

North Houston Swing Dance Club

Saturday February 6th, 2010

Hey Gang! This month.....Choreography! We're getting ready to put on a show for the Anniversary Party. YOU are going to be the star of the show! How cool is that!

Our 2 Advanced Classes are working on choreography, dancing some of the moves they've learned in class to a specific song. Then they're going to perform it for us at our party February 27th. We started this last year, and everyone loved it! Everyone is going to join in and really BE the party. Y'all are going to make this party ROCK! This is so much fun!

Member Appreciation

We had a Board Meeting last week and had a chance to talk in depth about our club's current status as well as what the future holds. We've got such a bright future ahead of us. One of the many topics discussed was what we are doing to keep giving back to our club members. First on our list is the Anniversary Party, which is free for the first time to club members. We've got snacks, rented the studio, hired a DJ, brought in National Pro dancers to run the workshop for you all and done all the behind the scenes grunt work to put it all together.

Here's a big one that the entire Board voted on and approved: We've had several requests for the club to help pay entry fees for various competitions. While we'd end up breaking the bank if we paid for every entry at every event, we did decide to cover some entry fees for those who compete and represent North Houston. At America's Classic, we paid for one entry fee for each dancer from our club, not counting Jack and Jill contests. That was a bunch of money that helps show our members how proud we are that they are taking lessons, competing, and working hard to be better dancers. Our whole club benefits from that. Their dancing and enthusiasm helps attract new members, and keep the interest high for our current members. Plus, they end up being better social dancers that you get to dance with each Thursday night. We all win on that one!

In addition, we've doubled our ticket raffle for free door entry so that each week, we call out 2 people who will get in free the following week. Folks just love that, and its exciting to see people jump up and down with the winning tickets. We had a FREE pizza party back in September for everyone who came to class that Thursday night. One of our volunteers stops each week before class and picks up snacks that y'all enjoy - including soft drinks. Jack and I try to keep good music playing, so we're always downloading good songs to bring each week. I started up a Facebook site this year to help advertise for our club and keep members informed of cool things going on in the dance world. And Jack maintains a website for our club (www.nhsdc.com) that he updates constantly with an archive of these newsletters, as well as photos, other dance opportunities around the area, and useful information to attract new members too.

We want all of you to know that we appreciate each and every one of you who make it out each Thursday to dance. You are the reason that this club is what it is. Thanks for keeping us strong!

Class Notes

Beginners - WELCOME! We're glad to have you! Jim and Susan - Congratulations, Newly Weds!

Intermediates - Y'all are doing so good! Ann and Charles had a full class again this week. Keep coming back, y'all are learning new moves that you can keep adding to your dance.

Advanced Class with Bryan - They aren't calling this Advanced for nothing. Bryan is pushing y'all to a whole new level with the choreography he's teaching. Your song is 'Get It While Its Hot' by Nodessa. Here's your series of moves:

1. Cross hand grip - Roll the lady in to a shoulder drape.
2. Rock and Go
3. Spin to Skater's but keep the lady spinning just a bit more and catch her in closed position
4. Quick Pivot in Closed and Catch
5. And send her back to Open Position

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Then in Bobby's Advanced Patterns and Footwork, Bobby is counting on good memory and slick styling to pull off some great moves to 'Brick House' by The Commodores. Here's your series of moves:

1. Starter Step on Count 5
2. Fake Throw Out with a foot tap back to Open Position
3. Right Side Arm Catch , Hold on Count 3 and , then guys spin out to open on 5&6 while ladies anchor in place.
4. Now a Left Side Under Arm Pass that starts with 4 Diva Walks for the lady, then finish your underarm pass
5. Dallas Side Pass finishing in an Overhead Brake, lady hesitation lean, and a push out slide.

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Music



One of the big Grammy winners this year was Lady GaGa. She's put out lots of songs that are very good for West Coast Swing. Here's a few tunes you might want to grab:

Poker Face

Love Games

Bad Romance

Just Dance

Around Town

Saturday February 13, there's a party listed for MS Dancesport at 14520 Memorial Dr. 8:00PM to Midnight. I have heard that this dance sometimes does not happen, so be sure to make contact with the organizer before you go. I can't promise anything on this one.

However.....

Saturday, February 20th, David Appel is hosting one of his famous West Coast Swing Party's at MJ DanceSports near Dairy Ashford and Memorial Drive. This one is a good one, so plan to get out to David's dance. He always puts on a great night of dancing.

Then of course, the biggie: ***Our Anniversary Party*** will be held right here in our own studio on Saturday February 27th. Doors open at 7:00. A fabulous workshop at 7:30PM with Lisa and Damon D'Amico. DJ Ruby Lair will spin the tunes. And we'll have snacks, drinks and happy faces until they make us turn the lights out. We've got lots in store for you, including a 2 brief shows from our Advanced Classes. BYOB too! Be there!

That'll do it for another week, Folks. See you Thursday for the next moves in your dance routine!

Wayne