

GREATER MACON CHAPTER #6059 USA DANCE

October 1, 2015 Chapter Newsletter

- by Joanne Maguire, President



Our **Anniversary Dance** on September 12, 2015 was a huge success both with attendees and the showcase of our members dancing for our pleasure. Thanks goes to Laura and Daniel and Ves and Bill. It brought new spirit to the dance floor and we appreciate these members willing to offer their talent.

Our outreach program at **Carlyle Place** was on September 18, 2015 and was well received. Thank you members and patrons (12) that came out to help make the evening a success. We appreciate the staff and residents at Carlyle Place for allowing us the opportunity to dance for them. Your participation made it memorable as it was **National Ballroom Dance Week**.

***October 10, 2015 Saturday.** We will be offering a **Fall Workshop and Halloween Dance** at Howard Community Club, 5649 Forsyth Rd. Macon, Ga. Workshop 11:00 a.m. Rumba-12:00 noon Waltz—Private lessons available. Contact Dianne Kent, dkdancelessons@gmail.com to schedule, and sign up for the workshop. James Mulac, certified instructor. Free lesson at 7:30p.m. Social dancing 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. \$8.00 members, \$12.00 non-member, \$5.00 Students with current ID, Costumes encouraged (Optional) Prizes for the best costume for a man, woman and couple. Refreshments and soft drinks for a donation, Chester Gibbs, DJ.

***November 13, 2015 “FRIDAY” Fall Ball Dances For Fun** at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Social Hall, Macon, Ga. with Co-Host Greater Macon Chapter #6059 USA Dance. **NO DANCE AT HOWARD COMMUNITY CLUB THIS MONTH.** Music by “Good Vibrations Band” 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. \$20.00 p.p. \$10.00 Students with current ID. Pay at the door, cash/checks accepted. Refreshments furnished by hosts, wine and soft drinks for donation. Dressy attire suggested. Ron Smith, ronsmith3@cox.net and Agnes Bikus, bikus.agnes@cox.net co-chairs. Agnes and Ron also manage the Chapter’s Website

***December 12, 2015 Saturday, Christmas Dance** Howard Community Club. 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. This will be Member

Appreciation Dance Night. Members in good standing admitted FREE. \$12.00 non- members, \$5.00 Students with current ID. Award for the member with best attendance to the dances for the year 2015. Meat furnished by chapter, members to bring covered dish to share for the table. Soft drinks and water available for donation. Dressy Christmas attire suggested, Chester Gibbs, DJ.

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The Chapter thanks John Herren our past president, for his many years of service, both to the Board of Directors, and his loyalty to the chapter and his help in forming and shaping our progress to where we are today. John has served a long time. Thanks John we appreciate your help with music, and setting up and your dedication to Ballroom dancing and to Greater Macon Chapter 6059 of USA Dance. We salute you and your service.

Has there been any changes in your info? When you sign in at the monthly dances, please be sure info is up to date, this will help the chapter stay current with our listing and 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 effective July 1, 2015 increased to \$35.00 for members/social dancer.

Our chapter has two members that are **instructors**. Paula East, paulaeastdance@yahoo.com and Dianne Kent, dkdancelessons@gmail.com . Contact them for dance instruction/classes or private lessons. They will be happy to assist you.

Nomination ballots were sent to the membership by email for elections for 2016-17. Dead line October 1, 2015, Results at later date. Contact ron.smith3@cox.net

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 membership helps pay for all of these things when you support and attend the dances that your Board of Directors (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. Better yet volunteer and serve, remember it is your dance chapter. Only you can help make it even better.

Volunteering is easy, sign up to help serve, select from the following committees.

1. Set up hall and take down (tables & chairs). **2. Decorating** for monthly dances. **3. Food room and preparation**, soft drink water, ice etc. **4. Music** committee **5. Website.** **6. Membership** **7. Public Relations.** **8. Photography.** **9. Dance consultant** **10. Outreach Programs.**

Remember to check the table in the foyer of Howard Community Center when you attend the monthly dance, take time and look over the information that is placed there for you members/visitors. Copy of the Chapter's Monthly Newsletter, Line of Dance Diagram, Flyers of upcoming events, Out Reach programs, and other area dances of interest.

David Leathers weekly dance bulletins to membership, listing dances around the area is now discontinued. We hope you have enjoyed this info. Thanks David. **Tyler Burnham**, a patron, of our dances will be

offering a monthly calendar of local dances in the area. Contact info www.macondance.com

Agnes reported on the results of the Survey that was sent to the Membership. There were very few that replied to the 5 questions. We reviewed the results and took into consideration the answers as they were presented, we feel that we comply with most things presented as are physically possible. Thanks to all that took time to submit your survey.

Reminder -- note of interest.:.....: Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday Nov. 1, 2015. Don't forget to turn back your clocks one hour before going to bed.

That is it for this time, remember dust off those dancing shoes, support your local dance chapter and bring a friend, and ask a new person to dance. Ballroom dancing builds character, physical endurance and social contact, self-confidence and promotes longevity, strengthens muscles, and lots of fun.

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WALTZ----CHACHA-----SWING----RUMBA----SALSA---TANGO—HUSTLE---
EAST COAST SWING—WEST COAST SWING---FOXTROT---BOLERO---
LEARN HOW TO DANCE-- LEARN HOW TO LEAD AND-- LEARN HOW TO
FOLLOW.



