





DCHDC October 1, News Updates

Greetings: Members, Guests and Friends,

Good Day to all,

Welcome October! The weather is cooling down and the leaves are changing colors. What a beautiful sight to see. With the onset of fall, it is time to put away the summer clothes and bring out your sweaters and jackets. Halloween is just around the corner. Before we get to sweater weather let's talk about our Rock and Roll 50's dance. The Rock and Roll Dance was awesome. Some say the best decorations and fun so far. Kudos to those that helped decorate, work the front desk and clean up and take photos. We had 103 members and 20 guests attend the dance. That is a good turnout. We need to turn those 20 guests into members. The 50/50 brought in \$218 to the winner and \$217 to the club. We had Poodle skirts, pink jackets, white tee shirts, slicked back hair and big hair and a lot of fun and memories. Don't forget we had the Stroll directed by Kathy K. We are a great group that likes to dance, chat and have fun. I would venture to say that we all slept well that night. Our next dance is HALLOWEEN YEAH! Get out your favorite costume if that is your thing or just watch your friends be CRAZY! Dress up is optional, but it sure is fun to chat-up our theme attire. It's all good. One more thing...We will have a larger cake. We are some cake eating people. Enjoy!!!

It's all fun, anything goes, that is what its all about. Fun, Friendship and Dance that is what keeps us going. I hope to see you soon on any of our dance floors.

Put a smile on your face and come dance with us

Thank you to the volunteers that help to decorate and bring the room to life. Each of you add your special touch. It is amazing.

Ellen H
Betty & Tony G
Darryl I
Duane P
Maria H
Pat S
Maria L
Eddie A

Jerry H Lynn H Phyllis C

Thank you to the volunteers that stay over to cleanup: Thank you for your support.

Ellen H

Betty & Tony G

Darryl I

Duane P

Maria H

Pat S

Wendy & Greg

Alvera & Rich

Charlene D

Jay B

Marcie W

George P

Joe & Carma

Glenn M

Maria L

Eddie A

Jerry H

Lynn H

Phyllis C

Thanks to the front desk volunteers:

Joe M

Carma L

Carlos N

Thanks to our Photographer:

Carlos N

SHOUT OUTS & KUDOS:

***Elena K, Thanks for donating a bottle of wine for one of our door prizes at the September Dance. Thank you for your generosity.

***Thank you Kathy H for donating your 50/50 winnings from Alibis and Cathy M for donating your 50/50 winnings from Glory Days. Thank you for your support and generosity.

***SOS - Kit H and Elena K thank you for helping to set up the decorations at the SOS NVSC and DCHDC Shag /Handdance party at SOS. Thank you for your time and never ending assistance. It is very much appreciated.

***SOS Raffle tickets - Thank you Anthony Y for selling SOS Raffle tickets. Your time and efforts helped our club and the SOS Event.

***Special Thank you and appreciation to Caroline Ratcliff.

Caroline assembled a magnificent display of photos, music history and club history of Handdance Days of the past. The photos dated back to early Handdance days. The display of pictures made wonderful memories come to life by seeing faces that we have not seen for a while and those that have passed. The display was viewed and reminisced by many that night. Thank you Caroline for making passed history

come alive and enjoyed by all.

The effort and heart and soul that you labored putting this memorial together was heart warming and appreciated. Thank you so much.

***To all Members and Guests that support the <u>weekly and monthly dances</u>, Without your attendance there would be no DCHDC.

<u>Recruitment</u>: We are continually reaching out for guests to join. We also need you to keep your eyes and ears opened for someone that is interested in dancing. We have business cards to hand out if you need them. We are proud to announce that we have <u>265</u> members.

Membership 2023: Forms will be out at the November Dance.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to assist new dancers.

We are asking for seasoned dancers to assist with the beginner and intermediate dance lessons. It would be a great help if a more experienced dancer could partner up with a new member in the beginner lesson or a new intermediate member that has transitioned to the intermediate lesson. Instead of having two new members partnering up, it might be helpful that a new person have a seasoned dancer to partner up with. We ask that the seasoned experienced member partner up during weekly and monthly dance lessons.

Glory Days Update:

3 Lee Air Park Dr. Edgewater, MD

Weekly dance lessons and weekly dancing. Take a mid week break and come dance at Glory Days. Come early and take the Dance Lesson with Merv Roussell/ Louise Pyles.

Glory Days - Dancing for October:

Dance Instruction weekly by Louise Pyles / Merv Roussell Dance Lesson 6:00 to 6:30pm Beginner lesson Dance Lesson 6:30 to 7:00pm Intermediate lesson Dancing 7:00 to 9:30 pm with DJ

Please be on time for the lessons:

October 5 NO DANCE THIS WEEK

October 12 Dance Lesson with Louise Pyles dancing with DJ George October 19 Dance Lesson with Merv Roussell dancing with DJ Tony G October 26 Dance Lesson with Merv Roussell dancing with DJ Buddman

*****The Next Monthly Dance is October 15.

No Dance Lesson for Halloween Dance

DJ is Kathy K.

Theme – Halloween************* Dressing in theme is optional. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize for best costume.

Alibis Update: 7935 Elizabeth Rd Pasadena, MD 21122

Weekly Dancing and weekly dance lessons by Sondra Riley and Darryl Ingram. Dance lesson 6:00 to 6:30 pm Beginner
Dance Lesson 6:30 to 7:00 pm Intermediate
Dancing 7:00 to 10:00 pm with DJ

Please be on time for the lessons:

Alibies - Dancing for October:

October 4 Dance Lesson with Sondra Riley and Darryl Ingram and dancing with DJ Ron C October 11 Dance Lesson with Sondra Riley and Darryl Ingram and dancing with DJ Kathy K

October 18 Dance Lesson with Sondra Riley and Darryl Ingram and dancing with DJ Dr. Jay October 25 Dance Lesson with Sondra Riley and Darryl Ingram and dancing with Jammin George

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No Dance lesson for Halloween Dance
DJ is Kathy K.
Theme – Halloween**********Costumes Optional
1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize for best costume.

Bowie Elks - Monthly Dance October 15:

1506 Defense Hwy Gambrills. MD 21054

Doors open 6:45pm
Dance Lesson No Lesson for Halloween
DJ - Kathy K.
Dancing 8:00 to 11:00pm
Costume parade and prizes at 8:30pm

Please be on time for the costume parade.

November 19 - Fall Theme DJ TBA pot luck December 10 - Christmas Holiday Theme (Note this dance is on the 10th)

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Update News:

The DCHDC Club Board of Directors have initiated a project to enhance the

Intermediate Dance lesson. Dance Instructors and the Board met to brainstorm as to how to incorporate some original HD moves and combination steps. Our Dance Instructors have also met with some of our seasoned members to review and practice original HD Moves and combinations. In the near future you will see some of these moves in the Intermediate lessons. We are hoping this will bring back some of our older members to utilize our dance lessons and to bring back some moves from original HD Days.

SAVE THE DATE: NYE Dec 31, 2022 Oh Yeah! We Did It! Yeah We Did!

We put down the deposit for New Years Eve 2022- 2023 Same place as last year – Double Tree by Hilton by the BWI Airport. Room Rates at the low price of \$99.00 plus tax. You can reserve Room reservation NOW! CODE: HDC - Group Code.

Link: https://group.doubletree.com/slknm2

A SAVE THE DATE flier will be available sometime next week with ticket pricing and information.

Please reserve your room for NYE EARLY to get the special rate. You can cancel your room if you decide not to attend.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Halloween Dance at Pittsburgh: October 27,28,29

Pittsburgh's Premiere Social Swing Dance Party:

Web Site for Details: www.swingpittsburgh.com

For those that have attended this dance in the past, it sounds like it is a first class event.

See Phyllis or a board member for the Pittsburgh Flier.

For those of you that attend this dance please promote our NYE Dance. We will have fliers for you to distribute.

Myrtle Beach SOS 2023: SOS Pass Cards can be purchased for \$30.00 from Lynn H.

If you want to learn more about SOS go to WWW.shagdance.com SOS Care Free Times: Magazine

SOS 2022 was a lot of fun. About 30 of our club members attended the Tuesday NVSC /DCHDC Party at Fat Harold's. The partnering of the two clubs was successful. Thank you Estelle and Jack for a great partnership with organizing this party.

Dance Club Gift Certificates are back.

DCHDC will be selling \$10.00 Dance Gift Certificates to Members. We will be selling them at the Monthly Dances. They make great Birthday and Holiday Gifts for the person that has everything.

SURVEY SAYS - What's coming up for future events

Thanks to everyone that turned in a Survey Form at the dance on Sat. Aug 20. The Board reviewed the surveys and found interest in Wine Tasting and an Annapolis Cruise. We will research both of these activities for the future. Thanks to those that gave input.

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*** Thanks to all that read this News Update. If you know someone that does not have access to a computer, please let them know about the updates.

<u>Visit our Web page or our Facebook page for additional updates through out the month.</u> See the links at the bottom of this memo update. Please check these web sites on a weekly basis for updates. If we have more than a few people coming down with Covid, we will take a pause for that week. This will give time for folks to recover and not spread to anyone else. <u>Please check our Facebook page or our Web page weekly for any updates in the dance schedule.</u> <u>NOTE: If you have a fever, headache, sore throat or feel sick, please stay home until you are better.</u>

Please Note: Secretary of the Month: Volunteer needed for OCTOBER 3, 2022

The secretary slot is vacant. We are asking that each month someone attend our Board meeting to take the notes, write them up for us to review at the next months meetings. The board meeting is from 7:00 to 9:00pm. We meet at the All American Steakhouse in Odenton. We go a little early to get a bite to eat before the meeting.

Please see Phyllis or a board member if you would like to be Secretary of the month for OCTOBER 3, 2022. **********

One More thing - If you have clear storage bins that you no longer want, please let me know. We could use them to store decorations.

Membership Renewal:

We have membership forms at the weekly and monthly dances. You can also go on our *website* and down load the form from there and mail it in or go to www.DCHandDanceClub.net. Or, Lynn Hepak will scan and email you a copy of the form. We are recruiting new members at almost every event. Welcome to all of the new members. We are happy to have you join our family of dancers.

<u>Membership Renewal</u> –you can renew on line from the webpage, go to Members Only.

Membership for Age 90 +

Age 90 + members Do Not Have to pay for Membership Renewal. Dance admission will still be required,

<u>Member renewal update</u>: <u>We are proud to say we have 265 registered members.</u> <u>NEW Members</u> are always welcomed to join.

Sponsors invited:

The DCHDC in previous years had vendors that sponsored our club via advertisements in our newsletter or in the MMATB booklets. Would your company or business like to sponsor a dance lesson, door prize or snack tray etc. at one of our Monthly Dances. If you or your company or business is interested in being a sponsor, please email dchdcpresident@gmail.com.

Door Prize items: wine, box candy centerpiece or door decorations are always welcomed.



Reminders:

- 1. Please let us know if you have a change in phone number or email address. Contact Maria LiCalzi at mvlicalzi@gmail.com or send email to DCHDCpresident@gmail.com.
- 2. The DCHDC is down one board member. Our Secretary position is still vacant. The Board should consist of 7 board members to vote, meet to discuss and plan activities for the good of the club. We need another good person to join the Board and work as a team to fulfill the Club's mission. Please see one of the board members for details or questions or send an email to the DCHDCpresident@gmail.com.
- 3.***Don't forget to check out the <u>Members Only</u> section of the web page. You can see the <u>Membership Form</u>, Sunshine Report, Financial Report, Birthdays and

more.

4, Please clear off cups and trash from the table upon your departure from the event. This will make clean up a lot smoother.

Thank you for your friendship and participation.
"Put a smile on your face and dance"
Phyllis Crutchfield - President



SOS Card - 2023

SOS Cards are for sale for 2023. Cards are \$30.00. See Lynn Hepak for purchase.



WEBSITE: <u>DCHandDanceClub.net</u>
FACEBOOK: <u>DC Hand Dance Club Est. 1994</u>
EMAIL: <u>DCHDCPresident@gmail.com</u>

Use the President's email address for questions or suggestions.