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August 2017 Newsletter

Blue Bell

Comments from our President – Robert White

The summer rain moderated the August heat but it did not dampen the dancing fun of the sixty-six USA Dance members and their guests at CrossRoads United Methodist Church for our Ice Cream Social event. This dance has grown over the years to be one of our most popular events, and the excitement generated this year was no exception. Our Empress of Decoration, Carole Eady, spread the excitement of an ole fashioned ice cream party throughout the hall. Her adorable table center pieces and buffet table decorations can be seen in many of the photos shown in this newsletter.

Dr. Tim Hnat again handled the sound equipment and floated the music across the floor for our dancing pleasure and our announcements. We also thank Tim and Nastasya for their expertise with the camera, which produced most of the photos you will see in this newsletter. Our appreciation goes out to those dancers who contributed their special recipes to our buffet table. The quality and variety of the buffet table are enhanced by these special people.

We also extend a special *thank you* to all the dancers who chose to attend our event this month. Without the support of the dancers who attend our monthly events we cannot continue. Our monthly dances are the pillar of our activities, which support our mission to promote ballroom dancing in the greater Memphis area. Thank you for your continuous patronage.

As fall approaches the Mid-South and the local crops are ripe for harvest, we will be holding our September "Fun on the Farm" celebration on the 2nd Saturday at CrossRoads United Methodist Church. Mark your calendar to join the fun with us on September 9.

Dance Photos - August Dance

A Big
Ice Cream Party

It's Party Time!

USA Dance Board Serves Dancers

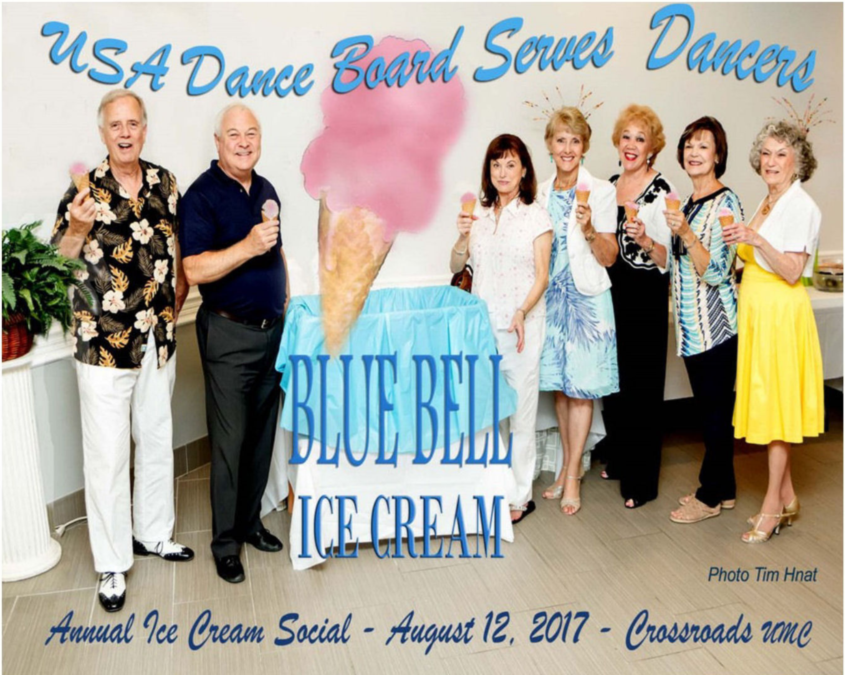


Photo Tim Hnat

Annual Ice Cream Social - August 12, 2017 - Crossroads UMC

I want my ice cream
piled this high!
EXIT
BONUS POSS POSS BONUS

Oh! This is yummy!

Yes! We all scream for Blue Bell Ice Cream!

Let me check my dance program to see if I have an opening for you.

This one is ALL MINE!

Yes, this IS where all the work is done!

No, the strawberry is not better than the vanilla.

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, extends a warm welcome to **Steve and Annette Green** 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 member renewed their membership since the last newsletter:

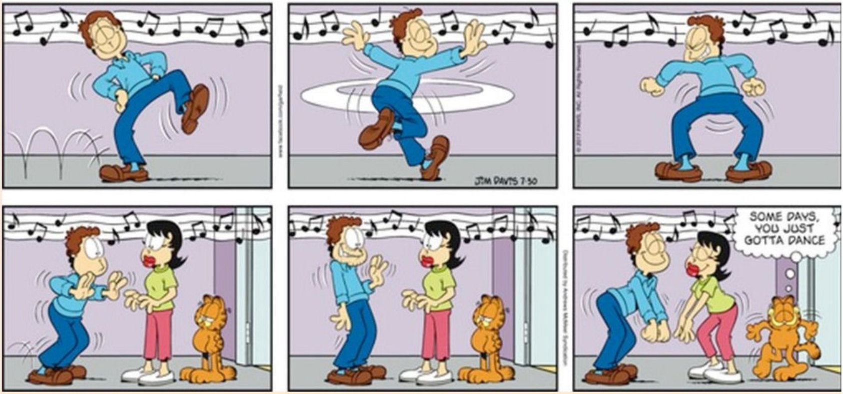
Rita Grant, Jan Harris, Randy Collins, Susan Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Larry Moore, Marilyn White, Robert White, Glenn Crocker, and Dena Richardson

USA Dance Membership Has Some Impressive Benefits

Renewing your membership is a smart money move. The discount on admission to our monthly dances alone will cover most of your renewal cost over the next year. In addition to the current $4 admission discount, being a member of USA Dance is special and has its unique privileges.
For information on these and other programs, 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 or 901-355-3297) 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.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SOME DAYS, YOU JUST GOTTA DANCE

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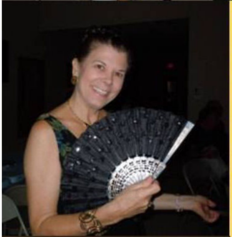
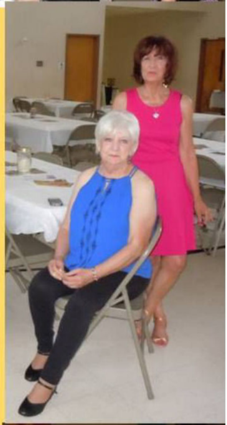
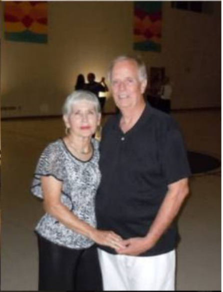
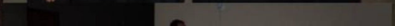
The DJ at Work



Many of the Chapter's members took their dancing shoes to Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church early this month to support the special dance event for Premlata Children's Home in Bangladesh. The attendees were treated to a sumptuous dinner of Memphis Bar-B-Que, splendid DJ music provided by Ben Stovall (one of our exceptional local dance instructors), and an enjoyable time on the dance floor.







USA Dance Volunteers at WKNO-TV

Several members of the Chapter volunteered to man the phones for the WKNO-TV pledge drive early this month. No dancing was involved but the group was treated to dinner along with a fascinating insider's view behind the scenes at a live TV broadcast. This turned out to be a very interesting evening plus the Chapter was recognized several times during the broadcast.

Summer Nights
At The
Indiana Roof Ballroom

PRIZE WINNER

The Southern Rhapsody Dance Society is renowned for producing outstanding regional social dances. Their high-quality events feature the best in dance bands and they draw dancers from a wide area across the country. A group consisting of Memphis USA Dance members, other Memphis dancers, and members from other USA Dance Chapters around the country were among the 250+ attending this year's event. This three-day event, *Summer Nights at the Indiana Roof Ballroom*, was the eighteenth year Southern Rhapsody has produced this affair on one of the country's original ballrooms built in 1923. With its massive 8,700 sq. ft. solid maple dance floor located in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana, this is a superlative location for a ballroom dance.

Summer Tid Bits

SUMMER IS JUST ABOUT OVER & THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL WAS 'KOOL'

GROUP CLASSES WILL BEGIN THE SUNDAY AFTER LABOR DAY, SEPT. 10.

We welcome **KayLeigh Richardson Berenzy** as an instructor for **September.** KayLeigh is an instructor for Blue Suede Ballroom and has danced all her life. She is qualified in all the American Style Smooth and Rhythm dances, a choreographer, has won numerous dance competitions, a graduate of Ole Miss and a costume designer. KayLeigh will teach Rumba and Tango in September.

CLASSES BEGIN: SEPT. 10 continuing through 17 - 24 and OCTOBER 1ST

RUMBA- 6 pm is more specific for Beginners, but we welcome intermediates as well. It is always good to brush up on timing and technique. **TANGO - 7:15 pm** will be taught for Advanced Beginners who have some knowledge of the dance and Intermediate dancers who wish to advance their passion of movements, patterns and style. Ahhhhhh T-A-N-G-O! ~ The Dance of Love ~

Mike McKerlie of Fred Astaire Studio will teach Samba & Fox Trot in October.

Joseph Rukendorfer teaches Viennese Waltz & E.C. Swing variations in November.

All classes are progressive, adding the previous weeks skills to each following week. All classes are taught at Berclair Civic Club, 943 Novarese at Tutwiler; $7 per class; Students with ID $3; for more info: 901-386-2003, Sylvia Rose Group Class Director, Lee Bodeen Assistant.

The heat of August gave us a break as the sun set low in the sky,
the USA Dance crowd gathered at CrossRoads, and the time sailed by.
Into the joy of Waltz, Rumba, and Mambo's spell,
on this special night, we fell.
And to every dancer's break-time delight,
the focus of the refreshment table was Blue Bell Ice Cream on this night.
Our fun together is always such a blast,
but our time together goes by much too fast.