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A few words from our President:

We would like to thank everyone who attended our West Coast workshop with Doug Rousar. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and were able to walk away with a better understanding of the dance and some new West Coast moves. Along with the many positive verbal comments we received, we would like to know your opinions. Please let us know what you thought of the instructor, lesson content, location, timing, i.e., day of the week, time of the day. Fill out a comment sheet at the next USA Dance or e-mail me at paboman3@aol.com.

At our next dance on June 18th, we will have another West Coast lesson taught by Joann Podleski. We will also be featuring a Cha-Cha demonstration featuring Lon Wackerle and Cheryl Paulson.

Reminder...if you haven't taken advantage of a free dance pass to the USA Dance. Here is how it works:

Invite a friend, acquaintance or new arrival...someone *that has never attended one of our dances* and they will be allowed in for free along with yourself for that night. If the person joins the chapter as a member you will receive another free pass to a USA Dance future social event.

Your feedback is important regarding the following questions. It will help us determine where to focus our time and attention, yet provide you with pertinent information of the chapter.

1. Have you visited our website <http://usadance2043.org>?
2. Have you visited our Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USA-Dance-Chapter-2043-Mid-Michigan/200759720488?>
3. Do you read the newsletter? Do you read it from front to back or just certain portions?
4. Do you read the emails that are sent from usadance2043@yahoo.com?
5. Do you rely on announcements at the dance for your next dance info?
6. Do you rely on word of mouth for your dance info?

Again you can answer these questions by filling out a comment card at the next USA Dance or emailing paboman3@aol.com.

We hope to see you at our upcoming dances, have a wonderful summer.
Polly Boman, President

New and Renewed Members

Please welcome Terry Fetters and Regina Renderer to our Chapter and a big **THANK YOU** to the 10 members who renewed their memberships in April & May

Viennese Waltz to be Taught in July

Our dance lesson for July 16th will be the Viennese Waltz which will be taught by Carla Nemeth. This is a ballroom dance that we have not taught at our USA Dances before.

Viennese waltz contains very few patterns. The basic International style Viennese waltz contains a natural turn (a turn to the right), a reverse turn (a turn to the left), and two "change steps" - one to link between the reverse turn and the natural turn, the other to link between the natural turn and the reverse turn. Though the figures are few, you will not get bored since the movement is fast and challenging.



The Viennese waltz was born in the suburbs of Vienna and in the alpine region of Austria in the 1700's. The waltz was originally a folk dance, danced by peasants in Austria and Bavaria. The word, waltz comes from the old German word "walzen" which means to roll, turn, or to glide.

I am sure after exposure to this dance we hope it will become a favorite of yours.



Happiness is the experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude.



June

- 15 Doug Kimmel
- 19 Bill Spaulding
- 20 Marie Johansen
- 21 Diane Durfee

July

- 2 Mike Carroll
- 14 Terry Geese
- 16 Richard Stoesser
- 29 Jack Lehman

USA Dance: Who We Are

USA Dance is a nationwide nonprofit organization of volunteers who love ballroom dancing. Our mission is to "increase the quantity and the quality of ballroom dance in the United States".

We greatly appreciate the excitement and romance, as well as the social and health benefits that ballroom dancing brings into our lives. We do this by organizing and supporting programs for the recreational enjoyment of ballroom dancing by people of all ages and to create affordable opportunities for the general public to participate in ballroom dancing in communities all across the country.

To join go to:

<http://www.usadancemembership.org>

Michigan Jazz Trail Festival

USA Dance has been invited to participate in the Michigan Jazz Trail Festival. The Michigan Jazz Trail Festival organizers have contacted one of our board members and asked our Chapter to be present at the outdoor concert and show our swing dance expertise.

The audience is encouraged to bring a blanket or chair, a picnic dinner and their dancing shoes to make it a full evening event.

Celebrating the jazz movement in body, mind and spirit, Michigan Jazz Trail Festival is thrilled to showcase outstanding professionals from the region, as well as emerging talent from area high school jazz bands – all on one stage, under one canopy, on one night!

For more information use the following link <http://michiganjazztrailfestival.org>

Members Welcome at Monthly Board Meetings

Are you aware that any member of USA Dance is welcome to attend our board meetings? Our meetings are held at 6:30 pm at the Grace A. Dow Library the Tuesday following our dances. Please contact any board member or check our website to confirm date, time & location.

Newsletter Distribution

We know many of you have noticed that the newsletter is later this edition. We have run into time and manpower constraints. Because of this the decision has been made to distribute the newsletter via e-mail opposed to the hard copy through the postal system. For those who do not like this method, please make anyone on the board aware of your feelings.

TOTALLY TURTLES

Once again, not only do we have a person in our dance community who helps provide you with your monthly dances but she also gets involved in the community. This year Patti Hill is involved in the Totally Turtles Summer Sculpture series event scheduled for this summer in downtown Midland. In a last minute scramble of submitting ideas with the hope to do one turtle, Patti had three of her submissions accepted. The Totally Turtle kickoff is scheduled for June 16th.

Here you see one of the turtles named “Chia Turtle” which will definitely be one of a kind.



Her next turtle here is called “Iridescent Turtle”.



We don't know where you will find them downtown but while you are looking for these two unusual little fellows, look for one more, whose name we do not know.

Not only is Patti an essential part of our dance community, she is very creative and we appreciate that she has shared this talent with us and the community as a whole.