

*****September 1, 2016 USA Dance Chapter 6059 Newsletter*****

GREATER MACON CHAPTER

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BALLROOM DANCING

Thank you all that attended the Summer's Night Picnic, for Pine Pointe Hospice, Navicent Health fund raiser at the Macon Civic Auditorium. It was a huge success.

*****Please note changes in September and November monthly dances*****

***September 10**, Saturday 2016 this will be the Chapter's 19th ANNIVERSARY Dance, Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Rd, Macon, Instructors/students/members, Dance Exhibition in place of LESSON. Dance starts at **7:30 to 8:30 Showcase at 8:30 to 9:00 dancing 9:00 to 10:30. \$8 members, \$12 nonmembers, \$5 students with ID, snacks and water provided soft drink for a \$1 donation. Foxtrot Mixer and line dances also. Music by Chester Gibbs, DJ. Reminder: There will be NO LESSON.

*****The Greater Macon Chapter 6059 of USA Dance is celebrating its 19th year** of being certified by the National Organization in September 1997. Paula East was one of the co-founders of the chapter and is still a member and instructor. Many others were instrumental in helping form the early days of the chapter, and some are still members. The chapter boasts all levels of dancing and offers monthly dances, free lessons, annual workshops and special events throughout the year. Many have shared their love of dance with the chapter and added to the pleasure of the Art of Dancing for all ages, throughout the years. Our goal is to keep growing the chapter and add to the quality of dancing. and urge members to renew and maintain membership.

*****October 8**, Saturday 2016 at Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Rd, Macon, Ga. "Halloween Monster Mash" Costumes encouraged/optional, prizes for the best costume for a Man, a Woman and a Couple. 7:30 Bachata lesson by Debra Leathers.

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Social dancing 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. \$8 members, \$12 non members, \$5 students with ID. Snacks and water provided, soft drinks for \$1 donation. Music by Chester Gibbs, DJ.

NOTE-----All dances at St. Joseph's Catholic Church have been discontinued.

*****November FRIDAY 11**, 2016 NOTICE A CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH: We will be dancing on FRIDAY NIGHT at the Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Rd. Macon, Ga. Lesson to be announced starts at 7:30, Social dancing 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. \$8 members, \$12 non members, \$5 students with I D. Snacks and water provided, soft drinks for a donation. Line dances, mixers offered. Music by Chester Gibbs, DJ.

*****December Saturday 10**, 2016 Christmas Jingle Bell Dance at Howard Community Club. 5645 Forsyth Rd. Macon, Ga. FREE TO MEMBERS. \$12 for non members \$5 students with ID Starting time 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No Lesson, Mixers and Line dancing. Dressy Attire suggested. Everyone is asked to please bring a covered dish to share for the table. Water provided, soft drinks for \$1 donation. Music by Chester Gibbs. DJ.

*****ALL DANCES ARE SMOKE AND ALCOHOL FREE*****

SOCIAL DANCE TEACHERS for the Chapter are as follows. Paula East, paulaeastdance@yahoo.com-- Dianne Kent, dkdancelessons@gmail.com, Jim Riley, jdriley.jim@gmail.com Carl Candiano, unvcandy@yahoo.com. Debra Leathers, djsmckeagmail.com Contact them for dance classes or private lessons, they will be happy to hear from you. They are also listed on the website. www.usad6059.org

Please continue to check the table in the foyer at the Howard Community Club. Fliers and area events and current Chapter Newsletter, and info that may be of interest to you. Look for the symbols of ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC for the music licensing by USA Dance, National provides the licensing for the music we use at our dances.

The Chapter website is a tool to be used by those searching for a home chapter and for those looking for dance instruction, or date of our monthly dance, whatever you are looking for under the name of dance this is the place to search. It is constantly being updated by bikus.agnes@cox.net. and ron.smith3@cox.net You can check out your chapter officers also, and please feel free to contact us.

Presidents Message:

We are always looking for new volunteers to serve on committees. **Your Chapter Officers are:** Joanne Maguire, President, Agnes Bikus, Vice President/Treasurer, David Leathers, Secretary, **Members at large:** are Bob Morgan, Carl Candiano and Dianne Wilhelm. We have **two volunteers to add to the board, officially at our October Board Meeting.** They are **Chester Gibbs** and **Laura Thomason**. We thank

them for volunteering. We have a Social Dance Coordinator - Dianne Kent and Paula East assists, plans the free

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lessons and workshops. We all help do the work. Each has a duty that they have volunteered to help with. You can view the lineup of your Officers and Board Members at Large on the chapter Web site with their email address and phone numbers, let us hear from you. We are always open for volunteers to help on any of the current committees. We need one more volunteer to bring our board members to the required number Nine, which National suggests to help spread the work load . What committee would you like to help with? Be a volunteer. www.usad6059.org

Membership: Please be responsible for keeping your membership current and all personal information up to date, like your address, email address or any name changes. National uses emails to communicate with this process, You can also print 'out your own membership card .We are in the process of planning for the coming year, and suggestions are always welcome but the board decides what is best for the overall membership and 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 these events. With leadership change and membership change there is always going to be some that want things to stay the same. All chapters experience these kinds of change, so please be patient with the new changes and new dancers, be courteous and act in a mannerly fashion as we grow our chapter. Our various instructors all have students that they teach and bring to the dances and it is our job as members to help them learn about the chapter and its function. Remember you too were new to the dance floor. Encourage the new ones to join in, introduce yourself, better yet ask them for a dance, and assist when needed, this will help them feel welcome.

The Dance Chapter is what you contribute to it and only you can make it better, thank you for your continuing support both financially and attendance. We serve on your chapter Board for all the membership as volunteers and it is nice to see our time and service is well spent when the member attend dances, free lessons, 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 support from the chapter members. Thank you. It is every member's job to help promote ballroom dancing in the community.

Please try to arrive at 7:15. You need time to sign in, pay, and put on your dance shoes and be ready for the complimentary dance lesson at 7:30, this is included in your price of admission and we pay the instructors to provide you with this gift from the chapter. We need to start on time and we do not repeat what you may miss by being late. It is not fair to the instructor as they plan these lessons for your pleasure, and enjoyment. It is also not fair for those that choose to forego the lesson but just want to dance but we need to be considerate of all members and try and stay on schedule.

Bring a friend and introduce them to Ballroom dancing, they will be glad you did.

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Help spread the word that ballroom dancing is alive and well in the Middle Georgia area and surrounding community, sometimes word of mouth is the best means of getting the message out to the public, you are part of a great organization, brag about us. Check us out in the Macon Telegraph on Fridays in "Out and About", and also in the Macon Dance Calendar.com. our dances are listed there with dates and times, and on our website.

This year 2016 is a USA Dance National Election year; stay abreast as things unfold.

Until next month, Joanne Maguire, President joeypamag@cox.net

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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 175 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 [www: usad6059.org](http://www.usad6059.org)