

ODM NEWSLETTER

Quarantine Edition



March - September 2020

~ Ohio Dance Masters 2020 Royal Court!! ~



Miss Dance 2020

~Audrey Elvers~

*Student of Stephanie Pritchard
& Dara Berman-Cheung*



Mr. Dance 2020

~Trent Goble~

Student of Sandy Embury



Teen Miss Dance 2020

~Payton Nickerson~

*Student of Mandy Doyle &
Lacey Booth*



Jr. Miss Dance 2020

~Madelyn Blatnica~

*Student of Susan Barr &
Jessica Barr*



Teen Mr. Dance 2020

~Nate Krohmer~

*Student of Diana Evans-
Pulliam*



Petite Miss Dance 2019

~Zoe Swope~

*Student of Dawn Slemons
& Kathy Meyer*

~ 2020 Title Holders!! ~



~ Member News ~

~ Best Wishes & Congratulations to the Following ~

- ~ ODM is beyond proud of all of our current title holders!! We cannot wait to see what your future holds!! ~*
- ~ Congratulations to Kathi Halbert and her family who welcomed two granddaughters this June!! Claire Amelia Halbert & Chloe Halbert. ~*
- ~ Congratulations to Tammy Taylor and family who welcomed a grandson this July!! Theodore Matthew Taylor. ~*
- ~ Huge thank you to Tara Pizer for her work on the guidelines to open Ohio dance studios. ~*
- ~ Thinking of Rennie Davis as he Grande Jete's to a new home!! We will miss you Rennie. ~*
- ~ Wishing Rachel Ball a lifetime of happiness as she embarks on a new path in life!! You will be missed. ~*

~ Condolences & Well Wishes to the Following ~

- ~ Praying for Dawn Dembrosky's husband Jeff as he underwent another surgery this August. ~*
- ~ Wishing Heidi Roguls a speedy recovery from knee surgery!! ~*
- ~ Praying for a speedy recovery from surgery for Kathi Halbert's husband Ken. ~*
- ~ Get well wishes to Cindy Larson who has fallen ill. ~*
- ~ Wishing Dara Berman-Cheung a swift recovery from a recent surgery. ~*
- ~ Michele Rexroad, Kathi Halbert, Tammy Taylor, Amy Reik, Breanna Mawrer, Dawn Dembrosky, Vicki Jo Boyer, and Eri Ptichkin all lost loved ones this past year. ~*
- ~ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in your time of need. ~*

~ In Memory of Joan Wine ~



Joan Little Garrett Wine, 91, of Frazeyburg, Ohio passed away the morning of Tuesday, August 18th, 2020, after a brief illness.

Born November 1st, 1928, in Zanesville, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Charles C. and Gladys (Little) Garrett. Following graduation from Frazeyburg High School in 1946, Joan attended The Ohio State University and graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Shortly after her college graduation she established the Joan Garrett Dance Arts Studio in Newark, Ohio. During a career spanning almost 70 years she touched the lives of thousands of children and adults in a positive and caring manner while sharing her love of dance. She was still actively teaching dance to her students until her passing. Joan was a member and past president of both Dance Masters of Ohio and Dance Masters of America and was a member of Dance Educators of America. She was also a member of the Frazeyburg United Methodist Church and was the founder and past president of Newark ZONTA Club.

Surviving is her son and daughter in-law, Jonathon and Amy Wine of Cypress, Texas and three grandchildren, Alison Wine of Nashville, Tennessee, Austin Wine and Mattie Wine, both of Cypress, Texas.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 62 years, Dr. Jack R. Wine, whom she married June 26th, 1954 and who died November 5th, 2016.

Ohio Dance Masters will always hold a special place in our hearts for Miss Joan. Her kindness, class, and wisdom will stay with us forever. She will be missed greatly.

~Newark Shining Star Class Award Winners~

~Faculty~

*~ Ballet-Ashley Canterna-Hardy ~ ~ Musical Theater-Kiesha Lalama ~
~ Jazz-Malece Miller ~ ~ Tap-Anthony Russo ~*



~ Ballet 12-15 ~

Allyson Miller student of Stephanie Pritchard & Dara Berman Cheung

~ Tap 12-15 ~

Colleen Dinan student of Courtney Kelly

~ Jazz 12-15 ~

Lauren Stigers student of Megan Dragoo



~ Ballet 7-11 ~

Riley Palmer student of Mary Lee Sutton

~ Tap 7-11 ~

Rachel McAninch student of Mandy Doyle & Lacey Booth

~ Jazz 7-11 ~

Lilly Weasenforth student of Mandy Doyle & Lacey Booth

~ Musical Theater 7-15 ~

Hadley Roach student of Diana Evans-Pulliam

~ 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 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 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!!



~ ODM 2020 Member of the Year ~

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



~ Diana has studied dance for over 45 years and has over 40 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 from Cleveland State University and continued her dance training in college which included Modern Dance. She also auditioned and performed in college showcases. Diana was a dance studio owner of Strongsville Dance Company for over 25 years. 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 has choreographed countless recitals and competitive routines. She choreographed the tap numbers in "Singin' in The Rain" for the Strongsville Middle School. She is currently the Tap Choreographer for the Cleveland Dance Project Season 6.5. In addition, Diana has judged various dance competitions and auditions.

Diana received her certification to teach dance from Dance Masters of America. She is certified to teach Tap, Jazz, Ballet, and Aerobatics. 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. ~



~ 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.



~ 2020 Newark Scrapbook ~



~ 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

Evelyn Tirikos

Denise Bryant

Joan Wine

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Financial Advisor

Principal

Rules Chairperson

Director

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Past President

Parliamentarian



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