swing, 2003

Phil is available for private lessons on the workshop weekend.
615-242-2674 or danceamerica5678@comcast.net

Tera Vitale has been dancing since she was five years old. She took lessons in tap, jazz, and ballet for 8 years, was on her high school dance line, and also participated in ballroom dancing. She started dancing West Coast Swing in 1996 and started teaching WCS in 1998. She has been teaching dance full-time for 4 years specializing in WCS, Hustle, and Night Club Two-Step.

Dallas - 2nd place Adv. WCS Jack and Jill, 2002, 2001
Mid-U.S. - 1st place WCS Inv. Jack and Jill, 2003, 2002
and 2000
CASH Bash - 3rd place WCS Inv. Jack and Jill, 2002
CASH Bash - 1st place Adv. Hustle J & J, 2002
Indy Swing Classic - 2nd place Invitational J & J, 2003
Swing Challenge, MN - 3rd place Adv. WCS J & J, 2004

Her most important accomplishment was giving birth to her first child, Joshua Giovanni, in February 2004.

Tera teaches in Madison Heights and may be reached
at 248-616-0556.

Mission Statement

Our goal is to bring quality dance instruction, competition, and social dancing together in an environment that people will enjoy as they develop life long friendships and memories.

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HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 21, 2004!!

