



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



The Freep was at the last dance....

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On Location: Warren



MARY JO FLANIGAN/COMMUNITY FREE PRESS

LOTS OF HUSTLE

What's going on: Mary Jo Flanigan of Sterling Heights and Jim Lockett of Westland take lessons before the Michigan Swing Dance Association's monthly dance. The hustle for cou-

ples is among the dances covered in class.

Where: The Amber House in Warren

A sexier side: Sharon Nelson, presi-

dent of the association, can't say enough about dancing: "It teaches you to dig deep inside and tap into those fun, sexy sub-personalities that usually don't come out."

NEXT MSDA PARTY

March 23
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

"That was the best Hustle lesson I've ever had!" That was the comment of a seasoned veteran dancer after our own Bill Scheff taught Hustle Awareness last month. He illustrated important points about basic steps, plus style and technique for Intermediate to Advanced dancers. It's no surprise that Bill won the Hustle Jack and Jill at Motor City Jam last weekend.



This month, Joann Podleski will be teaching Advanced Beginning and Intermediate West Coast Swing. She will teach you to Bump up your Basics with Intermediate Styling. Don't miss it! ...bio on page 4.

It was a full house for the lesson!




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

Let's all try to remember what it was like to be new to the dance scene. Help keep our reputation as a friendly club alive and well. It pays off in the long run by encouraging new dancers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARCH 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.

JAY	CHARVAT	3/01
WALTER	KOZAK	3/3
GEORGE	LANDON	3/5
NANCY	GILLISPIE	3/6
JUDY	MOBLEY	3/6
BRUCE	WOOD	3/7
ROBERTA	JACKSON	3/16
NANCY	TROMBETTI	3/16
CAROL	BRUBAKER	3/17
CAROL	HARKCOM	3/18
LOUI	BRICKEY	3/19
MADELYN	KLEITCH	3/27
PATRICIA	DUCHARME	3/28
KENNY	POLK	3/29
RON	DANKO	3/30
JIMMY	BARRIOS	3/31
VALENTINA	BARRIOS	3/31



FUTURE PARTIES

March 23

April 13


May 18

June 22

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:

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 

BURN THE FLOOR!!!

Dance Elite Studio will be hosting cast members who will judge a J&J this Friday night. **See attached flyer.**

SALSA & SWING

Starts March 6th. 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. See attached flyer.

MID-USA JACK & JILL

Mar 14-16 Clinton Twp, MI. Workshops and J&J contests. \$79 weekend ticket, \$30 - one day. \$1 off each day to MSDA members. Must show this ad and your card. bbudzyn@comcast.net www.michiganswing.com 810-694-7625. See flyer.

BOOGIE IN THE BURGH

Mar 20-23 Pittsburgh, PA.
 : Hosted by: Steel City Boogie Club. Location: Radisson Hotel-Greentree. Cost: \$65 before 2-15; \$70 after 2-15. Lots of DJ's Hotel: Radisson Hotel-Greentree 412-922-8400 — ask for "Boogie in the Burgh" rate Contact: HOTLINE: 412-561-7777.

2nd ANNUAL JIM BOYCE FUNDRAISER

Sat, April 5
 Roostertail, Detroit, MI
 Both floors! VIP reception at 7PM. Cash bar. Dinner at 8PM. Dancing and live entertainment. Semi-formal. \$55 per person. \$100 per couple. Phone: 313-864-7818. Fax: 313-864-7116. Proceeds used to support ballroom dancing and college scholarships in Detroit schools. See attached flyer.

AMERICAS' CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 17-20. Dallas, TX
 \$25,000 in cash and prizes. www.AmericasClassic.com
 3 day package: \$89. Westin Galleria. 800-228-3000

USA GRAND NATIONALS

May 22-26. Atlanta, GA
 Renaissance Waverly Hotel
 Biggest Shag/Swing competition in the country. Over \$35,000 in prizes. Workshops, competitions, vendors, plus two ballrooms open all weekend. 770-512-7848
 http://www.usagrannationals.com/

SUMMER BOOGIE BLAST

May 22-25, Nashville, TN. Hosted by Music City Bop Club. Location: Nashville, TN. Cost: \$40.00 before May 1, 2003, \$50.00 after May 1, 2003. Hotel: Millennium Maxwell House Hotel 615-259-4343. Contact: Sandy Brown 615-859-0251 or email dsb2djs@aol.com. Flyer available at http://www.musiccitybopclub.com.



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 starting!! Night Club 2 Step, Basic & Beyond With Ken Ptak. 6 Week Session - \$40.00 / Per Person. Classes Meet 1 Hour Each Week. New classes in Swing, Hustle and Cha Cha starting soon.

STARDUST DANCE STUDIO

Friday Night Dance Parties 8:00 PM - 11:00 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.

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>

ARGENTINE TANGO DETROIT

7758 Auburn Road, Utica FMI: 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.

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.

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.

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

DANCE ELITE BALLROOM STUDIO

6315 Haggerty, W. Bloom. American and International Ballroom Dancing. Group and private lessons for all ages. Maros Reves, Professional Dance Instructor. Competitive dance coaching. Friday nights: 8PM. dance lesson, party from 9 to 12. 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/> (He also knows of some Golden Retriever puppies who need a home. :-))

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://personaltrainer.tripod.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

DINNER FOR 8

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://dinnerfor8.com>

NEW!!! 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. The GLSDC schedule is at: <http://danceaway.com/GLSDC/calendar.html>. They have a club dance every Wednesday in Flint at Buggy's. MSSHD is on the 2nd Sunday of the month: 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 JOANN PODLESKI

Joann Podleski danced the usual tap, ballet, jazz and pointe as a child. After a twenty-five year break, she began to dance again. This time it was country/ western that caught her attention. While dancing at a country night club, she saw a couple dancing West Coast swing and thought, whatever that is, I have got to learn it and learn it she did!

Next, Joann joined the Flint based Great Lakes Swing Dance Club and soon became it's Vice-President and was a key factor in bringing back successful workshops and fun "theme" dance parties that had been missing for years.

As an employee of Toe To Toe Dance Shoes, Joann is sent to many dance conventions and competitions where she has been able to train with the likes of Beata Howe, Marianne Nunez, Ramiro Gonzales, Robert Cordoba and more.

For the past 3 and 1/2 years, Joann has taught beginning and intermediate West Coast swing along with ladies' and men's styling classes. She currently teaches at both Studio One in Clio and Dance World in Lansing. She also enjoys competing in an occasional Jack & Jill, Strictly Swing or Classic Swing competition with a number of partners.

Currently, Joann is teamed up with local DJ Tim Johnson offering monthly dance parties with free lessons at Clio's new Studio and they are offering a discounted admission to MSDA members. There is also a dance party at least once a month at Dance World.

Joann is also a terrific DJ and goes by the name Mojo.
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A Few Extra Tidbits

RHYTHM-n-SHOES

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Thursday, March 13th 9-11pm

Wear Green and receive \$1 off

Great door prizes given away! BIRTHDAY CLUB

Receive a free entrance to the Thursday Night Party
the week of your
birthday.

Stardust is having an anniversary special for the month of march - they are going to charge \$7 for groups & party's - with usual discount stated on the calendar - as those were the prices when they aquired the studio and started running it. Only for March.

Dance Fever - A look back at the nationally syndicated TV show

As the "reality show" popularity grows, many of the originals series from the 80's are getting a face lift. Star Search has made a strong come back, enjoying high ratings.

ABC Family (American Broadcasting Company), has announced that they too will relaunch their popular dance show, Dance Fever. The original Merv Griffin show ran from 1979 to 1987. During the course of those nine seasons, 234 episodes were produced. Virtually every popular star of the day made an appearance on the show. Dance Fever was seen in 125 markets. This high energy dance show ranked as the #1 original syndicated weekly half-hour show in every key category.

After seven years, Denny Terio, the original host, said good-bye. A former judge on the show and good looking actor, Adrian Zmed took center stage. He would serve as the host for the next three seasons. With a strong list of credits to his name, Adrian was a good fit for the show. He received positive feedback on his adaptation in the movie sequel, "Grease 2." Playing the lead role initiated by John Travolta from the original Grease movie. Could he maintain the role developed by Denny?

Things were changing. As Denny exited so did long time side kicks Diane Day and Janet Jones (now married to Wayne Gretzky). They were members of the supporting dance team "Motion." Motion went thru a metamorphosis during the course of the series run utilizing eight different dance members in all. Their weekly dance routines with Denny became a fan favorite. The show initially featured "disco" dancing and catered to hustle, free style and theatrical dance couples. But it became apparent that the original formula ran its course. The casting department quickly changed gears attempting to keep viewership while appealing to a larger audience. The hustle couples were put on the back shelf for clogging, ballroom, swing, Latin, jazz and other forms of dance. The magic seemed to run out.

Dancing in general was losing its luster and experiencing a slow down in interest. Dance studios were also falling on difficult times as during the mid 80's. At its pinnacle, the Dance Fever show had 13.7 million viewers per show. This was incredibly 64% more than those that watched the popular late night show, Johnny Carson!

Ratings for the Dance Fever show were diminishing, ultimately, the plug was pulled.

The kiss of death planted its self on most of the dance shows of that time. With the rebirth of Dance Fever this summer, the intentions are to expand the former weekly half hour show to a full hour. Look for a new spin on this popular dance show.



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HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
MARCH 23, 2003!!



Thank you for
you support!!