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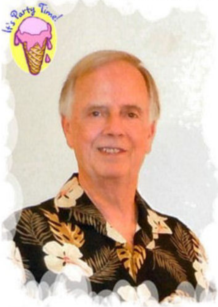
August 2016 Newsletter

A Big
Ice Cream Party

Comments from our President – Robert White


It's Party Time!

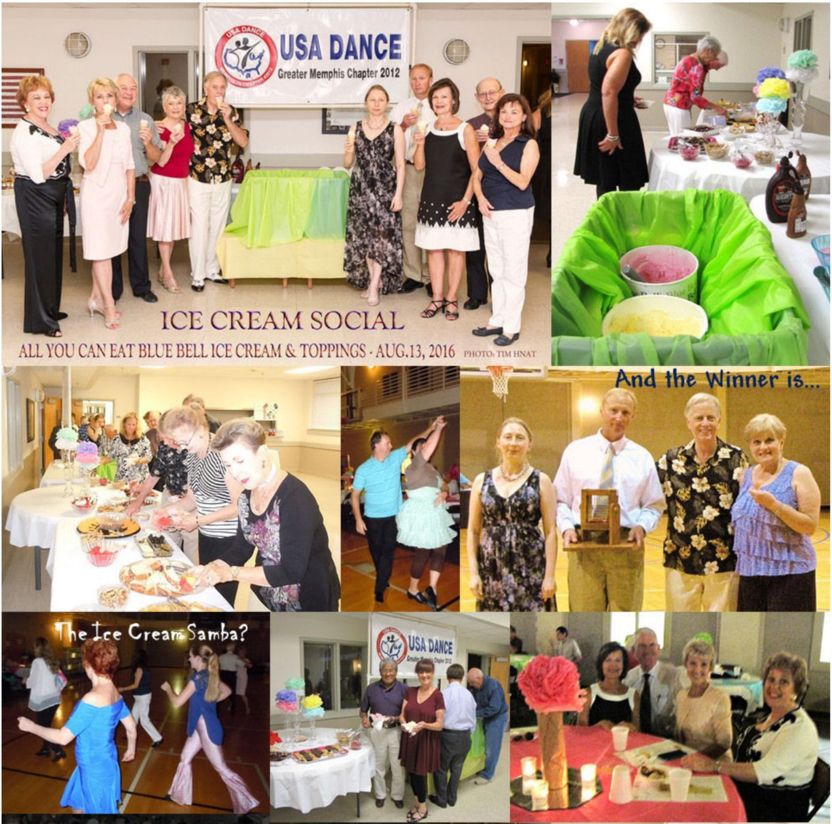
Our Ice Cream Social Dance was such a success the first year we tried it, it immediately became an annual affair. Over the years it has grown to the point it is now one of our signature events each summer, and this year the fun and excitement took another leap forward. Ninety-three USA Dance members and their guests who attended were treated to colossal scoops of delicious Blue Bell Ice Cream. The buffet table also contained a wide assortment of all the extras one could imagine to add as toppings completing a delicious Sundae of their own creation -- limited only by their creativity. Fun on the dance floor with ice cream breaks in between, late summer fun just doesn't get any better than this. As a side note, we expanded the concept of our annual Ice cream dance event to the facility where we hold our monthly Board meetings, McWherter Senior Center. There is a report on the latest installment of this satellite event later in this newsletter.

Our *Feed the Piggy* promotion to raise money for our charity – Le Bonheur Children's Hospital - continued this month. I am happy to report that because of the generosity of our dancers, the Piggy continues to gain weight. Hopefully by the time our charity dance takes place, we will have a very fat Piggy.

At last month's USA Dance, John and Patsy Wilson (Dance Shoes of Tennessee) donated a $50 gift certificate to our Chapter. We held a drawing for this donation during our first break Saturday, and awarded this certificate to the lucky winner – see photo of the winner's certificate presentation in the dance photos below. Our thanks go out to John and Patsy for their support of our USA Dance chapter as well as Blue Bell Creamery for the very generous donation of their high quality product for our event this month. We also want to express our appreciation to everyone who brought their special recipes and contributed to our buffet table for the enjoyment of all. Tim Hnat performed his usual outstanding job with the sound equipment as well as his camera capturing the excitement of our August event. Carole Eady produced giant ice cream cone center pieces for each table around the dance floor plus a stunning representation of sundaes for the buffet center piece projecting the theme of our event throughout the hall. Many examples of her decorating handy work can be seen in the dance photos that follow.

Our September event will be a Harvest Moon Dance. Make your plans now to bring your dance shoes and be a part of this fun event on the second Saturday. Hope to see you on the 10th at Covenant United Methodist Church.

Dance Photos - August Dance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ICE CREAM SOCIAL
ALL YOU CAN EAT BLUE BELL ICE CREAM & TOPPINGS - AUG.13, 2016
PHOTO: TIM HNAT
And the Winner is...
The Ice Cream Samba?
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I'm getting really tired of seeing that camera each time I turn around!

Aren't you glad they took all of the calories out ☺

I'm sure I saw a Nightclub Two-Step

on here somewhere!

You should try the Strawberry.
It is much better!

I'm ready for some ice cream right now!

Yum! Yum! Yum!

HAVE CAMERA
WILL TRAVEL
&
DANCE

Jubilee
PAID IN FULL

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Zack Wallace** who joined the Chapter since our last newsletter. We look forward to your being a part of our dance family. See you on the dance floor.

Renewing USA Dance Members

The following USA Dance members renewed their membership since the last newsletter:

Susan LaVoy, Dena Richardson, Joseph Robinson, Susan Robinson, Rita Grant, Charles Crawford, Chuck Wynn, Laura Wynn, and Ronald Grant.

USA Dance Membership Has Impressive Benefits

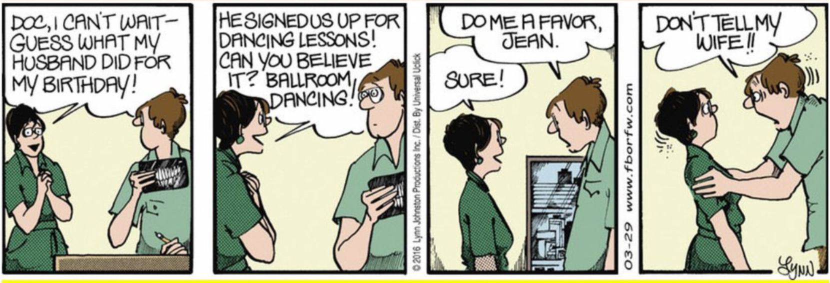
Renewing your membership is a smart money move. The discount on admission to our monthly dances will cover most of your renewal cost over the next year. In addition to the $3 admission discount, being a member of USA Dance is special and has its unique privileges.

If you purchase office supplies and are a USA Dance member, be sure to use your **USA Dance Office Depot card** (*Not membership card*) at **Office Depot** and get good discounts. Go online to download the card and take it to Office Depot to get it laminated for free!

For information on this program and many others, visit our website at
http://usadance.org/news/usa-dance-announces-an-exciting-opportunity-for-our-members/
Then go to http://usadance.org/extra/membership-value/ and click on the link
Members also receive a subscription to the USA Dance magazine, *American Dancer*.

Please renew your membership before the expiration date. Once your expiration date passes, the National Membership Computer pulls your name from the active member file.

Our members are the strength of our Chapter. If you experience any problems with the online system please let your Membership Chairman, **Doyle Caldwell** (dylcaldwell@yahoo.com) know promptly so that we may assist before your membership expires. We surely do not want to lose you as a part of our dance family.


DOC, I CAN'T WAIT— GUESS WHAT MY HUSBAND DID FOR MY BIRTHDAY!
HE SIGNED US UP FOR DANCING LESSONS! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? BALLROOM DANCING!
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SURE!
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DON'T TELL MY WIFE!!
Lynn

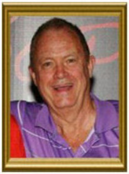
2017 Board Election

USA Dance is a volunteer organization. No one in your local chapter is paid nor do they profit from the work they perform as a volunteer. Your chapter is managed by a Board of Directors made up of nine volunteer members of the chapter who are elected by the chapter members.

Each year several of these elected Board member slots are up for election by the membership. Your Board for 2017 will have four positions up for election. Nominations for these four positions on the Board are being accepted through September 30, 2016. If you would like to serve on the Board please contact Nastasya Hnat, our Chapter Secretary (nastasya.hnat@gmail.com), to be placed on the ballot.

We are all saddened by the recent loss of one of the members of our Memphis dance community.

Remembering Richard Britt - 1943 – 2016



Richard was born in Little Rock Sept. 15, 1943. He joined the Air Force and flew in Viet Nam during that troubled time. After that encounter, he joined Fed Ex as a pilot when it was still located in Little Rock. With the move of FedEx to Memphis, he moved to Memphis and continued as a pilot until retiring at the age of 60.

Richard started dancing country style in 1994 and met Jeannette in Alaska in 1995. They flew down to San Francisco and saw how dancers were doing West Coast Swing and both got hooked. Jeannette said: "We did all we could to learn about this dance and loved passing that knowledge on". Richard was a great cheer leader for anyone learning, and took time to help anyone who wanted to Learn West Coast Swing. He was always smiling and happy to dance with all beginners, a wonderful 'lead' with rhythm down to his bones.

His favorite love was when other people took to the 'dance' which he loved.

The Dance Community will miss Richard

Trivia Note from the Editor:

If you printed this newsletter in its original layout form it would be over 13 ½ feet long.

USA Dance Sponsors Ice Cream Social at McWherter

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The McWherter Senior Center has graciously hosted the monthly USA Dance Board meeting for several years, in addition to providing a place for many of our members to dance each Thursday evening. This dance was closed for several months while the floor was replaced. Just after the new floor was installed and the regular dance resumed, USA Dance hosted an Ice Cream Social dance to thank the McWherter management, staff, and volunteers. Copious quantities of quality ice cream were scooped out by USA Dance volunteers, along with all the fixin's for some outstanding Sundaes. This combined with the excellent Ballroom dance music provided by Fernando, resulted in a fun evening for all who attended.

Fantastic Ballroom Music
by
Fernando - DJ

Now, that is an ice cream Sundae!

"hot-hot" TID BITS

It's been a HOT Summer and USA Dance is keeping the HEAT up for FALL !

We have been planning a lot of activities for all you wonderful dance enthusiasts!

SEPTEMBER 11: **GROUP CLASSES BEGIN:** continuing SEPT.18, SEPT. 25 and OCTOBER 2. Beginner West Coast Swing at 6pm and "Cool Moves" for the advanced Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced level dancers at 7:15pm. Instructor: JEANNETTE JEFFRIES.

September 10: Harvest Moon Dance – John & Kathy Linn Showcase performance

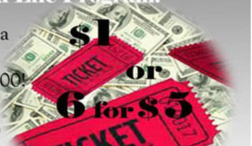
SEPTEMBER 14: USA Dancers and some of your instructors will hold a showcase and dance for the Le Bonheur Children in the rotunda at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. The program consists of 3 or 4 Showcases and general dancing with the children, parents, staff and each other. This hour long program is 'closed circuit' broadcast throughout the hospital to benefit all who cannot attend the event, giving the children a diversion from their illness for just a little while. This program is part of your USA Dance, Community Outreach. We are limited to the number of participants, but if any of you would like to perform a showcase or participate please call 901-386-2003 and *if not this year – next year.* We invite all the Dance Communities to join us in this program for the Children! Thank You!

"SPLIT the POT for Le Bonheur"

It's a 'win-win' opportunity for YOU and the CHILDREN

Yes - you will have an opportunity to "Split the Pot"at USA Dance group classes, continuing through November. A win-win for the children and you. Learn to Dance and have fun - Your dollars help benefit Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Child Life Program.

Tickets will be availabe at each group class. there will be a drawing at the last class of the month and to WIN - you must be present! Our goal is $1,000 - Help make it $2,000!



USA Dance Annual Charity Ball, To Be Held: November 12, 2016

All USA Dances Group Classes held at Berclair Civic Club - 743 Novarese at Tutwiler

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Our Instructors are all professionally certified…and we offer these classes as part of our National mission: To increase the quality and quantity of Ballroom Dancers. Offering these classes is a step for beginners to get a taste of most all the Ballroom dances and the styles of different instructors…it is up to the student to pursue individual instruction with local instructors, which we encourage. All group classes held at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler. Cost is $7 per class and students with ID $3. Big PERK: Join USA Dance at Group Class and receive 2 FREE Classes of your choice and your FIRST monthly dance (recorded music) FREE . Also as a member of USA Dance you receive the national magazine: “American Dancer”.

Thank you all for your support – CU on the LOD – Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir. Info: 901-386-2003

The tempos at Covenant again moved our feet as the time sailed by,
As the heat of summer outside continued even as the sun set in the sky.

The USA Dance crowd prefer this time together to the winter’s cold,
Though the August air is sultry and the mosquitoes bold.

The refreshment table’s focus was Blue Bell Ice Cream on this night,
For every dancer’s break-time delight.

All wish for our next time together when dancing is again not far,
but the evening ends and this crowd of friends bid au revoir.