



The DMA Times

Newsletter for the DMA 125th National Convention

Tuesday, July 7, 2009



Editor: Lisa Gillespie

BREAKING NEWS ...

JUNIOR MISS DANCE 2010

Beth Ann Robinson was crowned Junior Miss Dance of America 2010 last evening. She proudly represents Chapter 33 and her teacher is Tracy Soloman. She performed a contemporary piece entitled "*I Will Fly.*"

JUNIOR MR. DANCE 2010

Danny Leger was awarded Junior Mr. Dance of America 2010 last night. He proudly represents Chapter 38. His teacher is Trish Thompson-Creamer. He performed a lyrical solo entitled "*It's Not Easy.*"

JUNIOR MISS DANCE AWARD WINNERS

1st Runner Up: Jackie Schiffner, Ch 1
2nd Runner Up: Sophie Silnicki, Ch 10
3rd Runner Up: Natalie Schott, Ch 17
4th Runner Up: Kailey Cole, Ch 4

Other Semi-Finalists:

Brooke Church, Ch 15
Cassidy Fulmer, Ch 6
McKenna Ross, Ch 36
Erika Schrade, Ch 16
Connor Washburn, Ch 27

Most Talented Non-Finalist:

Gabrielle Mengden, Ch 3

JUNIOR MR. DANCE AWARD WINNERS

1st Runner Up: Christopher Zaino, Ch 5
2nd Runner Up: Michael Tardibono, Ch 27

JUNIOR MISS/JUNIOR MR. DANCE AWARD WINNERS

Ballet Award: Junior Miss – Sophie Silnicki, Ch 10

Jazz Award: Junior Miss – Beth Ann Robinson, Ch 33

Tap Award: Junior Miss – Victoria Dumoulin, Ch 5

Acrobatic Award: Junior Mr. – Danny Leger, Ch 38

Interview: Junior Miss – Beth Ann Robinson, Ch 33

Miss Congeniality: Jessica Fry, Ch 13
Mr. Personality: Michael Tardibono, Ch 27

COMING EVENTS

CHAPTER MEMBER MEETING

All Chapter Members are invited to attend the Area/Chapter Meetings from 10 AM to 1 PM. The meeting locations are by Area. Chapters 5, 8, 18, 26, 38, and 43 (Paul Janusz's area) will meet in Chesapeake Room D. Chapters 20, 26, 27, 35, 40, and 45 (Kathi Halbert's area) will meet in Chesapeake Room E. Chapters 1, 4, 13, 28, 34, and 46 (Noreen Rhode's area) will meet in Chesapeake Room F. Chapters 2, 21, 27, 35, 36, and 44 (Patricia Oplotnik's area) will meet in Chesapeake Room G. Chapters 3, 6, 15, 33, 37, and 41 (Pat Gray's area) will meet in Chesapeake Room H.

TEEN MISS/MR. PAGEANT

The Teen Miss Dance of America 2010 and the next Teen Mr. Dance of America 2010 will be awarded this evening at 8:00 PM on the Main Stage in the Maryland Ballroom (Rooms A-D).

ELECTIONS

Elections for National Officers will be held on Wednesday, July 8 from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the Chesapeake Room L.

ELECTION SLATE

Area Vice-Presidents (select five):

Jeanne Cummings, Ch 21
Tracy Davenport, Ch 21
Kathi Halbert, Ch 16
Terrie Legein, Ch 5
Barbara Moschetta, Ch 10
Shely Pack-Manning, Ch 13

Director: (select two):

Dee Buchanan, Ch 17
Cynde Lomonte, Ch 3
Patricia Oplotnik, Ch 27
Noreen Rhode, Ch 16

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The following officers, running unopposed, were unanimously elected at the Grand Body meeting on Monday, July 6:

President: Butch Theisen, Ch 16
National Executive Secretary: Robert Mann, Ch 26
National Treasurer: Charleen Locascio, Ch 6
First Vice-President: Phyllis Guy, Ch 37
Second Vice-President: Deborah Sanford, Ch 3

REMINDERS

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 following times: Tuesday 9-11 AM and 1-2 PM, and Wednesday from 9 AM-12 Noon. If you would like a vegetarian meal, please let the banquet coordinator (Dawn Fox) know.

Please wear a cover-up over your leotard/tights and costumes when in all public areas of the hotel.

Please visit the scholarship booth! Raffle tickets are on sale at the Scholarship Booth. A raffle will be held Thursday, July 9, at 12:45 pm. You do not need to be present to win!

Check out our wonderful exhibitors in the area near the DMA Registration Booth.

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.

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

CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter 15 will have a Breakfast Meeting Wednesday, July 8 at 7:30 AM in the Italian Restaurant, Pienza, here in the Hotel.

STUDENT NEWS

Anthony Russo, just completed a tour with *Tap Dogs* in South Africa. After teaching at the DMA Convention, he will report to Montreal to begin a new Cirque de Soleil show about Vaudeville.

Richie Miller is the newest member of an upcoming tour of *Tap Dogs*. He will be playing the role of The Kid.

Both Anthony and Richie are students of Debbie and Tracy Davenport, members of Chapter 21.

CROWN/MEDALLION ETIQUETTE

1. Your crown or medallion is a piece of jewelry and should be treated as such. It represents your title and you should always show your respect. Everything you do or say is important to the future of the Program.
2. Gentlemen: You may wear a suit, dress shirt and blazer, dress shirt and dress slacks, or a tux with your medallion. Ladies: You may wear a suit, dressy dress, dressy pant suit, or a gown when wearing your crown.
3. Your crown or medallion should never be worn with a swimsuit, leotard, or sportswear of any kind. Never wear your crown or medallion with shorts or jeans. Tennis shoes, loafers, or bare feet are not in good taste while wearing your crown or medallion.
4. Your crown or medallion should never be worn in a bar for any reason. Never smoke or drink alcoholic beverages while wearing your crown or medallion.

THOUGHT/QUOTE FOR THE DAY

It irritates me to be told how things have always been done. I defy the tyranny of precedent. I cannot afford the luxury of a closed mind. I go for anything new that might improve the past. – *Clara Barton*, founder of the Red Cross