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GREAT LAKES SWING DANCE NEWS

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Hello Dancers,

Don't forget the GLSDC Annual Picnic is next Sunday, August 6th @ the Polish Legion of American Veterans Park ~ 4323 W. Carpenter Rd., Flint, MI 48504. The gate opens at noon. It's free to club members, non-members will be charged \$10 upon entry. The club is supplying hamburgers and hotdogs, pop and water. Please bring a dish to pass. We plan on having everything outside this year as long as the weather cooperates! There will be a membership meeting @ 12:45pm. Angela Markle is our picnic DJ this year. I hope to see you there. If you would like to help set-up, please be at the park by 10am.

Western Night is coming up on September 13th at RollHaven. Get your country western attire ready for dancing to Angela Markle's country music.

Attendance on Wednesday night has been great, however; it has caused some parking issues. Please park within the space lines to make use of every parking spot. Also, please leave the dance floor if you are just talking so no one gets injured.

August offers line dance lessons the first week taught by Andrea Venner. Terry Council will be teaching West Coast Swing the rest of the month. The DJ's line up: Dave, Angela, Dave, Angela and Laurel.

Be safe and enjoy dancing,

Jim



2023 GLSDC DANCE LESSON SCHEDULE

MONTH	LESSON	INSTRUCTOR
January	Hustle	Claudia Bleil
February	Night Club Two Step	Angela Markle
March - 1 st week	Line Dances	Katie Van Patten
March	East Coast Swing	Carolyn Wehner
April	West Coast Swing	Terry Council
May - 1 st week	Line Dances	Andrea Venner
May	Country Two Step	Claudia Bleil
June	Salsa	Angela Markle
July	East Coast Swing	Colette Simerson
August - 1 st week	Line Dances	Andrea Venner
August	West Coast Swing	Terry Council
September	Social	Colette Simerson
October	Rumba	Angela Markle
November	West Coast Swing	Terry Council
November - 5 th week	Line Dances	Andrea Venner
December	East Coast Swing	Pam Malow-Isham

2023 GLSDC EVENTS

Annual Club Picnic	August 6 th	Polish Veteran's Park
Western Night	September 13 th	RollHaven
Halloween Costume Dance	October 25 th	RollHaven
Veteran's Day	November 8 th	RollHaven
Thanksgiving Food Drive	November 1 st , 8 th , 15 th & 22 nd	RollHaven
West Coasting for Warmth	December 6 th	RollHaven
New Year's Eve Dance	December 31 th	St. John's - Fenton



2023 Annual GLSDC Picnic

Sunday, August 6th

NOON – 5pm

SERVING: Hamburgers & Hotdogs

Soda, Lemonade, Tea & Water

- Bring a Dish to Pass (optional)
- Bring your own Special Drinks
- No pets please!

AGENDA: 12:45PM Meeting & Food Service
Dancing afterward

LOCATION: Polish Legion of American Veteran's Park
4323 W. Carpenter Rd., Flint 48504
(North of Pierson Rd. / East of Linden Rd.)

Non-member
Charge: \$10.00

Pay at the Gate

**Volunteers are needed for: Set-up, Clean-Up,
General Support & Take-Down.**

DJ Angela Markle

The History of Line Dancing – Part 1

A line dance is a choreographed dance with a repeated sequence of steps in which a group of people dance in one or more lines or rows, all facing either each other or in the same direction, and executing the steps at the same time. Line dancers are not in physical contact with each other. The dances are done one-wall, two-wall, or four-wall.

Line dancing is practiced and learned in country-western dance bars, social clubs, dance clubs and ballrooms. It is sometimes combined on dance programs with other forms of country-western dance, such 2-step, promenade dances, as well as the waltz, polka and swing. Line dances have accompanied many popular music styles since the early 1970's including pop, swing, rock & roll, disco, Latin, rhythm & blues and jazz.

Dances like the ChaCha Slide, Electric Slide, and Cupid Shuffle are a few of the line dances that have consistently remained part of modern American culture for years.

Line dancing is most directly descended from the 1970's disco era, when America saw a variety of new dances emerge, including the Electric Slide, in this same era, country-western line dancing emerged, including the Walkin' Wazi and the Cowboy Boogie. "Some claim line dancing finds its roots in historical folk dances; others say it stemmed from contemporary disco. Whatever its source, the popularity and growth of line dancing has been inextricably tied to country-western music. Since its birth, line dancing began incorporating many musical styles besides country. Country music began to appear on the pop charts, and line dancing began to cross boundaries of income, race, age, and gender. Now line dancing is considered an art form of its own, with its own terminology and standardized steps."

GLSDC CALENDAR

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 GLSDC 6pm lesson-Line dances w/ Andrea Dance 7-10pm DJ – Dave	Angela's Dance 7pm lesson – Bachata 7:30-9:30pm dance	4 NO DANCE Sandford Shuffle 7pm lesson- East Coast w/ Carla 8-9:30pm Dance	5 Come Dance w/ Us 7-11pm 7:30pm lesson- Intm Rumba w/ Donald Westphal, Beg. Rumba w/ Robin & Steve ***6pm Progressive Viennese Waltz w/ Donald \$10
6	7 Lansing Dance @ YMCA 6-7pm lesson-Basic ECS 7-8pm lesson-Basic WCS w/ Thom & Alex	8	9 GLSDC 6pm lesson- West Coast w/ Terry Dance 7-10pm DJ – Angela Birthday Night	10 Angela's Dance 7pm lesson – Bachata 7:30-9:30pm dance	11 TGIF Dance Party -Hawk Hollow 7:15pm lesson 8-12am Dance Sandford Shuffle 7pm lesson- East Coast w/ Carla 8-9:30pm Dance	12 Come Dance w/ Us Swing & Hustle 7-11pm 7:30pm Lesson- Intm Hustle w/ Chris & Melissa Moy, Beg. Hustle w/ Robin & Steve ***6pm Free WCS bootcamp w/ Chris & Melissa Moy
13	14 Lansing Dance @ YMCA 6-7pm lesson-Basic ECS 7-8pm lesson-Basic WCS w/ Thom & Alex	15	16 GLSDC 6pm lesson- West Coast w/ Terry Dance 7-10pm DJ - Dave Shirt Night	17 Angela's Dance 7pm lesson – Bachata 7:30-9:30pm dance	18 NO DANCE Sandford Shuffle 7pm lesson- East Coast w/ Carla 8-9:30pm Dance	19 NO DANCE
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27	28 Lansing Dance @ YMCA 6-7pm lesson-Basic ECS 7-8pm lesson-Basic WCS w/ Thom & Alex	29	30 GLSDC 6pm lesson- West Coast w/ Terry Dance 7-10pm DJ - Laurel	31 Angela's Dance 7pm lesson – Bachata 7:30-9:30pm dance		

Suspended for the Summer
Colette's Beginner Dance Class
Howell Opera House, cost \$10
123 Grand River, Howell
Colette Simerson 810-618-5959

GLSDC Wednesday Dance
RollHaven – Grand Blanc
5315 S Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48507

Angela's Lesson & Dance
The Sports Zone, Cost \$12
5690 Midland Rd., Freeland
Angela Markle 989-274-4709

Sandford Shuffle Dance
The Studio Cost \$10
328 W. Saginaw Rd. Sandford, MI
Lon Wackerle 989-430-0026 or
Debbie Bacus 989-687-7413

Suspended for the Summer
Colette's Beginner Dance Class
cost \$10
Linden VFW Hall, #1 Mill St., Linden
Colette Simerson 810-618-5959

Lansing Dance @ YMCA
Oak Park YMCA, 900 Long Blvd.
Lansing, YMCA members free, guests \$15. Instructors:
Alex Torres & Tom Cannell
Call YMCA – 517-827-9700

TGIF Dance Party
Light Buffet, Cash Bar, Cost \$20
Hawk Hollow Banquet Center
15101 Chandler Rd, Bath / Eagle
Eye Golf & Banquet Center,
15500 Chandler Rd. Bath
Claudia Bleil 517-749-1300

Come Dance with Us
Fred Astaire Bloomfield
7-11pm Cost \$15
Robin & Steve Plawinski
810-348-6379

Every attempt has been made to ensure the calendar information is accurate - but please check with the event host to confirm dates, fees, lessons, location, etc. before attending event.

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2023 Out-of-Town Dance Events

Shag Tracks XXIX
Choo Choo Shag Club
Chattanooga, TN
August 16-19th

30th Anniversary Beach Boogie
Tampa Bay Beach Boppers
St. Petersburg Beach, FL
August 24-26th

Rollin' on the River
West County Swing Dance Club
St. Louis, MO
August 31-September 4th

Boogie in the Blue Grass
Derby City Bop Club
Louisville, KY
October 19-21st

Swing Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA
October 26-28th

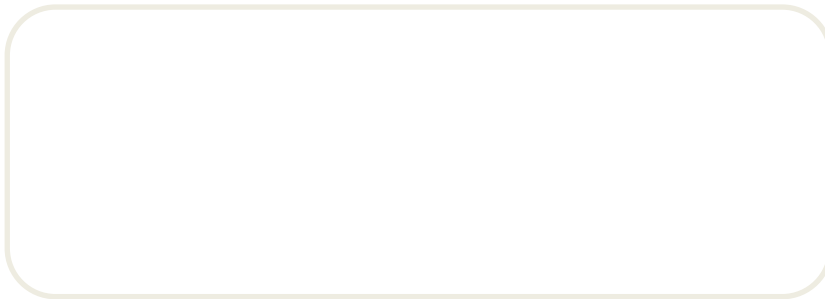
August Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Aaron Dionne	2-Aug
Linda Moore	3-Aug
Herb Strickler	7-Aug
DeAnna Johnson	8-Aug
Denise Barron	9-Aug
Margi Kelley	11-Aug
Coni Barlow	13-Aug
Daphne Prescott	17-Aug
Michael Stuetzer	17-Aug
Alexander Torres	17-Aug
Sandy Ahola	21-Aug
Cynthia Cupal	21-Aug
Robin Plawinski	22-Aug
Trish Kehoe	23-Aug
Cathie Lamb	24-Aug
Ernie Callard	26-Aug
Teri Schutz	26-Aug
Lon Wackerle	27-Aug
Claudia Bleil	30-Aug

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