



UNION CREW LINE DANCERS

home of the UC Star Awards



In December, 2004, five members of a local line dance group decided to take on a line dance challenge to collaboratively create an original dance. These five members, Irma Mabry; Cynthia Yim (Clark); Thomasina Curtis; Robert Larkins; and Deborah Clay, inadvertently started the formation of the Union Crew.

The members practiced regularly throughout the early part of 2005. By June of 2005, seven additional dancers (Mike and Trish Womack, Tim and Barbara Dunston, Haywood Johnson, Reginald Clark and “Lump” Yancey) joined the group bringing the number to 12. With the efforts of the group, the dance “Nite Steppin,” followed by other favorites, “LB Step, “MT Island Groove” and the popular “Let It Roll” helped with making UC a recognizable dance group. The group’s special moves and steps attracted the attention of other dancers and local organizations. As time passed, the Union Crew’s family grew with the addition of five new members: Belinda Morgan, Heleva Middleton, Deidra Robinson, Donna Wise and Kim Tyler. This year three additional members were accepted into the organization, Wannetta (Netta) Hepburn, and Claudia Murphy Johnson and Joann Candy.

UC became a more cohesive group participating in various functions such as, “Feel the Beat”, “I AM Kenny J Dance Symposium”, “United We Dance”, “Philly Soul Line Dance”, “Steppin In The Name Of Life”, “NBC Health Awareness Workshops” in Washington, D.C. and many more. Many local and surrounding counties’ functions gave the Union Crew an avenue to share their originality and ability. The reputation of being a supportive group gave way for other dance opportunities and performances held in Delaware, Philadelphia, Virginia, Illinois, Texas, and Florida.

Under the direction of Trish and Mike Womack, UC continued to moved forward to uphold the group’s vision of “giving back to the community”, engaging in community service activities such as teaching line dance at church functions, one of Maryland’s summer camp programs and *CURVES*, the well known exercise chain. The highly acclaimed “UC Star Awards” moved the group to another level of distinction helping to promote unity within the line dance culture by providing a channel through which the creativity and talents of individuals and groups in Baltimore, surrounding Maryland counties and the US are recognized. It is with certainty that continued progress will expand the groups’ capacity for growth as an organization and provide the line dance and overall community with opportunities to improve personal health and “just have fun.”

Union Crew’s Repertoire

Nite Steppin’

LB Step

Let It Roll

MT Island Groove

Jiggle It

The Beat

Radio

Swish

Plunky’s Groove

Fire It Up