

April 2018 Newsletter

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2018 Dances

- April 14
- May 12
- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8

Howard Community Club,
5645 Forsyth Rd.

7:30–10:30 p.m.

\$8 USA Dance members
\$12 non-members
\$5 students with ID

“Dressy casual” attire
Light refreshments
Smoke-free, alcohol-free

Middle Georgia State University Students Learn the Business of Dancing

Middle Georgia State University senior Hannah Saunders welcomed USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059 members Daniel Boudreault and Laura Thomason to campus on March 28 for a special dance lesson presented to the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM). SAM provides an opportunity for its members to increase management skills and expertise through participation in programs and services designed to improve the professional quality of their knowledge, performance, and leadership ability. A once and future chapter member, Ms. Saunders took the opportunity to plan this event as a senior project for which she will earn experiential learning credit. She worked closely with the chapter board to schedule, organize, and promote the event,



which welcomed 14 interested students to the dance floor for an introduction to rumba and East Coast swing. We look forward to welcoming Ms. Saunders back to the chapter after her graduation in May and making the most of her business expertise as well as her connections to the student community.

May Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 3

5:00 p.m.

Learning Center Room 2

Medical Center Navicent
Health

West Coast Swing Workshop Coming in May

Our workshops in West Coast Swing with Dwayne and Kelly Crocker are coming up next month! Saturday, May 12 at Howard Community Club with the beginner session scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and the intermediate session at 11:30. Take one workshop for \$20 or both for \$35. Those taking both workshops receive free admission to our dance that evening. Dwayne and Kelly will also be teaching the complimentary lesson at our dance that night.



Promoting Dance in the Community

- Debra Leathers offered a complimentary salsa lesson at Houston Lake Country Club, 100 Champions Way, Perry, GA on March 29. With help from dance representative Dianne Kent, Heather Adams at the country club organized the event. Chapter members including Carl Candiano, Don Deiter, Natalie Greene, David Leathers, Mike Wade, and Dianne Wilhelm joined a half-dozen couples to learn the basics of salsa dancing. Houston Lake Country Club plans to invite the chapter back for future events.
- Chapter members Agnes Bikus, Carl Candiano, Dianne Kent, Don Deiter, Natalie Greene, Joanne Maguire, Scott and Rosina McGuffin, Mike Wade, and Dianne Wilhelm attended the “USO Dance” on March 24 at the Wellston Senior Center commemorating the 75th anniversary of Warner Robins. Dancers enjoyed the music of the Georgia Big Band in a retro atmosphere that recalled WWII-era dances at the USO Club on Market Street. Kristin Moriarty covered the event for the March 28 *Houston Home Journal*; see her article and photos here:

<http://hhjonline.com/warner-robins-the-city-that-wwii-built-p11102-95.htm>



Debra Leathers and
Heather Adams
at Houston Lake Country
Club, March 29



Scott and Rosina McGuffin and
fellow dancers at the “USO
Dance” on March 24 at Wellston
Senior Center

(photo by Kristin Moriarty)

- Paula East, assisted by chapter members including Ed and Carol Hughes, David and Debra Leathers, Paul Karpinecz, and Peggy Mullis hosted an event on March 15 at the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame to promote ballroom dancing and introduce the basics to new dancers.

Your USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059 is a 501c3 non-profit organization. The chapter carries out the commitment and mission of USA Dance to improve the quality and the quantity of ballroom dancing in the United States. USA Dance Inc. is the national governing body for DanceSport in the United States. With 175+ chapters throughout the country, USA Dance represents all social and recreational ballroom and Latin dancers in America of all ages and skill levels who have one thing in common: the love of dance! Visit our chapter Web site at www.usad6059.org

This month's featured instructor:

Paula East

Veteran performer, promoter, and instructor Paula East will present a complimentary lesson in Latin fusion dancing at the April 14 monthly dance with a focus on "How Latin Dances Got Started." Dancers will learn how to mix and match patterns across mambo, cha-cha, salsa, and even East Coast swing by taking advantage of those dances' shared background.

Paula is one of the founding members of USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059 and an advocate for lifelong health and learning through dance. She was recognized by the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 2014 for years of dedicated service as an ambassador, dance consultant, and volunteer. Paula says that at this stage of her career she most enjoys teaching, mentoring and passing on skills to the coming generations and helping students discover themselves, through lessons, choreography and dance exhibitions.



Paula East with Jim Riley at the Hay House

Local Dance Instructors

The following USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059 members would be happy to hear from you to schedule a group class or private lesson:

Paula East: An experienced dancer, choreographer, and instructor with a commitment to promoting social dancing and dancesport to the local community. Contact Paula for information on current classes and workshops: paulaeastdance@yahoo.com, 478.750.0802, www.paulaeast.com.

Dianne Kent: "Dancing with Dianne": dgk629@windstream.net, 478.986.4110, www.dkdancelessons.blogspot.com. Four-week classes are on Mondays at Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Road, Macon GA.. 7PM - 8PM Line Dance Instruction, 8PM to 9PM Ballroom Dance Instruction.

Debra Leathers: With a passion for all dance forms, Debra Leathers was hooked on dance from her very first lesson. Her specialties include Flamenco (Sevillanas), Beginning Ballroom, Argentine Tango, Salsa, Bachata, Chacarera, and Rueda de Salsa. Contact Debra at djsmackea@gmail.com

Jim Riley: Jim has many years of experience in ballroom dancing and is a member of our chapter, Jim lives in Atlanta but travels to Macon to instruct from time to time. jdriley.jim@gmail.com

Daniel Boudreault & Laura Thomason: Daniel and Laura are competitive dancers but most enjoy helping newcomers enjoy their dance experience. Visit www.dldancers.com for information.

Carl Candiano: Carl is an experienced instructor in American Smooth and American Rhythm styles, beginners through Silver level. Email him at unvcandy@yahoo.com.