



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



IT WAS ALL A BLUR.....



The Characters Party was packed with over 200 happy dancers and it was almost impossible to make it around to talk and dance with all our friends. One highlight of the evening was a huge group Pass and Catch Hustle in which at least eight couples were involved. That's why the photo is a blur. They were all moving too fast to see. Another fun activity was the Mambo Line Dance led by Mike Leach. We'll really miss that, Mike. Dancers came in from out of state for the party and old friends dropped by. Many thanks to Bill for the great food, music and atmosphere. It was just like Old Times when Saturday night meant Characters.



A few characters from the Characters Party.

WE'LL MISS YOU GUYS!!! ☹️

Denise and Michael are moving to Atlanta very soon and we want to wish them all the best. Please come back and visit often. Very often. OK, MSDA members, here's a real good reason to go to the Grand Nationals in Atlanta this year. We can all stay at D. & M.'s house. (Just kidding. About staying there I mean.) Best wishes and lots of love from all of us.



A few more characters. BTW, Happy Birthday to the former President of our Club, Brenda Rupp. 🙌



THE LINE-UP

We are happy to announce our list of teachers for future MSDA dances.

- February 20...Dawn Johnston
- March 19..TBA
- April 16...Joyce Stoughton
- May 20...Suzy Sutton

NEXT PARTY

FEBRUARY 20

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

Tim Constant, our guest teacher last month, taught Boogie Woogie to an enormous crowd. Somebody told me to go get the floor stretcher from Bill. There were **75** dancers on the floor for the lesson! True to Tim's normal style, the lesson was fun, useful, and easy to learn and execute. And many thanks to Tim for bringing so many new people to the club. It was heartwarming to me to see all ages and styles dancing together. 🙌




Our teacher this month is Dawn Johnston, author of the dancer's web site 'Danceaway.com'. Dawn's going to teach us some "Fun & Sexy Moves". I know this will appeal to the sleaze faction in the group. (You know who you are.) We're looking forward to it, Dawn. Dawn's bio is on page 4.

NEW MEMBERS

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

BETTY DOHRING
WILLIAM GOBART
JULIANNA DUDEK
SHERRI KING
SEAN MCDONNELL
JOANNE SNIDER
RITA CURTIS
BONNIE MCLEOD
BRUCE WOOD
DEBBIE GRZELEWSKI
CRAIG PETERS
LAURA DANCKAERT
GARRET URBANIAK
BASIM ABDELNOUR
JANICE TERRA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR
FEBRUARY 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.

DEBBIE	GRZELEWSKI	2/1
SALLY	STREET	2/3
GEORGE	KRUCZKOWSKI	2/4
BRENDA	RUPP	2/4
BONNIE	SPARRE	2/4
ROXANNE	THORPE	2/6
LOUIS	GOLETZ	2/10
NANCY	HENDERSON	2/11
JIM	JOHNSON	2/11
PAULINE	SONCRANT	2/16
EDIS	TOKOVIC	2/16
SAM	SAK	2/18
SONJA	OLEJNICZAK	2/20
JEANETTE	BRABANDT	2/22
JAVIER	COLON	2/23
JERRY	BARTON	2/24
JUDY	OREBAUGH	2/24
MARYANN	GOEBEL	2/25

**FUTURE PARTIES**


February 20

March 19
April 16
May 20

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

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** 

MARCH MADNESS

March 3, 4, & 5, 2000.
5th anniversary of this Lindy Hop event. Workshops, competitions, Jack & Jill and Just Swing.
Event tickets: \$125 by 2/28. \$150 after that. \$5 discount to MSDA members. Show your card at the door. Dance: Tuxedo Junction
Friday night and Dinner dance: The Warren Commission Sat night.
The Lafayette Grande, Pontiac
FMI: contact Paulette Brockington.
PauletteBrockington@yahoo.com
or register online
<http://artspectrum.org>
See attached flyer

MID-UNITED STATES JACK AND JILL CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 25, 2000.
Woodfield Golf & Country Club.
Grand Blanc, MI. Swing and Hustle.
Dinner, dancing, competition. \$39.
\$3 discount to MSDA members.
Show your card at the door.
FMI: Bob Budzynski. 810-694-7625
bbudzyn@tir.com
See attached flyer

WORLD DISCO CLASSIC

March 31- April 2, 2000.
Fort Lauderdale, FLA. Second annual Hustle Convention and competition. Hustle workshops. \$60 for a 3 day pass. Rooms: \$99/night.
FMI: Event coordinator: Barry Douglas via swusler@aol.com or <http://worlddiscoclassic.com>

ORLANDO SWING VACATION

April 20-24, Orlando, FL
Clarion Plaza Hotel, \$75
(800) 881-5255
Cost of event: \$65 before 3/20/2000, \$75 after. Info: (407) 877-1049 or floorplay2@aol.com
<http://www.floorplaydanceorlando.com>

GRAND NATIONAL DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 25-29, 2000 Atlanta, GA
Renaissance Waverly Hotel, \$79
770-953-4500
Workshops, competitions, general dancing.....all types of Swing
cwomble@freewwwweb.com
<http://www.charlieandjackie.com/GNDCpage.htm>
(I saw the tapes from last year's event and I WANT TO GO. Let's get a group together. SN) 😊

A new collection of swing CD's is available, including the latest, greatest West Coast Swing compilation, **Sophisticated Swing Vol. #1**, the Measure of Blues series, Gator's Swing Party and Roll Up the Rug.



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 (except the first Thurs. of each month.) 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 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.

NOTICE TO MSDA MEMBERS: THE STARDUST BALLROOM HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THEIR ANN ARBOR STUDIO WILL NOT BE HONORING MSDA DISCOUNTS.

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 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 and visit her new website at:

<http://dancemichigan.com>

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) 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.

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: A CD was won by Colleen Johnson, Mark Elliot won an MSDA shirt and free passes to MSDA dances were won by Patti Morris (of course) and Charlene Ward. The **50/50 Raffle** pot was so big that we divided it into two prizes of \$45 each. Tim Carmichael (of course) was one of two winners.

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
Dawn Johnston



I have been dancing for 6 years. I started in CW dancing with my husband and this evolved to Swing, Hustle and Latin. I have been managing American Dance Center for about 4 years. I started teaching a couple of beginning/advanced West Coast Swing classes about 3 years ago... because there were no other lady teachers in the Flint area that taught these dances and people kept bugging me to start teaching. I have worked with many instructors in the past. 2 years ago I started working with Barry Douglas to perfect my dancing and teaching skills. I absolutely love performing exhibitions and hope to compete again in the near future.

My main job is designing and maintaining web sites and managing American Dance Center. I started Danceaway Information Network a couple of years ago so Michigan dancers could have a place to look for local dance information. Now the updates on it consumes about 50% of my time.

I just have a blast teaching people how to dance so they can go out and have fun. There's nothing more satisfying to me than seeing people out on the floor having the time of their lives.

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WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

It's getting harder and harder to find a comprehensive list of national dance events. The best one I've found lately is by the founder of 5-6-7-8 Magazine, Barry Durand. It's on his website at

<http://www.5-6-7-8.com/MajorEvent.htm>.

Check it out if you are looking for an out of town event.

LOST & FOUND

Bill Scheff, owner of the Amber House (and MSDA DJ), asked me to put a note in the newsletter about all the goodies people have left behind at his place. His cup runneth over and he'd appreciate it if we'd take a look next time we're there to see if any of it belongs to us. Thanks ...from the management.



DON'T MISS THIS DANCE.....

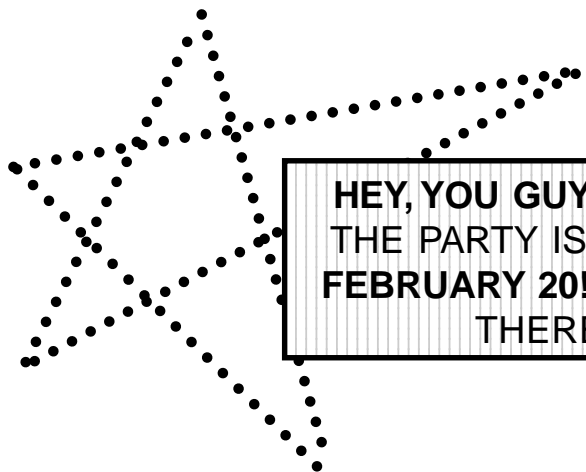
We have new treat for you this month. We've invited Linda Crystal of Crystal's Creations to bring a selection of her dancewear to the next dance. Linda is the owner of a Cleveland based company that creates original dance clothes and dolls.



Her motto is " In a world full of COPYCATS.... DARE to be an original! Be DAZZLING for the millenium in one of CRYSTAL'S CREATIONS DANCE FASHIONS!!" If you are in the market for a unique look, Linda is the person to talk to. Her website is <http://crystalscreations.com>. Shown are two of her creations modeled by dancers you might recognize.



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**HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 20! SEE YOU
THERE.**



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