

Happy Halloween

from the

**MICHIGAN SWING
DANCE ASSOCIATION****Would You Like to Dance?***by Kelly Buckwalter*

"Would you like to dance?" These are the five most common words heard at any swing dance, yet for many people the emotions that come up when they speak these words are overwhelming. Face it, no one likes to be rejected. I know from experience, when I was in high school and college, I was NEVER asked to dance. Since I had the misfortune to have very beautiful roommates, whenever a guy approached me I discovered that he usually wanted the name or phone number of one of my girlfriends. Very humiliating.

So I soon learned if I wanted to dance, I would have to ask a guy. So I did. And most of the time they said "No." (They really did! My mother tells me I was just a late bloomer...) Fast forward a few years to my introduction to the swing scene. I discovered that everyone asks everyone else to dance and guess what? Having been rejected all those years I vowed I'd NEVER say no ... well, almost never.

Over the years I've modified my "never" to allow me off the hook under the following circumstances:

- The person asking me to dance is under the influence of a reality altering substance.
- The person asking me to dance has hurt me physically or emotionally in the past.
- I am tired/ill or I've stopped dancing for the night. (Then I ask them for a raincheck and try to remember to find them the next time and ask them for a dance first).
- I want to finish watching some incredible dancing (So I ask if they would mind if we waited until the next dance).
- I can't do the dance they want to dance to the music playing (So I ask them later), or
- I've already promised the dance to someone else (So I arrange to find them later), or
- I am on a date and want to spend time with just my date.

I figure it's only about 3 minutes, it can't be all that bad, and maybe I'll make a new friend or learn something new. Besides the more I learn about the dance, the easier it becomes to compensate for both my mistakes and my partner's mistakes. Since a lot of people have told me they are terrified to ask anyone to dance and they feel like leaving when someone does reject them, I figured if I repeated some of the rejections given me, maybe some of you will realize that **if you get rejected, a lot of the time it is more a reflection on the other person than it is on you!**

Note: Although obviously I have been rejected by guys, I assume that people are people, and probably you guys have gotten some of the same responses

NEXT MSDA PARTY**OCTOBER 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. 586-754-3434*

DANCE LESSON

In September, a club member and former dance teacher, Fred Beaudet, taught a terrific lesson in Hustle basics and covered how to stay on time in this fast dance.



In October, Fred Beaudet will continue Adv Beginning/Int Hustle with free spins, timing, resistance and arm position for the followers. The leaders will work on footwork, plus lead and resistance. This time we'll have music during the lesson.

**CINCINNATI BOP CLUB'S
11TH YEAR!!!!****MOVE ACROSS THE RIVER
NON-STOP BOP**

Ft. Mitchell, KY. Nov. 12-16
Weekend ticket is only \$35.
Rooms: \$70 per night. 4048 sq.
ft dance floor, free workshops,
no competitions, hospitality
suites, free airport shuttle. Call
Paul Hennessey if you have
questions. 513-697-635. See
attached flyer.

**Please let me know if you are
going. SN**

NEW MEMBERS


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

FRANK HAAS
KELLY JOHNS

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
OCTOBER 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 open it before leaving the party...it needs to be laminated.

TOM	RUPP	10/1
JOANN	QUADE	10/3
KAREN	KEISER	10/4
SHARON	NELSON	10/7
MICHAEL	DERSCHA	10/8
CHRISTINE	DANKO	10/10
DAVID	MICHALSKI	10/11
JOHN	HARTIG	10/11
CATHY	KUBICKI	10/14
MARTIN	WUNSCH	10/15
ALEX	ADAM	10/16
DAVID	HARKCOM	10/17
MICHAEL	BERESH	10/20
LEE	MCLAUGHLIN	10/25
ANN	DERSCHA	10/29



FUTURE PARTIES

October 19


November 16
December 7

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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 us a 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 

JIMMY BARRIOS VENUES

COMO'S..SALSA & SWING

on the corner of Woodward and 9 Mile every Tues and Wed night Come and dance under the stars....Salsa, Merengues, Swing, Cha Cha and much more. 9PM till 1AM.....**NO COVER CHARGE**

MARIOS ON SUNDAYS

Cafe Mario's is located on the corner of Maple (15 mile) and John R.6PM till ??????. Dancing on the BIG outside deck Every Sunday in August. **NO COVER CHARGE.** Starts this Sunday. Drink Specials all night long.

PIER 500

Every Thurs night. Pier 500 in Wyandotte. 8PM lessons with Bill Fields. Jimmy Barrios DJ starting at 9PM. **NO COVER.** 507 Biddle, right on the river. 734-281-0530.

TAKE YOUR VITAMINS, EAT YOUR WHEATIES ONE DAY WORKSHOP

Oct 18 at the Amber House. Noon to 4: Lindy, Hip Hop Lindy and Blues classes. 6 to 9 PM: Swing Dance Intensive. Dance from 9 PM to ?. **Tickets and information call (800) 64-SWING or (in Michigan (313) 790-2311**

askartspectrum@yahoo.com
Great discounts to MSDA members. See attached flyer

SIXTH ANNUAL AMERICAN LINDY HOP CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 23 - 26, 2003. Stamford Connecticut. Weekend pass \$109 until 9/30. Workshops and competitions in Lindy, Blues, Cabaret, etc. artspectrum.org/alhc.htm

"Third Annual Relaxation 7 Day Fun Cruise" Nov 30 - Dec 7, Leaving from Galveston, Texas and coordinated by Gladys Torres, 3 port stops in , Cayman Islands and Key West. Category M: **\$505.55** per person (that's it.. that's the whole price) <http://members.aol.com/gtorresrc>

Contact Gladys for more details: Cell: 713-875-6991 or email: GTorresRC@aol.com

7th ANNUAL SWING CHALLENGE AND MASQUERADE BALL

October 24th - 26th, 2003
Mystic Lake Casino & Hotel,
Prior Lake, MN. 952-941-0906
E-mail: info@tcrebels.com
<http://www.tcrebels.com>

NASHVILLE CLASSIC

Oct 30-Nov 2. Nashville, TN
Swing, Shag, Lindy, Hustle
28 Competitive Divisions, 30
Great Workshops, Two Ballrooms
\$12,500 in Cash and Prizes
<http://www.nashvilleclassic.com/>

MOUNTAIN MAGIC 2003

Nov. 7-9. S. Lake Tahoe, NV
Workshops, Dancing, Contests
<http://home.netcom.com/~wcdancer/mmm.html>
Telephone/Fax: (415) 585-6282



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
AMBER HOUSE'S New Classes are starting soon!! Beginning Salsa from 6:30 to 7:30 on Mondays; Beginning Hustle from 6:30 to 7:30 on Tuesdays. 6 Week Session - \$40.00 / Per Person. Classes Meet 1 Hour Each Week. NEW!! Dances every Sat. Night.

STARDUST DANCE STUDIO

Friday Night Dance Parties 9:00 PM - 12:00 PM. FMI: 248-356-5678. **\$1 discount to MSDA members.** See attached class schedule. <http://stardustballroom.com>

ROYAL OAK ARTHUR MURRAY

Friday night parties every Friday. Call for dates. 9:15 - 10:45 PM. \$5. **Discount of \$1.00 for MSDA members.** 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 Theme Parties on Tuesdays. 4963 Rochester Rd. Troy, MI 48098. Elaine Marrero, TDS. 248-689-3393.

RHYTHM -N- SHOES DANCE STUDIO

\$1.00 discount to MSDA members on Thursday night dances. 9 to 11 PM. Suzie Brecht is the manager of the studio, as well as a teacher and the DJ. 2172 Franklin Rd, Bloomfield Hills. 284-334-0299. See attached schedule. RhythmNShoes@aol.com. <http://www.rhythm-n-shoes.com>

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. M-F, 1pm-10pm, Sat. by appt. 734-281-1969 or delizdance@aol.com

Boo!

DANCESPORT ACADEMY OF MICHIGAN ****

The studio will be closed from September 1st through September 7th for the United States Dance Championships in Florida!! **** 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. Jacob Reves, Professional Dance Instructor. Competitive dance coaching. 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.

NEW!!! 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/>

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.

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

DINING WITH SINGLES

Now you can join other available, like minded, single people for evenings of fine dining and dinner theater. It's fun, it's affordable and it's without the social pressure of one on one blind dates. **\$20 membership discount to MSDA members.** Type MSDA in the comments form. <http://www.diningwithsingles.com/>

SWING TIME STUDIO/DANCE HALL

G-4510 VanSlyke Road- Flint Swing, Ballroom, Latin, Country & Social. Group Classes & Private Instruction available. 2200 sq. ft of Floating dance floor. **\$1.00 off any workshop or Dance party to MSDA members.** Instructors: Terri Sweet-Tim Johnson-Tim Constant-Dave Wolf. Contact Terri at (810) 762-0101. swing42@sbcglobal.net

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/>

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 INSTRUCTOR
FRED BEAUDET**

Fred taught at Arthur Murrays in the early '80's, took a break for awhile, and is back into dancing full time. His favorite instructors were Candy McKenzie, Jim Corrigan and Suzy Gordon. When asked what his favorite dance is, he replied, "The one I happen to be dancing."

Back-2-Basics

"Hi there fellow Members and Guests,

You may have noticed a trend lately to espouse the benefits of "Basic Technique" in everyday dancing. Well, go figure...this months lesson will be exactly that. It's gonna be a Can't Miss, Gotta Be There For That, Absolutely Finest, Intermediate Advanced Basic Technique Class you'll ever attend!

We're gonna take the Left and Right Turning Basic, put in Proper resistance, timing, and foot placement and take the "Hurry-Up" outta the Hustle !! Then, jus fer grins, I'm gonna show the Dudes how to properly execute the lead and pick-up on a FreeSpin!!! (I've been watching. Believe me, this will help.)

And for the Dudesses... Free Spin Aginn!!!! Resistance, Timing, Foot Placement, ARMS !!! We're gonna Eliminate the Soft Thud off the tip of your partners NOSE half-way thru that free spin.!! And give you more time to play! Way Cool !!!

For Everyone....Straight Slots and Control! The Concepts and Technique are directly transferable to West Coast and germain to all the dances. So, if you wanna work less and have more fun....BE THERE !! Your Instructor, Fred "Hustle Pants" Boday

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Would You Like to Dance?

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that I have. My guess is that women reject men just as much as men reject women - what do you think?

Anyway here are the responses for your amusement. By the way, lest you think that once you've been labeled a "good" dancer no one will turn you down or be rude to you, think again. The following responses were said to me after Dominic Yin and I had won the U.S.Open and I had been judging and teaching for over 10 years.

My questions: "Would you like to dance?" The responses:

- "Nah-I'd rather smoke a cigarette."
- "Ask me next year."
- "Only if you can follow."
- "No, I haven't seen you dance yet."
- "Are you any good?"
- "Only if you're in the next contest."
- "I don't dance with people who don't take from X."
- "Only if you've been dancing longer than a year."
- "As long as you don't try to lead."

- "No, I think X is going to ask me to dance."
- "Not now, come back later and I'll see."
- "Maybe, where are you from?"
- "No, there are too many good dancers here I want to dance with."
- "No, you'll make me look bad."
- "How come you're asking me?"
- "I don't like to dance with locals at conventions." (EEK! I think I've been guilty of uttering this one too? Mea culpa! Oh well, no one's perfect ...KB).
- "Are you sure you want to dance with me?"
- "No, I learned from someone else"
- "Does this mean you want to sleep with me?"
- "No, not until I've finished my (pick one) drink/cigarette"
- "Well, I guess so."
- "Maybe, who's your teacher?"
- "Might as well, there's no one good here tonight."
- "No, I was just going to ask X to dance."
- "No thanks, I'm tired and I'm saving myself to dance with the good dancers."
- "I don't dance with (pick one) teachers/students/competitors."
- "I'd rather dance with X."
- "Only if you'll tell me the name of that woman over there"
- "Only if you're single"
- "Maybe, how long have you been dancing?"

And last but not least, my all time favorite: "I don't know." (What the heck does that mean?).

So what's a good response to the questions. "Would you like to dance?" Well, here are some of my favorite responses:

- "I'd love to."
- "Thanks I was hoping you'd ask me."
- "Of course."
- "Sure."
- "I was just going to ask you!"
- "I'd be delighted."
- "Yes, thank you."
- "I've been waiting all night for you to ask me!"

And remember folks, use common sense. Ask the people who look like they want to be asked (I think those NGSDC "Ask me" buttons are a fantastic idea!) Don't go for the lovers in the corner or the person involved in an intense conversation. If I see a woman I don't know with a good male dancer, I always ask her first if I could ask her partner if he could dance with me, and when my partner said sure, the guy just took my hand and pulled me onto the floor. When I asked him why he didn't ask me he said, "Why? Your partner said it was ok, didn't he?"

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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. You must be present to win.

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HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 19, 2003!!



Thanks for all your support!!