GREATER MACON CHAPTER #6059 USA DANCE

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We wish to thank all the members for their loyalty and support for this past year and wish you a Happy New Year. We value you the members, without your attendance there would be no Chapter or dances. Your support is greatly appreciated.

*January 9, Sat. 2016---Snowflake Dance at the Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Rd, Macon, Ga. Lesson 7:30 p.m. Cha-Cha by James Mulac, guest instructor. Social Dancing offered from 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. Entrance fees: Member \$8 -Non-Member \$12- Students with current ID \$5.00. Please show ID for this discount. Light refreshments, water and soft drinks for a donation. Music provided by Chester Gibbs, DJ. All our dances are smoke and alcohol free.

*February 13, Sat. 2016—Valentine Sweetheart Ball at Howard Community Club, Dianne Kent, Waltz lesson 7:30 p.m. Social Dancing from 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. Red will be the evening dress attire. Member \$8, Non Member \$12, Students \$5 ID required. Please show ID for this discount. Light refreshments, water and soft drinks for a donation. Music provided by Chester Gibbs, DJ.

*March 12, Sat. 2016— Celebrate Easter –Howard Community Club— Paula East, Latin variations lesson 7:30 p. m. Social dancing 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. Light snacks, water and soft drink for a donation. Music by Chester Gibbs, DJ

- *April 9, Sat. 2016-Howard Community Club 7:30 p.m. more info to follow, perhaps a workshop.
- *May 13, Friday, 2016—7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Spring Blossom Ball Dances For Fun- St. Joseph's Catholic Church Social Hall, Macon, Ga. The Greater Macon Chapter 6059 of USA Dance is cohost for this dance. Refreshments will be furnished by the hosts, and soft drinks for a donation. \$20 pp, \$10 Students ID required, pay at the door, Cash/Checks accepted. No dance at the Howard Community Club this month. Music provided by the "GOOD VIBRATIONS BAND". Co-Chairs Agnes Bikus, bikus.agnes@cox.net and Ron Smith, ronsmith3@cox.net

We will let you know what we are planning for the rest of the year, but for now these are the dates of the dances.

- *September 10, Sat. 2016 Howard Community Club—Chapter's 19th Anniversary Dance, More to come later.
- *October 8, Sat. 2016 Howard Community Club, Halloween Dance Monster Mash. More info will follow when available.
- *November Friday 11, 2016—7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Dances For Fun Fall Ball at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Social Hall, Macon, Ga. The Greater Macon Chapter 6059 of USA Dance is cohost for this dance. Refreshments will be furnished by the hosts, and soft drinks for a donation. \$20 pp, \$10 Students ID required, pay at the door, cash/checks accepted. No Dance at the Howard Community Club this month. Music provided by the "GOOD VIBRATIONS BAND" Co-Chairs Agnes Bikus, bikus.agnes@cox.net and Ron Smith, ron.smith3@cox.net.

ALL OUR MONTHLY DANCES ARE SMOKE AND ALCOHOL FREE

Please help us keep your info current, with any changes in your info, let us know when you sign in at the monthly dances, be sure info is up to date this will help the chapter stay current with our listing for National. Please furnish your email address to receive all our newsletters and dance info. Current Phone numbers are appreciated.

^{*}June 11, Sat. 2016 Howard Community Club. More info will follow.

^{*}July 9, Sat. 2016 Howard Community Club. More info will follow.

^{*}August 13, Sat. 2016 Howard Community Club. More info later

^{*}December 10, 2016—Howard Community Club, Christmas Dance, Jingle Bell Ball.

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 are \$35.00 for Members/Social dancer. You can order USA Dance Logo's from National Web Site Store.

Our chapter has members that offer dance classes, Paula East, paulaeastdance@yahoo.com and Dianne Kent, dkdancelessons@gmail.com and Carl Candiano unvcandy@yahoo.com Contact them for dance classes or private lessons. They will be happy to hear from you.

As a member you receive the **American Dancer Magazine**. 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 admission helps pay for all these when you support and attend the dances that your Board Members

(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. **We are looking for and need volunteers**, and if you can only serve one time a year that would be appreciated.

Remember it is your dance chapter. Only you can help make it better. Volunteering is easy, sign up to help serve, select from the following committees. Talk to a board member.

Volunteers Needs:

- 1. Set up hall and take down (tables & chairs) Post Logo sign.
- 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. Social Dance Coordinator/monthly free lessons/workshop.
- 10. Outreach Programs.

Please check the table in the foyer of Howard Community Club when you attend the monthly dance take time and look over the information that is placed there for members/visitors; Copies of the Chapter's Monthly Newsletter, Line of Dance Diagram, Flyers of upcoming events, Out Reach programs, ASCAP-BMI-SESAC info, and other area dances of interest.

Macon Dance is a monthly calendar of dances in the area. Contact info www.macondance.com Check it out.

"NOTICE" the list of Board of Directors are available on the Chapter Website usad6059.org for the coming tenure of service for 2016-17. Also all the dance dates for the coming year and the calendar are posted there. Please take time to check it out. Until next time, remember Ballroom dancing builds character, physical endurance and social contact, self-confidence promotes longevity, strengthens muscles, and wards off many ailments, it is a good workout and a lot of fun.

KEEP ON DANCING, TO ALL OF THESE

WALTZ----CHACHA-----SWING----RUMBA----SALSA---TANGO—FOXTROT—SWING---BOLERO---HUSTLE---EAST COAST SWING—WEST COAST SWING---And others...-LEARN HOW TO DANCE-LEARN HOW TO LEAD AND----LEARN HOW TO FOLLOW. Find a favorite pair of dance shoes and
let's dance.

We welcome your Feedback and suggestions.

The chapter is a 501c3 non-profit organization known as the Greater Macon Chapter #6059 of USA Dance. 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 boasts over 174 chapters throughout the country and is 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. Our chapter is covered by The National Fast Dance Association for music license for ASCAP-BMI- SESAC.

Visit our chapter Web Site, www.usad6059.org.