February 1, 2017 USA Dance Chapter 6059 NEWSLETTER

BALLROOM DANCING www.usad6059.org



***February 11, 2017 Saturday, Valentine's Ball, at Howard Community Club 5645 Forsyth Rd. Macon, Ga. 7:30 Lesson in Waltz & styling by Dianne Kent. Social dancing 8:15 to10:30 Mixers and some line dances and a variety of ballroom favorites by DJ Chester Gibbs. \$8 members, \$12 nonmembers and \$5 Students with current ID. Light snacks and water provided & soft drink for a donation. Dress in red to keep the tradition of the favorite cupid day. Red is the symbol of the heart.

***March 11, 2017 Saturday, St. Patrick's Day Celebrate with the Irish and the wearing of the green. 7:30 Lesson Cuban Salsa by Debra Leathers. Social dancing 8:15 to 10:30. Learn new moves. All levels welcome. Music by Chester Gibbs DJ. We provide light snacks and water, soft drink for donation. See below for more info.

We are in the process of planning the next couple of months follow us on the web. www.usad.org.

The following dates are the monthly dances for the year 2017.

As information becomes available more will be posted on a timely basis, on the Chapter Web site and also on Facebook and I Heart Dancing.

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.

Where: Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Rd, Macon, Georgia

When: 2nd Saturday of every month.

Time: 7:30 lesson----Social Dancing 8:15 until 10:30

Price: \$8 members, \$12 nonmembers \$5 Students with current ID

Music: DJ Chester Gibbs

****** ALL OUR 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, 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.

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Please continue to check the table in the foyer at the Howard Community Club. Fliers and area events and current Chapter Newsletters, 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 up dated by the new Web Master Laura Thomason. laura.e.thomason@gmail.com, Joanne Maguire, and Agnes Bikus.

Presidents Message: PLEASE TAKE NOTE: For continuing success we need better attendance at our monthly dances. Our operating funds are the monies from your attendance and we have not been meeting our monthly expenses for several months. This is the only means of financial support that we receive and depend on that to bring you good music and free lessons, by paying DJ and instructors and renting the building. As the New Year comes into view and we have the chance to make our Chapter a great chapter, showing support, offering your service as a volunteer and helping when possible. We have added some new members to the chapter, and make them welcome the next time you see them, Donald Deiter, Jessica Hardman and Stephen Coshatt. To all that serve I thank you for being supportive and loyal to reach our goals and enjoy the art of ballroom dancing. I have visions of growing our chapter this year, you can help reach that goal by spreading the word about the chapter and inviting new friends and family to come join in the physical attributes that dancing has for all ages. The board needs your help, all members are ambassadors for the Greater Macon Chapter 6059. of USA Dance. We are counting on you to help make a difference.

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.

Social Dance Coordinator Dianne Kent and Paula East assists, plans the free lessons for members at the montly 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

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS AND BOARD: When posting to Facebook or I heart dancing or sending fliers out, Please use the the full Chapters name, and # for USA Dance, (example) Greater Macon Chapter 6059 USA Dance to identify our chapter, National sent out a reminder this month. We want people to recognize our chapter and give credit and it is good Public Relations, since we are the only National Ballroom Chapter in the Middle Georgia Area. We are non profit.

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 dues are ready to renew. You can 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.

Your Board of Directors will be serving their second term through December 2017, and as this is chapter election year, we want to ask that you keep in mind that some of those now serving will be going off the board and will need to be replaced with qualified members to serve to fill those positions, please offer your services when the time comes to help keep the chapter an active chapter and one that we can be proud of.

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. Thank you. It is every member's job to help promote ballroom dancing in the community, invite a friend to the dance. Dance with someone new and make them feel welcome.

Check us out in the Macon Telegraph_on Fridays in Out and About, The dances are listed with dates and times, under dances, and on our Chapter Website. www.usad6059.org.

Good Luck to our members going to competition at the Winter Classic, Florida as I write this. Laura, Daniel, Carl, Natalie and Jessica and Stephen. USADANCE 6059



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



Your USA Dance Chapter 6059 Greater Macon, <u>www.usadance.org</u> log 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: <u>usad6059.org</u>