

August 2015 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White:



The heat of August in Memphis settled in for the evening but it was cool inside as one hundred fifteen USA Dance members and their guests took the dance floor at Covenant United Methodist Church for the annual Ice Cream Social dance event. Since its inception several years ago, this event has grown in popularity to become one of the major dance events in the metro-area. Abundant quantities of Turner Dairies/Prairie Farms ice cream was scooped and piled high in bowls as the dancers made their own sundaes during breaks from the dance floor. The wide selection of toppings made for some delicious concoctions. Carole Eady decorated tables with ice cream cones filled with "scoops" of "flavored paper" in crystal tubes to highlight our Ice Cream Social theme. During our first break, dancers were treated to a Waltz Showcase by one of our group instructors, Jorga Jolly, and USA Dance member, Robert Stetzel. We were honored to have visitors, Larry and Betsy Beldner, from our sister Chapter #6021 in Charleston, SC who were visiting the area and chose to drop in and dance with us.

Our very special thanks to Turner Dairies/Prairie Farms for their donation of excellent product for our event. Many thanks to our volunteers who help set-up and take-down our dance each month (without these special people we would have no dance) and to the Music Committee for the excellent music selection of dance numbers. Tim Hnat did a great job of floating the music across the floor for our dancing pleasure and handling the sound equipment for our announcements. As most of you know, Tim is also responsible for taking the majority of the photos used in our newsletters.

Next month we will be taking a musical dance trip to the **CARIBBEAN**. Time to polish up your Bolero, Mambo, Bachata, and Samba steps. Some casual and creative Caribbean attire would also be appropriate for this event. Mark your calendar and make your plans now to be part of the fun on September 12.

How *low* can *YOU* go underneath the Calypso Pole? :-)

Dance Photos - August Dance
















USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Sandra Shinault** 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:
Jessica Howard, Chrysanthie Preza, and Randy Collins

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.

Membership gives you the opportunity to look on the web site anywhere in the US and find locations to dance when you are traveling. It also offers the following products, services, and companies that are participating in the USA Dance Membership Benefits program:

- Vacations: Fun-Jet/TNT Vacations, Orlando Vacations, World Travel Holdings.
- Hotels/Motels: Wyndham Hotels, Motel 6, Red Roof Inns, Orland Vacations and World Travel Holdings.
- Auto Rentals: Avis/ Budget
- Office Depot Supplies
- Azigo Online Shopping Mall
- VPI Pet Insurance
- Auto Insurance: Group Auto and Home Insurance.

Members also receive a subscription to the USA Dance magazine, *American Dancer*.

Our members are the strength of our Chapter. Please renew your membership as soon as you receive your renewal notice. If you experience any problems with the online system please let us 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.

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.

Special Notice

National is no longer mailing out paper notices announcing your membership is expiring. All of these notices are being sent via email to the email account you have listed with your membership. Paper membership cards are also no longer being mailed. You must go on-line, pull up your membership records, and print your membership card. If you have any difficulty accomplishing this, please let us know and we will assist you.

Board Elections Are Approaching

Elections for your 2016 Board of Directors will take place in October. If you would like to be placed on the ballot or would like to nominate someone, please email BOTH usadance.chapter2012@gmail.com AND maysgg@bellsouth.net by the end of September.

Anyone wishing to run must hold a current membership to USA Dance. If you are unsure whether or not your membership is active, please contact Robert White robert_b_white@bellsouth.net.

GROUP CLASS TID BITS

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

By Invitation of Ms. Khristy to Woodland Hills Dinner Dance, Aug.16, USA Dance offered two complimentary certificates of four classes each to the September Group classes.

Ellen and Howard won the certificates and Larry, a USA Dance member, won the attendance prize for the next dance to Woodland Hills. Ben gave us some great publicity for our next dance in Sept. and the Group Classes beginning Sept.6.

Arman Sahakyan will instruct Bachata and Mambo fusion, Latin/American dances at 6pm and Samba at 7:15pm. This will be the first time that USA Dance has offered **Bachata**, a dance originating in the Dominican Republic. **Mambo** of Cuba with its cousins and fusions will share the 6pm hour and the second hour for the more advanced beginner and others is....the **Samba** from Rio De Jenario, Brazil.

GROUP CLASSES BEGIN Sept. 6 thru Sept. 27 on Sunday Evenings at 6pm!

USA Dance Themes for September: 'ESCAPE TO THE CARIBBEAN'!

All Classes are \$7 per and held at Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese at Tutwiler. Join USA Dance, \$35 a year, at group class and receive tow Free Classes, one recorded music, monthly dance complimentary, American Dancer magazine and many other advantages of membership in a strong national, 160 chapter organization.

C U on the L O D – Sylvia Rose, Group Class Dir. – more info: 901-386-2003

The August sun shines in Memphis with no regret
as the USA Dance crowd gathers at Covenant near sunset.
We've all looked forward to August and knew,
that dancing was fun in such a month as you.
Plus a unique treat for every dancer here,
for our Ice Cream Social is a special event each year.
As this group of friends moves across the floor in lively strokes,
all enjoy being with this pleasant crowd of dancing folks.

