

GREATER MACON CHAPTER 6059 USA DANCE NEWSLETTER



MARCH 1, 2016 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to your Ballroom Dance Chapter..... Reserve the following dates.

***March 12, Saturday 2016. St. Patrick's Dance at Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Rd, Macon, Ga. 7:30 p.m. Wearing of the GREEN suggested. Complimentary Latin variations lesson by Paula East, Social dancing 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. Members \$8, Non Members \$12, and \$5 Students with ID. Dressy casual attire, means no blue jeans, T-shirts or tennis shoes. Snacks and water, soft drink for a donation. You are encouraged to bring a favorite snack to add to the table to share. Music by Chester Gibbs, DJ or other chapter member.

***April 9, Saturday 2016 Prelude to Spring Dance, at Howard Community Club, There will be a workshop offered during the day. Flyer was sent to the membership, Dianne Kent. Classes in Swing and Tango by James Mulac. Complimentary lesson 7:30 Foxtrot James Mulac, guest instructor. Social dancing from 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. Members \$8, Non Members \$12, \$5 Students with ID, light refreshments and water, soft drink for a donation. Music by DJ Chester Gibbs or other chapter member.

***May 13, FRIDAY 2016 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Spring Blossom Ball, Dances For Fun at St Joseph's Catholic Church Social Hall, Macon, Georgia. The Greater Macon Chapter 6059 of USA Dance will co-host this dance. Refreshments furnished by the hosts, and soft drinks for a donation, also water. \$20 per person \$10 Students ID required, pay at the door, cash/checks accepted. NO DANCE at the Howard Community Club this month. Music by the "Good Vibrations Band", Variety of music offered. co-chairs Agnes Bikus, bikus.agnes@cox.net and Ron Smith, ronsmith3@cox.net.

***June 11, Saturday 2016 Summer Nights Dance, Howard Community Club. Complimentary lesson, Rumba 7:30 p.m. Carl Candiano. Social dancing 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. \$8 Members, \$12 Non Member \$5 Students with ID. Light snacks and water, soft drinks for donation. Music by Chester Gibbs, DJ. or other member.

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***July 9, Saturday 2016 Salute to Military, Howard Community Club. Complimentary lesson 7:30 and social dancing 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. more info to follow.

***August 13. Saturday 2016 End of Summer Dance, Howard Community Club. More info when available.

***September 10, Saturday 2016 Chapter 19th Anniversary Dance, Howard Community Club, Probable Members Dance Exhibition. No lesson, Dance starts at 7:30 to 10:30. \$8 Members, \$12 Non Members, \$5 Students with ID, snacks and water provided, soft drink for a donation. Mixer dances also. Chester Gibbs DJ or other member.

***October 8, Saturday 2016 Howard Community Club, Halloween Monster Mash, Costumes encouraged, prizes for the best costume. Lesson 7:30 Social Dancing 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. \$8 Members, \$12 Non Members, \$5 Students with ID. Snacks provided and water, soft drinks for donation. Music by DJ Chester Gibbs or other member.

***November Friday 11, 2016 Dances For Fun at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Social Hall, Macon, Georgia. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The Greater Macon Chapter 6059 of USA Dance are co-hosts for this dance. \$20 per person, \$10 students with ID. Pay at the door cash/checks accepted. Refreshments provided by the hosts. Soft drinks for a donation. Water also. NO DANCE at the Howard Community Club this month. Music by "The Good Vibrations Band", Variety of music offered. Co-Chairs, Agnes Bikus, bikus.agnes@cox.net and Ron Smith, ronsmith3@cox.net.

***December Saturday 10, 2016 Christmas Jingle Bell Dance at Howard Community Club. FREE to members. \$12 for Non Members, \$5 Students with ID. Member Appreciation Dance Covered Dish Dinner, Desert. Starting time 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No Lesson, Mixers and Line dancing. Dressy Attire suggested. Meat provided by the Chapter, Please bring a covered dish to share for the dinner. Water, soft drinks provided. Music by Chester Gibbs, DJ. Or other member.

ALL CHAPTER DANCES ARE SMOKE AND ALCOHOL FREE

DANCE TEACHERS for the Chapter are as follows. Paula East, paulaeastdance@yahoo.com-- Dianne Kent, dkdancelesson@gmail.com, Jim Riley, jdriley.jim@gmail.com, Carl Candiano, unvcandy@yahoo.com. Contact them for dance classes and private lessons, they will be happy to hear from you.

Check the table in the foyer when you attend the Howard Community Club, we place flyers, events and newsletters, and other info that you may be interested in the community. Also the symbols for ASCAP, BMI and SESAC for music licensing by the National Fast Dance Association that are covered under National USA Dance.

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Facebook is the only Social Media that USA Dance endorses for posting events and dances. Check out the Facebook page for Greater Macon Chapter 6059 USA Dance.

Please keep in mind that our chapter boasts all level of dance, from the beginners to the more advanced dancers. Be patient when dancing with others and also remember that you too were once a beginner. Offer help when asked about a dance step or a lead or what dance do you do to that tune. These little things make for a much happier dancer and fun time for all. Remember everyone attends for the enjoyment of social dancing and learning. Put on your happy feet, and smile. Good manners and good hygiene make for a happy dancing experience.

CHAPTER WEB SITE: usad6059.org

We encourage you to make frequent visits to the Chapter Web Site as it is constantly being up dated by our Web Masters, Ron Smith ronsmith3@cox.net and Agnes Bikus, bikus.agnes@cox.net Both Ron and Agnes would like to hear from you with regard to any suggested additions, changes or even corrections you may offer for the web site.

President's Message

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 on to help the board members in this process, you may be surprised to learn 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 are ready to repeat it each and every month. We do this so that you can enjoy your membership and fun on the dance floor, all in the name of dance. 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. When making "suggestions" please remember to ask yourself if it is in the best interest of the whole membership. We are in the process of planning 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. We will be looking forward to another year of planning and great social times together. This takes time and effort and combined communication to fulfill all of these items. We serve on your chapter Board for all the membership as volunteers and it is nice to see the time and

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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 support from the chapter members.

NOTICE: The board has put in place policy's. We have sent the Policy for Competition Reimbursement and Members Death Policy to the membership. Please read and if there are any questions let us know. Your Chapter Board members, at work.

We have a request to all the members. Please arrive at 7:15 so you have time to sign in, pay, and put on your dance shoes and be ready for the complimentary dance lesson at 7:30. 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. See you on the dance floor.

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.

Bring a friend and introduce them to Ballroom dancing, put on your happy feet.

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

Your Greater Macon Chapter 6059 Board of USA Dance, 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: usad6059.org