



MAY 2022

GREAT LAKES SWING DANCE NEWS

Message from our President

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Greetings Dancers,

The club's *Swing into Spring* Member Appreciation Dance was a grand success! With more than one hundred members and guests in attendance, it made me think things are getting back to normal (knock on wood). The pizza, salad, snacks and desserts hit the spot while Henry kept the floor full of dancers with his music. A big thank you to Tonya Gerow, Connie Barlow and Colleen Cates along with those members who helped set up and clean up. All your support is much appreciated.

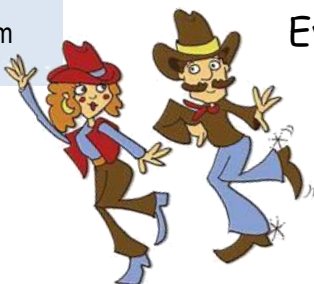
Western Night is our next event to be held at RollHaven on May 11th. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's western attire. Please bring snacks and/or desserts to share, although this is optional.

We have several out-of-town events coming up. The Derby City Bop Club is hosting *Bourbon City Boogie*, a 3-day event on May 26th-28th in Louisville, KY. Ernie Callard is coordinating attendance to this event for our club members. You can find out more about these events in this newsletter and the flyer table near the admission desk every Wednesday.

Our May lesson is Country Two-Step taught by Dave Saxton. DJ line-up: Angela, Dave, Ed and Angela.

Every dance is ladies' choice,

Jim



2022 GLSDC DANCE LESSON SCHEDULE

| MONTH | LESSON | INSTRUCTOR |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| January | East Coast Swing | Carol Wehmer |
| February | Night Club 2 Step | Angela Markele |
| March 1-3 weeks | New York Hustle | Claudia Bleil |
| March 4&5 weeks | Robaukauskas WCS LineDance | Claudia Bleil |
| April | West Coast Swing | Terry Council |
| May | Country 2 Step | Dave Saxton |
| June | East Coast Swing | Angela Markele |
| June - 5 th week | Line Dances | Andrea Venner |
| July | Fox Trot | Pam Malow-Isham |
| August | West Coast Swing | Terry Council |
| August - 5 th week | Social | Colette Simerson |
| September | Waltz | Angela Markele |
| October | East Coast Swing | Claudia Bleil |
| November | West Coast Swing | Terry Council |
| November - 5 th week | Line Dances | Andrea Venner |
| December | Cha Cha | Carol Wehmer |

2022 GLSDC EVENTS

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|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Western Night | May 11 th | RollHaven |
| Annual Club Picnic | August 7 th | Polish Veteran's Park |
| College Night | September 14 th | RollHaven |
| Halloween Costume Dance | October 26 th | RollHaven |
| Veteran's Day | November 9 th | RollHaven |
| Thanksgiving Food Drive | November 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th & 22 nd | RollHaven |
| West Coasting for Warmth | December 7 th | RollHaven |
| New Year's Eve Dance | December 31 th | ??? |

Ya'll Come Join Us

GLSDC Western Theme Dance Night

May 11th 2022

Let's Kick Up Our Heels Western Style!

Bring a Dish to Pass (optional)

Regular club rates apply

RollHaven Grand Blanc ~ 5315 S. Saginaw Rd. ~ Flint, MI ~ 48507



SWING DANCE TRIVIA

Swing is dancing's greatest equalizer

If dances were people, swing would be a civil rights pioneer. When it first emerged in the United States in the 1920s, nothing else brought New Yorkers—of all ethnic traditions—together in quite the same way.

While racial segregation continued to divide and oppress throughout the country, it didn't apply in Harlem's Savoy Ballroom. That's where European-style partner dancing began to merge with the unique styles associated with traditional African dances, as well as African-American dances like juba (also known as hambone) and tap. This combination of formal and celebratory traditions resulted in the wide-legged, synchronized, energetic styles that still characterize modern swing.

Swing also played a part in shattering gender stereotypes, long before the idea of feminism was coined. During World War II, both soldiers and civilians spent their downtime practicing the wildly popular dance, allowing them to socialize and distract themselves in a lighthearted setting. Suddenly, it no longer mattered whether a man was leading a woman through the steps. With so many men overseas, same-sex swing pairs became increasingly common. Women learned to lead, men learned to follow, and there were few reservations about these alternative roles. Today, you'll find the same open-minded attitude prevails in swing dancing clubs and competitions.

GLSDC CALENDAR

May 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 Colette's Beginner Dance class 6:30-8pm | 4 GLSDC 6pm lesson- Country 2 Step w/ Dave Dance 7-10pm DJ – Angela | 5 Angela's Dance 7pm lesson – Waltz 7:30- 9:30pm dance | 6 TGIF Dance Party 7:15pm lesson 8-12am dance Sandford Shuffle 7pm lesson-Waltz w/ Carla Nemeth 8-9:30pm Dance | 7 Darwin's Dance 7-10pm |
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GLSDC Wednesday Dance

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

Sandford Shuffle Dance

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

Darwin's Saturday Dance

Vaccination required, Cost \$10
3881 Olive St. Saginaw MI
Darwin Alton 989-493-6989

Colette's Beginner Dance Class

Vaccination or mask required, cost \$10
Howell Opera House, 123 Grand River, Howell
Colette Simerson 810-618-5959

Angela's Lesson & Dance

Vaccination or mask required
Cost \$10, The Sports Zone,
5690 Midland Rd., Freeland
Angela Markle 989-274-4709

TGIF Dance Party – Everyone Welcome

Light Buffet, Cash Bar, Cost \$20
Hawk Hollow Banquet Center
15101 Chandler Rd., Bath
Claudia Bliel 517-749-1300

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.

2022 ABA DANCE EVENTS

Dancin' in the Park
Spa City Bop & Swing Dance Club
Hot Springs, AR
May 6th & 7th

Bourbon City Boogie
Derby City Bop Club
Louisville, KY
May 26th-28th

Sparkle City Celebration
R&B Shag Club of Spartanburg
Spartanburg, SC
July 22nd & 23rd

29th Beach Boogie
Tampa Bay Beach Boppers
St. Petersburg, FL
August 25th-27th

Rollin' on the River
West County Swing Dance Club
St. Louis, MO
September 1st-5th

Boogie in the Blue Grass
Derby City Bop Club
Louisville, KY
October 21st-23rd

SOLD OUT!

~ More info ~

americanbopassociation.com/members

May Birthdays

| Name | Birthday |
|----------------|----------|
| Jim Swyrtek | 2-May |
| Dennis Staley | 6-May |
| Lynda Suci | 6-May |
| Tina Serra | 8-May |
| Linda Traub | 15-May |
| Noreen Glaspie | 19-May |
| Sally Reynolds | 23-May |
| Atsuko Murphy | 25-May |
| Scott Rhodes | 25-May |
| Debbie Bacus | 29-May |
| Al Johnston | 29-May |
| Leah Gatica | 31-May |



TOE TO TOE DANCE WEAR

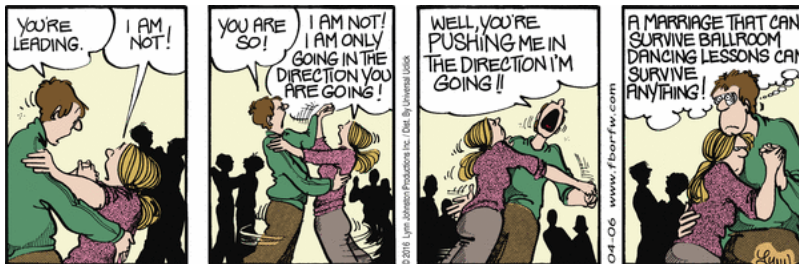
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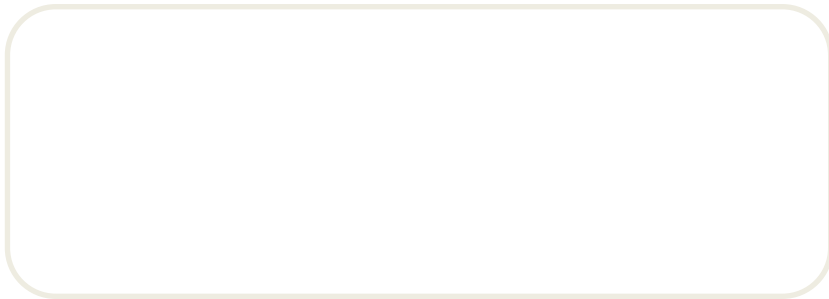
For Appointments, call 810-577-3349



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Shirts, hoodies, mugs and much more are now available with the *GLSDC* logo at the club CafePress shop.

www.CafePress.com/glsdc



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