



The DMA Times

Newsletter for the DMA 125th National Convention

Sunday, July 5, 2009



Editor: Lisa Gillespie

BREAKING NEWS ...

Welcome to our Nation's Capitol City! The festivities celebrating the 125th National Convention of the Dance Masters of America are off to a terrific start. Fun was had by all last night at the **Welcome Party** focusing on **Red, White, & Boom**. With Uncle Sam leading the parade, the reigning national title holders and all of the contestants participating in this year's title scholarship competitions were presented. What an impressive group! You may have even had the opportunity to view the Fourth of July Fireworks Show from the National Mall. What a fantastic way to start the convention!

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to **Tom Ralabate**, Chapter 8, on receiving the Member of the Year award at the President's Reception, *An Evening on the Potomac*, held last evening.

ZEE BROWN AWARD

Dody Flynn from Chapter 18 was presented the Zee Brown-Ahearn Award last evening at the President's Reception.

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the **New England chapter**, Chapter 5, on receiving the Chapter of the Year award at the President's Reception last night. This award goes to the Chapter with the most growth in the past year.

BALLET INTENSIVE NEWS

Alex Harrington, won the Ballet Intensive scholarship. She is a student of Dawn Slemmons.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

JUNIOR MEMBER MEETING

Don't forget the Chapter Junior **Member meeting to be held Monday** at 12 Noon in the Chesapeake Rooms G-H. All chapter junior members in attendance at this convention are invited to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRAND BODY MEETING

Don't forget the first Grand Body Meeting of this National Convention will be held **TODAY (SUNDAY)** at 4:00 PM in the Chesapeake Rooms G-H.

Don't forget the first Grand Body Meeting of this National Convention will be held **TOMORROW (MONDAY)** at 5:00 PM in the Chesapeake Rooms G-H.

PETITE MISS/MASTER PAGEANT

At 8:00 PM this evening, on the Main Stage in the Maryland Ballroom (Rooms A-D), we will award the next Petite Miss Dance of America and the next Master Dance of America.

REMINDERS

Wrist bands must be worn by all students taking a class. If you are competing in a title competition and the band is removed, please bring the cut band to the Registration booth for a replacement.

Don't forget to exchange your **banquet ticket** by Wednesday noon, July 8. Banquet tickets may be exchanged, in the area near the DMA Registration desk, during the

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following times: Tuesday from 9-11 AM and 1-4 PM, and Wednesday from 9-11 AM.

Submit your news in care of The DMA Times at the DMA Scholarship Booth.

were when they came in. All of my life I have danced for those ten. – *Ruth St. Denis*

And let that day be lost of us on which we did not dance once! And let that wisdom be false to us that brought no laughter with it!
- *Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*

25-YEAR MEMBERS

The following individuals were presented their 25-year pins last evening at the President's Reception. If you were not present to receive your pin, please see your convention delegate.

CAL Barbara Sovich
Bruse Lea
CH 2 Connie Baggett-Griffis
Beth Marks
Lisa H-Thornton
Jerri Caruncho
Janet Snyder
CH 4 Tina Marie Foth
Marilyn Esper Piazzsa
CH 5 Helene Chapman
CH 10 Dorothy Houch Constable
CH 13 Patricia Jensen
CH 15 Ann Kardon
CH 16 Sherry Macaluso Fedran
Gayle Mohler LeVan
Joyce Zarcone
CH 17 Kelly Maddock
CH 18 Alison Forance
Beverly Legge
CH 36 Lisa Nowaczyk
CH 44 Lori Axelrod

Congratulations to our 25-year members on achieving this milestone.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

I have performed for thousands when they found me exotic, the vogue, daring, but I have danced, at any given time, for about ten people. They were the ones that left the theater forever different from the way they