

# GREATER MACON CHAPTER 6059 USA DANCE,

## April, 2014 NEWSLETTER



### MONTHLY DANCE

We are looking forward to Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>; note this is the first Saturday for this monthly dance at Howard Community Club. The theme for the Saturday dance will be "Welcome to Spring and the Easter Celebration." Spring and Easter bring forth bright colors of Pink, Green, Yellow, Blue, Purple and White, and Easter Baskets with colored eggs and green grass, and always candy. Ladies, if you have a favorite Easter Bonnet, please feel free to wear it for this dance, and men, bright ties will be in fashion for that night. Taking a note from other ballroom dance groups that posted dressy casual attire means no blue jeans, T-shirts or tennis shoes, making it special as we dance to *The Easter Parade*.

The dance will start with a complimentary lesson in Bachata, taught by Debra McCullough at 7:30 p.m. and followed by open social dancing from 8:15 until 10:30 pm.

During the evening there will be music for everyone's favorite dances of Ballroom Smooth, Latin, Rhythm, Line Dances and Mixers played for you by our very own DJ, Mr. Chester Gibbs.

Snacks will be provided for you with water and soft drinks for a donation. You are always welcome to contribute your favorite snack to our snack table; it is nice to have a variety to choose from.

### DANCE TIPS

Keep on dancing and learning. Let's take a look at the Swing dance; men keep on dancing even if you feel you messed up, never stop dancing, there is a rule of thumb from experienced dancers that you learn to improvise, do a turn, a rock step or a free style, and ladies stay with the beat until you face each other again. Practice this and don't be afraid to try a new step. If you swing your partner out too far and you miss hand connections, do a turn and get back together. Try It, but don't stop, she will think you are a great dancer, it will look good and no one will ever know.

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### **NEXT MONTH'S DANCE**

We will be back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May. Our dance will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at Howard Community Club. The Theme for May's monthly dance will be Prom Night. We are hoping that you will feel it appropriate to be dressy; not exactly formal wear but, in keeping with the theme, you might want to remember your recent prom night, or, for some of us, a prom night of many years ago. Whichever category you fit into, let's make it a special night. We may even crown a King and Queen to reign over the night.

### **POST CARDS**



Again, and as a reminder, as we try to cut costs to the organization we are asking your indulgence as we phase out the post cards that are mailed to the membership. We ask your help in this transition by furnishing the chapter officers with your email address. We have noticed that most every member has a valid email address. We would like to use this form of keeping you informed. If for some reason you still prefer to receive a post card or you do not have email, please let us know. It is also an agenda item for discussion at the April Board Meeting, and we will post more information as we move forward with this effort.

**CHAPTER WEB SITE:** [usad6059.org](http://usad6059.org)

We encourage you to make frequent visits to the Chapter Web Site as it is constantly being up dated with items of interest by our Web Master Ron Smith and Agnes Bikus. Both Ron and Agnes would always like to hear from you with regard to any suggested additions, changes or even corrections you may offer for the web site. The posting of pictures of your present Board of Directors for the year 2014 is being added. The Board of Directors has been asked to send Ron their photo to be featured. Our Chapter Photographer, Bob Morgan, is also providing wonderful pictures of you all dancing.

### **COMMITTEE ASSISTANCE**

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please let the board know of your interests. You can view the lineup of your Officers and Board Members at Large on the chapter Web site with their email address and phone number. We are always open for volunteers to help on any of the current committees, such as helping to set up the hall for the dances, decorating, and as always cleaning up after the dance.

If you haven't stayed over to help the board members in this process, you may be surprised to find out that the board members are responsible for taking out all the trash, dry mopping the entire floor, checking for any spills, vacuuming the entrance rug, removing all decorations and any food, returning all chairs and tables to their proper storage place and resetting the thermostat, lights and lock up. These are all extra duties added to ensuring that you as members have a great facility that is affordable, offers a great wooden dance floor, and is ready each and every month, all in the name of dance.

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### YOUR CHAPTER BOARD

We are looking forward to a good year of dancing and communication between the Board and the Membership. We are open to suggestions on how to make your dancing experience better and try and meet your needs and wishes as we all move forward. We are in the process of planning and suggestions are always welcomed, though we are not always able to comply with said suggestions. We do hope you understand as it takes planning and willingness from volunteers and money to execute more detailed events. We will be looking forward to another workshop in the future and the possibility of engaging a band for some of the dances. This takes time and effort and combined communication to fulfill all of these items.

All in all, we serve on your Chapter Board for all the membership as volunteers, and it is nice to see the time and service is well spent when the members attend dances, workshops offered, and show their appreciation for what we are all so passionate about, and that is dancing and learning more. We could not do any of this without our chapter members.

Finally, as a reminder, if you have not renewed your Chapter Membership for the current year 2014, we ask and encourage you to do so.

Thanks again to all members of the Greater Macon Chapter #6059 of USA Dance; the Chapter couldn't exist without your help, input, attendance, and financial support.

Until next time,

See you on the dance floor.

Sincerely,

*Your Greater Macon Chapter Board.*



The chapter is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Known as the Greater Macon Chapter #6059 of USA Dance since 2008, the chapter continues its commitment and mission in line with that of USA Dance National to improve the quality and the quantity of ballroom dancing in the United States. USA Dance Inc. is the National Governing Body for Dance Sport in the United States and with 174 chapters throughout the country is also the representative organization for 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: [usag6059.org](http://usag6059.org)