

MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



IT'S OUR ANNIVERSARY!!!

Bob Campbell and I have owned the Michigan Swing Dance Association for one year and would like everyone to help us celebrate this event at the monthly dance on July 18th at the Amber House. We're having a lot of fun planning the most enjoyable party to date. For example, there will be special dance exhibitions by several club members. Dave Michalski and Judy Mobley will do a hot Hustle, Bob Krall and Therese Spencer will execute a smoooooth West Coast Swing, Tom DesJardin and Lisa Leino plan a steamy tango, Bob Campbell and Patti Morris will perform a naughty hustle and birthday boy Bruno Lijoi willwell, you'll just have to come and find out what Bruno is up to. Plus, we'll have a review of the new Samba Line Dance that Mike Leach taught us a few months ago.

We will have a special guest, Linda Jaworski, owner of **Dance Art Collectibles**, setting up her booth at this dance. Linda's collection of dance related art features a large variety of artistic styles from renowned artists who have a love of dance. I love my small, framed print of "POPEYE DANSKING" with, who else? Olive Oyl!

We are collecting special door prizes from various studios and vendors. These will be given away, as usual, by drawing dance cards out of the box. So, be sure you pick up blank cards as you come in and fill them out as you dance. The 50/50 Raffle drawing will take place at precisely 6 PM from now on so that people who have to leave early won't miss it. We will draw prizes for dance cards throughout the evening.

Several members have gra-

ciously volunteered to bring a dish to add to our buffet table. If you've been at an event where club members have brought food, you know what a treat this will be. We have authentic, gourmet chefs in our midst. Anyone who would like to contribute to the collection of edibles is emphatically encouraged to do so. It will help to make this a memorable occasion.

We will also set-up a TV/VCR and will run tapes from the US OPEN and various other local and national events. We plan to continue this practice at each dance.

This promises to be a fun-filled dance so don't miss it!!

Sharon Nelson

NEWS ABOUT CINCINNATI

Several MSDA members who've never been to Cincy are making reservations so this will be even more fun than last year. The tickets have gone on sale for the Fall Convention by the Cincinnati Bop Club. The dates are November 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14. Please check out the attached flyer and order your tickets now because they go fast and there is a limit on the number sold. You need to get a confirmation code from the Bop Association before you can reserve a room. It is TOO MUCH FUN so call soon: 1-800-SHAGGER.

THE LINE-UP

We are happy to announce our list of teachers for future MSDA dances.

July 18...Michael Finegan
 August 21...Barry Douglas
 September ...Cindy Gerald
 October 24...Tonia Deliz
 November 21...Bill Vogel III & Tandy Zapinski
 December 19...Joyce Stoughton
 January...Tim Constant

NEXT PARTY

JULY 18

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

DANCE LESSON

Thanks once again to our DJ and host, Bill Scheff, for the very informative, entertaining Hustle lesson at last month's dance. He introduced Hustle to some of our new members and then transitioned into some intermediate material that we could incorporate into our dancing immediately. 🙌




Our teacher on July 18 will be Michael Finegan. Mike will teach what he calls 'support accent pieces'. These are styling moves and tricks that a dancer can incorporate that will enhance the look of the dance. So..don't miss this Flash and Trash lesson! This one's for you, H. Please turn to page four for Mike's bio. He's a very interesting guy.

NEW MEMBERS

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

MARK BOBAK
SHAABAN ABDALLA
WILLIAM GRIFFIS
KATHY BOETTCHER
VIRGINIA HAMEL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR
JULY 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 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.

JOANNE KELLER	7/1
GERI SMITH	7/5
JERRY FENDERSO	7/6
KEN CASH	7/7
LAUREL CHARVAT	7/7
KERRY LAPRADE	7/8
LOUIS ROSS	7/8
TOM DESJARDIN	7/9
RONALD LEVANGIE	7/10
JEANNE PILIS	7/11
BRUNO LIJOI	7/11
CATHIE VICTOR	7/13
MIKE EVANS	7/13
CYNTHIA TRICKETT	7/14
KEN KING	7/18
CHRIS WOLF	7/20
BETTY THOMAS	7/20
LEOLOGUIN	7/21
TOM GRIEBE	7/24
CHRISTINE BELLINO	7/24
JACK HAUCK	7/25
RICK GLASPIE	7/26
EDWARD VIGRASS	7/28
DEE WILLIAMS	7/31
LISA LEINO	7/31

**FUTURE PARTIES**

July 18

◆July 18◆ Anniversary Party◆

August 22
September 19
October 24
November 21
December 19

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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 any MSDA member a discount too. Dave's shop is located at:

Gallery of Cakes
10626 W. Warren
Dearborn, MI
313-581-5702
Hours:
Tues - Fri, 10 to 6
Saturday, 10-2:30
Sunday, Closed

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**NEW ORLEANS COUNTRY
DANCE MARDI GRAS**


July 15-19 Country & Swing Event
New Orleans, LA
(318) 798-6226

**WEST COAST SWING DANCE
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

July 30- August 1
(619) 272-5933
Sacramento CA

BEATA HOWE WORKSHOP

Sunday, August 8
West Coast Swing
Ann Arbor, MI
To register or FMI:
Joyce Stoughton-Kim
(734) 973-2575 or
jas.amdance@juno.com

**LOCAL AND
NATIONAL EVENTS** 

"HUSTLEMANIA",

August 6th-8th
Hustle and Swing Dance
Fresno, CA
Competitions, workshops
Reservations: (209) 268-1000.

MOTOR CITY JAM

August 13 - 15
Mini-dance camp. Workshops in
Lindy, Mambo, Balboa, Jazz,
African, Salsa and other dances.
Teachers: Debbie Elkins, Sylvia
Sykes, Elena Iannucci and
Christopher Yee.
Location: Varner Hall, Oakland
University. George Gee and the
Make- Believe Ballroom Orchestra
plus buffet on Saturday night.
Event ticket price: \$125
FMI: Paulette Brockington
(313) 869-9385 or
hooper2@ibm.net

**HUSTLE USA DANCE
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

September 17th, 18th and 19th
Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel
East Rutherford, New Jersey
Reservations: (201) 896-0500
Mention HUSTLE USA
Info: <http://www.hustleusa.com>

SWINGIN' AT SEA

March 5-12, 2000
Caribbean Dance Cruise
Hosts: Beata Howe, Robert
Cordoba and Deborah Szekely
West Coast Swing Dance
package. Sixteen instructors.
Reservations: (800) 503-9600
FMI: Beata: (818) 500-YEAH
**Shall we try to put together a
group to go?**





DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS



NOTICE: THE DANCE CLUB HAS MOVED FROM THE GREAT SKATE TO THE AMBER HOUSE. Bill Scheff will be holding his dance classes at the normal times on the schedules.

STARDUST DANCE STUDIO offers our members a discount of \$1.00 off the admission fee for their Friday night parties. Everyone is welcome. Party is from 9 PM to 12 AM. FMI: (248) 356-5678. **See attached class schedule.** 10% discount to members.

DANCE AVENUE DANCE STUDIO offers MSDA members a discount of \$1.00 off their Thursday night parties. FMI: call Dance Avenue at (313) 565-3329. **See attached class schedule.**

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.

TROY DANCE STUDIO They offer \$1.00 discount on every event they hold. They have so much going on, you almost need to stop in to keep informed! They have scheduled Theme Parties on Tuesdays. Theme parties have hors d'oeuvres and drinks included. Open House for new students includes free group lessons the last week of each month. FMI: Elaine Marrero, TDS. (248) 689-3393.

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? E-mail Brenda at dancealert@aol.com and visit her new website at:

<http://members.aol.com/dancealert/index.html>.

Check out our Information Station for her list of **Dance Floors** in the area.

MICHIGAN DANCE CLASSIC

World Fast Dance Championships
August 13,14 & 15th, 1999
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
11 contest categories
25 hours of social dancing
Ask about discounts for MSDA members
FMI: Bob or Beverly Budzynski
810-694-7625 or bbudzyn@tir.com

DAVE & GINNY WOLF AT JD'S MACOMB THEATRE

31 N. Walnut
Mt. Clemens, MI
Sunday Dances Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12. No classes in July or Aug.
Swing lesson 2:30 to 3:30 P.M.
Swing Dance from 3:30 to 7 PM
Hottest & latest dance music by DJ Dave
Hosted by "Just A Swingin'" Dance Club
\$1.00 off to MSDA members showing membership cards. \$7 per person includes lesson and dance.
FMI: (810) 796-3868. Call Dave & Ginny anytime.

CHANGE OF PACE CLOTHIERS

Located at 2045 Orchard Lake Road,
Sylvan Lake, MI
248-332-1811. 10% discount offered to all MSDA members. They have men's & women's clothing, shoes & accessories! Wonderful quality, everything from funky to elegant. They also do expert alterations! Check out their wonderful sales rack. No discount there, but none is needed. Great buys on dance clothing!!!

SPUNKY'S GYM

314 N. Main, Clawson. (810) 589-BODY.
Ladies Gym. Ten percent discount off membership fees to members of the MSDA.

COULD I HAVE THIS DANCE?

Megan Woodbury, MSDA member, is the lady to contact if you are a male dancer between 45 and 70 and you are interested in becoming a gentleman host on the cruise ships. Megan works for Lauretta Blake and has been a 'tester' for the Michigan, Windsor and Ohio areas for eight years. You can reach her at (313) 886-9394. (Last month, I listed the website called theworkingvacation.com and, what a coincidence, Megan's the local company contact for the site. I love it. S.N.)

LYNCH'S

Three Locations:
Warren: (810) 751-1780
Dearborn: (313) 565-3425
Wyandotte: (313) 281-8108.
15% discount to MSDA members.
They carry various trims for costumes, teachers' shoes, tights, etc.

HUBER & BREEZE

20% discount on all Rentals, Sales, Repairs of New & Used Disc Jockey Equipment. Musical instruments & vocal lessons also available.
33540 Groesbeck Hwy.
Fraser, MI (810) 294-3950

MSDA DANCE ATTENDEES, PLEASE NOTE:

The white ticket you receive when you enter our parties is to be used for a free soft drink or an alcoholic beverage. If you choose not to drink one, please turn it in at the bar. This is a direct part of the payment process to the Amber House! Remember: we need to help support Bill through food & drink purchases! We want to keep having our parties there.

CONGRATULATIONS to last month's Dance Card Contest winners: Mary Jo Hill won free admittance to an MSDA dance, Rian Klefstad won an MSDA shoe bag, Patti Morris (of course) won a portable minifan and an MSDA license plate and Yvonne Schaler won the latest Cher CD. Bill Fields won \$35 in the the 50/50 Raffle.

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 Bob Campbell for tickets.



*** HOT TIP ***

BE SURE TO FILL OUT A DANCE CARD OR TEN AT EACH PARTY. WE USE THOSE TO CHOOSE WINNERS FOR THE DOOR PRIZES.

GUEST TEACHER INTERVIEW ❖ MICHAEL FINEGAN ❖

Michael Finegan is a multi-faceted dancer and teacher. He was trained in classical ballet locally, in private studios, and went on to the Cleveland School of Ballet. Michael was offered a scholarship to do a work program at the school, but he chose to go on the road instead. He became the Dance Captain and Stage Manager for an illusion effects show and traveled with them for a few years. When he returned, he free-lanced with agencies in the Metro Detroit area dancing at events such as the Detroit Auto Show. Following that, he began his training in ballroom dancing with Paul Milligan and Jim Corrigan. In 1992, Mike accepted the position as a teacher for Troy Dance Studio and, leveraging his experience in ballet, he focused on the development of cabaret and theater pieces. Mike took a break from 1995 to 1996, and re-entered the dance scene by opening his own studio, Ann Arbor Dance Classics. The studio offers tap, jazz, ballet and ballroom dance...primarily American style to the Silver level. The studio emphasis is on ballroom dance as a social rather than competitive activity. He offers workshops in various areas such as Argentine Tango and Swing.

Last August, Michael began to work with Joyce Stoughton, one of the area's most accomplished and versatile teachers. They developed a cabaret piece that they took to the U.S. Open a few months later. It was their first competition together and the most challenging one in the country, so they were delighted when they placed. (We were privileged to see them perform for the MSDA when Joyce taught for us recently.)

Now they are working on a montage of Swing, Lindy and Hustle. They are well matched because Joyce also has a background in ballet, jazz and tap, and much experience in cabaret. I hope we get to see a preview of this one!

Michael's studio, Ann Arbor Dance Classics, is at the corner of Carpenter and Ellsworth, north of I-94 and US-23. The studio phone number is (734) 975-9055. His website address is <http://www.edog.com/danceclassics> and he can be reached at his e-mail address as well: mike_finegan@msn.com.

TRAVEL PLANS?

We have a listing of clubs, associations, studios, and dance events in other cities throughout most of the United States. If you would like to check out the dance action in a city you're planning to visit, call or e-mail either Sharon or Bob. We'll try to hook you up.

(248) 926-5484 or sfnelson@worldnet.att.net

(313) 937-9262 or danceman@globalbiz.net

MUSIC CITY BOP REPORT by MSDA member, MILLIE MOORE

New member, Debby Schultz, and I recently returned from Nashville and the Music City Bop Club's Dance weekend. This was my first time to Nashville and Debby's first dance weekend ever. What a blast! Anyone who's been to Cincinnati will know what I mean. This was the Club's 11th Annual Dance and they know what they're doing!

It reminded me of Cincinnati in that the people came from all over: St. Louis, Chicago, Atlanta, Florida, Arkansas, South Carolina, Memphis and Nashville. The people were so friendly and warm; there were many wonderful dancers, great music, vendors and super hospitality rooms. In fact, they served a full dinner both Friday and Saturday nights. They even inaugurated a brand new dance floor, like the one they have in Cincy. The best part, though, was the pool party held Saturday afternoon. They moved a small dance floor out to the pool area, had music playing from 1 to 5 PM and everyone had a great time. It gave people a chance to get to know one another so that, by Saturday night, we were all friends. There was a group of guys from Memphis who came equipped with squirt guns, there was dancing on the dance floor and in the pool and great music playing all the while.

They had dancing Sunday morning before we left to come home, to Gospel music of all things, and it was just great. There were probably 350-400 people, so it was like Cincinnati in every way but size. Smaller scale but just as much, or more, fun. We will definitely go back to this one next Memorial Day weekend. A must see, if you go, is Opryland Hotel. It's indescribable but something you will not believe!

Transportation was good, a 20 minute cab ride from the airport. The hotel was wonderful, with a free shuttle to take you downtown and they PICK YOU UP when you're done! Nashville is a lovely town, much bigger than you'd expect. The weekend package was just \$35 and the hotel was \$69 per night, so it was very affordable, especially with dinner included.

I've been to dance weekends in New Orleans, Fort Lauderdale, Chicago (though there was competition), Memphis and, of course, Cincinnati. I had fun at all of them. Other than Cincy, which I will not miss, I really would not return to the rest. This Nashville weekend was really a blast and I will be going back!

We met many people who went to the weekend in Little Rock and they raved about it, so we want to try that one next September. I've also heard that the Jacksonville "Boogie on the Riverwalk" is fun too. Debbie and I weren't home 24 hours before we booked a trip to St. Louis for Labor Day! Everyone who's been to Cincinnati knows how great those St. Louis dancers are. This dance is sponsored by the West County Swing Club, called "Rollin' on the River". They have 700 members in their club alone. Sounds like a great time. We'll let you know.

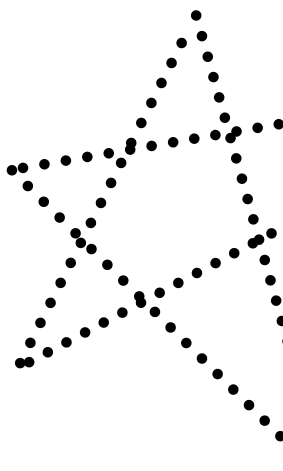
[Thanks, Millie! You'll probably have company next year. S.N.]

DANCE SITE OF THE MONTH

<http://www.ssmg.net>

This site has links to dancing venues listed by state. It appears to be well thought out, easy to navigate and current, with many very useful links to other dance sites. If you're going to travel, check out this site for dance clubs and lessons. Follow the links.

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THE PARTY IS **SUNDAY, JULY 18!**
PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE
OUR **FIRST ANNIVERSARY**
AS THE MSDA! WE HAVE A VERY
SPECIAL PARTY PLANNED. 



**MANY THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**