



First Hand News

Metropolitan Washington, D. C. Hand Dance Preservation Society
 "Preserving & Teaching DC Hand Dance"

www.DCHandDanceClub.net

May-June 2020

Dear Friends,

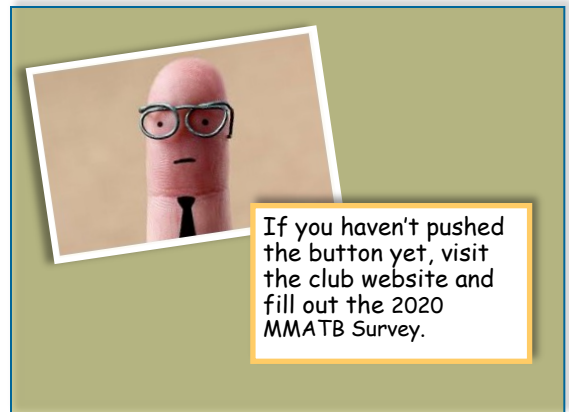
As you know, our dance venues remain closed to the public until notified by the state that they can reopen. At this point, there still is no clear indication as to when Maryland's executive order will be lifted. As a result, our **May and June weekly and monthly dances are cancelled.**

As things progress, we will continue to communicate with members by email. Updates also will be posted on our website: www.DCHandDanceClub.net, on our Facebook page: DC Hand Dance Club Est. 1994 and on the club hotline at 301-460-0800, select "inclement weather." You may use the communication option that is most convenient for you.

Thank you for your patience during this difficult time. Hopefully, we will be back to dancing together soon.

Thank you & stay safe,
 DCHDC Board of Directors

*Friends
 never
 say
 goodbye*



If you haven't pushed the button yet, visit the club website and fill out the 2020 MMATB Survey.



Board Members enjoy an Evening in Paris at MMATB 2020

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Do you feel like you're living in an alternate universe? It certainly seems that way to me as we face a situation that most of us have never experienced before. In light of coronavirus, we're having to adopt new habits such as sheltering at home and wearing gloves and face masks when venturing out.

We appreciate your patience at this time and want you to know that your board of directors is continuing to meet monthly via conference call and virtual meetings to conduct club business.

In addition, we are working to re-tool our club website since our existing website builder is no longer supported by our provider. Needless to say, technical support is a "must have" for us to build and maintain this important communication tool. The new website is coming and you will get more information about how to access the members only page.

While it's been a challenge to be without our weekly and monthly dances, we've been able to enjoy our dance music every afternoon thanks to DJ Kathy K who is hosting hand dance music parties using Facebook Live. Be sure to listen in each day and read "her story" on page 3.

We were fortunate to make it through our beloved "Meet Me at the Beach" weekend held early March in Ocean City, MD. We enjoyed good music, dance workshops, fun parties, friends, food, vendors and making terrific memories. There's a special page of recognition on the club website to thank the volunteers who planned this special event. And, we want to thank the MANY people who volunteered during that weekend.

Please share your thoughts in the online survey about our 2020 event and take a look at the MMATB pictures. The survey and pictures are posted on the club website at www.DCHandDanceClub.net.

Things to make note of in this issue:

We're looking for a few good people! See details on page 2. We have a wonderful team, if I do say so myself. So, I hope you'll consider making a contribution to your dance club by joining us.

We are cancelling our May & June dances as well as our weekly venues due to the coronavirus pandemic, but we are hopeful that we'll be able to come back together soon. Stay safe!



Nancy Sabella-Roussel
Club President



We have a secretary vacancy on the club's board of directors as a result of a resignation. Our thanks to Donna Krause for serving in this capacity since last September.

If you are interested in joining our team, contact:

Nancy Sabella at 301-752-2427
or
Linda Trader at 443-226-3331



DO YOU LIKE COLORFUL CLOTHING & SELLING FUN MERCHANDISE?

Would you like to develop new items for DCHDC apparel/merchandise?

We're looking for a few people to assist with display set up, staffing, order taking, pack up & storage of our club apparel/merchandise. At only three dances a year, it's totally manageable and you can assemble your own team by recruiting a couple of your friends!

Don't miss this opportunity to get involved! Contact Linda Trader at 443-226-3331 to join our Apparel/Merchandise team!

NOTE: All special orders for apparel placed at MMATB have arrived and will be available at the next scheduled monthly dance. —Shirley

DJ KATHY K in her own words . . .



On Saturday March 21, I was on FB and saw that DJ Kopec was going live. I watched him for, maybe, 30 minutes. He had his equipment set up in his basement and was playing music like the young DJ's do, mostly samples of songs with a beat in the background.

Then I got to thinkin'....hmmm, wonder if I can do that? I told Ron that I was going to try to play music the next afternoon, just to see if it works. I sent out a message on Facebook, telling all my friends what I was going to do. I set up the computer and

just used my phone to live feed on FB. It worked! Not good - but it worked. Each day, I added or changed something to enhance the experience until I got to where we are today, which is not perfect, but it does the job.

This has been such a blessing and I don't feel so isolated from all my friends in the dance club. It's wonderful to see you all watching and making comments and requesting songs. The unexpected blessing in all of this is that there are family members and old school friends that have never seen me DJ, and now they have a chance.

I told you all that I would play music every day until this mess is over, thinking it was only going to be a couple of weeks. Here it is April 14, and I am still going live every day.

I am not using this time constructively. I am just being a couch potato. During normal time, I am driving the bus, and going out one or two evenings a week to either play music or just be with you all at Alibi's. So, I am taking advantage of the down time. It is giving me a little glimpse of what it would be like if I retired.

But, I find myself missing you all and, if you can believe it, my kids on the bus. Right now, all I want to do is dance, sing, play music and be with my hand dance family. This is hard on all of us, and as the days tick by, we miss each other more and more. This is the only way I can connect with you until this stupid mess is over. So, I will stand by what I said, "I will play music every single day until I go back to work or we are allowed to gather at our dance venues."

I hope you are enjoying the virtual contact with others as much as I am. Hope to see you all, very soon, on the dance floor. —Love Ya



LET'S SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS!

Alibi's
Bar & Grill

Alibi's Bar and Grill (a privately owned small business) is offering its full menu, specials and beer to go! They are open for carry-out and delivery is available. [Alibi's Menu](#) is on Facebook and their website. To order, call 443-637-7267

Glory Days
GRILL

Remember to support Glory Days Grill in Edgewater, our Wednesday night dance venue, to help their servers and managers. They support DCHDC by offering us special drink & meal deals as well as gift certificates for our weekly raffle! Carryout is available by calling 443-808-8880 or order online at:

[Glory Days To Go](#)



KEEPING THE MUSIC ALIVE!

Hear hand dance music and watch DJ KathyK as she hosts music parties on Facebook Live each day from 3 to 5 pm. Just go to Facebook, type in Kathy Knabe Carroll and enjoy.

Her sessions also are posted each day to our club Facebook page: [DC Hand Dance Club Est. 1994](#) where it can be viewed anytime.

Lights, camera, action, friendly banter, snacks, happy hour and music requests—what could be better!



Members & guests enjoy the hospitality suite at MMATB 2020

Birthdays of the Month



May		June	
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Betty Garcia	05/01	Patsey Walker	06-01
Norman Rosen	05/04	Pam Vann	06/02
Darryl Ingram	05/05	Deborah Rivera White	06/04
Faye Lore	05/05	Sharon Salpini	06/07
Chickie Godish	05/09	Ann Crandell	06/08
Eddie Arredondo	05/12	Debbie Thomson	06/09
Glen Mathias	05/14	Ron Nicholson	06/10
Dena Kay Zador	05/14	Fred Frissyn	06/15
Elaine Romoser	05/15	Chris Thomas	06/18
Hugh Thomas	05/16	William Kolodin	06/19
Wayne Croghan	05/18	Anthony Munafo	06/21
Steven White	05/18	Pat Griffith	06/22
Kathleen Fontana	05/19	Bob Coleman	06/23
Larry Stommel	05/20	Zenaida Encomienda	06/24
Terri Moran	05/23	Joan Mutschler	06/27
Larry Dieren	05/25	Danny Wise	06/27
Lee Carter	05/26	Alan Cohen	06/29
Sally Dickerson	05/26	Ruth Rapson	06/30
Betty Elliott	05/26		
Marie Schafer	05/27		
Kathie Suite	05/27		
Jo Ann King	05/28		
Joe Miante	05/28		
Jeannette Pearce	05/31		

March 2020

Deanna Benicewicz
Zenaida Ecomienda
Ray Jones
Pam Lanouette
Gary Smith
Patsey Walker
Nancy Davidson

Club Contact Information

Website: dchanddanceclub.net
Hotline: 301-460-0800
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We welcomed new dance friends from Reading, PA at MMATB 2020



We welcomed new members to our club at MMATB 2020



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DCHD Club Apparel

New styles and colors available!

3 Ways to Order:

Website: dchanddanceclub.net

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**Shirley Mostow, DCHDC
Apparel Chairperson**



DCHDC LOGO APPAREL & ACCESSORIES

VISIT dchanddanceclub.net

to see all items available for purchase
such as jackets, vests, sweatshirts, blazers,
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- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- Corporate Events
- Indoor/Outdoor Events
- Private Parties
- Family Reunions

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May – June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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<p>Monthly & weekly dances for May & June are cancelled due to coronavirus.</p>							
3	4		6	7	8	9	
10 	11						12
17	18						
24		26	<p>We had a "Futuristic" fun time at MMATB 2020</p>			30	
31		2				6	
7	8	9					
14 	15	16	17	18	19	20 	
21 	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30			<p>SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE! Call our hotline 301-460-0800 to confirm there will be hand dancing.</p>		