



# ODM Newsletter

Newark, Ohio

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>-Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

**~ Introducing our new 2020 Miss and Mr. Dance of Ohio,  
Audrey Elvers & Trent Goble!! ~**



**~ Congratulations!! We couldn't be happier for the two of you  
and your teachers!! ~**

**Miss Dance 2020  
~Audrey Elvers~  
Student of Stephanie  
Pritchard & Dara  
Berman-Cheung**



**Mr. Dance 2020  
~Trent Goble~  
Student of Sandy  
Embry**

# ~ Farewell to our 2019 Young Title Holders ~

~ We are so proud of all of you and look forward to watch you grow in our chapter and beyond!! ~



**Teen Miss Dance 2019**  
~Braylan Enscoe~  
Student of Dawn Slemons



**Jr. Miss Dance 2019**  
~Rylie Kuhn ~  
Susan Barr & Amanda  
Recko-Downing



**Teen Mr. Dance 2019**  
~Jacob Sharpnack~  
Student of Diane Campbell



**Master Dance 2019**  
~Hudson Rich~  
Student of Erin Stein-Rich



**Petite Miss Dance 2019**  
~Haydyn Jackson~  
Student of Susan Barr &  
Amanda Recko-Downing



## **~ ODM 2020 Member of the Year ~**

**~ Congratulations to our 2020 Member of the Year Diana Horvath!! We are so appreciative of all of your hard work!! You truly deserve this accolade!! ~**



**~ Diana has studied dance for over 45 years and has over 30 years teaching experience. Diana began her dance training at age three often attending classes three days a week for Tap, Jazz and Ballet. She also studied music, the clarinet and organ. She played in her high school band and was the organist for her church.**

**When she turned 18, Diana began teaching at Dusti O'Connors in Parma while attending college. Diana obtained her bachelor's degree and continued her dance training in college which included Modern Dance. She also auditioned and performed in college showcases.**

**Eleven years after college, Diana left Dusti O'Connors and opened Strongsville Dance Company. She continued her training each summer by taking Master Classes with such notables as Sandman Sims and Savion Glover for Tap, Stepp Stewart, Steven Boyd, Bob Rizzo for Jazz, and Rennie Davis for Hip-Hop.**

**Diana received her certification to teach dance from Dance Masters of America. She is certified to teach Tap, Jazz, Ballet, and Acrobatics. Diana has been a member of Dance Masters of America for 19 years and in 2011 she was elected to the board of directors for the Ohio Chapter of Dance Masters. ~**

## **~ Member News ~**

### **~ New Members ~**

**Congratulations to the newest ODM Member,  
Grant Shaffer!!**

**Grant took and passed both his Tap and Modern Exam.**

**Welcome to the family Grant!!**

**We would also like to congratulate Jeanine Howell!!**

**Jeanine took and passed her tap exam  
to add to her Dance Masters Certification!!**



### **~ Best Wishes & Congratulations to the Following Members ~**

**~ Renae Avey recently got engaged to Jon Steinbrunner. They are planning a wedding for February 2020!! ~**

**~ Lacey Booth and her husband have a new baby boy, Max. Max was born January, 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 coming in at 6lbs 11oz!! ~**

**~ Kathi Halbert will be blessed with two more grandchildren in June!! Keith and Kevin's wives are both expecting around the same time!! ~**

### **~ Condolences & Get Well Wishes to the Following Members ~**

**~ Get well wishes & a speedy recovery to Buth Theisen who had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. ~**

**~ Wishing Kathy Megert a speedy recovery. She recently had hip replacement surgery. Get well soon!! ~**

**~Prayers for Rennie Davis. Rennie was recently in an accident. We wish him a speedy recovery. ~**

**~ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in your time of need. ~**



# ~Dayton Shining Star Class Award Winners~

## ~Faculty~

~Ballet~  
Jay Goodlett

~Jazz~  
Nick Anthony

~Tap~  
Richard Ashworth

~Hip Hop~  
Nick Anthony

~Modern~  
Layla Ahlers



## ~Ballet 12-15~

Allyson Miller student of Stephanie Pritchard & Dara Berman Cheung

## ~Tap 12-15~

Emma Duggan student of Megan Dragoo

## ~Jazz 12-15~

Piper Conner student of Dawn Slemons

## ~Hip Hop 12-15~

Riley Neugenbauer student of Dawn Slemons

## ~Modern 12-15~

Ella Shur student of Patty Nowak-Briggs



## ~Ballet 7-11~

Bailey Tolios student of Mary Lee Sutton

## ~Tap 7-11~

Lila Donegan student of Patty Nowak-Briggs

## ~Jazz 7-11~

Kristiana Recko student of Susan Barr & Amanda Recko-Downing

## ~Hip Hop 7-11~

Alexa Noonan student of Jill Garlock

## ~Modern 7-11~

Natalie Johnson student of Megan Dragoo



## **~ Ohio Dance Masters Charity Drive ~**

**This year, 75% of charity funds collected by ODM will be donated to Maggie Shryock and her family to assist with medical expenses. The remaining 25% will go to the organization of Maggie's choice.**

**Maggie is a student of Megan Schenck-Dragoo and Jane Schenck.**



**Meet Maggie!! Maggie is a member of Jane's School of dance in Kentucky. Early this year she was diagnosed with Dystonia. Dystonia is a movement disorder that moves certain areas in your body in irregular places. She has dystonia in her neck, left hand, and foot. The dystonia in her hand causes her to have trouble with simply holding a cup. The dystonia in her neck causes her neck to pull back on her right side, which makes it hard to look straight.**

**Currently there is not a cure for dystonia, but there are ways to help manage the symptoms of dystonia. She has very hard therapy putty to do exercises with making her hands stronger. In her neck it was decided it would be best to get Botox injections. The Botox relaxes her muscles making it easier to look forward, so now she can look forward and see you all.**

**Thank you for donating to Dystonia Medical Research for Maggie and everyone else who has dystonia!!**

**We were blessed to get to watch Maggie perform a beautiful solo at our Dayton Convention. Ohio Dance Masters is so proud of her courage and strength!!**

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## Calling all dancers 12 and up!

ODM would love to have you join our junior membership program! It is a wonderful opportunity for young dancers to learn about ODM through special classes, choreography and performing, learning about the DMA syllabus, volunteering for the organization, and meeting many dancers from across Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia with the same love and passion for dance.

See your teacher for junior members' paperwork or you may sign up when you come to the class. Cost is \$30 if new and \$25 if returning. Also, by being a junior member you receive \$10 off each ODM Workshop.

We can't wait to see your amazing talent, bright ideas and love for dance! All you need is the desire to be educated and better yourself as a dancer.

Please email or contact Dawn Slemons if you have any specific questions about junior membership.

([dmsdjob@gmail.com](mailto:dmsdjob@gmail.com) or 513-252-6620).

## **~ Ohio Dance Masters History ~**

**The organization that began in 1936 was named Cleveland and Ohio Dance Masters. In the beginning it was connected with Chicago National Organization of dance teachers. Clem Brown, a member of Chicago National, and several members from the Cleveland area eventually pulled out and became affiliated with Dance Masters of America.**

**Some of the early pioneers were Clem Brown, Bess Newton Brown (no relative), LaRue Hope, Mary Louise Megert, Eleanor Buckholzer, Bill Franklin, Betty Adelman, Marie Miller, Cecelia Corley, Charles Boyd, Muriel Kelleher, Arita Lee Blair, and Mary Pollock Graham. LaRue Hope was the stronghold of the group and was sure that we adhered to the principles of the National Organization in setting the standards for dance education. The first Secretary/Treasurer was Clem Brown, followed by Joyce Keegan Flynn and now currently, Noreen Rhode, Secretary and Rennie Davis, Treasurer.**

**The Ohio Chapter is proud to have had four members serve as President on the National Board. They are LaRue Hope (1950), Joan Wine (1982), Angela Freese (1988), and Butch Theisen (2009). Rennie Davis served as National Treasurer also. Our members have been awarded such awards as the Zee Brown Award (Noreen Rhode & Kathi Halbert), Members of the Year (Marjorie Sellers, Butch Theisen, Noreen Rhode, and Colleen Rhode). The chapter affiliated name as of 2011 is Ohio Dance Masters taking us back to our original roots. You will always find an ODM member volunteering their services on the National Board. Today we have approximately 125 members from four states.**



## ~ ODM Officers ~

**Michele Rexroad**  
**Colleen Rhode**  
**Stephanie Pritchard**  
**Noreen L. Rhode**  
**Butch Theisen**  
**Susan Barr**  
**Kathi Halbert**  
**Dawn Dembrosky**  
**Dara Berman-Cheung**  
**Jill Garlock**  
**Diana Horvath**  
**Megan Schenck-Dragoo**  
**Evalyn Tirikos**  
**Denise Bryant**  
**Joan Wine**

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