

December 1, 2016 USA Dance Chapter 6059 NEWSLETTER

BALLROOM DANCING www.usad6059



Dances are listed below for your dancing pleasure, mark your calendar.

***December Saturday 10, 2016 Christmas Jingle Bell Dance at Howard Community Club. 5645 Forsyth Rd. Macon, Ga. FREE TO MEMBERS. in good standing membership current and up to date. \$12 nonmembers \$5 Students with ID. This is the chapter's appreciation to members dance. Starting time 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. NO LESSON Mixers and Line dancing. Holiday Attire suggested. EVERYONE is asked to please bring a COVERED DISH to share for the table. Meat will be provided by the chapter, Water available and soft drinks for \$1 donation. Music by Chester Gibbs DJ.

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

***** Upcoming dances for the New Year 2017*****

January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9, 2017. All Saturday nights.

Held at Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Rd, Macon, Georgia

***January 14, 2017 Winter Fest Lesson by Paula East, 7:30 Social dance 8:15 to 10:30p.m ***February 11, 2017 Valentine Ball Lesson by Dianne Kent, 7:30 Social dance 8:15 to 10:30 p.m.

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 Debra Leathers, djsmckea@gmail.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. 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 the new Webmaster Laura Thomason. laura.e.thomason@gmail.com

President's Message: As the year 2016 draws to a close, we reflect over this past year of our Chapter and saw many changes take place. New board members, adding new members to the chapter, discontinuing St. Joseph's dances, changes at the Howard Community Club building. To all that served I thank you for being supportive and loyal to reach our goal and enjoy the art of ballroom dancing and all your great help.

Officers are: Joanne Maguire, President, Agnes Bikus, Vice president/Treasurer, David Leathers, Secretary. Members at large are Bob Morgan, Carl Candiano, Dianne Wilhelm, Chester Gibbs and Laura Thomason.

USA Dance Greater Macon Board Members Bring Dancing to Dublin, Ga.

Board members Chester Gibbs and Laura Thomason visited the Dublin Campus of Middle Georgia State University on November 15, 2016 to introduce students to the cha-cha. 20 students enjoyed an exhibition performance followed by a beginner lesson from Laura and Chester. This multicultural event was presented as part of International Education Week 2016 and gave the students the opportunity to learn a little bit about the origins of Latin American dances as well as ballroom basics and the fun of dancing. Chester and Laura presented their "Fireball" cha-cha routine (choreographed by Paula East) and taught the students the basic cha-cha step and the open break with the underarm turn. We extend our appreciation to Lynn Allen, MGA-Dublin Student Services Coordinator, and the Dublin campus students for their interest and enthusiasm. Social Dance Coordinator Dianne Kent and Paula East assists, plans the free lessons for members at the monthly dances. Everyone helps when called upon when necessary. We are always open for volunteers to help on any of the current committees. 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, to remind you when your dues are ready to renew. You can also print out your own membership card. If you fail to

renew on a timely basis your name is dropped from the National membership roster the day of expiration and you would be required to pay nonmember fees \$12 to attend the next dance. Mail your check directly to National, USADance, or renew on line with a credit card, It costs the chapter money to write a check from chapter account and also a stamp to send it. Be responsible and help save chapter funds.

The Dance Chapter is made up of all the members and everyone contributes to it in their own way, they bring all levels of dance to the floor and the men are good hosts in dancing with those that do not have a partner. Thank you for your continued 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's 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 dedicated members. Thank you. It is every member's job to help promote ballroom dancing in the community, invite a friend to the dance.

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 lesson a 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 the time schedule.

Check us out in the Macon Telegraph on Fridays in Out and About, and also in the Macon Dance Calendar.com. The dances are listed with dates and times, and on our Chapter website. www.usad6059.org.

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



Your USA Dance Chapter 6059 Greater Macon, www.usadance.org 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