

Dance Members Appreciation Month

November 1, 2014 Chapter Newsletter

Greater Macon Chapter #6059 of USADance

Our monthly dance will be held Saturday November 8th, 2014 at the Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Rd., Macon, Georgia. Starting with a free lesson in Waltz, by Dianne Kent at 7:30p.m. Social Dancing from 8:15 to 10:30p.m. "NOTE" In appreciation to our chapter members for this November's dance you will be admitted "FREE". Non-members \$10.00 and \$5.00 for students with ID. Please bring a covered dish to share for the table. Meat will be provided by the chapter. Soft drinks and bottled water will be available for a donation. Dressy casual, no t-shirts, jeans or tennis shoes.

Reminder************ Daylight Savings Time ends November 2, 2014 remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

Calendar Date to remember for 2014

Friday, December12, 2014 Chapter #6059 will co-host A Christmas Dance with St. Joseph's Catholic Church in the church Social Hall. The GOOD VIBRATION BAND will be playing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission pay at the door, cash or check, \$20.00 per person, \$10.00 Students with ID. Variety of refreshments will be furnished by the hosts, wine, soft drinks and bottled water will be available, for purchase. Dressy ballroom attire suggested. Please take notice there will not be a monthly dance at Howard Community Club in December. This will finish out the year 2014. December's newsletter will be posting dance dates for the year 2015.

Planning for 2015.

With the New Year 2015 fast approaching we need to concentrate on trying to grow our membership and bring some new ideas to the program. The only way that can be accomplished is for each member to do their part by inviting others to the dance and talking up the chapter and all it has to offer to the community and the dancing arena. We will be counting on you for some feedback and perhaps some will volunteer to help with the chores of running "your chapter" WE ask that you furnish us with some of your desires as the Board of Directors begin planning for 2015.

Some ideas have already been mentioned by some of our members. Such as outreach programs to Nursing Homes in our area, and Local retirement homes, a Military night to introduce ballroom dancing to those that are interested, targeting the Air Force Base and admit them with Military ID (active or retired) free for that night. This is a start to new ideas.

November 6, 2014 is Board of Directors Meeting at 5:00p.m.

The post cards are becoming a thing of the past and if you have an email we would like to be able to send you all the info of the happenings in your chapter, by this means. Keeping costs of running the chapter down. Please let us know of any changes, names, addresses and of course emails. Thank you.

The same officers will remain on duty for the coming year 2015, as we hold elections every two years and we held our last election in fall of 2013. Your officers are as follows: John Herren, President- Joanne Maguire-V. President, Agnes Bikus-Secretary-Faye Adams-Treasurer, Bob Morgan, Chester Gibbs-Ron Smith, Bill Nottingham, David Leathers. Please feel free to speak to any of the board members with your concerns.

The USADance National Organization is making many changes for the future, refer to your Dancer Magazine as this is part of your membership dues when you sign up to a chapter, for all of the new perks and opportunities that the new National Officers will be making available. Lots of changes in the forecast for 2015. On the healthy side of life, Ballroom dancing is said to be the one activity that doctors are recommending for physical longevity. It is said that, with age, we all get lazy when it comes to exercising. Well this is the perfect way to stay young at heart, open minded, focused and most of all agile and limber, strengthens the leg muscles, and help stave off many age related illnesses, not to mention producing self confidence. Think on this and see where you feel you can improve on your health. Dancing is the answer and can be done from youth to a ripe old age.

Remember to check the Chapter Web site and stay up to date with all the events and info. At present David Leathers sends weekly emails out of dance events, Ron Smith and Agnes Bikus are keepers of the Chapters Web site, usad6059.org. and dates are listed on the Chapter Web Site and the Monthly Newsletter. This also includes Facebook Posts and I Heart Dancing, and Out and About in the Macon Telegraph. Everyone should be reached through these means of communication.

Our appreciation to our chapters two dance instructors, Paula East and Dianne Kent. If you want to learn more about ballroom dancing these two are the ones to contact. paulaeastdance@yahoo.com and dgk629@windstream.net.

Until next month we hope to see you on the dance floor, having fun, learning new steps and having a great social life, in the ballroom dance arena.

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