

# MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



## CINCINNATI WAS PARTY, PARTY, PARTY!!!!!!

As usual, The Bop Convention was a huge success and more fun than last year. Many thanks to Bob Campbell for finding us such a lovely restaurant for our Saturday night club dinner, to Jerry Barton for the wonderful photos that will be appearing in our newsletters and on our website, to Roger Vineyard for the gourmet chili buffet on Friday night and to all the MSDA members who attended in force, contributing to Michigan being the state with the most dancers represented at the convention. Just ask anyone who went...it was a trip!!



## THE LINE-UP

We are happy to announce our list of teachers for future MSDA dances.  
December 19...Joyce Stoughton  
January 16...Tim Constant  
February 20...Dawn Johnston

**BONUS  
DANCE ART  
COLLECTIBLES WILL BE  
AT THE DECEMBER PARTY**  
Pick up some Christmas gifts for your dance loving friends.

**NEXT PARTY  
DECEMBER 19  
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*

**DANCE LESSON**  
Our teacher at the November dance was Tandy Zapinski of the Royal Oak Arthur Murray Studio. She taught a Lindy Hop lesson that was very energetic and lots of fun. It was quite entertaining to see one of the MSDA officers hopping about with a big smile on his face. I think I enjoyed that as much as he enjoyed the lesson. Thanks Tandy.  
We are fortunate to have a Christmas tradition...Joyce Stoughton-Kim always teaches at our December dance. Joyce will be teaching beginning and intermediate West Coast Swing Hitting the Breaks. Please see page four for the class description and Joyce's bio.

**NEW MEMBERS**

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

- BOB BENNANE
- TIM CONSTANT
- BARB EALY
- GREG HAMILTON

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR  
DECEMBER 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 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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| LORNA THOM         | 12/5  |
| EVELYN VELASCO     | 12/5  |
| ART LEWANDOWSKI    | 12/6  |
| TERRI OSTASZEWSKI  | 12/8  |
| LIZ LUZSINSKI      | 12/10 |
| KATHY BOETTCHER    | 12/11 |
| NELLIE MORAN       | 12/11 |
| ANN ENGHARDT       | 12/12 |
| COLLEEN WARSAW     | 12/15 |
| JOHN MORAN         | 12/15 |
| VICKI FEARON       | 12/16 |
| JIM ROWE           | 12/19 |
| BESS MILLER        | 12/20 |
| RYAN SHEAD         | 12/23 |
| ED MORGAN          | 12/23 |
| DESSELONGER CONNER | 12/25 |
| TOM POGROS         | 12/25 |
| ALETA MESKIN       | 12/27 |
| JIM VOSS           | 12/27 |
| MILLIE MOORE       | 12/28 |
| ANN PALMERI        | 12/30 |



A NEW SHIPMENT OF 20  
DIFFERENT SWING AND  
HUSTLE CD'S WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT  
THE PARTY!!!!!!

**FUTURE PARTIES**

**December 19**

- January 16
- February 20
- March 19
- April 16

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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

**LOCAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS**

**HOLIDAY PARTY**

December 10, 1999  
 Stardust Ballroom 9-12 PM  
 Sweets & Dancing \$8.00  
 Dressy attire suggested.  
 FMI: (248) 356-5678  
 www.stardustballroom.com

**MSDA CHRISTMAS PARTY**

December 19, 1999  
 Amber House, Warren. Joyce Stoughton, as is our Christmas tradition, is our guest teacher. Several dance exhibitions including the "Twice as Nice" dance team. This is a formation team featuring 8 dance crazy ladies dancing to Santa Claus is Coming to town.

**Dance Art Collectibles by Linda Jaworski** will be there so that you can buy Christmas presents for all your dance friends. There will be Christmas presents galore, including the latest, greatest West Coast Swing compilation, **Sophisticated Swing Vol. #1** and much more. Save a white elephant gift to add to the collection. We'll draw names and fight over the silliest ones. (In case you've never done a White Elephant gift drawing, you're in for a treat. Just bring a goofy item, possibly an outrageous garage sale reject, and be eligible to join the fun.) A new collection of swing CD's will be available, including the Measure of Blues series, Roll Up the Rug, Kelly Hunt and the new WCS compilation. Ladies, wear your sequins and sparkles if you like. It will be very festive!

**NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**

December 31, 1999-Jan 2000  
**CO-SPONSORED BY THE MSDA and AMBER HOUSE.**  
 8 PM -2 AM. Price includes 2 meat buffet, fruit table, party favors, champagne toast at midnight. \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Cash bar. 7012 E. Nine Mile, Warren, MI. FMI: Call Bill Scheff: 810-754-3434.  
**SAVE THE DATE ! IT'LL BE GREAT!**

**3rd ANNUAL CHARACTERS**

**RE-UNION PARTY**  
 JANUARY 29, 2000

**SWINGIN' AT SEA**

March 5-12, 2000  
 Caribbean Dance Cruise  
**Yes, tickets are still available and several MSDA members are going!** Hosts: Beata Howe, Robert Cordoba and Deborah Szekely. West Coast Swing Dance package. Sixteen instructors. FMI: Beata: (818) 500-YEAH  
 Reservations: (800) 503-9600

## DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS

**THE DANCE CLUB** classes begin each month at the Amber House in Warren. Private lessons available.

\*\*\*Practice Night at the Amber House! Mambo, Hustle, ChaCha - Tango - Waltz - FoxTrot - Swing - West Coast Practice What You Learn! Huge Dance Floor !Find a Partner, Get a Partner, What Ever It Takes TO GET DANCIN' Thursdays:8:00 PM to 10:30 PM - Cover \$4.00. Amber House, 7012 E. Nine Mile Road (Just W. of VanDyke) Warren, MI FMI:Call Bill Scheff at (810).734.3434.

**STARDUST DANCE STUDIO** offers our members a discount of \$1.00 off the admission fee for their the Stardust Showcase & the 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.

**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 so much going on, you almost need to stop in to keep informed! 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.

### 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? E-mail Brenda at [dancealert@aol.com](mailto:dancealert@aol.com) and visit her new website at:

<http://members.aol.com/dancealert/index.html>.

**Check out our Information Station for her list of Dance Floors in the area.**

### 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!!!

### 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 Lauretta Blake and has been a 'tester' for the Michigan, Windsor and Ohio areas for eight years. You can reach her at (313) 886-9394.

### HOT TIP

**BE SURE TO FILL OUT A DANCE CARD OR TEN AT EACH PARTY. WE USE THOSE TO CHOOSE WINNERS FOR THE DOOR PRIZES.**

### NEW MSDA FEATURE

This is way cool!

If you'd like to receive your newsletter by e-mail a few days before it arrives by snail mail, please let me know. Send me ([sfnelson@worldnet.att.net](mailto:sfnelson@worldnet.att.net)) your e-mail address with the word 'YES' in the subject line. If I can omit sending you a hardcopy, please make a note of that in the message. You'll need Acrobat Reader to open and print it. It's available for free at [www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html#reader](http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html#reader).

### MSDA DANCE ATTENDEES, PLEASE NOTE:

The white 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to last month's Dance Card Contest winners: Ken Bonneville and Mary Leiger won free admittance to an MSDA dance, Sharon Mason won a club towel and an electric fan, Rian Klefstad won a club t-shirt and Ken Bonneville also won a CD. Steve Lenahan won \$30 in the the 50/50 Raffle and donated \$ 10 to the MSDA. You're a doll, Stevie!!!

### 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 Bob Campbell for tickets.



**GUEST INSTRUCTOR  
Joyce Stoughton-Kim**

JOYCE STOUGHTON-KIM is our featured instructor this week. We look forward to the Christmas dance because Joyce always teaches this month's lesson, so it's very special.

Joyce is currently employed with the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority in Rochester, Michigan and with Dazz Dance in Ann Arbor. Joyce has been teaching, performing and competing in dance as her full time profession since 1987. Her areas of expertise are children's dance, Ballroom, Latin, Hustle and West Coast Swing. She has recently returned from the U.S. Open and is continuing her training with the country's great West Coast Swing authorities John Festa and Beata Howe.

This year Joyce will be teaching *Hitting the Breaks, West Coast Style*. This will be a two part class. The first half will be for a beginner to intermediate level WCS dancer. For this class, dancers should know the basic 6 & 8 count patterns including the basic, the push break, the whip, the left side pass and underarm turn right. Part two will require proficiency with the 8 count whip and will be for more advanced dancers. Joyce will emphasize not only how to feel the breaks coming and how to hit them when they do, but she will also give us some styling moves to execute during the breaks. This will be a dynamite class.

**More photos from Cincy**



**WEBSITE OF THE MONTH**



The MSDA now has a Message Board on the club website. It was created to provide a place for people to post messages to each other about upcoming events, to discuss what they're doing on the weekends or to ask dance related questions. Just click on the Message Board link from the home page, <http://www.msda.org>, and click on Post Message. Have fun.

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HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
THE PARTY IS **SUNDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 19!** SEE YOU  
THERE.



**MANY THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

