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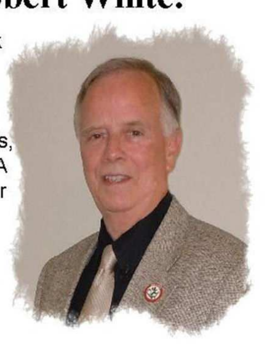
April 2014 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White:



Seventy-Eight USA Dance members and their guests took the dance floor this month at Covenant United Methodist Church and welcomed the joy of spring to the mid-south. A highlight of the evening was a showcase of International, Standard, slow Waltz performed by long time USAD members, John and Kathy Linn. This couple has just returned from USA Dance, National Competition where they placed 2nd in Senior III, 10 Dance, Championship division. At the end of their performance, USA Dance Memphis took part in the birthday surprise Kathy had arranged for John's 60th birthday. This included a large cake with photos of their competitions and a surprise notice of a trip to the international competitions in Blackpool England for next year.

All in attendance had their fill of the special birthday cake as well as copious quantities of early spring strawberries with shortcake from the buffet table. This was supplemented by a wide array of goodies brought by our dancers. The delicious food contributions fill the buffet and are always welcome and appreciated.

Our special thanks to Charles Cox for his expertise on the sound equipment, to Matt Thomson for a great collection of ballroom music, and to all the Board as well as the other volunteers that made the dance happen. Our volunteers are the backbone of USA Dance Memphis and nothing happens without their hard work and dedication to the organization.

Join us at Covenant United Methodist Church the evening of May 10. We're planning a Memphis in May celebration of Cinco de Mayo, which will be a magical evening filled with Latin rhythms and food. Scheduled for your enjoyment is a Bolero showcase by our May group class instructor, Charles Cox. Mark your calendar now -- you do not want to miss this event!

Dance Photos - April Dance

Spring Fling

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Carol Ann Young and Patricia Thomas** who joined the organization since our last newsletter. We look forward to your being a part of our dance family. See you on the dance floor.

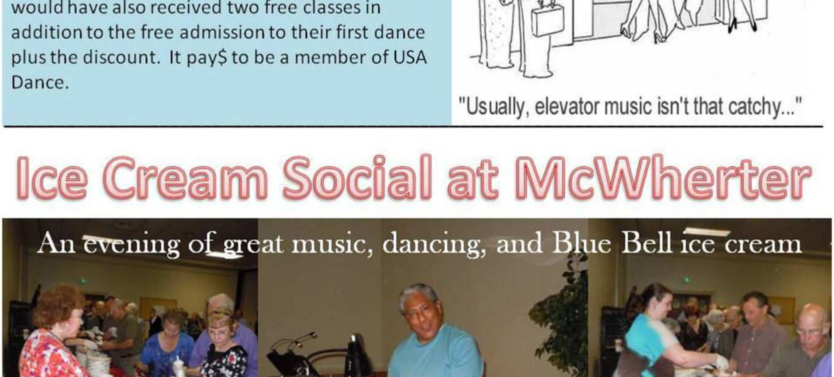
Did You Know...?

We had over thirty non-members attend our last USA Dance event. If they had joined USA Dance as they entered the dance they would have been admitted free and after attending the next 6 dances the discount for admission for members would offset the rest of the cost of their membership dues for the whole year.

If they had joined at our group classes they would have also received two free classes in addition to the free admission to their first dance plus the discount. It pay$ to be a member of USA Dance.

"Usually, elevator music isn't that catchy..."

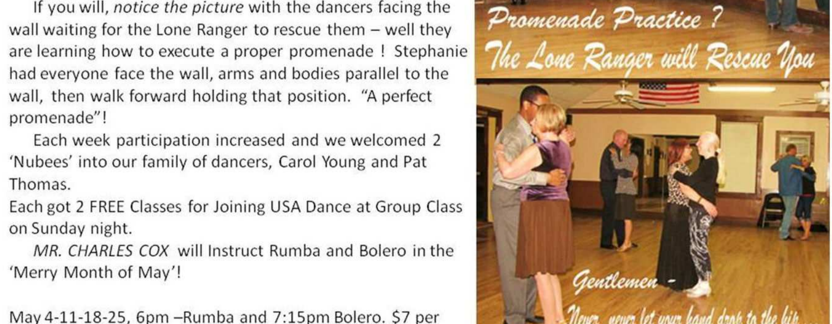
Ice Cream Social at McWherter



A large contingent of USA Dance members took their dancing shoes to The McWherter Center late this month to attend the special dance sponsored by USA Dance. The McWherter Center is the location of the Chapter's monthly Board meeting and it continually supports and promotes ballroom dancing with their weekly Thursday evening dances. Many USAD members are also members of The McWherter Center.

The evening was filled with fun on the dance floor as well as bountiful quantities of Blue Bell Ice Cream. Many a sundae was created by the dancers as they took a break from the dance floor.

Group Class Tid Bits



It was a rainy night in 'Rio', learning the Tango and Waltz -ing into SPRING !

STEPHANIE KORPITZ of Fred Astaire, Germantown fame, Instructor for April, told our dancers to: "Get down in Tango and pull out that attitude of aggression with authority, to dance it with emotion".

And they did!

If you will, *notice the picture* with the dancers facing the wall waiting for the Lone Ranger to rescue them – well they are learning how to execute a proper promenade ! Stephanie had everyone face the wall, arms and bodies parallel to the wall, then walk forward holding that position. "A perfect promenade"!

Each week participation increased and we welcomed 2 'Nubees' into our family of dancers, Carol Young and Pat Thomas.

Each got 2 FREE Classes for Joining USA Dance at Group Class on Sunday night.

MR. CHARLES COX will Instruct Rumba and Bolero in the 'Merry Month of May'!

May 4-11-18-25, 6pm –Rumba and 7:15pm Bolero. $7 per class – All classes held at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler.

HAPPY EASTER – CU on the LOD
Sylvia Rose, Group Class Director
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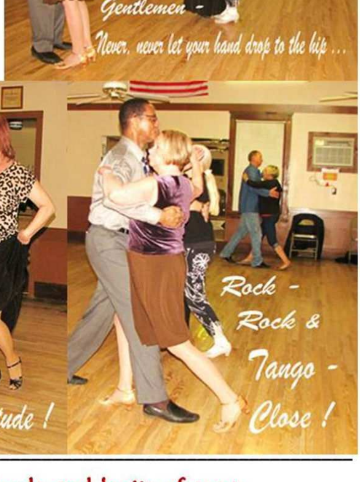

The April sky was new with rain clouds and looks of grey;
'til the USA Dance crowd gathered at Covenant today.
The dance floor on this special night was filled with light,
as the dance tempo floated across it crisp and bright.
With Waltz, Swing, and Bolero to cure our winter pains,
and send dance fever through all our veins.
And once again the world seems fair,
for all the friendliness of this group that hangs in the air.