

**\* USA Dance Chapter 6059 Greater Macon NEWSLETTER\***



May 1, 2016 Chapter Newsletter

Welcome to your Ballroom Dance Chapter\*\*\*\*\*Please mark your calendar.

\*\*\*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 \$1 donation, also water. \$20 per person \$10 Students ID required, pay at the door, cash/checks accepted. Dressy attire; no blue jeans, tennis shoes or t-shirts.

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](mailto:bikus.agnes@cox.net) and Ron Smith, [ron.smith3@cox.net](mailto:ron.smith3@cox.net). Spread the word and make this a wonderful dance.

\*\*\*June 11, Saturday 2016 Summer Nights Dance, Howard Community Club 5645 Forsyth Rd. Macon, Ga. Complimentary lesson, Rumba 7:30 p.m. Carl Candiano. Social dancing from 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. \$8 Member, \$12 Non-Member, \$5 Students with ID. Light snacks and water, soft drinks for \$1 donation. Music provided by chapter D. J. Chester Gibbs, other member.

\*\*\*July 9, Saturday 2016 Celebrate Red, White and Blue Dance, Howard Community Club. Attire: wear one of these colors or perhaps all three. Help celebrate the freedom in America 7:30 Lesson by Dianne Kent, included with the price of admission. Social dancing 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. Snacks provided by members, feel free to bring something to add to the table. Soft drinks and water available for \$1 donation. \$8 members, \$12 non-members, \$5 students with current ID. Music will be provided by D.J. Chester Gibbs, or other member.

\*\*\*August 13. Saturday 2016 End of Summer Dance, Howard Community Club 5645 Forsyth Rd, Macon, Ga. Lesson 7:30 Paula East, East Coast Swing. Social Dancing 8:15 to 10:30 \$8, Members \$12 Non Members \$5 Students with current ID. Snacks and water provided, soft drinks \$1 donation. Line dances and Mixers too. DJ Chester Gibbs or other member will provide the music.

\*\*\*September 10, Saturday 2016 Chapter 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance at Howard Community Club, 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 \$1 donation. Mixer dances also. D.J. Chester Gibbs or other member.

\*\*\*October 8, Saturday 2016 at Howard Community Club, "Halloween Monster Mash" Costumes encouraged, prizes for the best costume. Man, Woman and Couple. 7:30 Lesson to be announced. 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 will be provided by chapter D.J. 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 \$1 donation. Water provided. 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](mailto:bikus.agnes@cox.net) and Ron Smith, [ron.smith3@cox.net](mailto:ron.smith3@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 table. Water provided, and soft drinks for \$1 donation. Music by Chester Gibbs, DJ. Or other member.

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

SOCIAL DANCE TEACHERS for the Chapter are as follows. Paula East, [paulaeastdance@yahoo.com](mailto:paulaeastdance@yahoo.com)-- Dianne Kent, [dkdancelesson@gmail.com](mailto:dkdancelesson@gmail.com), Jim Riley, [jdriley.jdriley.jim@gmail.com](mailto:jdriley.jdriley.jim@gmail.com) Carl Candiano, [unvcandy@yahoo.com](mailto:unvcandy@yahoo.com). Debra McCullough, [djsmckea@gmail.com](mailto:djsmckea@gmail.com) Contact them for dance classes or private lessons, they will be happy to hear from you. They all teach individual classes.

Check the table in the foyer at the Howard Community Club; we place flyers, events and newsletters, and other info that may interest you in the community. Also look for the

Symbols of ASCAP, BMI and SESAC for music licensing by USA Dance. We are no longer associated with the National Fast Dance Association.

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 great Hygiene make for a happy dancing experience.

## **CHAPTER WEB SITE: [www.usad6059.org](http://www.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, [ron.smith3@cox.net](mailto:ron.smith3@cox.net) and Agnes Bikus, [bikus.agnes@cox.net](mailto: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**

We are always looking for new volunteers to serve on committees, please let the board know of your interests. I recently asked some of our dancers if they ever viewed our Chapter Web Site which I mentioned above, and was surprised to find out that not many take the time to see what it is all about. Although Ron has stepped down from the Board, he has offered to continue to assist with the web site until a new board member can take over this role. Please let us know should you be interested in joining the board and assisting with our web site.

The current 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 all help do the work. Each board member also 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 number.

We also have a Social Dance Coordinator, Dianne Kent who plans the lessons and workshops, and Paula East Assists with this effort. 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 need to know how to make your dancing experience better and try and meet your needs and wishes as we 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 are experiencing growing pains as the membership changes from year to year, not only on the executive end but also with the members. With leadership change and members change there is always the awkwardness of meeting and accepting new dancers into the chapter. We are experiencing that as of now so please be patient with the 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; it is our job as members to help them learn about the chapter and its function. Remember you too once were a newbie to the dance arena. Please NOTE: Our attendance has been down the past 3 months. Lots of changes have taken place and some folks have moved away and others have found various other outside interests. Remember it is your Dance Chapter and only you can make it better for all involved by your attendance and willingness to serve and faithful attendance, as we all move forward to another year of planning and great social times together.

It 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 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. Thank you for reading this message.

We have a request to all the members. Please arrive by 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. The complimentary lesson 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. 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. Continue to support your Chapter and renew your membership on a timely basis.

Remember dancing improves your health, balance and self-esteem. Bring a friend and introduce them to Ballroom dancing, put on your happy feet.

Until next month, Joanne Maguire, President [joeypamag@cox.net](mailto:joeypamag@cox.net)

*Your USA Dance Chapter 6059, Greater Macon, [www.usadance.org](http://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](http://www.usad6059.org)

DANCES WE LOVE \*\*\*\*\* SWING, TANGO, WALTZ, RUMBA, SALSA, BOLERO, FOXTROT, QUICK STEP, SAMBA, WEST COAST SWING, HUSTLE, BACHATA, ENJOY WHICHEVER ONE IS YOUR FAVORITE DANCE.

