

# MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



## Amber House Halloween Party Pics



Blues Brothers Terry, Tom, John, Evelyn, Linda and Barbara



Lynn & Glenn

**NEXT PARTY**  
**NOVEMBER 18**  
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*



Mystery guest who flew in for the party



Markel



Bill & Megan



Norm & his other brother Norm



Kathryn & Rick



Tom

## DANCE LESSON

Last month, Elaine Marrero taught Salsa turns and a cute, sexy move where the leader sits the follower on his knee and looks in her eyes. Fun! Thank you, Elaine!



This month, for the first time, we will have Victor Ortiz, also of TDS. Victor will be teaching turns we can use in swing. Elaine will assist and will show us how to apply turns, from the last lesson, to the hustle.

**NEW MEMBERS**

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

- PATRICIA ALDRICH
- FRANK GONZALES
- DAVE HOPPE
- WALTER KOZAK
- KENNY POLK
- DUSANKA RADOVIC
- LAUREL RODDIS-CHARVAT
- SHERYL SILVER
- ROBIN STONE
- WILMA TONEY

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 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.

TERA	VITALE	11/4
JOYCE	SMITH	11/6
SUSAN	CRESWELL	11/13
CHARLYNE	TASATO	11/16
JANET	MARCACCINI	11/17
BECKY	McGEE	11/17
CYNTHIA	BARCLAE	11/21
DARREL	BURTON	11/22
REBECCA	ENGLISH	11/22
PAUL	GERSCH	11/22
MAURICE	O'DONNELL	11/22
ALICE	STEIN	11/23
LARRY	STAHL	11/26
PATTI	CAMERON	11/27
KAREN	LIM	11/29
JEAN	TEANY	11/29



**FUTURE PARTIES**

**November 18**

December 9  
January 20

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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**  
29457 5 Mile Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48154  
734-427-9202  
Hours:  
Tues - Fri, 10 to 6  
Saturday, 10-2:30  
Sunday, Closed

**LOCAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS**

**OHIO STAR BALL**

Nov. 13-18 – Columbus, OH  
FMI: 614-848-7827 or Email:  
OHSTARBALL@aol.com

**US OPEN SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Nov. 22-25, 2001  
Century City, CA.  
425-774-9662 or Email:  
sesdance@aol.com.  
<http://www.usopendc.com/>

**THANKSGIVING DANCE**

AMBER HOUSE  
Wed Nov 4 8 PM TO ??? \$8  
**MSDA members get \$1 discount on food or drink.** Music by DJ-Jimmy Barrios. Prizes awarded every 1/2 hour! (See attached flyer for details.)

**C.A.S.H BASH DANCE WEEKEND**

Nov 23-25, 2001  
Hilton Garden Inn, Twinsburg, OH  
330-405-4488  
\$65 prior to Oct 1, \$75 after  
Workshops, dance exhibitions,  
breakfasts and dinner, WCS and J  
& J contests. 440-257-3142

**NEW EVENT**

**THE AMERICAN OPEN**

December 14, 15, 16  
SheratonWorld Resort  
Orlando, Fl. 1-800-327-0303  
Swing dance competitions and  
workshops. \$15,000 in cash  
prizes and awards. Weekend  
passes begin at \$109.  
PauletteBrockington@yahoo.com.  
<http://artspectrum.org/amopen.htm>  
FMI: 313-790-2311

Tickets and rooms are still available for **Cincinnati**. Contact Sharon at [sfnelson@att.net](mailto:sfnelson@att.net) or 248-390-0515

**Advance Notice:**  
Toe to Toe Dance Shoes will be for sale at the December dance.



Jimmy wouldn't let anyone touch his teddy.



## DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS



**THE DANCE CLUB** classes begin each month at the Amber House in Warren. Schedule: [http://amberhouse-danceclub.com/class\\_schedule.htm](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

**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 (810).754.3434. **New classes starting soon!** Contact Tim at ninmiller@hotmail.com

**STARDUST DANCE STUDIO** Discount of \$1.00 for MSDA members for their Friday night parties. Party is from 9 PM to 12 AM. FMI: (248) 356-5678. See attached class schedule. <http://stardustballroom.com>

### 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.

### RHYTHM DANCE PARTIES

the 2nd Saturday of each month! October 13. Time: 8:30 -- 11:00 PM 811 N. Main ST., Royal Oak, MI Cost: \$10.00 Per Person (Includes Refreshments) **\$2.00 Discount to members of MSDA.**

### TROY DANCE STUDIO

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

### NEW STUDIO: TDS WEST

6750 Orchard Lk. Rd., W.B. 248-538-4343. See attached flyer. elainemarrero@home.com <http://troydancestudio.com>

### WEST COAST WEDNESDAY

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

**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.

### RHYTHM N' SHOES DANCE STUDIO

**\$1.00 discount to MSDA members on Thursday night dances.** 8:30 to 10:30 PM. DJ..Suzie Brecht. 2172 Franklin Rd, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-0299. RhythmNShoes@aol.com. See attached schedule.

### ARGENTINE TANGO DETROIT

7758 Auburn Road, Utica FMI: (810) 254-0560 **\$1.00 off all events to MSDA members.** <http://www.argentinatangodetroit.com> LnBrtn@compserv.net

### 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/>  
**TOMMY MAC'S EAST**  
Swing and Salsa Night. Tuesday nights. Cover: \$4. 8:30 til 1 AM 5491 e. 12 Mile Rd between Ryan and Mound. DJ Jimmy Barrios. Dinner and appetizers available. <http://tommymacs.com>. **\$1.00 off to MSDA members.**

### 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: 248-488-0244 or [ljaworski@aol.com](mailto:ljaworski@aol.com).

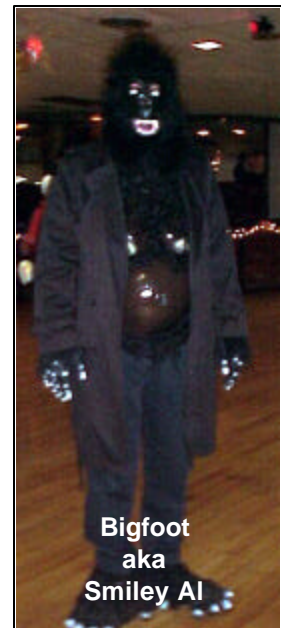
**REMINDER:** Show your **MSDA** card at GLSDC and MSSHD dances to **get in at their member prices** Just show your card and save. the GLSDC schedule is at: <http://danceaway.com/GLSDC/calendar.html> They have a club dance every Wednesday at Bugsy's in Flint. MSSHD is on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Walli's Supper Club: [bbudzyn@home.com](mailto:bbudzyn@home.com).

### 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.



Bigfoot  
aka  
Smiley AI

### SPECIAL OFFER EXTENDED FROM TROY DANCE STUDIO EAST & WEST

For the month of November, the Troy Dance Studio is offering a week of free classes at **BOTH** locations to anyone joining the MSDA or renewing their membership this month. This includes Hustle with Barry Douglas, Salsa with Elaine Marrero, Rumba with Billy Howell, Hustle with Darryl Maggio, plus an assortment of other Merengue, Cha Cha, Smooth, Lead and Follow and Mambo classes.

**DON'T MISS OUT. SIGN UP NOW.**  
**YOU MUST SHOW YOUR MSDA CARD.** TDS gives MSDA members a **\$1 discount on all classes and events.**

## GUEST INSTRUCTOR VICTOR ORTIZ

Originally trained by Elaine Marrero, Rosita Palmer & Mariano Montecinos - well known singers and instructors in San Juan, PR, Victor has been teaching since 1990. He teaches from 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM M-F, 12N - 2:00 PM Sat.

Victor's area of expertise lies in Choreography and coaching for professional and newcomer performers and impersonators. He teaches private lessons, group classes and social events. He has won First Place in the World Salsa Championship with Elaine Marrero as well as North American Salsa Competition First Place. He has also won many 1<sup>st</sup> place Rhythm and Smooth Ballroom competitions.

**FONDEST DANCE MEMORY:** "I have enjoyed greatly winning the World Salsa Championship, performing in Jesus Christ Superstar at Bellas Artes in San Juan with many top Latin artists, making music videos with Tito Rojas and performing in various other television, theater and live events that it is difficult to choose only one."

**WOULD LIKE TO TELL ALL OF MY STUDENTS:** Concentrate on Style and Technique over the quantity of different figures.

**TDS is currently offering specials in:** Private Lessons, Group Lessons, Parties and Social Events. For all new members that register in the Month of November - **one full week** of free group lessons up to 40 classes a week - at Troy Dance Studio East and the new Troy Dance Studio West inside the Power House Gym in West Bloomfield.

**ABOUT TROY DANCE STUDIO:** It is a privilege to be amongst the world class instructors that call Troy Dance Studio home. Those instructors and the Troy Dance Studio students have demonstrated time and again with Top Teacher, Top Student and Top Studio awards why Troy Dance Studio is truly the School of Champions.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** If you think you resemble a celebrity, please contact me for a FREE evaluation.

To all the persons who are interested in taking classes with me, it would be my privilege to instruct you. We are open seven days a week from 10:00 AM thru 11:00 PM Monday - Friday, Saturday and Sunday, subject to events. We offer private and group lessons, parties, coaching and special events throughout the year. We also rent the facility for private parties and for teachers who need floor space. We are always looking for more full time and part time teachers with experience.

Monday: TDS West - Over 50 Social Party 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Tuesday: TDS East - Social Party 9-11 PM

Thursday: TDS East - Over 50 Social Party 1-3 PM

TDS West - Social Party 9-11 PM

Friday: Volcano Grill - The Best Latin Dance Party 10 PM - 2 AM  
FREE Salsa Lesson at 9:30 PM

## What's the Difference Between International Style and American?

By: Lawrence Ardern, a Canadian Dance Teachers Association Member

The most frequently asked question we receive as exponents of "International" Style dancing from people who have only been exposed to "North American" Style, is, what's the difference?

In our early years as dancers in England, we were aware of only one style, the "English" Style, which only within the last twenty years has become known as the "International" Style. I will endeavor to explain the differences as I see it.

In the Waltz, the biggest difference is we bring our feet together on the count of three in basic turns and maintain a closed hold throughout the dance. In American Style, the feet pass in turns and for a large part of the dance, the couples dance in open position. International Style requires the couple to maintain contact at the mid-section of the body, "gapping" being considered one of the cardinal sins of International competitive dancing.

The same or similar differences occur in Foxtrot and Tango, although at a high level, these two dances are taking on quite an International look. Then there is the Quickstep, which has no counterpart in American Style. The dance consists of chasses, skips, locks, runs and hops performed to a fast 4/4 rhythm. The couple endeavoring at the same time to maintain contact and appear to be relaxed!

In the Viennese Waltz, there is the greatest difference. American Style is danced in a large part in open position, with numerous variants, whereas in International Style, we are limited to seven figures. These are the Natural and Reverse turns, Forward and Backward changes, Natural and Reverse Fleckerels (a fast turning figure danced on the spot) and the Contra check.



"Dance is the only art form  
where the artist is also the  
medium of expression."

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**HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!  
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 18, 2001!!**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**