



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION



**RESERVE THIS DATE ON
YOUR CALENDAR
OCTOBER 15, 2005**

You'll look back on the night and remember....

The Scene:

The Crystal Ballroom in the Masonic Temple, downtown Detroit. The lights in the chandeliers sparkled, the huge wood dance floor gleamed, and the people in the balconies stood tapping their feet, looking down at the festive crowd.

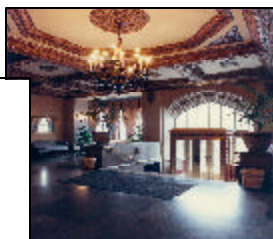
The lure of the swing music made it impossible to stay seated and the spirits of the partiers soared high into the vaulted cathedral ceiling. The energy in the room was intoxicating!



The Event:

A Unification Swing Dance. It's as though they all came together for one big dance group hug. Many people came long distances and had plans to stay the night in town. Others came from right around the corner.

The People: Represented were the dance clubs, the studios, the teachers and the many dance disciplines. All came to JUST DANCE! To dance with abandon, with flair, and with passion. They came to dance with comfortable old partners and challenging new ones. They came to see and to be seen. Even the few 'non-dancers' were jigging around in their chairs or were on the floor free-styling their hearts out. Dance juice was everywhere!



Don't miss it!!



Presented by
the MSDA



**NEXT MSDA 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. 586-754-3434*

DANCE LESSON

Something for everyone!!

Every month the MSDA will offer both Beginning and Intermediate West Coast Swing dance lessons from 3 to 4 PM, before the dance. The lessons will be taught by Tera Vitale and Phil Dorroll. Lessons are free for members and \$3 for non-members.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

To the Winners of the Van Mccoy Hustle Competition at the January MSDA dance.

- 1st Place** - Karen Keiser & David Morris
- 2nd Place** - Sandi Pross & Peter DiSalvo
- 3rd Place** - Liz Luzsinski & Al Edmonds

(The photos came out great. I had them arranged in the newsletter and then my hard drive died, photos, newsletter and all. I'll try to get some from Randy. SN)

More Congratulations !!!

To Joyce Stoughton-Kim and her husband Hyung on the birth of their third child, a son they named Alexander Jong Ku Kim. Alexander was born on January 26th 2005 at 10:42 AM. He's a healthy 8 lbs. 11 oz. and 22" long. Send us a picture, Joyce!

NEW MEMBERS

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

**CHARLOTTE DIAAB
MARCUS CHILDS
DUAN JEFFERSON
DAVID MASON**

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
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 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.

MARTI	REUTHER	2/3
COLLEEN	TAVOR	2/3
BRENDA	RUPP	2/4
HAROLD	KEMPER	2/8
JACK	DAMION	2/10
MAUREEN	ROGAN	2/18
JEANETTE	BRABANDT	2/22
BENJAMIN	CHATHAM	2/24
JERRY	BARTON	2/24
MARCIA	ROMERA	2/25
LARRY	STANTON	2/25
MARY JO	DEMERS	2/28

**FUTURE PARTIES**

February 20

March 20

April 17

May 15

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**

MOTOR CITY JAM

March 4-6. Novi Sheraton, Novi, MI Dance the day and night away! Workshops, competitions, dances. This year's event will again offer two rooms for dancing - Lindy/East Coast & Blues/R&B music. Live band on Fri Night-Alma Smith Quintet. MCJ's/Artspectrum's group rate is \$82. Reservations: 248-349-4000. <http://artspectrum.org/mcj.htm>

THE BOSTON TEA PARTY

March 17-20. Boston, MA
<http://www.teapartyswings.com/>

SMOKY MOUNTAIN BOOGIE

March 24 - 27. Pigeon Forge, TN
<http://www.atlantaswingdancers.com/smoky.htm>

AMERICA'S CLASSIC SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 24 - 27. Houston, TX
<http://www.americasclassic.com>

CHECK IT OUT

Local and National Events Listing
<http://msda.org/events.htm>
Have an event to add? msda@att.net

MOTOWN DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 1 - 3, 2005. Holiday Inn Fairlane Dearborn, MI. Competitions, social dancing, Jack & Jills. Mention the Motown Dance Championships for the Special Room Rate of \$85/night (1- 4 people). Special rate valid thru 3/1/05 FREE Parking. Reservations: 313-336-3340. <http://motowndance.com/> or registration@motowndance.com

WORLD SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 6 - 8, Las Vegas, NV.
<http://www.usaswingnet.com/worldswing/>

USA GRAND NATIONALS

May 26 - 30. Atlanta, GA
<http://www.usagrandnationals.com/>

SUMMER BOOGIE BLAST

May 26 - 29. Nashville, TN
<http://www.musiccitybopclub.com/BoogieBlast.htm>

STARDUST DANCE WEEKEND

June 18 - 20. Nevele Grande, Ellenville, NY. <http://www.stardustdance.com/futureweekends.htm>

**LAST NOTICE
PLEASE READ THIS....**

Due to rising costs of postage and printing, attention to conservation, and the requests of many members, the newsletter will no longer be sent via snail mail (US Postal Service) unless you specifically request it. It will be available online in PDF format. The Acrobat PDF Reader is free for download at any time. Go to <http://msda.org/newsletters.htm> for the link. I encourage you to view it online because it is much more colorful and the photographs look much better in PDF format than on the printed page. You can print any or all of the pages, as you choose.

I know that some members do not have access to computers so I will continue to send hard copies to those of you who contact me now. You can call 248-390-0515 or talk to me at the dance to have me continue to send it to you. Please email me at msda@att.net to tell me this if at all possible. Thanks. SN



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

TUESDAY LINDY/BLUES DANCE at 9pm at the Amber House. Cover is \$5 and includes admittance plus a \$2 drink ticket. 586-754-3434. Amber House is located at 7012 E. Nine Mile Rd.

RHYTHM -N- SHOES DANCE STUDIO

NEW: Now there are dances on both Thursday and Friday nights. \$7 on Thurs and **\$7 on Fri.** 9 to 11 PM. Light snacks served. **\$1.00 discount to MSDA & MSSHD members on Thursday AND Friday 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

Many thanks to the studios and businesses who give discounts to MSDA members.



TROY DANCE STUDIO

\$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.

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. Saturday night dances started in July. M-F, 1pm-10pm, Sat. by appt. 734-281-1969 or delizdance@aol.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>. See *attached schedule.*



Just a reminder: this club was founded with the concept that the main benefits to the members are the discounts that they receive from the studios and event promoters in the area. It is possible to save a lot of money by being an MSDA member.

PLEASE REMEMBER

TO TAKE 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.

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/>

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/>

DEAL AMERICA FURNITURE

Full line of furniture & mattresses, plus computers: sales, service repair and upgrades. Dial up internet service and BROWSE BLASTER. **MSDA Members receive 10% Discount.** 285 Piquette, Detroit, MI. 313-872-2550.

Monday thru Sat. 9am to 6 pm

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.

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Guest Instructors Phil Dorroll & Tera Vitale

Detroit West Coast Swing Workshop Weekend Saturday & Sunday, Feb 19 & 20, 2005

Phil Dorroll
Instructor

Event Director for the
Michigan Classic
& Nashville Classic



Tera Vitale
Instructor

Event Director for the
Motown Dance
Championships

Dance Jam - Saturday, February 19

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.

Workshop - Sunday, February 20

1:00 - 3:00 pm - **Technique: Turns & Spins (How to stay balanced)**
Plus several Hitting the Breaks Patterns Intermediate Level

MSDA Dance- Sunday, February 20

3:00 - 4:00 pm - MSDA **Beginners Class*** (free to members) taught by Tera Vitale
Intermediate Class* (free to members) taught by Phil Dorroll (Classes: \$3 to non-members)
4:00 - 8:00 pm - MSDA Dance (See <http://msda.org/monthly.htm>)

FREE
CLASSES*

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

BIOS

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

Tera Vitale has been dancing since she was five years old. She took lessons in tap, jazz, and ballet for 8 years, was on her high school dance line, and also participated in ballroom dancing. She started dancing West Coast Swing in 1996 and started teaching WCS in 1998. She has been teaching dance full-time for 4 years specializing in WCS, Hustle, and Night Club Two-Step.

Dallas - 2nd place Adv. WCS Jack and Jill, 2002, 2001
Mid-U.S. - 1st place WCS Inv. Jack and Jill, 2003, 2002 and 2000
CASH Bash - 3rd place WCS Inv. Jack and Jill, 2002
CASH Bash - 1st place Adv. Hustle J & J, 2002
Indy Swing Classic - 2nd place Invitational J & J, 2003
Swing Challenge, MN - 3rd place Adv. WCS J & J, 2004

Her most important accomplishment was giving birth to her first child, Joshua Giovanni, in February 2004.

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.

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HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 20, 2004!!

Thank you for your support!!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1. Beginning dancer. Knows nothing.
2. Intermediate dancer. Knows everything. Too good to dance with beginners.
3. Hotshot dancer. Too good to dance with anyone.
4. Advanced dancer. Dances everything. Especially with beginners.

Anonymous author from http://www.dancerlinks.com/Dance_Quotes.htm