

# ODM NEWSLETTER

*Summer Edition*



*2021 Closed Convention*

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

- ~ Jessica Barr gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Caralynn Marie making Susan Barr a grandmother and Ashley and Christina Barr aunts!! Congratulations to the entire family!! ~*
- ~ Jill Garlock's daughter had a lovely wedding in France!! You were a beautiful Mother of the Bride Jill!! We're so happy for you and your family!! ~*
- ~ Tammy Taylor's son David had a beautiful August wedding and Tammy made for a gorgeous Mother of the Groom!! Congratulation to you and your family Tammy!!*
- ~ Madelyn Gumber, student of Tammy Taylor, passed her Cecchetti 3 Teachers Exam!! Congratulations Madelyn!! ~*
- ~ Student of Tammy Taylor, Alicia Kunkler, received a \$250 scholarship from the Cecchetti Council of Ohio to use towards college!! She was accepted into Slippery Rock University for Dance Performance and Choreography in the BFA Program. She will also be able to work towards her Physical Therapy Degree!! Congratulations Alicia!! ~*
- ~ Evalyn Tirikos and Philip Brooks tied the knot in May with her family and Kathi Halbert by her side as Mother of the Bride!! ~*
- ~ Diana Evans-Pulliam received recognition at our 2021 Nationals for being a member of Dance Masters of Ohio & America for 50 years!! Pretty Amazing Diana!! ~*
- ~ Diana Horvath received recognition at our 2021 Nationals for 25 years of membership to Dance Masters of Ohio and America!! Congratulations Diana!! ~*
- ~ Maggie Shryock won teen Miss Woodford County back in June!! We are so proud of you Maggie!! Congratulations on your new title win!! ~*

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

- ~ Tammy Taylor's mother-in-law passed away. Please keep Tammy and her family in your prayers. ~*
- ~ Jill Garlock's mother-in-law passed away. Please keep Jill and her family in your prayers. ~*
- ~ Heidi Roguls father-in-law passed away. Please keep Heidi and her family in your prayers. ~*
- ~ Diane Campbell's father-in-law passed away. Please keep Diane and her family in your prayers. ~*
- ~ Erin Stein Rich had ankle surgery. We hope you have a speedy recovery Erin!! ~*
- ~ Dawn Slemons husband was hospitalized. We are praying he has a swift recovery!! ~*
- ~ Angie Haver was ill over the summer. We hope you are feeling much better Angie!! ~*
- ~ Michele Rexroad's daughter Riley was ill early September. We hope Riley is feeling a million times better!! ~*
- ~ Kathi Halbert's sister Shirlee was hospitalized. Wishing you a speedy recovery Shirlee!! ~*
- ~ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in your time of need. ~*

*\* Stay tuned for our November Newsletter with all of our Titles and Nationals News and Highlights!!*



# ~ 2021 Summer Scrapbook ~



# *~ Ohio Dance Masters Charity Drive ~*

*Last year ODM collected \$1,750.00 for Maggie and her charity!! Thank you to all who supported Maggie and her cause!! 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 Dystonia Medical Research.*

*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. Maggie is 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 extremely 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 have been so blessed to watch Maggie perform and grow as a dancer and young woman!!  
Ohio Dance Masters is so proud of her courage and strength!!*



## ~ 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, Anita 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

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Diana Horvath

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