

January 2018 Newsletter

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2018 Dances

- January 13
 - February 10
 - March 10
 - April 14
 - May 12
 - June 9
 - July 14
 - August 11
 - September 8
 - October 13
 - November 10
 - December 8
- Howard Community Club,
5645 Forsyth Rd.

7:30–10:30 p.m.

\$8 USA Dance members
\$12 non-members
\$5 students with ID

“Dressy casual” attire
Light refreshments
Smoke-free, alcohol-free

Meet Your Officers and Board

USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059 elected a new board and new officers at the end of 2017. Your new chapter leaders are:

- David Leathers, President
- Carl Candiano, Vice President
- Bob Morgan, Treasurer/Photographer
- Dianne Wilhelm, Secretary/Refreshments
- Carol Frayne, Member At Large
- Chester Gibbs, Member At Large/D.J.
- Laura Thomason, Member At Large/
Webmaster



Social Dance Coordinator Dianne Kent assists the board by planning the chapter’s complimentary lessons and periodic workshops.

The board plans the chapter’s activities, manages its resources, and grows its membership. This year the board members are focused on welcoming new dancers to the chapter through increased community outreach while continuing to bring enjoyable and exciting dance opportunities to our current members. Please reach out to any board member with your questions, comments, or suggestions!

January Board Meeting:

Thursday, Jan. 11

5:00 p.m.

Learning Center Room 2

Medical Center Navicent
Health

Chapter Members Lead Community Outreach

Led by social dance instructor Paula East, chapter members including Paul Karpinecz, David and Debra Leathers, and Peggy Mullis are introducing Latin and Smooth dancing to new dancers via a monthly “Ladies’ Night Out” event hosted at the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. No partner is required to attend this beginner-friendly event and start your dance journey or build on current skills. The event organizer, Amy Ovalle, calls dancing a way to “be the best version of ourselves.” The next Ladies’ Night Out will take place on Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Paula (see page 2) to join in.

Social Dance Teachers

Looking to improve your dancing? The following USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059 members are Social Dance Teacher members of USA Dance and would be happy to hear from you to schedule a group class or private lesson:

Paula East: An experienced dancer, choreographer, and instructor with a commitment to promoting social dancing and dancesport to the local community. Contact Paula for information on current classes and workshops: paulaeastdance@yahoo.com, 478.750.0802, www.paulaeast.com.

Dianne Kent: "Dancing with Dianne": dgk629@windstream.net, 478.986.4110, www.dkdancelessons.blogspot.com. Four week classes are on Mondays at Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Road, Macon GA.. 7PM - 8PM Line Dance Instruction, 8PM to 9PM Ballroom Dance Instruction.

Debra Leathers: With a passion for all dance forms, Debra Leathers was hooked on dance from her very first lesson. Her specialties include Flamenco (Sevillanas), Beginning Ballroom, Argentine Tango, Salsa, Bachata, Chacarera, and Rueda de Salsa. Contact Debra at djsmackea@gmail.com

Jim Riley: Jim has many years of experience in ballroom dancing and is a member of our chapter, Jim lives in Atlanta but travels to Macon to instruct from time to time. jdriley.jim@gmail.com

Stay Up to Date with Dancing in Middle Georgia!

- The chapter's website, www.usad6059.org, is your resource for complete information about our upcoming dances and events.
- Join I Heart Dancing Macon on Facebook for reminders about chapter events and other opportunities around the state.
- At each month's dance, check the side table in the entryway for flyers announcing dances, local events, workshops, and more.
- Please use the full name "USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059" when you reference the chapter in any flyers or other advertising materials—thank you!

Our Chapter Featured in *American Dancer*

If you haven't opened the most recent *American Dancer*, be sure to turn to page 22 first to see Angela Prince's article and Bob Morgan's photos commemorating our 20th anniversary dance. See the online version of the magazine here:

<http://en.calameo.com/read/003490222b5ccf38c9b3c>

Your USA Dance Greater Macon Chapter 6059 is a 501c3 non-profit organization. The chapter carries out the commitment and mission of USA Dance to improve the quality and the quantity of ballroom dancing in the United States. USA Dance Inc. is the national governing body for DanceSport in the United States. With 175+ chapters throughout the country, USA Dance represents all social and recreational ballroom and Latin dancers in America of all ages and skill levels who have one thing in common: the love of dance! Visit our chapter Web site at www.usad6059.org