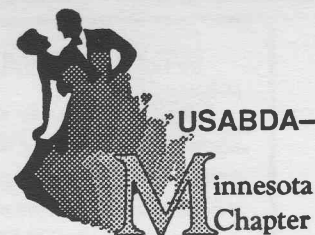


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DANCERS NITE OUT

Thu. 12/5 Sammy Jensen (BB/Var), Medina Ballroom, 8:30pm, 478-6661.

Fri. 12/6 U of M Record Dance, 8pm, 649-4505 for info.

Fri. 12/6 Hi Tops (50s & 60s), Medina BR, 9m, 478-6661.

Sat. 12/7 First Saturday Dance Party, American Classic Ballroom, 722-6311 or see ad pg. 8.

Sun. 12/8 Rebels Swing Dance Club, Everett McClay VFW, lesson 6pm, dance 7pm, 941-0906.

Thu. 12/12 Jack Schultz (BB/Var), Medina BR, 8:30pm.

Fri. 12/13 Holiday Dance Party, On Your Toes School of Dance, 928-7803 or see ad pg. 4.

Fri. 12/13 Paul Heffron (BB/Var), Shakopee BR, 8:30pm, 445-0412.

Sat. 12/14 Classic Holiday Dance Party, American Classic Ballroom, 722-6311 or see ad pg. 8.

Sun. 12/15 Dancers Studio Holiday Dance & Showcase, Macalester College, noon-5pm, 641-0777 or see ad pg. 3.

Thu. 12/19 Jim Sturm (BB/Var), Medina Ballroom, 8:30pm.

Fri. 12/20 Jack Schultz (BB/Var), Shakopee BR, 8:30pm.

Sat. 12/21 **USABDA** December Holiday Benefit Dance, Twin Cities Ballroom Dance Club. See info this page.

Sat. 12/21 Disco Solstice Dance & Party, Four Seasons Dancing, Disco Hustle lesson 7pm, dance 8pm, 342-0902.

Sun. 12/22 Beginners Holiday Dance Party, American Classic Ballroom, 722-6311 or see ad pg. 8.

Thu. 12/26 Jerry O'Hagen, Medina BR, 8:30pm, 478-6661.

Sun. 12/29 Rebels Swing Dance Club Gala Holiday party, Everett McClay VFW, reservations requested, 941-0906.

Tue. 12/31 Merrymaker Mash New Year's Eve Party, Twin Cities Ballroom, 603-1906 or see ad pg. 11.

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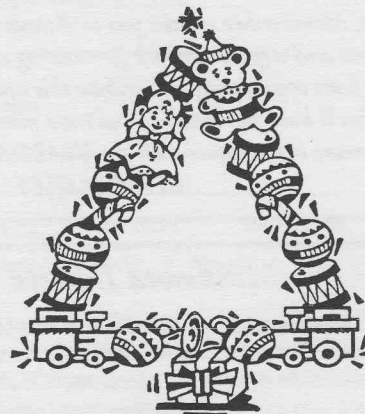
Tue. 12/31 NYE Dinner Dance, Shakopee BR. Buffet 6-8pm, Dance 8:30pm w/Revival Band, reservations 445-0412

Tue. 12/31 West Coast Swing Club NYE Party, B-Dale Club, St. Paul, Dance 9:00pm, 731-9768.

Sat. 1/18 **USABDA** January Dance, The Dance Shoppe, info next month.

For a list of weekly dance opportunities, see page 9.

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USABDA stands for the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association, a non-profit organization formed to preserve and promote ballroom dancing not only as an art but a healthy sport. Minnesota's chapter was started in 1991.

Membership in USABDA is open to ballroom dancers of all levels. There are membership categories for all dancers: Social, Competitive, Junior (17 and under), College students and Associates (professional/instructors).

USABDA sponsors a monthly dance and other special dance events. Membership includes both national and local dues. Membership entitles you to discounts on our monthly dances and a great network for meeting other dancers. You also have opportunity to purchase this newsletter.

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Send address changes to
Jim Baker at address on
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Please notify National
USABDA also.

Notes From the Board

by Melanie Helvig
USABDA Chapter Secretary



- Upcoming elections will be at the dance Saturday, December 21st. We're looking for active members who wish to further the goals of USABDA. Several positions are open plus four board member positions.
- At monthly dances we need additional people to volunteer to help either with refreshments or at the door.
- We're exploring some new possibilities for locations of the 1997 Tea Dance and Grand Ball. There was also some discussion about the option of live music-- particularly at the Grand Ball.
- Beginners Dance. Discussion of how to get the word out to new people as well as bring back previous attendees. One suggestion was to have those who attend self-address a postcard that we can then send them to inform them of the next dance.
- Two demos are scheduled in December. *Check the Dance Demonstrations column for details.*
- A suggestion was made to have a USABDA web site.
- A list of dates for the 1997 dances will be published in the January issue. We encourage studios to refer to this list every month so as to avoid conflicts.
- The Star of the North Games is in July of next year. The 1997 location will be the St. Cloud area. We're looking for a coordinator to work on the ballroom portion of the Games and to interface with the organizers of the event.
- Next meeting is Monday, December 2, 7pm, at the home of Carolyn Roberts. Call 464-6991 for directions.

Competitor's Column

includes regional and USABDA events

24th Annual Southeastern States Ballroom Dance Championships

December 11-15, Westin Resort Hotel, Hilton Head Island, SC.
Contact: Larry & Dianne Dean, (407) 684-7717.

Holiday Dance Classic Championships

December 12-15, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: Dan & Eileen Schaefer, Desert Terrace Dance Club, (520) 327-3405.

Challenge of Champions Championships

February 6-9, Harrah's Casino Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: Brian & Susan Puttock, (702) 367-8194.

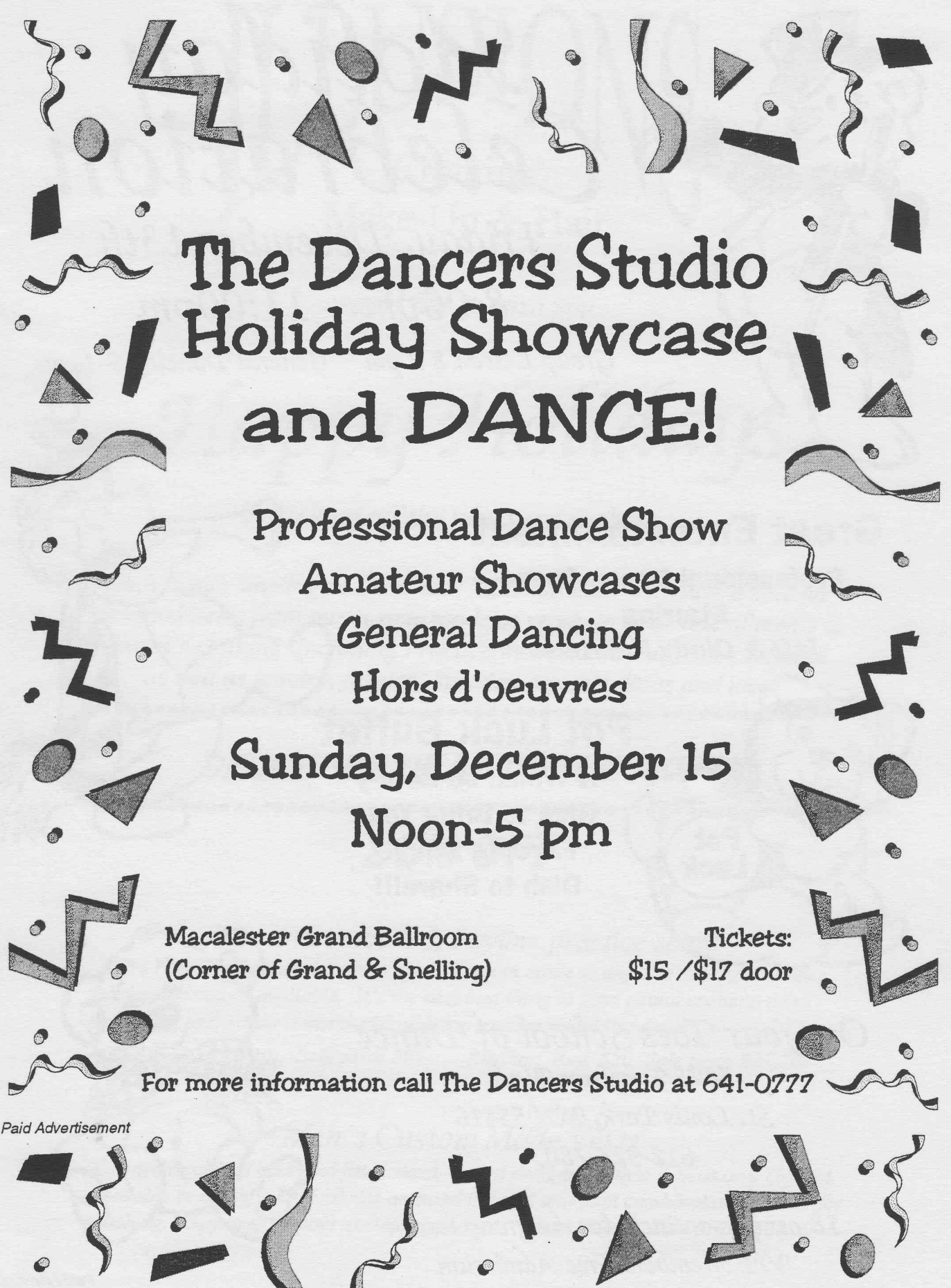
Twin Cities Open Competition

February 6-8, Marriott City Center, Minneapolis. Contact: Midwest Dance Promotions, (612) 431-0936. *Deadline: December 23rd.*

Minnesota Star of the North State Games

July, 1997, St. Cloud area. Details to be announced.

***for a more complete list, see "Amateur Dancers", the national publication for the U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association.



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Dance Demonstrations

by Yvonne M Riske
USABDA Dance Demonstration Coordinator

Dancing Side by Side!

USABDA and the **Side by Side Youth & Family Counseling Agency** teamed up for a stellar performance on Sunday, October 13 for an afternoon of fun and festivities. It was the 25th Anniversary of Side by Side and to celebrate they had a silent auction and raffle, a pianist/vocalist performing, face-painting and a magician for the kids and two shows by USABDA members! Some of those great performers included: **Lisa Hamilton & John Woodcock**, **Noel & C.R. Barragan**, **Michelle Vandesteeg & Ramon Pastrano**, **Ellen Neuman & Jack Cain**, **Susan Kindler & Arthur Hellmann**, **Ann Lippin & David Schmit**, **Jeff & Jennifer Lewin**. A fantastic line-up for a worthwhile cause! Thanks to all of you and to **Pete Maki & Joyce Thompson** for keeping the show rolling in my absence. (I was busy opening wedding gifts that day and couldn't break away!)

Dancing Through the Ages

A revamped demo format has been instituted as of October 17! One of the facilities that requested a demo was wondering if we could perform dances from different eras to which we said "YES!" David Schmit was instrumental in creating a new format to span from the 1920's through the 1990's showcasing dances of a particular era and calling the show "Dancing Through the Ages." We tested the new format for the folks associated with **MAPHERD Health**, and it was a big hit! It was a refreshing change and will continue to be implemented at sites that merit this type of performance. Those who helped test the waters included: **Carol Post Stroick & Gary Stroick**, **Jennifer & Jeff Lewin**, and **Chris & Glenn Lindgren** by performing a 1930's Foxtrot; **Theresa Kimler & Nels Petersen**, **Marie Casey & Wade Warford**, and **Michelle Vandesteeg & Ramon Pastrano** highlighted a 1940's Swing; **Janie Sorheim & Andy Nordberg** and **Ann Lippin & John Woodcock** featured a 1950's Rumba; **Jennifer & Jeff Lewin** and **Chris & Glenn Lindgren** showcased a Wedding Waltz for the 1960's; **Lisa Hamilton & Andy Nordberg** and **Michelle Vandesteeg & Ramon Pastrano** dazzled them with a 1970's Hustle; **Ellen Neuman & Jack Cain** and **Monica Mohn & Nels Petersen** brought in the 80's in style with a combination Tango/Foxtrot; and the 90's were etched in their minds with the unforgettable performance by **Carol & Gary Stroick** with their Theatre Arts number-- all class acts!!

ARC Celebrates 50 Years!

The **Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC)** of Hennepin County celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gala production at the Minneapolis Hilton on October 26. USABDA gave it their best by providing the "Dancing Through the Ages" format and again it was very well received by all! The wonderful dancers included: **Carol & Gary Stroick**, **Marie Casey**, **David Wright**, **Sanae Storey**, **Wade Warford**, **Janie Sorheim & Doug Lusher**, **Michelle Vandesteeg & David Schmit**, **Cheri & Art Rolnick** and **Bernie & Scott Osborn**. **Pete Maki & Joyce Thompson** deserve many thanks for the extra efforts they made setting up lighting and making the music run smoothly!

Back to College!

A few USABDA members went back to college...well, almost. **Elaine Barrett** requested our group to perform at a session of her ballroom dance class Monday, November 11. Performing to an enthusiastic crowd were **Pam Brose & Dale Johnson**; **Marie Casey & John Woodcock**; **Ann Glynn & David Schmit** and **Yvonne & Dan Viehman**. We had a great time and maybe inspired a few to keep on dancing! We really need to tap into this energetic bunch of people-- they would be a lot of fun to get to know.

Upcoming Dance Demonstrations

Sun. 12/29 Atrium at Edina Park Place, 3300 Edinborough Way, Edina; 1-2 pm; seasonal music; 2 smooth, 3 rhythm couples. Arrive at 12:30 pm; for directions, call 843-9890.

Tue. 12/31 New Year's Eve Arts & Cultural Festival in Downtown St. Paul at the Landmark Center, 75 W. 5th St. (corner of Market & 5th St. across from the Ordway); 5:45-6:30pm; 3 smooth & 3 rhythm couples. Come and ring in the new year early as there will be lots going on here!

Tue. 2/18 Park Hill Apartments, St. Louis Park; 7:30-8:30pm; 2 smooth & 3 rhythm couples.

TBA 2/? St. Theresa's Home, Mtka; 8-8:45pm; 2 sm/ 3rhythm

If you've never done a demo, make 1997 the year you perform!! Many rewards can be reaped from dancing to your favorite tunes! Call Yvonne Viehman at 553-1202 to reserve your spot on the floor. You and your partner must be USABDA members, so you are covered under our insurance policy.

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☛ Maybe you don't know, or perhaps have forgotten that your **USABDA National Membership** card can be used for discounts. I was out at the Medina Ballroom recently, presented my card and received \$1 off the admission price. If you go to enough dances, your membership will pay for itself!

☛ **Arlene Kroll** had bypass surgery in early November at North Memorial. She's recuperating nicely and expresses appreciation to all the the well-wishers. Most of us know Arlene as *half* of the team that puts on the Minnesota Open.

☛ Now here's a stinky subject... Let's say there's a dance Saturday night. Sometime that day you've cooked up a wonderful meal full of onions and garlic. Or just a *little* garlic. Guess who suffers... your dance partners. There are some great products on the market including breath sprays and mints. Just slip a few in your pocket and pop one now and then. Help clear the air!

☛ Any of you who went to the **Ohio Star Ball**... We want your pictures! The January issue is usually light and is a great one to stuff with photos. Be aware that we do trim them to fit the space, so get reprints before sending them.

☛ As of press time, no one has been found to take over my role as editor. Unfortunate news for you, the members, since if there's no editor there will be no newsletter after January. If this interests you at all, please talk to someone on the board.

The Editor

Designing Dancers - A Member Profile

1063 Design

You may know them better for some of the other contributions to the ballroom dance world, but **Bruce Willits** and **Pauline Sanchez** have started a business that's turning to gold.

The idea originated about four years ago. Bruce & Pauline were dance partners for awhile and together, developed an interest in jewelry. Pauline had a background in jewelry, having owned a jewelry business at one time. Bruce's background was in design. They started taking classes in jewelry making and soon after, 1063 Design was born.

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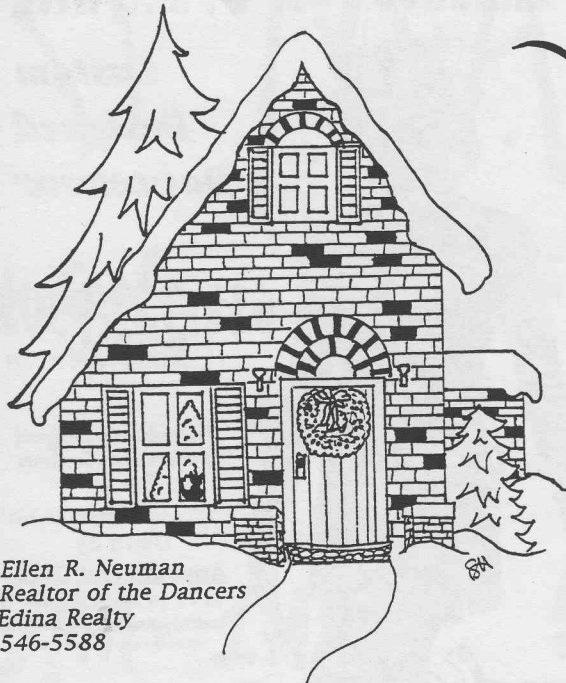
The concept behind their jewelry is to create pieces that can be worn anywhere-- from the grocery to the Ohio Star Ball. Worn casually it would give the person an opportunity to promote ballroom dancing. When an observer makes a comment on the jewelry, that opens up the floor for conversation about ballroom dancing and your love for it.

While they share much of the design, Bruce makes all of the pieces in his workshop. Just last year, he took 1st place in the **Minnesota Jewelers Association** Jewelry Design contest. Pauline does most of the marketing for 1063 Design.

Pauline is also the Administrator at On Your Toes School of Dance. Bruce is USABDA's Assistant Newsletter Editor and owns the computer on which this newsletter is done.

We wish them the best of success!

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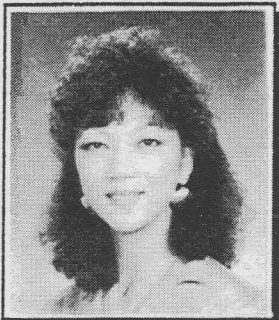
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Editorial

Okay, I admit it. I hate exercise. Nah, I don't mean exercise in general, but the programmed kind, the place where you go to "do" exercise. The health club. I joined one in 1987 and have been at the same place-- or maybe I should say I've been mostly *absent* from the same place for years. At about \$50 per year, it's been no great loss.

So here I was last week, paying my bills, and this renewal notice is staring at me with accusing print; daring me to cast it into the recycle bin. I can still hear the argument back and forth in my head...

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Now I'm not saying that health clubs are bad. I know that a lot of you go regularly. Hey it's great people watching and fun to get all sweaty, right? But me, I'd prefer to go sailing, walk my two Shelties, do a little downhill ski racing... or go dancing.

So I dropped the notice in the recycle bin and went on my way. Out dancing, I think. And there's one less duffle bag in my car.

The Editor

HUSTLE DANCING

is again gaining popularity, and is rapidly becoming one of the hottest dances in ballrooms all over New York and in the San Francisco Bay Area. There is an internet web site dedicated to hustle dancing, the Bay Area based "Hustle Dance Club." Their web address is: <http://www.rahul.net/dhesi/hustle/>

During the late 70s to early 80s the Twin Cities had anywhere between 50-100 dancers actively hustle dancing. It would be nice to revive the "Hustle," and keep it alive into future generations. One of my favorite pastimes is teaching hustle dancing. I would like to hear from people who are interested in learning/practicing hustle dancing, and possibly forming a hustle dance group.

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