



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION



SKIPPY BLAIR IS STILL GOING STRONG

*She has updated her site and it now includes:
Teacher Certification Process*

&

*The GSDTA list, revised in 2005, of the
22 Foundation Patterns for Classic West Coast*

HERE'S WHAT TEACHERS GO THROUGH TO BE CERTIFIED.

GSDTA TEACHER'S CERTIFICATION has been going on for over 45 years. The process usually starts by attending an Intensive. Some people prefer a 2-day or 3-day Mini-Intensive before plunging into a full week. Others, impatient to learn, jump right into a full week Intensive and enjoy the impact.

Most participants do some home study - Skippy's Books, Videos, Articles, etc. They also make it a point to attend any independent Workshops with GSDTA Specialist Teacher Trainers like: Wayne & Sharlot Bott, Jordan & Tatiana, Mary Ann Nunez, or Skippy.

The Preliminary Examination is available several times a year. Further study is required after passing the Preliminary. The Registered exam is the second phase. Participants progress at their own pace and apply to take the exams when they feel they are ready. Following the 2nd exam, teachers are asked to submit a Video of them teaching a class. There is a formula for knowing what is expected in the class presentation.

Over 1200 teachers have passed their certification exam and over 10,000 have gone beyond their Preliminary exam.

JUDGES CERTIFICATION is in it's third official year through the National Dance Dynamics Certification Board (NDDCB). Many people have participated in GSDTA Judging Seminars through the years, but the new Certification is a recent innovation. In 2002, the *World Swing Dance Council* approved the NDDCB training program as the official Certification. This program includes 12 hours of dedicated Judges Training, followed by a Preliminary Exam - Then - Apprentice Judging at 4 events - and 12 additional hours of training. The last step is the Certification Examination and letters of recommendation from event directors or head judges.

The latest in SWING DANCE TRAINING COURSES is the recently implemented "Dancer Acceleration" Program. These exams became the newest rage, when people realized that the "guaranteed to improve everyone's dancing" was not a joke, but is REAL! In the world of education, people take exams to identify what they have learned, as well as what they NEED to learn. Examinations are the only way to provide that information. No records or grades are kept, unless by request. This exam is just an informal exercise to identify areas that can be further developed through our accelerated program.

Training is based on the proven program that parallels our Teachers Training. Exams may be written or arrangements can be made for a verbal exam. Participants are always AMAZED at the results.

NEXT MSDA PARTY

SEPTEMBER 18

at the AMBER HOUSE

Beg & Int Lessons 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*

Details on page 4.

BIG DANCE WEEKEND

**Dance With the Pros,
two huge ballrooms,
workshops,
showcases,
Jack & Jills.**

Sat, Oct 15, 2005,

Detroit, MI

See page 5.

*THE REVISED LIST OF THE
22 Foundation Patterns*

for

Classic West Coast

*may be seen on Skippy's
site:*

[http://swingworld.com/articles/
west_coast_swing_list.htm](http://swingworld.com/articles/west_coast_swing_list.htm)



NEW MEMBERS

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


**JAMES O'KEEFE
JOAN STINNETT
RON ZORNEY**

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
SEPTEMBER 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.

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| BOB | CAMPBELL | 9/4 |
| MICHAEL | HAYNIE | 9/6 |
| YVONNE | WILLIAMS | 9/8 |
| GLENDA | MAY | 9/9 |
| DIANA | JAROSLAWSKI | 9/11 |
| JOHN | LOGIUDICE | 9/13 |
| JAMES | O'KEEFE | 9/13 |
| JUDY | LOEBL | 9/20 |
| CAROL | DYKSTRA | 9/20 |
| HARRY | ELLIS | 9/24 |
| LAWRENCE | SIERADSKI | 9/27 |
| ROGELIO | LAITAN | 9/28 |



FUTURE PARTIES

September 18


October 15 (Saturday night)

November 20

December 11

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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 

SAVE THIS DATE:

Wed., Sept. 14 at 7PM. Grosse Pte War Memorial. Big dance to benefit fire victims. Jimmy Barrios, DJ. Purchase your tickets now. FMI: swingdancebobandlouis@yahoo.com See attached flyer

"Dancing with the Stars: Dance-off" Tuesday, September 20 at 8:30/7:30c on ABC TV

One good turn deserves another! Actor John O'Hurley and soap star Kelly Monaco will go toe-to-toe once again in a 90-minute live ballroom competition dance-off! In the spirit of good-natured competition, champion Kelly Monaco and her professional dance partner, Alec Mazo, will meet runner-up John O'Hurley and his professional partner Charlotte Jorgensen, for an electrifying showdown on the dance floor. America will decide who the winner is, with results to be announced during a September 22nd telecast!

<http://abc.go.com/primetime/dancing/>

BOOGIE BY THE BAY

October 6-9, 2005

San Francisco Airport Hyatt. Rooms \$120/night. Weekend pass is \$110 in advance. Workshops, competitions, \$25,000 in prizes. <http://www.tngsdc.org/bbtb/index.php> or boogie@tngsdc.org

"Ballroom Bootcamp" on Saturday, October 8th. World renown ballroom star Gocha Chertkoew, coaches in this ten week series, three ordinary folks as they transform them into dancers. <http://www.dfwdance.com/BALLROOM%20BOOTCAM1.htm> for more details.

THE BIG DANCE

Presented by the MSDA

October 15, 2005. Masonic Temple, Detroit, MI. Two ballrooms. "Dancing with the Pros". Plus DJ Phil Dorroll & Paul King & the Rhythm Society Orchestra. Free lessons 7 to 8 PM. Dance from 8 PM to 1 AM. Showcases, J & J, & much more. See attached flyer.

AMERICAN LINDY HOP CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 20 - 23, 2005.

Stamford, CN. Instructors and Judges for 2005. Sylvia Sykes, Bill Borgida & Julee Mertz, Tena Morales, Jane Ford Jennifer Salvadori & Justin Zillman, Chester Whitmore, Angela Andrew Paulette Brockington, Skye Humphries and Nina Gilkenson, David Graybill and others. Workshops, competitions, \$20,000 in prizes. <http://www.artspectrum.org/alhc2005.htm> askartspectrum@yahoo.com

4th ANNUAL NASHVILLE CLASSIC

November 3 -6, 2005. Nashville, TN. Competitions, \$15,000 in prizes, over 20 hours of workshops, 2 ballrooms, J & J's. Chief judge: Beata Howe. Jordan & Tat, Benji & Lacey, Parker and Jessica, MaryAnn Nunez, John Lindo & more. Embassy Suites: 615-515-5151. <http://nashvilleclassic.com> FMI: Phil Dorroll. 615-242-2674 or danceamerica5678@aol.com.

CHECK IT OUT

Local and National Events Listing

<http://msda.org/events.htm>

Have an event to add? msda@att.net



DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS



THE DANCE CLUB's progressive classes begins every six weeks at the Amber House in Warren. **Schedule:**

Mondays / Call for details.

Beg. Swing- 6:30 PM

Beg. Salsa - 7:30 PM

Adv. Hustle - 8:30 PM

Tuesdays

Beg. Hustle - 6:00 PM

Adv. Hustle - 7:00 PM

Adv. Salsa - 8:00 PM

Friday evenings: Ballroom Dancing - 7:00 PM Dance Lesson, 8:00 - 11:00 PM Dance. 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

RHYTHM-N-SHOES DANCE STUDIO

Dances on Thursday nights. \$7. 9 to 11 PM. Light snacks served. **\$1.00**

discount to MSDA & MSSHD members on Thursday 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 & BODYWORKS

\$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. <http://troydancestudio.com>

Also on Friday nights: Salsa at Hoop City Grill inside Star Theatre complex, Sfld. (former Volcanos) & at Larco's on Big Beaver in Troy. Free lessons at 9PM.

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, newly revised 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. M-F, 1pm-10pm, Sat. by appt. 734-281-1969 or delizdance@aol.com <http://delizdancesport.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. Friday night parties with Glenn Clark. Lesson at 8, dance from 9 to 11. Saturday night dance parties, 9 to midnight, \$10. **\$1.00 off to MSDA members.** 248-926-8522. <http://eliteballroom.com>.



CARPATHIA CLUB DANCES

DJ Michael D' is pleased to announce Ballroom Dancing every 1st Wednesday of the month at the Carpathia Club on Utica road in Sterling Heights. Elegant hall/beautiful large wooden dance floor. 8pm to 11pm. \$10 per person. **\$1.00 Discount to members of MSDA.** 38000 Utica Road between Schoenherr and Hayes just north of 16 mile rd. (Metro Parkway/Big Beaver). 313-402-7494 or Mderscha@yahoo.com <http://BallroombyStarlite.com>

LYNCH'S

Three Locations: Warren: (586) 751-1780. **15% discount to MSDA members.** They carry various trims for costumes, teachers' shoes, tights, etc.

DAVE THE CARMAN IS HERE!

Hello Everyone! Dave the Baker is now Dave the Car Salesman! I work for Jorgensen Ford and if you are in need of a new or used car, I can get you the Best Deal Ever! Mustangs, Explorers, F150's and more! **All MSDA Members get \$100.00 off the Best Deal in town!** New or Used Cars, Purchase or lease. David Michalski. **FORD HAS COME OUT WITH EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS FOR EVERYONE!** 313-584-3282

AMERICAN MATTRESS GALLERY

17825 Eureka Rd., Southgate, MI 48195. 734-282-1300. Anything that a person would need in quality mattresses. Full line of innerspring, visco foam and dual control air mattresses. Large selection of adjustable beds. **MSDA Members receive 10% Discount.**

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

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/>

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 mile west of I-75. GLSDCeditor@aol.com. MSSHD : bbudzyn@comcast.net

HUBER & BREEZE

30% discount on all Rentals, Sales, Repairs of New & Used Disc Jockey Equipment. 33540 Groesbeck Hwy. Fraser, MI (586) 294-3950

PLEASE REMEMBER

TOTAKE 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.

Guest Instructor Phil Dorroll

Detroit West Coast Swing Workshop Weekend AUGUST 20 & 21, 2005

Phil Dorroll
Instructor
Event Director for the
Michigan Classic
& Nashville Classic



Phil Dorroll is available for Private Lessons prior to the activities on both Saturday and Sunday. To make an appointment, call Phil at 615-242-2674 or email him at danceamerica5678@comcast.net

Dance Jam - Saturday, September 17

Dance Jam Fall Semester, August: 2 of 5 Part Series,

Connection, Posture, & Transitioning

Qualifies for "Dance Bucks"*** (See details on Dance Bucks below.)

Join us Saturday evening for a **Dance Jam** at Danny Burton's house from 6 to 8:30 that evening. It's a casual and fun way to get some ideas and improve your dance skills. It's a small group of dance friends and acquaintances getting together for a Dance Jam! Hey, we even have pizza and snacks! And it's only fifteen bucks! If you have other plans for Saturday night, you can go to the Dance Jam first and then go do your own thing. Or, you can stay and join the rest of us at Diamondback at about 9:30 for some social dancing. The Saturday evening session is open to Intermediate/Advanced level dancers. 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.

MSDA Dance- Sunday, September 18

Lessons 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Patterns That Make You Go Ahhhhh!!!!

It is taught by Phil Dorroll (Classes: free to members, \$3 to non-members)

Beginner Class

(Classes: free to members, \$3 to non-members)

4:00 – 8:00 pm - **MSDA Dance**

(See <http://msda.org/monthly.htm> for details)

FREE
CLASSES*

All workshops and dance will be held at the Amber House, 7012 E. 9 Mile, Warren. Between Van Dyke and Mound..

BIO

Phil Dorroll 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

***"Dance Bucks is a new reward program that I am putting into practice beginning in August. Details are still coming together but I will publish a full website page soon.
Referral Reward for Private Lessons in Motown! Earn Dance Bucks! Get Phil a new private lesson student (someone who has never taken a private lesson from him) and you earn "dance bucks" that can be used for any function that is produced by Dance America Productions, including private lessons, dance jams, and weekend workshops. Does not apply to our National Competitions."

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.

THE BIG DANCE


**Are you a "Character?"
 A "Dance Fever Alumni?"
 A dancer from years ago?
 Don't miss the 10 ft video...
 You might see someone you know!!!**



The Michigan Swing Dance Association has created an event called THE BIG DANCE. It is taking place on Saturday, October 15 at the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

THE BIG DANCE will take place in **TWO** ballrooms

- ~ Suzy Brecht - MC. Professional dancer, teacher and DJ, Suzy will preside over the festivities in her very entertaining style
- ~ A special "Dancing with the Pros" segment
- ~ Fountain Ballroom ~ Paul King and the Rhythm Society Orchestra playing fabulous Big Band music
- ~ Crystal Ballroom ~ DJ Phil Dorroll from Nashville will be playing Ballroom, Swing, Hustle, Salsa, Country, and requests
- ~ West Coast Swing Workshop from 2 to 5 pm (Phil Dorroll) in the Crystal Ballroom at the Masonic. (Dinner elsewhere (not included) and then back to the dance.)
- ~ Lindy Workshop from 12 to 3 pm (Adam Vallus) at the Atomic Dog in Warren.
- ~ Free lesson at 7 PM in each ballroom
- ~ Dance from 8 PM until 1 AM
- ~ Jack & Jill Contests in Swing, Hustle & Lindy
- ~ Showcases by professional dancers
- ~ Toe to Toe dance shoes for sale
- ~ A big 10' x 10' screen showing photos and video clips of local dancers from the past several decades
- ~ Souvenir photos of you and your friends, taken at the dance, available for purchase
- ~ Information Station featuring studios, teachers, clubs, events, and other dance related items
- ~ Video of the dance available a few weeks after the dance
- ~ Seating/Tables may be reserved for clubs, studios, or any kind of group

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Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Tickets:

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| Dance only | |
| Earlybird price (before Oct. 1) | |
| \$20.00 per person | x ____ = \$ _____ |
| After Sept. 31 | |
| \$25.00 per person | x ____ = \$ _____ |

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| Workshop & dance | |
| West Coast Swing & NC2 Workshop & dance | |
| \$50.00 per person | x ____ = \$ _____ |
| Lindy Workshop & dance | |
| \$50.00 per person | x ____ = \$ _____ |

Total = \$ _____ Make checks payable to **MSDA, Inc.** Mail to: **PO Box 1125, Walled Lake, MI 48390**
For more information visit <http://msda.org> or email msda@att.net or call Sharon at 248-390-0515

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DON'T FORGET
TO BUY YOUR
TICKET FOR
THE BIG
DANCE
BEFORE OCT. 1
ONLY \$20

HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2005!!

*Dance Sole dance shoes will be
for sale at this dance.*

The MSDA is a proud member of the
World Swing Dance Council



Thank you for your support.