



# SEPTEMBER 2023

## GREAT LAKES SWING DANCE NEWS

### *Message from our President*

Greetings Dancers,

Our annual picnic was a little chilly and rainy, but everyone had a great time. We had 77 members and guests in attendance. The food was delicious and Angela's music kept the dance floor full all afternoon. Thank you everyone who helped set-up and clean-up; making this another successful event for our club.

College Night is coming up on September 13<sup>th</sup> at RollHaven. Get your favorite school and/or cap ready to wear so you can show your support.

The club's next Board meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm. It will be held at Ernie Callard's home in Swartz Creek. All current members are welcome to attend.

It's time to start thinking about your Halloween costume! We will celebrate Halloween on October 25<sup>th</sup> at RollHaven. Dress to win the costume contest in your category ~ male, female and couples. It's always a fun night guessing who people are dressed up to be.

On behalf of the Board, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Labor Day weekend with family and friends.

September's lesson is The Social taught by Colette Simerson. The DJ's line up: Dave, Angela, Angela and Dave.

See you on the dance floor,

Jim



**2023-2024**

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## 2023 GLSDC DANCE LESSON SCHEDULE

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

## 2023 GLSDC EVENTS

College Night	September 13 <sup>th</sup>	RollHaven
Halloween Costume Dance	October 25 <sup>th</sup>	RollHaven
Veteran's Day	November 8 <sup>th</sup>	RollHaven
Thanksgiving Food Drive	November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	RollHaven
West Coasting for Warmth	December 6 <sup>th</sup>	RollHaven
New Year's Eve Dance	December 31 <sup>th</sup>	St. John's - Fenton







# College Night @ GLSDC

Wednesday September 13, 2022



RollHaven ~ Grand Blanc

5315 S. Saginaw Rd. Flint MI 48507

Theme clothing attire

dessert/snack to pass is optional...fun and appreciated!

Regular Wednesday Night Dance Fees Apply



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2023 GLSDC Picnic





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## The History of Line Dancing – Part 2

"If you were to ask 10 people with some knowledge of when line dancing began, you'd probably get 10 different answers", including:

- "In the 1800s, European immigrants traveled west to North America, bringing with them a wealth of culture, including such native dances as the polka and waltz, whose movements joined and evolved into what was called round and square dancing. Many believe that this style of dancing introduced the terms and steps used in country line dancing today."
- "Some people feel it was the cowboys on the western frontier, from the 1860s to the 1890s, that took these more traditional dance moves and assimilated them into a country-western style."
- "Other believe that the settlers of the western states, such as Texas and Oklahoma, should be credit with the simple footwork and the country flair that reflects the culture of their time."
- "In the early 1900s, schools began to include folk dancing in their physical education programs. Many believe that American servicemen returning home from war influenced the spread of line dancing after being introduced to traditional European folk dances. As large numbers of youth learned country-western dance, its popularity grew in leisure and social activities."
- There are those, "who believe that the real popularity of line dancing evolved from the disco era. ... Line dances were performed to disco-style music."
- "Many say that *Achy Breaky Heart* was a major turning point in the popularity of line dance."
- Some say it started out in the slums of Calcutta; the intricate and diverse range of movement were used as a form of silent communication. This travelled across the turbulent seas to the west coast of America, on trade ships, where its popularity increased.

**1950s-1970s** The *Madison* was a popular line dance in the late 1950s. The 1961 *San Francisco Stomp* meets the definition of a line dance. At least five line dances that are strongly associated with country-western music were written in the 1970s, two of which are dated to 1972: *Walkin' Wazi* and *Cowboy Boogie*, five years before the disco craze created by the release of *Saturday Night Fever* in 1977, the same year the *Tush Push* was created. The *Electric Slide* was a Disco-based line dance created and popularized in the mid-1970s. The *L.A. Hustle* began in a small Los Angeles disco in the Summer of 1975, and hit the East Coast in Spring of '76 as the *Bus Stop*. Another 70s line dance is *the Nutbush*.

**1980s** Over a dozen line dances were created during the 1980s for country songs. The 1980 film *Urban Cowboy* reflected the blurring of lines between country music and pop, and spurred renewed interest in country culture, and western fashion, music, and dance. Many early line dances, though, were adaptations of disco line dances. In October 1990 for the original *Asleep at the Wheel* recording of the song of the same name. The Brooks and Dunn version of the song has resulted in there being at least 16 line dances with *Boot Scootin' Boogie* in the title, including one by Tom Mattox and Skippy Blair under contract to the recording company. The *Chicken Dance* is an example of a line dance adopted by the Mod revival during the 1980s.

**1990s** Billy Ray Cyrus' 1992 hit *Achy Breaky Heart* helped catapult western line dancing into the mainstream public consciousness. In 1994 choreographer Max Perry had a worldwide dance hit with *Swamp Thang* by The Grid. This was a techno song that fused banjo sounds in the melody line and helped to start a trend of dancing to forms of music other than country. In this mid 1990s period country western music was influenced by the popularity of line dancing. This influence was so great that Chet Atkins was quoted as saying "The music has gotten pretty bad, I think. It's all that damn line dancing." Max Perry, along with Jo Thompson Szymanski, Scott Blevins and several others, began to use ballroom rhythms and technique to take line dancing to the next level. In 1997, the band Steps created further interest outside of the U.S. with the techno dance song *5,6,7,8*. In 1999 the Gap retailer debuted the *Khaki Country* ad on the Academy Awards ceremony. Line dancers performed to the 1999 version of *Crazy Little Thing Called Love* by Dwight Yoakam. The *Macarena* was a hit based on a line dance in the mid-1990s.

**2000s** Line dancing reached Europe, nourished by the arrival of Country Music Television. Line dancing now has very traditional dances to country music, and not so traditional dances to non-country music. It now uses more than just the "stereotypical" country music, in fact line dancers dance to most styles of music: country as well as modern pop music, Irish, Latin just to name a few.

**Participation** The global number of participants is difficult to establish, however, it is arguably in the many millions if not tens of millions. The participants are often linked together by social media and line dance themed websites. These sites offer step sheets and videos demonstrating various dances to specific songs. It is very normal for Youtube demonstration and teaching videos of a specific dance to receive millions of views.



# GLSDC CALENDAR

# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>NO DANCE</b> <b>Sandford Shuffle</b> 5:45 Basic dance moves 7pm lesson- West Coast Swing w/ Carla 8-9:30pm Dance	2 <b>Come Dance w/ Us</b> 7-11pm 7:30pm lesson- Intm Waltz w/ Donald Westphal, Beg. Waltz w/ Robin & Steve ***6pm Progressive Viennese Waltz w/ Donald \$10 (last week)
3	4 <b>Colette's</b> Beginner Dance lesson class 6:30-8pm <b>Lansing Dance @ YMCA</b> w/Thom & Alex 6-7pm lesson- WCS 7-8pm lesson- Night club 2 step	5 <b>Colette's</b> Beginner Dance class 6:30-8pm	6 <b>GLSDC</b> 6pm lesson- Social w/ Colette Dance 7-10pm DJ – Dave	7 <b>Angela's</b> <b>Dance</b> 7pm lesson – Rumba 7:30-9:30pm dance	8 <b>TGIF Dance Party-</b> Hawk Hollow 7:15pm lesson 8-12am Dance <b>Sandford Shuffle</b> 5:45 Basic dance moves 7pm lesson- West Coast Swing w/ Carla 8-9:30pm Dance	9 <b>Come Dance w/ Us</b> <b>Swing &amp; Hustle</b> 7-11pm 7:30pm Lesson- Intm WCS w/ Becky Larson & Tim Johnson ***6pm Free beg. Hustle bootcamp w/ Chris & Melissa Moy 8:30pm Dance Party
10	11 <b>Colette's</b> Beginner Dance lesson class 6:30-8pm <b>Lansing Dance @ YMCA</b> w/Thom & Alex 6-7pm lesson- WCS 7-8pm lesson- Night club 2 step	12 <b>Colette's</b> Beginner Dance class 6:30-8pm	13 <b>GLSDC</b> 6pm lesson- Social w/ Colette Dance 7-10pm DJ - Angela <b>Birthday Night</b>	14 <b>Angela's</b> <b>Dance</b> 7pm lesson – Rumba 7:30-9:30pm dance	15 <b>NO DANCE</b> <b>Sandford Shuffle</b> 5:45 Basic dance moves 7pm lesson- West Coast Swing w/ Carla 8-9:30pm Dance	16 <b>Come Dance w/ Us</b> 7-11pm 7:30pm lesson -Intm Salsa w/ Suzy Brecht Beg Salsa w/ Robin & Steve 8:30pm Dance party
17	18 <b>Colette's</b> Beginner Dance lesson class 6:30-8pm <b>Lansing Dance @ YMCA</b> w/Thom & Alex 6-7pm lesson- WCS 7-8pm lesson- Night club 2 step	19 <b>Colette's</b> Beginner Dance class 6:30-8pm	20 <b>GLSDC</b> 6pm lesson- Social w/ Colette Dance 7-10pm DJ – Angela <b>Shirt Night</b>	21 <b>Angela's</b> <b>Dance</b> 7pm lesson – Rumba 7:30-9:30pm dance	22 <b>TGIF Dance Party-</b> Hawk Hollow 7:15pm lesson 8-12am Dance <b>Sandford Shuffle</b> 5:45 Basic dance moves 7pm lesson- West Coast Swing w/ Carla 8-9:30pm Dance	23
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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  
Angela Markle 989-274-4709

### Sandford Shuffle Dance

The Studio Cost \$10 each  
328 W. Saginaw Rd. Sandford, MI  
Lon Wackerle 989-430-0026 or  
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### Colette's Beginner Dance Class

cost \$10  
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Colette Simerson 810-618-5959

### Lansing Dance @ YMCA

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### TGIF Dance Party

Light Buffet, Cash Bar, Cost \$20  
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15500 Chandler Rd. Bath  
Claudia Bleil 517-749-1300

### Come Dance with Us

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## September Birthdays

Name	Birthday
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Eugenia Pocalujka	8-Sep
Yvonne Williams	8-Sep
Ray Belcher	10-Sep
Barbara Handy	11-Sep
Herb Williams	11-Sep
Stuart Rogers	12-Sep
Mary Brown	13-Sep
Melissa Deielein	13-Sep
Terry Johnson	14-Sep
Kathy Stewart	16-Sep
Joanne Zykas	16-Sep
Marlene Weston	22-Sep
Harold Carter	24-Sep
Colleen Cates	25-Sep
Cheryl Jones	25-Sep
James O'Connell	25-Sep
Kim Roebuck	25-Sep
Ray Thomason	30-Sep
Ed Warren	30-Sep

## 2023 Out-of-Town Dance Events

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

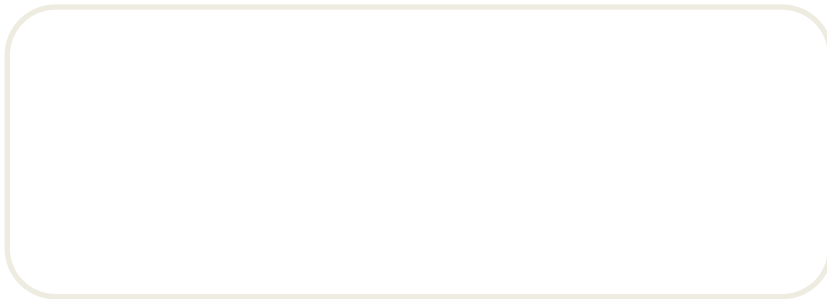
**Boogie in the Blue Grass**  
Derby City Bop Club  
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October 19-21<sup>st</sup>

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October 26-28<sup>th</sup>

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