

North Houston Swing Dance Club

Monday May 3rd, 2010

Be sure to congratulate Donese! She had a very successful time up at Swing Dance America. Out of the 6 contests, Donese took 2nd in Intermediate ProAm with Angel, 3rd in Masters J&J, 3rd in Hustle Novice J&J, and 3rd in Hustle pro am with Angel! You rock!!!

Class Notes

Michael Stephens came up to North Houston last week and gave us a fun workshop for our extra Thursday of the month. Every once in a while, we get 5 Thursday's in a month. We let our hard working regular instructors take the night off and treat y'all to something special. What did y'all think of the workshop? Let us know if you liked it.

Michael taught us the Dewey for a starter step. He taught both the hook-behind triple step version, and the all walks version. Then he taught a version of a Lasso, tailored for Swing Dance by walking your arms overhead one at a time. The key to starting this move is for the fella to turn his back to the lady as he starts her left side pass, brining his right hand up to a 'pizza hand' up and over his head. This starts it out right. Michael showed another version of that by wrapping the lady low instead of overhead. Both worked great! To get out of the funky hand holds that you end up with, take the lady down the man's right side for a spinning side pass. Funky hands again? Do the same move again, this time pointing your toes left, then right for some nice styling.

Nice job Michael! Good stuff!

Music

Here's a fabulous song by Matt Wertz that works great for West Coast Swing...especially late at night! Its called 5:19 .

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqI0DBoMgJU>

Social Calendar

*Jake and Teletha be at Cypress Dance for a fantastic workshop and dance on Saturday May 22.

Location:Cypress Dance
25250 Northwest Fwy Suite 280 (upstairs)
Cypress, TX 77429

*Up in Dallas over the **Memorial Day Weekend**, plan to go to a brand new event called ProAmJam. That's on the May 28-30 weekend. Our own Brian Spivey and his wife Lisa are doing workshops, and there will be lots of dancing too. Lori Jackson Hayner, one of the event directors, is promising a memorable kick-off weekend. One night is set aside for a dress up night too. For more information check out <http://www.dfwproamjam.com/>

*Then **in June**, Dance America Productions presents "The Houston Swing Classic" will be held Thursday, June 24 at 7:00pm through Sunday morning, June 27 at 2:00am. This too is a brand new event. We've already filled up a table for North Houston! This is a non-competition social dance event featuring workshops by Heavy & Snowflake Grammar, Beata Howe, Damon & Lisa D'Amico, Bryan Jordan, Terry Roseborough, John Lindo, Christopher Hussey, and Phil Dorroll. There will be dance Exhibitions and a Saturday afternoon cookout. Your DJ's for the event are Ray Coker, John Lindo, Rich Kopels, Cara Johnston, and Phil Dorroll. For more information, check this out: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=107248135966175>

See you around town!

Wayne