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GREAT LAKES SWING DANCE NEWS

Message from our President

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Greetings Dancers,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day weekend! Please take the time to check out and attend the many outdoor summer concerts offered in our area. We have the following:

- ❖ Tuesday evening in Swartz Creek (free) and Clio (\$5.00) concerts
- ❖ Thursday evening in Owosso @ Curwood Park
- ❖ Sunday in Frankenmuth, a band plays in the Zender's parking lot 2-6pm; free concert in the park starts @ 7pm.

A GLSDC Board meeting is scheduled for June 17th at Ernie Callard's home. The start time is 6pm, any member is welcome to attend. Please see me or Ernie if you need his address.

The next club event to add to your calendar is our Annual Picnic. It will be held on August 4th @ the Polish Veteran's Park on Carpenter Rd. in Flint. It's free to all club members, anyone else will be charged \$10 at the gate.

On June 26th, Ed Warren will be our DJ playing all his oldies music @ RollHaven. Please feel free to dress for those decades, 50's, 60's & 70's.

Our dance lesson for June is Foxtrot taught by Angela Markle. The DJ's line up: Dave, Angela, Dave and Ed.

Ask someone to Dance,
Jim



2024 GLSDC DANCE LESSON SCHEDULE

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

2024 GLSDC EVENTS

Annual Club Picnic	August 4 th	Polish Veteran's Park
College Night	September 18 th	RollHaven
Halloween	October 30 th	RollHaven
Veteran's Day	November 6 th	RollHaven
Annual Food Drive	November 6 th , 13 th & 20 th	RollHaven
West Coasting for Warmth	December 4 th	RollHaven
New Year's Eve Dance	December 31 th	St. John's - Fenton



All Things Swing: Etiquette for Swing Dances

By the early 20th Century Swing dance took a hold of the nation and made its mark on music, fashion and pop culture. Since times have changed so drastically over the past century, some rules of the dance and social sphere have changed along with it. The rules of etiquette are designed to enhance comfort, overall enjoyment as well as safety.

'S' is for swing and for sharing

It is customary to dance just one or two songs in a row with someone before moving on to the next partner at many swing dances. If you wish to continue with the same partner, it is suggested to seek him or her again later in the evening rather than monopolizing them for multiple songs in a row. The upside is that you will get to meet and dance with many other dancers.

Staying fresh

Personal hygiene recommendations apply most everywhere, but in high energy swing dance, it is a good idea to bring an extra shirt. With swing dance being so fast paced, participants can work up such a sweat that a change of clothes along with a towel and deodorant are great to have on hand.

Stay home

Although the swing bug is wonderful to spread around, any other type of bug should be kept to yourself... at home. However, if you are out and need to sneeze, cough, or are just getting over a cold, be sure to cough into your arm and not your hand. Also use hand sanitizer and wash your hands throughout the night so that you don't literally spread your bug to everyone else!

Save the teaching for the classroom

Not teaching others on the dance floor applies in the Lindy world just as much as in any other social dance scene. It seems that no one enjoys being corrected or nagged if they didn't ask for it. Except for a few special cases, teaching should be saved for class.

Accidents happen

It's always good idea to apologize after stepping on or bumping into someone on the dance floor. An apology is also in order if someone is accidentally touched inappropriately. If it is intentional or repeated, be sure to let a Board member know.

Friendly demeanor

Don't forget to smile and make eye contact with your partner. Whether or not you know them well, it helps to establish a good connection and makes the overall experience more enjoyable for everyone.

Be inclusive

Doesn't mean that you must dance with everyone all the time, but at least acknowledge your fellow swing enthusiasts and dance with as many different people as you can, including newbies. It's great to meet new people and be a part of another dancers' journey.

Dance to the level of your partner

More advanced dancers should always dance to the experience level of their partner, and not blame them or make a big deal when mistakes are made. We all have to start somewhere!

Being sensitive to partner's preferences

Some dancers don't like a lot of spins, while others don't like to be dipped and so on. It never hurts to find out what your partners' preferences are to avoid what's uncomfortable and maximize your dance experience.

GLSDC CALENDAR

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30						1 Come Dance w/ Us 7pm-Doors Open 7:30pm lesson-Intm Bachata w/ Jed & Rose, Beg. Bachata w/ Steve & Robin 8:30-11pm Dance party DJ Steve
2	3 Colette's Beginner Dance lesson class Suspended for the Summer Lansing Dance @ YMCA w/ Alex 6-7pm lesson-ECS 7-8pm lesson-Bachata	4 Colette's Beginner Dance class Suspended for the Summer	5 GLSDC 6pm lesson- FoxTrot w/ Angela Dance 7-10pm DJ – Dave	6 Angela's Dance 7pm lesson – East Coast Swing 7:30-9:30pm dance	7 TGIF Dance Party Hawk Hollow 7:15 lesson w/ Claudia 8-12am Dance Sanford Shuffle 5:45 Basic dance moves 7pm lesson- Hustle w/ Carla 8-9:30pm Dance	8 2nd Sat Swing & Hustle A little bit Country tonight! 7pm-Doors open 7:30 lesson-Country 2 Step, all levels w/ Steve & Robin 8:30-11pm Dance party
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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
Anqela Markle 989-274-4709

Come Dance with Us

Fred Astaire Bloomfield
7-11pm; 2172 Franklin Rd.
Robin & Steve Plawinski
810-348-6379 Cost \$15

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

Sanford Shuffle Dance

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

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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June Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Cole Walls	6-Jun
Mary Ann Gonzales	7-Jun
Trish Kehoe	10-Jun
Jim Moore	10-Jun
Joyce Matousek	11-Jun
Keith Woolworth	12-Jun
Kay Bigelow	13-Jun
Pamela Beauchamp	16-Jun
Zdenka Leonard	21-Jun
Mary Benjamin	22-Jun
Thomas Sunday	22-Jun
Steve Plawinski	26-Jun
Rita Sanford	26-Jun
Grace Martin	27-Jun
John Corkins	28-Jun
Linda Corkins	30-Jun
Kelly Nigrine	30-Jun

Interested in purchasing a club shirt?

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2024 Out-of-Town Dance Events

	<p>Michigan Classic 2024 Romulus, MI May 30-June 2nd michiganclassicswing.com</p>
<p>Jammin' in July Columbus, OH July 18-21st</p>	<p>Sparkle City Celebration R&B Shag Club of Spartanburg Spartanburg, SC July 26-27th</p>
<p>Shag Tracks XXX Choo Choo Shag Club Chattanooga, TN August 14-17th</p>	<p>31th Anniversary Beach Boogie Tampa Bay Beach Boppers St. Petersburg Beach, FL August 22-24th</p>
<p>Rollin' on the River West County Swing Dance Club St. Louis, MO August 29-September 2nd</p>	<p>Boogie in the Blue Grass Derby City Bop Club Louisville, KY October 10-12th</p>
<p>Swing Pittsburgh 2024 Double Tree by Hilton Pittsburgh, PA October 24-26 swingpittsburgh.com</p>	<p>20th Annual Dancin' on the High Seas Majestic Princess Ft. Lauderdale, FL February 4-18th 2025</p>

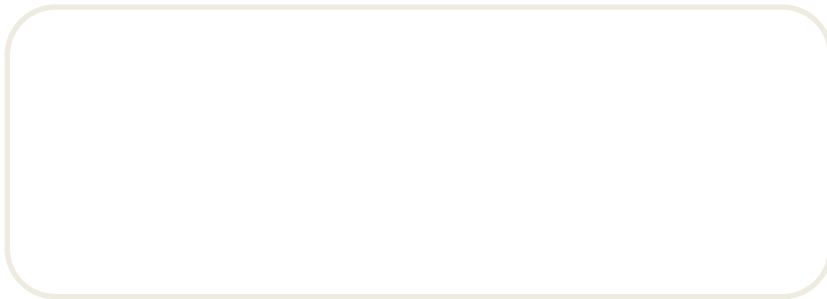
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