



MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOCIATION



All You Ever Need to know about

Relationships

Can be learned in a West Coast Swing Class:

By Skippy Blair © 3/95 Update 1/96 and 4/03

1. **Lead her GENTLY** and she'll follow you anywhere. For every ACTION there is an equal and opposite REACTION.

2. **Never CRITICIZE a Partner.** The only person you can FIX is YOU. (The only person, responsible for making an ADJUSTMENT, is the one who knows an adjustment needs to be made.)

3. **A Lead is an INDICATION of direction (a suggestion-never a DEMAND).**

4. **A DANCE PARTNERSHIP is 50/50.** BOTH partners are equally responsible for the outcome of the partnership.

5. If either one of the partnership insists on deciding who is right and who is wrong, they BOTH lose.

6. The FIRST Rule in learning something new is - **Don't Hurt Anybody.**

7. Be sensitive to your Partner. Never Blame or ridicule. YOU alone can make the difference. (**don't try to adjust the Partner - adjust YOU**).

8. Always concentrate on WHAT is right rather than WHO is right.

9. **TEAMWORK** gets the most points. (In LIFE as well as the Dance!) **YOU are frequently judged by how good you make your partner look.**

10. A good Partnership requires patience, understanding, and an awareness of the needs of the other partner. Stay focused.

11. The way to help a partner improve, is to do YOUR part so well that you know that you are not part of the PROBLEM.

12. Life is a JOY when we're both in step to the same BEAT.

13. **Praise works wonders.** Applaud little accomplishments and bigger accomplishments will follow.

**NEXT MSDA PARTY
SEPTEMBER 19
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

At the July dance, Bill Scheff taught a beginning Hustle lesson. Bill is known for teaching a hustle basic that permits control and style even during the fastest hustles. And...NO ONE was bobbing up and down by the end of the lesson! Bravo, Bill!



Albert Tailleir will be back to share some hot West Coast Swing moves with us. He will focus on posture and connection. Intermediate level.
...see bio on page 4.

14. We frequently judge others, not by who they are, but by who WE are when we are with them. Make your partner feel wonderful.

15. Every dance is a "Three minute relationship." **If someone can't complete one "3 minute" dance without criticizing a partner, it is highly probable that when the music stops - the criticism won't!**

16. A successful "Partnership" maintains the separate uniqueness of each individual, without losing the connection of the partnership.

NEW MEMBERS

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

**JANET SHERWOOD
MARY VARGA**

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.

BOB	CAMPBELL	9/4
MICHAEL	HAYNIE	9/6
BILL	FIELDS	9/9
MICHAEL	LEACH	9/12
JOHN	LOGIUDICE	9/13
JUDY	LOEBL	9/20
JOHN	PERMA	9/20
HARRY	ELLIS	9/24
MIKE	LEMPINEN	9/25
LAWRENCE	SIERADSKI	9/27



FUTURE PARTIES

SEPTEMBER 19

~~September 19~~

October 17

November 21

December 12

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

BRIDGETOWN SWING

Sept. 9-12. Portland, OR. Kyle Redd & Sarah Vann Drake Jordan Frisbee & Tatiana Mollmann Wayne & Sharlot Bott *With more to come...*
Tickets: tickets@portlandswing.org
Information: bts@portlandswing.org

STARDUST DANCE WEEKEND

Sept. 10-12. Nevele Hotel, Ellenville, NY. Over 60 dance workshops, 4 wood dance floors, floor shows, night and day dancing. 800-537-2797.
<http://www.stardustdance.com>

6TH ANNUAL LINDY HOP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oct. 21-24. Stamford, CT. 2 live bands, floors shows, workshops, competitions, dance jams. Paulette Brockington. 800-647-9464 or 313.790.2311
info@artspectrum.org
<http://www.artspectrum.org/alhc2004.htm>

BOOGIE BY THE BAY

Oct 7-10. San Francisco Airport Hyatt. 5400 sq ft floor. Workshops in WCS, Lindy, Balboa, NC2. \$130. (510) 758-3033 or saltbach@comcast.net
<http://www.tngsdc.org/bbtb/>

8TH ANNUAL SWING CHALLENGE AND MASQUERADE BALL

October 22nd - 24th
Mystic Lake Casino, Prior Lake, MN J7J's, Strictly Swing. Jordan and Tatiana. Wayne & Shirley Bott. \$95 for the weekend. 952-941-0906.
<http://www.tcrebels.com/swing.htm>

WESTERN CARIBBEAN SWING & BALLROOM CRUISE

Oct 30 - Nov 6. Miami, Cozumel, Grand Cayman, Ocho Rios. \$672-\$772. 1-866-DANCEFUN or cathysuediegel@netzero.com
<http://dancefun.com/>

NASHVILLE CLASSIC

Nov. 4 - 7. Sheraton Downtown. Nashville, TN. Rooms: \$89. Skippy Blair Intensive. Workshops, Pros, competitions. Gold Pass: \$109 by 10/1. nashvilleclassic@comcast.net.
<http://www.nashvilleclassic.com/>
615-242-2674.

2nd ANNUAL TRIBUTE DANCE

Nov. 13, 8PM - 1 AM. A tribute to the musicians, singers, and songwriters who we have lost in 2004. With a special tribute to Ray Charles. All types of Swing, Latin & Hustle music by DJ Tim Constant. Amber House, 7012 E. 9 Mile, Warren. \$10 (**\$1 discount for dance club members**)
FMI: 586-754-3434 or visit www.whereistim.com

JIMMY BARRIOS

COMO'S..SALSA & SWING
Woodward and 9 Mile every Tues & Fri nights. 9PM till 1AM. **NO COVER CHARGE.**



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

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 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 apt. 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. Saturday night dance parties, 9 to midnight, \$10. **\$1.00 off to MSDA members.** 248-926-8522. <http://eliteballroom.com>. See *attached schedule*.

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

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/>

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://personaltrainermk.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

DINING WITH SINGLES

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://www.diningwithsingles.com/>

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. 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/>

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 Albert Tailleir

"Country Masters Champion" Albert Tailleir, has been dancing for a total of 13 years and holds 3 Country Western World Championship titles. Originally from Alberta, Canada, where he learned to dance, Albert has been competing since 1993 and along the way has trained with many of the top Country, Ballroom, Latin and Swing instructors. He is currently a Master level dancer and active within the United Country Western Dance Council as a choreographer, instructor and coach. Albert is also certified through the UCWDC as fundamentals level judge. Albert Moved to Canton Michigan just over 2 years ago (June 2002) to head up the dance program at the Diamondback Saloon where he is now working as a professional instructor.

With Albert there, the Diamondback Saloon offers a wide variety of instruction to fulfill a dancers needs in the form of both group and private lessons. Private Lessons are beneficial to all students from the very beginner to the most advanced dancer. These are opportunities to work on your dancing one on one with a professional instructor. Pro Am Opportunities are available for those who are interested in the competitive aspect of Country Western Dance. Private lessons for both social dancers and pro-am students can be scheduled individually with by contacting him at:

(734) 718-6844 or Fax: (734) 397-1507.
Email: WeSpeakDance@comcast.net.
<http://wespeakdance.home.comcast.net/>.

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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, check out our links page at <http://msda.org/links.htm>. We'll try to hook you up.

(248) 390-0515 or msda@att.net

MUSIC?

Each month there will be a sheet at the front desk that invites you to list the songs you would like to hear. We will make every effort to play those songs, if not at this dance, then the next one. Feel free to bring in CD's and ask either me or Bill to play songs that you like. As always, our format is mainly swing and hustle with a sprinkling of country, latin, and ballroom. If you would like to try out your DJ skills, just ask.

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Do You Remember When.....

...you were a new dancer? Do you remember when you went to your first dance and just stood around because you didn't know anyone? And maybe went home without dancing at all? Do you remember when you first got up the nerve to ask that really "good" dancer to dance with you? Do you remember how nervous yet excited you were? Do you remember how that dancer treated you and how it made you feel?

I'm not interested in sermonizing but, Houston....we have a problem. New people show up at every single MSDA dance. But, because they are often totally ignored or, worse yet, criticized for how they dance, many never come back. I hear this all the time.

I know it's really great to see your friends and get in some challenging and exciting dancing with the better dancers, but it's important to encourage new dancers too. That's why I put Skippy's article on page one. She thoroughly understands RELATIONSHIPS and give and take.

In addition, you might ask yourself, "When did it stop being fun to help a new dancer look good and feel good?" It's a tribute to your skill to do so, by the way. And if it means "sacrificing" a dance or two in four hours, do it! How do you think the Pro's feel when you go and ask them to dance at a national event? Do they turn you down or tell you to go take more lessons first? No! Do you think they dance with you because you are such a hot dancer? No! They dance with you to encourage you! To further dance in all its forms and at all levels. That's what improves the dance community and creates better dancers. So, when you stick to your little cliques, you cut off your nose to spite your face. Instead, you could be nurturing some of the best future dancers to come on the floor, if only you'd give them the time of day. (I even heard remarks about "snobby Michigan dancers" at the Michigan Classic from out of towners.)

So..it's up to you veteran dancers to keep this community alive and growing. I can only bring them in the door. It's up to you to keep them there. And I hope with all my heart that you decide to embrace these newcomers, for all our sakes. Thanks for understanding. SN

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.

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HEY, YOU GUYS!!!!
THE PARTY IS SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2004!!



Thanks for all your support!!