

# North Houston Swing Dance Club

**Saturday July 26, 2008**

## Club News

The threat of Hurricane Dolly couldn't keep us from having a great time Thursday night. We had a full dance floor as well as three levels of instruction. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the door and covered for those on vacation this week - James, Yvonne, Linda and Joe! Gerald Morris taught our Advanced Class this week while Bobby was out on business. And I got to be DJ for the night and give Jack a break. You all make this club the fun, friendly place to be on the North Side - a great dance floor, a smoke free environment, and lots of people who love to dance! Y'all Rock!

**Heads up:** Mark you calendars for Saturday, September 20th. That's the night of our Club Anniversary Party. We'll have food, drinks, fine music and lots of dancers to help celebrate our 4th year at the studio. We're going to have a workshop from Damon and Lisa D'Amico to start the night off. Bring a friend and let them join in on the good times too.

## Class Notes

Charles led the Intermediate group this week and continued working on this month's theme: 8-beat music phrases and how to get your dance moves to line up with the music. Charles covered left and right side passes with turns, then moved on to whip steps. The class of 20 people worked on a whip step with an inside turn, and then an outside turn. There are lots of ways to modify the whip step, especially by changing the exit. Charles demonstrated several ways to do that too.

The beginner class covered the basic step, the left side pass, the right side pass and finally a 'sugar tuck'. We appreciate Linda helping out with this class and showing the ladies how to style up these basic moves. We even had Mario Sr. stop in for a little basic footwork variations! What a treat!

## Around Town

This next weekend, David Appel is having a 2 day intensive workshop and a party on Saturday night August 2nd. His workshop will cover:

**Connection** - Different ways of connecting to your partner.

**Musicality** - Specific approaches to the layers of sound in a song.

**Hitting Breaks** - Set them up and make them happen.

**Hijacking** - Common times to hijack.

**Footwork**- Footwork blocks to build with.

**Competing** - What judges are looking for.

Check out the website for more information: <http://www.appeldance.com/>

**Also**, start planning for Dallas DANCE over Labor Day Weekend. That's a whole weekend of social swing dancing, competitions, workshops and showcase dancing by all of your local and national stars. What's nice about this event is that you get to meet and dance with folks just like you from all over the world. It takes place at The Fairmont Hotel, right in downtown Dallas. You don't ever have to leave the hotel if you don't want to. The ballroom is right downstairs. But if you want to stroll around, the restored West End warehouse district has some fine restaurants and shops to visit. Its a fun, affordable getaway. Here's the link: <http://www.dallasdance.com/>  
That's all for now, folks. We'll see you next week!

Wayne