

February 1, 2016 Newsletter by

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The New Year of 2016 has kicked off with a great start and we want to continue with the listing of the Chapter dances.

*Saturday February 13th, 2016—Valentine's Sweetheart Ball at Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Rd. Macon, Ga. Lesson waltz, Dianne Kent, 7:30 p.m. Social Dancing 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. RED will be the dress attire. Member \$8, Non-Member \$12, Students \$5 ID required. Please show ID for this discount. Light refreshments provided, but feel free to add to the snack table. Water and soft drinks offered for a donation. Door prizes are planned for this night and the music will be played by our excellent DJ Mr. Chester Gibbs.

*Saturday March 12th, 2016— Celebrate Easter –Howard Community Club— Paula East, Latin variations lesson 7:30 p. m. Social dancing 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. Members \$8, Non-Members \$12, Students with current ID \$5. Light snacks provided. Water & soft drinks offered for a donation. Music played by our excellent DJ Mr. Chester Gibbs.

*Saturday April 9th, 2016 Howard Community Club. The Chapter will conduct a workshop during the day with classes in Swing and Tango. There will also be a complimentary evening lesson in Waltz led by James Mulac, our guest instructor from 7:30 – 8:15 p.m. and social dancing from 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. Member \$8, Non-Members \$12, Students with current ID \$5.00. Light refreshments provided. Water and soft drinks offered for a donation. Music played by our excellent DJ Mr. Chester Gibbs.

*Friday May 13th, 2016—7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Spring Blossom Ball Dances For Fun-St. Joseph's Catholic Church Social Hall, Macon, Ga. The Greater Macon Chapter 6059 of USA Dance is co-host for this dance. Refreshments furnished by the hosts, and soft drinks for a donation. \$20 pp, \$10 Students ID required, pay at the door, Cash/Checks accepted. NO dance at the Howard Community Club this month. Live Music by the "GOOD VIBRATIONS BAND". Dances for Fun Co-Chairs Agnes Bikus, bikus.agnes@cox.net, and Ron Smith, ron.smith3@cox.net

* Saturday June 11th, 2016 Summer Nights Dance, Howard Community Club. A complimentary lesson will be given at 7:30 p.m. and led by Carl Candiano in Rumba, followed by the night's social dancing from 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. \$8 Members, \$12 Non-Members, \$5 Students with ID. Light snacks, water and soft drinks for a donation. Music played by our excellent DJ Mr. Chester Gibbs.

* **Saturday July 9th**, 2016 at Howard Community Club. Information will follow.

* Saturday August 13th, 2016 at Howard Community Club. Information will follow.

* **Saturday September 10th**, 2016 Howard Community Club—Chapter's 19th Anniversary Dance, Perhaps Members Exhibition Dances

* Saturday October 8th, 2016 - Howard Community Club, Halloween Monster Mash Dance, costumes encouraged, Prizes for the best outfits. Lesson 7:30 and dancing 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. \$8 Members, \$12 Non Members, \$5 Students with ID. Snacks provided, water and soft drinks for donation. Music played by our excellent DJ Mr. Chester Gibbs.

*November Friday 11th, 2016—7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Dances For Fun Fall Ball at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Social Hall, Macon, Ga. The Greater Macon Chapter 6059 of USA Dance is co-host for this dance. Refreshments furnished by the hosts, and soft drinks for a donation. \$20 pp, \$10 Students ID required, pay at the door, cash/checks accepted. NO Dance at the Howard Community Club this month. Live Music by the "GOOD VIBRATIONS BAND." Dances for Fun Co-Chairs Agnes Bikus, email <u>bikus.agnes@cox.net</u> and Ron Smith email <u>ron.smith3@cox.net</u>.

* Saturday December 10th, 2016—Howard Community Club, Christmas Dance, Jingle Bell Ball.

ALL OUR MONTHLY DANCES ARE SMOKE AND ALCOHOL FREE

Please help us keep your info current, with any changes in your info, let us know when you sign in at the monthly dances, be sure info is up to date this will help the chapter stay current with our listing for National. Please furnish your email address to receive all our newsletters and dance info. Current Phone numbers are appreciated. Keeping your dues current and renewing on line when you receive your notice from National makes it easy, saves time and money. If you need help with this please see an officer. Print your own membership cards. REMEMBER when renewal time comes around, National ANNUAL DUES are \$35.00 for Members/Social dancer. You can order USA Dance Logo's from National Web Site Store. Our chapter has members that offer dance classes, Paula East, <u>paulaeastdance@yahoo.com</u> and Dianne Kent, <u>dkdancelessons@gmail.com</u> and Carl Candiano <u>unvcandy@yahoo.com</u> and Jim Riley <u>jdriley.jim@gmail.com</u> Contact them for dance classes or private lessons. They will be glad to hear from you. Send them an email for more info.

As a member you receive the American Dancer Magazine. Becoming a member in a Chapter of USA Dance and continuing your membership is vital to the running of your dance chapter. It allows us the opportunity to offer workshops, a place to dance and music. Your admission helps pay for all these when you support and attend the dances which your Board Members (all volunteers) offer for your dancing pleasure. Your money goes towards renting the hall, free monthly dance instruction, dance instructors, and the DJ. Support your local dance chapter and help promote the art of Ballroom dancing. We are looking for and need volunteers, and if you can only serve one time a year that would be appreciated. Take the time to volunteer.

Remember it is your dance chapter. Only you can help make it better.

Volunteering is easy, sign up to help serve, select from the following committees. Talk to a board member.

- 1. Set up hall and take down (tables & chairs) Post USA Dance Logo sign.
- 2. Decorating for monthly dances.
- 3. Food room and preparation, soft drink, water, ice etc.
- 4. Music selection committee
- 5. Website maintenance and management
- 6. Membership
- 7. Public Relations
- 8. Photography of classes, dances, events and workshops
- 9. Social Dance Coordinator
- 10. Outreach programs and community area activities, nursing homes.

Please check the table in the foyer of Howard Community Club when you attend the monthly dances. Take time and look over the information that is placed there for members/visitors; copies of the Chapter's Monthly Newsletter, Line of Dance Diagram, Flyers of upcoming events, Out Reach programs, ASCAP-BMI-SESAC info, and other area dances of interest.

Note of interest ------ **Macon Dance** is a monthly calendar of dances in the area. The Macon Dance Website is located at <u>www.macondance.com</u> This is an outside offering of area dances you may be interested in.

"NOTICE" the list of Board of Directors are available on the Chapter Website www.6059.org for the coming tenure of service for 2016-17. Also all the dance dates for the coming year and the calendar are posted there. Please take time to check it out. Until next time, remember Ballroom dancing builds character, physical endurance and social contact, self-confidence promotes longevity, strengthens muscles, and wards off many ailments, it is a good workout and a lot of fun.

Keep on dancing to all of the great dances listed below:

WALTZ----CHACHA-----SWING----RUMBA----SALSA---TANGO—FOXTROT—SWING---BOLERO---SALSA---HUSTLE---EAST COAST SWING—WEST COAST SWING---And others...-LEARN HOW TO DANCE-- LEARN HOW TO LEAD AND----LEARN HOW TO FOLLOW. Find a favorite pair of dance shoes and let's dance.

We welcome your Feedback and suggestions.

The chapter is a 501c3 non-profit organization known as the Greater Macon Chapter #6059 of USA Dance. 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 boasts over 175 chapters throughout the country and is 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. Our chapter is covered by The National Fast Dance Association for music license for ASCAP-BMI- SESAC. Visit our chapter Web Site, www.usad6059.org.

