



# Rumba-teer

Mid-Michigan USA Dance Chapter 2043

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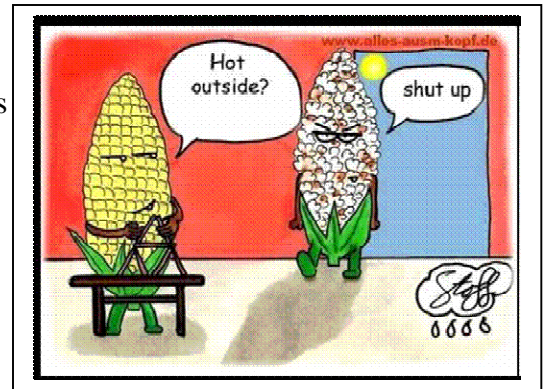
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## *A Few words from our President:*

It's so hot outside, all the corn on the stalks started popping and flying through the air.

It was so hot today when Lon did his Salsa demo the dance floor spontaneously burst into flames - word is he'll be ok - shoes are smoked!

It was so hot today - the fish Jim caught out of the river was already fried.



**OK, I just couldn't help myself, but enough of the hot humor.**

**As you might know by now, there is no USA dance in August** - You might want to check with John & Cheryl at the Elks for dancing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday.

**September 9<sup>th</sup>** - We will be back at the Sports Zone in Freeland - Carolyn Wehner will be teaching the Texas Two-Step

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** - You might want to start thinking about an award-winning Halloween costume. Yes there will be a contest again this year. You might want to do it up big this year; it may be the last costume contest we have in a while and I don't want you to miss out on the prizes.



**FYI** - National Ballroom Week is Sept 16 - 25<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking for ideas on how you would like your USA Dance chapter to celebrate this special event. Maybe you would like to Chair a committee to coordinate this event OR you would like to be part of a committee that plans this event. We are not limited to the dates above if some other dates would work better for you. Please feel free to contact a board member or myself to get started.

Thanks to those of you who have been helping.

Polly Boman, President

## Chapter 2043

### New Members

We warmly welcome new members to our chapter. Please introduce yourself to new members and help them to feel comfortable at our dances.

Please help us promote and invite new people to our dances, lessons and workshops.

A big **THANK YOU** to the 3 members who have renewed their memberships.

We currently have 110 members!

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If you know anyone who would like to become a USA Dance member, let them know they can sign up for a USA Dance membership, which is \$25/year.

To make it even easier, you can now register online via [www.usadancemembership.org](http://www.usadancemembership.org).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### August

- 1 Sue Zyonse
- 12 Dolores Porte
- 14 John Cole
- 18 Warren Griffin
- 22 Karen Demers
- 27 Lon Wackerle
- 31 Cheryl Anger

### September

- 1 Jim Barger
- 1 Doug Soldan
- 1 George Stevens
- 6 Richard Ciaravino
- 14 Gladys Hernandez
- 30 Cal Hoerneman

### Help Our Club

At the next dance:

- ☺ Bring a snack
- ☺ Help with Registration
- ☺ Help with set up
- ☺ Help with clean up

Please remember USA Dance is organized and operates exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and is approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donation to the local chapter is tax deductible.

## OTHER DANCES

<p><b>Blast From the Past Dances</b> <b><u>First Mondays</u></b></p> <p>Potluck at 5:15 (Bring a dish to pass and your own table service) Dance from 6-8 Live music 989-832-7937; x2270 <a href="http://www.mymcc.org">www.mymcc.org</a></p>	<p><b>Great Lakes Swing Dance Club</b> <b><u>Wednesday</u></b></p> <p>Rollhaven of Flushing Every Wednesday 6 – 7 Lesson 7 - 10 Open dance 810-664-7894 <a href="http://www.greatlakeswingdance.com">www.greatlakeswingdance.com</a></p>	<p><b>Wednesday Night Dances</b> <b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday</u></b></p> <p>Midland Community Center Cool Lemen Jazz with Val Lemen 6:30 – 8:30 pm Dancing 989-832-7937; x2270 <a href="http://www.mymcc.org">www.mymcc.org</a></p>
<p><b>Angela Markle <u>Thursday</u></b> <b>Night Dance Party</b></p> <p>Freeland Sports Zone 5690 Midland Road, Freeland Lesson 7-8; Dance 8-10:30 Call for additional class information 989-921-0262</p>		<p><b>Mid-Michigan USA Dance</b> <b><u>2nd Friday - with 2 exceptions*</u></b></p> <p>Freeland Sports Zone 5690 Midland Road, Freeland 7-8 Lesson; 8-10:30 Dancing 989-245-9630 <i>*June 17, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, Aug no Dance</i> <a href="http://www.usadance2043.org">www.usadance2043.org</a></p>
<p><b>Carla Nemeth Dances</b> <b><u>Thursday</u></b></p> <p>Dinner 7-7:30; Lesson 7:30-8:30 Dance 8:30-10 Tittabawassee Community Hall 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; Church Streets; Freeland 989-245-7843 <a href="mailto:allaboutdance2@yahoo.com">allaboutdance2@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Fun &amp; Fitness Dances</b> <b><u>Friday</u></b></p> <p>Midland Elks 3622 N. Saginaw Road 989-284-5266; 989-430-6666 Dance Every Friday except USA Dance Nights (2<sup>nd</sup> Fri) Lesson 8-8:40; Dance 8:40-11:30 Check website for lesson schedules <a href="http://www.funandfitnessdanceyahoo.com">www.funandfitnessdanceyahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Kalamazoo USA Dance</b> <b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday</u></b></p> <p>Point Community Center 2595 N 10th St. (Oshtemo) Kalamazoo, MI 7-8 Lesson; 8-10:30 Dancing 269-720-4877 <a href="http://www.kalamazoodance.org">www.kalamazoodance.org</a></p>
<p><b>Central Mich. USA Dance</b> <b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday</u></b></p> <p>Central United Methodist Church 215 N. Capitol Ave, Lansing Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 19 7-8 Lesson; 8-10:30 Dancing 517-712-6674 or 517-484-3340 <a href="http://www.usadance2037.org">www.usadance2037.org</a></p>	<p><b>Vivian Stafford</b> 107 Northgate Dr Midland, MI</p> <p>Call or email for class dates and detailed information 989-631-1495 <a href="mailto:vstafforddance@sbcglobal.net">vstafforddance@sbcglobal.net</a></p>	<p><b>Midland Traditional Dancers</b> <b>Contra Dancing</b> <b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday</u></b></p> <p>Midland Community Center September to May 6:30 – Welcome Session 7:30-10 pm Dance <a href="http://www.folkmusicsociety.org">www.folkmusicsociety.org</a></p>

# Future Dances

Our dances are held the second Friday of each month  
(With the exception of August - No Dance)

## Location:

Freeland Sport Zone Community Hall  
5690 Midland Road, Freeland, MI 48623

January 14, 2011 - Cha-Cha - Terri Sweet-Herrick  
February 11, 2011 — Rumba — Steve Reynolds  
March 11, 2011 — 50's or Funky! East Coast Swing — Carolyn Wehner  
April 8, 2011 — Night Club 2-Step — Angela Markle  
May 13, 2011 — *Prom Night* with Live Music \*Josh Ramses Band\* -Portraits  
June 17, 2011 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday) - Tango - Rick Popp  
July 8, 2011 - West Coast Swing - Traci Leblanc, from Traverse City

**August — NO Dance!**

**September 9, 2011 — Texas 2-Step — Carolyn Wehner**

**October 14, 2011 — Halloween Costume Party**

**November 11, 2011 — Thankful Theme**

**December 9, 2011 — Christmas Gala - with Live Music \*Dave Bennett\***

**Check-in starts at 6:45 pm**

**Lesson from 7-8 pm**

**Open dancing 8-10:30 pm**

**Light refreshments and snacks available**

**Non-members \$10**

**New Pricing - GLSDC and Affiliates \$8**

**Members \$5**

**Students with ID/\$3.00**

**December dance will cost slightly more**

## **"Dance Tip of the Month" - How to Select The Dance That Best Fits The Music Playing – Dancing to Contemporary Songs**

Many times we find ourselves in a place where the music playing is contemporary songs - not the strict Ballroom or Latin rhythms that we are accustomed to. How do you go about selecting the dance that best "fits" the music playing?

First, it's helpful to understand that (with the exception of the Waltz), most songs have four beats per bar or measure of music, and you can choose patterns from most any dance and apply them to any song that is playing.

Deciding what to dance is based mostly on the tempo of the song and your mood:

- Is it slow and melodious? - a Rumba will feel great
- Too slow for a Rumba? - the Blues/Slow Nightclub will do the trick
- Does it have a bouncy sound? - try the Samba, or the Salsa
- Does it have a sharp staccato beat? - try Cha-Cha, West Coast Swing, or Hustle
- Is the tempo medium and undefined? - try East Coast swing, Hustle, Rumba, or Foxtrot
- Is the tempo very fast? - Try Salsa, Retro Swing, Merengue

As you can see, you can have fun trying different dances to the different tempos. You can even try different dances to the same songs. The more dances you know, the more options you have. There is no right or wrong - only what works best for you.

While driving and listening to music on the radio, try to feel which dance you would do to the song playing. With time and practice, you will become experienced in deciding the best dance for a particular tempo as soon as you hear it.

Have fun with your dancing,

Blanche & Emilio

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