



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS!!!!!!!

It was in June of 1998 that Bob Campbell and I took over the club and changed the name to the Michigan Swing Dance Association. We followed in Brenda's footsteps and kept most of her traditions and methods intact, since they worked very well. Since then, we've accumulated many wonderful memories with our newly found family of dancers. I've mentioned many times how close I feel to so many of the dancers in the club. I often read articles from other clubs and it helps me realize and confirm that this club is the best in terms of the friendliness and caring that members have for one another. When I get tired and feel I can't crank out one more newsletter (this is issue #37!!!), someone always comes along and gives me the pat on the back that I need to keep going. So, I'd like to use this anniversary to extend my thanks and gratitude to all the MSDA members for being so terrific and making it all worth it. But the list isn't complete without a big round of applause for our host and DJ, Bill Scheff. Without him and his never-ending efforts to give our club a home, it just wouldn't be the same. And, of course, there's Jean, our friendly face at the door. I simply couldn't run the show without her. Sometimes she even lets me handle the money!! ;-)

And hats off to our loyal bartender, and the winner of our last 50/50 raffle, Marge. And to her sweetheart who comes in to help clean up after the dances.

There are lots of other folks who help keep things going. Brenda still sends me all sorts of helpful info, puts ads in papers, and patiently resends all the really important emails that I inevitably lose. Bob and Louise Campbell help out

at the door at most of the dances and fill in when I'm gone. Dave the Baker never misses a cake delivery and Terri Ostaszewski cuts them into perfect sized pieces. Steve Lenahan, that cutie, makes buying 50/50 tickets fun and profitable. I also want to thank all the teachers and guest DJ's who enhance our dance experiences and keep them interesting and challenging. I haven't even mentioned all the members who promote the club so beautifully. There are too many to list so I'll just have to award Karen Lim the prize for most new members signed up due to her influence. And I'll include in that same category, a favorite guest teacher, Tim Constant. Tim always promotes the club and brings along a huge crowd. Plus, I would be remiss if I didn't send a big hug to Joanne Podleski and all the members of the GLSD club who make the trek down from Flint on a regular basis. We've enjoyed many of their showcases. They also win the prize for best costumes. Remember *Thriller*?

The list of people who make me smile is really too long to include in one newsletter, but I do have to add one more categoryprize winners. I have to say thanks to Patti Morris and Tim Carmichael for dancing with so many different people that they become eligible for LOTS of door prizes. LOL

The bottom line is, thanks to **everyone**. I love my dance family. SN

NEXT PARTY

AUGUST 12

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***



**Meet Marge,
the 50/50 Winner!!!**

Congratulations, Marge, on winning \$60 in the 50/50 raffle at the July dance. Where are we going for dinner?

DANCE LESSON

Many thanks to Tera Vitale for showing us some slick ways to transition between the Hustle and Swing. It was really fun to dance with some of her students later and be led smoothly through the steps she taught. Thanks for a useful and fun lesson, Tera. We can always depend on that when you teach.

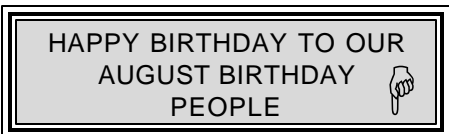


This month, Fred Beaudet will be taking us through the transition from Cha Cha to Swing and back. Fred says that he will concentrate on technique and that beginners will be able to follow along. See Fred's info on page 4.

NEW MEMBERS

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

- Victoria Czarnecki
- Art Barber
- Robert Lewis
- Jeremy Malis
- Mary Pendley
- Russ Ragone
- Roni Sarvas
- Doug Stencil
- Arlene Ternes
- Tom Ternes



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.

CATHERINE	ANNONI	8/?
GERALD	MARCACCINI	8/1
CINDY	COCHRAN	8/1
TIM	CONSTANT	8/2
RICHARD	FISHER	8/3
IVAN	FOX	8/4
KATHIE	SKLADAN	8/9
SUZY	NEAL	8/13
LARRY	THOMPSON	8/15
MARY JANE	LAZOEN	8/15
LAURA	SAKULICH	8/16
NANNETTE	GOTTFRIED	8/16
PAT	KIRKPATRICK	8/17
KELLY	MIYAMOTO	8/17
VINCENT	DeMATTEO	8/18
MARY	DIMANNO	8/19
DAVID	KAZMIROWSKI	8/21
JIM	SAFFOLD	8/21
ROSEMARY	BALDARELLI	8/29
DANIEL	TRIPP	8/30
TONY	WALKER	8/30
MURRAY	COHEN	8/30



FUTURE PARTIES

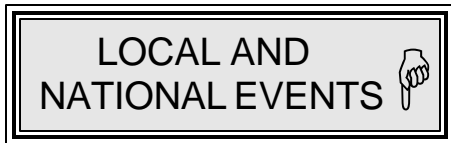


- September 23
- October 21
- November 18
- December 9

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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:

DAVE THE BAKER'S SHOP HAS MOVED!!!!!!
 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



GLSD 2nd ANNUAL POTLUCK & SWING DANCE

Sunday, Aug 5 3-9 PM
 Polish Park
 4323 Carpenter Rd., Flint, MI
 Free to members of all dance clubs with your card and a dish to pass. Wood dance floor, food to buy, line dance lessons, Team Challenge Event, dance exhibitions and much more. BYOB and lawn chairs.
 FMI: Joanne (810) 691-2719. See attached flyer. ☺

BIG3-IV

Aug 4, 8 PM to 2 AM, \$20 includes lesson. Lafayette Grand, Pontiac. 8 to 9 p.m. \$1 discount for MSDA. See attached flyer.

CHECKERS

Art Barber is a DJ who many of you would remember from the old Characers Nite Club. He is spinning on Thursday Nights beginning July 26th at "Checkers" on Mound Road, S. of 16 Mile. He will be playing Hustle, Swing, Latin & Slow Dancing. There will be no Cover Charge!

MICHIGAN SWING DANCE CLASSIC

Aug 17-18 Soaring Eagle, Mt Pleasant, MI. Swing and Hustle contests and workshops. 3 day ticket is \$89 in advance and includes food. All workshop tickets for \$35. Rooms: \$129. 1-888-7 EAGLE 7. bbudzyn@home.com or 810-694-7625. Inquire about discounts to MSDA members.

COUNTRY DANCE PICNIC

SUNDAY August 26 Amber House 4PM TO 12PM BQ ribs, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, corn on the cob. Cash bar. \$3.00. Call for info: 810-754-3434 or email: wscheff@speakeasy.net \$2.00 drink or food ticket to MSDA members.
<http://amberhouse-danceclub.com/>

CHICAGO CLASSIC

September 13-16th Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, IL
 For more information:
 Tickets: Kathleen Sauser, 773.549.1528 or Kschireb@aol.com
 Competitor Info: Yvonne Antonacci, 312.629.4058 or y.antonacci@att.net
http://www.dancecalendar.org/chicagorebels/Events/Classic_2001/classic_2001.html

DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS

AMBER HOUSE offers **TUESDAY LESSONS WITH TIM CONSTANT.** 7:30 to 8:30 PM for ECS and 8:30 to 9:30 for Carolina Shag. \$40 for 6 weeks of classes. **WEST COAST WEDNESDAY HAS MOVED TO THE AMBER HOUSE.** FMI: Call (810).754.3434. **THE DANCE CLUB** classes begin each month at the Amber House in Warren. Schedule: 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

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.** NO DISCOUNT IS OFFERED AT THEIR ANN ARBOR LOCATION.

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.

MIKE LEACH IS BACK!!!!

For all of you who have missed Michael Leach, he will be back in the studio and available for private lessons beginning August 20. If interested in booking with Michael, contact Candace McKenzie by telephone at (248) 548-4770. Mike will be teaching at the September MSDA dance.

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://www.DanceFanatics.com>

RHYTHM & 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

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.

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

NEW: DANCESPORT ACADEMY OF MICHIGAN. Opened by Alex Young and Pamela Preczewski
23666 Park, Dearborn, MI 48124
313-724-3262. The studio will have Friday night open dances, \$10.00 per person. \$1.00 off to MSDA members. Visit their NEW site!
<http://www.dancesportacademy.com/>

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.

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

TONIA DELIZ has opened a new dance studio in Wyandotte. 231 Eureka Road Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 281-1969 M-F, 1pm-10pm, Sat. by appt
Email: delizdancesport@excite.com

REMINDER: The GLSDC and the MSSHD both offer discounted entrance fees to their club dances for MSDA members. Just show your card. MSSHD is usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month: bbudzyn@home.com and the GLSDC schedule is at: <http://danceaway.com/GLSDC/calendar.html>. They have a club dance every Wednesday at the Russellville Ballroom.

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.

☺ **IT'S ALMOST WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE TIME AGAIN!!!** ☺

Last year, members of the MSDA entertained onlookers at a spot on Woodward Avenue in Huntington Woods. HW has decided against having dance performances there but we can dance in front of the stage during the band performances. That's where we danced last year anyway. If you would like to join us, we can all meet somewhere and just have fun. The site of the Dream Cruise is: <http://www.dreamcruise.org/>
You can look up the schedule and what is happening in each city. The Satin Dolls and the Bonnie Rockets bands are good. They play starting at 3 PM on Saturday in Huntington Woods at the corner of Woodward and Salem, just south of 11 Mile. I'll be happy to keep track of who is going, where and when. Just email me to indicate your interest. sfnelson@att.net or call: 248-624-3792.

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 Steve Lenahan for tickets.



GUEST INSTRUCTOR FRED BEAUDET

We have many talented, accomplished club members so I thought I'd start asking them to strut their stuff. The first well hidden secret among us is Fred Beaudet. He will be teaching a lesson on transition, the third in a series, and will take us from Cha Cha to Swing and back. (I always wondered why he already did it so well!) 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." Fred will emphasize using body posture to clearly define the dance and the movement to the partner. He believes that the foundation has to be based on technique rather than on steps and patterns. Having danced many times with Fred, I can truly say that his lead is smooth, confident, light and very easy to follow. He definitely practices what he preaches and it is delightful. And, ladies, he likes to be asked to dance!

CONTRABAND

In last month's newsletter, I included a small paragraph about the problem of people bringing food and drinks into the dances at the Amber House. To my disappointment, one of the first people in the door at the next dance, a member there for his FREE lesson, began pulling snacks and drinks out of a bag. So, I can only assume that he didn't read the small paragraph. I prefer not to think he didn't respect my request to buy food and drinks from the bar in order to keep the place in business. When I later read an article in the August Great Lakes Swing Dance Club newsletter about the same issue, I decided to give the topic a little more exposure. For four years, the GLSD has held its weekly Wednesday dances at a nice place in Flint called Bugsy's. When I went the first time, I only paid \$1.00 to get in. Recently, the price had gone up to \$3.00 for the lesson and \$3.00 for the dance for members, which

brought it to \$6.00, same as our dances. (However, people attending an MSDA dance get a drink ticket which is worth \$2.00. So, to make it very clear, members are only paying \$4.00 for a lesson, a 4 hour dance, door prizes, and birthday cake. Since you already have a ticket worth \$2.00, it can only cost you \$1.50 for a mixed drink. I think this is quite a value for the money and that's why I'm spending more time on the subject.)

In any case, the GLSD was recently asked by Bugsy's to hold their dances elsewhere. This is why:

"We were asked to leave for financial reasons. Many dancers don't drink much or not at all and a bar cannot stay open if they are losing money. One cannot expect to go out and dance for the evening and just pay a \$2.00 entrance fee. As inexpensive as it is to come out and dance, some of the members bring in their own drinks. This was one of Bugsy's main complaints about the Club using the bar. This would be like going into Bob Evans with a McDonalds lunch and want to sit down and eat. Many dance clubs are asked to leave places because of low bar sales. " And, "We as a Dance Club cannot have members bringing their own drinks into a bar or, for sure, we will be asked to leave again. This practice reflects on the club as a whole. The few who do this make the club look very bad in the eyes of the bar owners. I really hate having to talk about this and going around looking to make sure no one is bringing in drinks. It takes the fun out of the evening for me."

The Amber House is a great place to hold our dances. I know that, as our members and guests begin to be more aware of the long range effect of bringing in food and drink, they will stop doing it. Besides, I really can't afford to buy uniforms for the Smuggled Food Police. sn



SITE OF THE MONTH

http://www.dreamcruise.org/community_events.html

I'm recommending that you visit this page in order to view all the events that are happening in all the communities during the Dream Cruise. The event is getting bigger and more fun each year. I think the best way to view it is while cruising.

We usually go the whole length of Woodward and end up in downtown Pontiac. Enjoy!

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HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
AUGUST 12!!!!

PLEASE NOTE
THAT THE
PARTY IS NOT
THE THIRD
SUNDAY.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!